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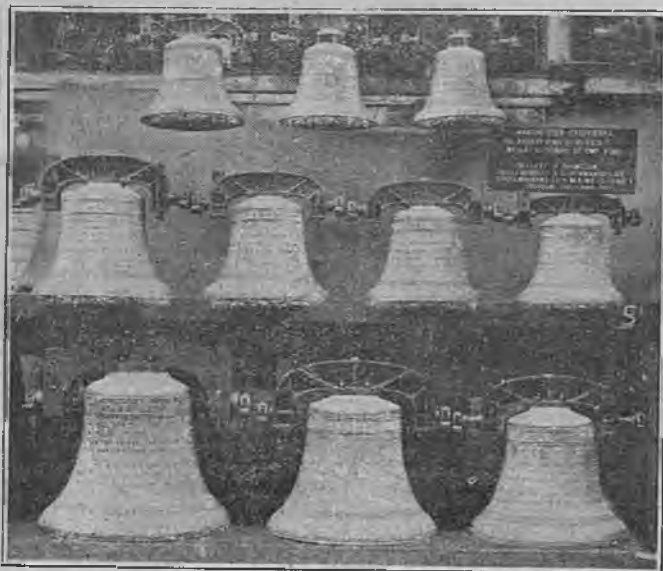
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AN APPRECIATION.

There passed from among us in the closing days of the old year one who, in a very unostentatious, but nevertheless effective way, rendered valuable service to the Exercise. Unknown, even by name, perhaps, to many ringers of the new generation, but remembered with appreciation by all who came in contact with his labours in Essex, Canon T. L. Papillon served our Exercise in a manner open to few men. He was a contributor to various influential journals, among them 'The Times' and 'The Guardian,' and his pen at every opportunity was used in the cause of the art of ringing. He endeavoured to stir the clergy to a sense of their obligations in regard to bells and ringers, and the public to an appreciation of the ringers' work. In those days, now nearly forty years ago, it was well nigh a hopeless task, but Canon Papillon's labours were not entirely in vain, and probably had indirect results from which the Exercise is reaping the advantage to-day.

Canon Papillon was never a great ringer in the ordinary meaning of the term, indeed he readily admitted to being an indifferent practical performer on church bells. He was 43 years of age when he began to ring, but the reason which prompted him to start was a highly laudable one. He was leaving New College, Oxford, where he had been a tutor, to become Vicar of Writtle, and knowing that he was going to a church with a peal of bells, but with few ringers and little or no change ringing, he felt, if this were to be remedied, it was better to know something about it himself. And he set about learning how to handle a bell and gaining a knowledge of the rudiments of the art. It would be an enormous gain to the Exercise if every parish priest, who has a peal of bells in his church, would realise in this way his responsibilities in regard to the belfry. Since the days when Canon Papillon felt it his duty to get a practical knowledge of ringing, we have made advances in the recognition which ringers have gained from Church authorities, but we are far from having reached the ideal stage, when every incumbent is as fully acquainted with the belfry as he should be. Canon Papillon was a busy man in many spheres of life, but he made time to be in the belfry on practice night and to take part in the service ringing. His example is one which, if followed generally by our clergy, would do more to bring the ringers into the church than all the pulpit lectures which ringers have to suffer at most of their meetings.

It is impossible to measure fully the service which Canon Papillon rendered to the Exercise, quite apart from his immediate connection with the Essex Association, both as secretary, and, afterwards, as Master. He

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laboured not only for the advancement of change ringing in his own tower and association, but his influence was felt beyond the confines of the county of his adoption. Advancing age and infirmity caused him to cease his labours, and we know of no one upon whom his mantle has descended. He filled a special niche in the Exercise which has not been filled since he retired from it, but we ought to remember with gratitude all that he strove to do for the art and for ringers in the days when he wielded a trenchant and persuasive pen.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble	THOMAS BEVAN 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	JOHN T. KENIUSE 8
EDWIN BARRETT, JUNR. 3	EDWARD N. WHITEHEAD 9
ARTHUR J. NEAL 4	GEORGE A. CARD 10
FRANK SMITH 5	LEONARD H. BAYBUT 11
THOMAS NEWMAN 6	Cecil J. MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS
Rung as a farewell (regretfully) to the Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard, through whose efforts these bells were completely rehung a few years ago; also to the Rev. C. F. Ritchie, curate-in-charge, who is leaving St. Martin's for Edinburgh.

NORWICH.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	WILLIAM F. DOFFIELD 7
BENJAMIN THOMPSON 2	CHARLES CUTTING 8
ERNEST WHITING 3	EDWARD P. DOFFIELD 9
*MISS HELEN BILL 4	*WILLIAM C. DOFFIELD 10
JOHN SOUTER 5	JAMES DOFFIELD 11
FREDERICK ROOPE 6	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	SIDNEY BRIGGS 6
ALBERT NASH 2	JOHN T. BROTHWELL 7
ARTHUR FIRTH 3	COLIN RYDER 8
*GEORGE TUKE 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 9
WILLIAM J. THYNG 5	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal. First peal of Treble Bob Royal by the ringers of the 3rd, 6th and 8th. First peal of Royal on the bells since being recast.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. 7
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. 3	E. HARRY STONELY 8
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
PERCY HARRISON 5	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

ARTHUR CRAVEN Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH 6
*ARTHUR STAMP 2	JOHN THORPE 7
ALBERT NASH 3	†JOHN H. BROTHWELL 8
†J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	T. COLIN RYDER 9
†CHARLES POULTNEY 5	LEONARD LITTLEWOOD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 77). Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Royal. ‡ First peal of Royal.
First peal of Bob Royal on the new bells.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

GEORGE HUMPHREYS ... Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 6
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN ... 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 7
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... 9
ARTHUR COTTELL ... 5	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by E. R. WHITEHEAD.

The composition, in 6978, 7968, 7698 positions, is now rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH, SLEAFORD DISTRICT.)

On Friday, December 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt. in E FLAT.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... Treble	HAROLD MARCON 5
FLIGHT-SERGEANT FRED A. ... 2	REGINALD SCOTT 6
HOLDEN, R.A.F. ... 3	WALTER H. WOOD 7
*THOMAS BLACKBOURN ... 4	REAST RICHARD DIXON Tenor
WILLIAM DICKINSON 5	

Conducted by F. A. HOLDEN.

* First attempt for a peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
WALTER CHARMAN 2	CECIL NICE 6
GEORGE ELLIS 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
REG. V. JOHNSON 4	ALFRED J. BULL Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Major.

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

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 5
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2	ALFRED HACKETT 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
JOHN SMITH 4	SAMUEL GROVE Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of one of the local band, Mr. S. Yeaton, to Miss N. Corbett.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WALTER ARNOLD Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	*HERBERT REASON 6
GEORGE WIFFEN 3	WALTER HAMMOND 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal, and rung as a compliment on his 37th birthday.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'. Tenor 28½ cwt. in D flat.

*JOSEPH E. SLADE Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	FREDERICK COTTON 6
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 3	EDWIN H. STONELEY 7
ERNEST E. BEADSMORE 4	GEORGE F. NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN H. STONELEY.

* First peal of Stedman. This peal was arranged as a compliment to Mr. Geo. F. Newman and Mrs. Newman on the occasion of their silver wedding, and also as a birthday peal to Mr. G. F. Newman.

THIRSK, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

*MRS. HELENA NEW Treble	THOMAS METCALFE 5
ERNEST LINDLEY 2	HENRY CLAYTON 6
†ROBERT LANCASTER 3	FREDERICK ADDISON 7
JOHN HARRISON 4	P.C. ALLAN DICK Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in any method, and first attempt for a peal. † First peal on a working bell. Treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 7th ringers belong to Tadcaster, 5th to Middlesbrough, and tenor to Thirsk.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

EPHRAIM W. RANDS Treble	CHARLES R. BELTON 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	PERCIVAL PRICE 6
†LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 4	†RICHARD GRANT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* 50th peal on eight bells. † First peal of Stedman. This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. R. Belton, of Barwell, wife of the ringers of the 5th, also on the first anniversary of the wedding of Mr. G. A. Newton, of Earl Shilton.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 28, 1926, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
SAMUEL WARD 2	THOMAS M. KITCHEN 6
J. CECIL BOOTH 3	JOHN AMBLE 7
J. ERNEST PROCTER 4	J. WILLIAM CORDINGLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the ringers. Arranged for Mr. T. M. Kitchen, a former member of the band, who was home on holiday from Plymouth, Devon.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	ALBERT HOBDEN 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUNR. 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 7
PHILIP S. THOMPSON 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUNR. 5
PHILIP S. THOMPSON 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 6
ALBERT HOEDEN 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SENR. 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.
These peals were rung as birthday compliments to Mr. W. H. Lambert.

WOODBURN, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
*GEORGE MARTIN 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
* First peal in the method.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

LEWIS NEWMAN ... Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	*ALBERT RELFE 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
TOM SANDERS 4	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... Tenor

Composed by ISAAC G. SHADE. Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MRS. J. BRAY ... Treble	JACK BRAY 5
CHARLES H. BIRD 2	*GEORGE HOBBS 6
NORMAN SHORT 3	JACK ALMOND 7
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Major.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALFRED KING ... Treble	THOMAS KENDALL 5
FREDERICK HUNT 2	HARRY WOOD 6
THOMAS BLACKBURN 3	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... 7
ARTHUR J. SMITH 4	ARTHUR ROOKWOOD Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HAYWOOD. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH

Rung for the watchnight service.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, December 28, 1926, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS ... Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	*THOMAS R. HENSHER 6
*ROBERT PICKERING 3	JOHN PERRY 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Wallater.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. NICHOLAS SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
*OWEN H. GILES 2	REGINALD BROWN 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 4	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* 100th peal.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Etheldreda,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 26 cwt.

FREDERICK CULL ... Treble	JAMES G. DUNHAM 5
DANIEL ELLINGHAM 2	LEONARD SHEPHERD 6
ARTHUR SHEPHERD 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
RICHARD E. RICHARDSON 4	GEOFFERY B. RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. KENTISH.

Col. Lindsey Lloyd kindly entertained the band to supper after the peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

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

*C. ERNEST SMITH ... Treble	HARRY HARRIS 5
RAYMOND PHILPOIT 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	GEORGE W. STEERE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watchnight service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES H. WALKLATE ... Treble	CHARLES JEFFS 5
BERNARD H. SWINSON 2	WILLIAM LITTLE 6
JOSEPH G. BLOW 3	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 4	FRANK BEESON Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

CHRISTMAS RINGING.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Christmas Day, December 25th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Wady 1, G. Woodman 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, F. Hinds 4, G. Feist 5, W. W. Watts 6.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: W. C. Hallett 1, W. Coombs 2, F. J. Hazzard 3, H. Andrews 4, W. C. Shute (conductor) 5, P. H. Hazzard 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

LONDON.

THE ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, HOLBORN.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

HARRY FRANKS ... ..	... Treble	ALBERT C. DARNELL	5
WILLIAM J. NORTON	2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	6
LESTER L. GRAY	3	ERNEST BRETT	7
JOHN LEE	4	JAMES BULLOCK	Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Rayner on the eve of his 91st birthday. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Rector and Mrs. Bedford for their kind hospitality after the peal.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED RIGBY ... ..	... Treble	HERBERT LUCAS	5
ALFRED BLOGG	2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	6
EDWARD CONHEAD	3	EDWARD ARMSTRONG	7
E. ROGER MARTIN	4	WILLIAM TAYLOR	Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBBY.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANCASTER ... ..	... Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	HARRY KILBY	6
*GEORGE M. KILBY	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
EDWIN F. PIKE	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

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

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. This was the conductor's 100th peal in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... ..	... Treble	JOHN A. COLE	5
*MISS I. HASTIE	2	GEORGE ELLIS	6
OLIVER SIPPETTS	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	4	ALFRED H. POLLING	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to W. T. Beeson. The company take this opportunity to thank Miss Hastie for obliging as short notice.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.

THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in D.

*RALPH BUTCHER ... ..	... Treble	†FREDERICK VICKERS	5
*WILLIAM H. GATES	2	*JOSEPH E. ARNOLD	6
WILLIAM JEFFS	3	JOSEPH NICHOLLS	7
*ALBERT E. BUTCHER	4	E. W. SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by J. E. ARNOLD.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, aged 19 years, whose first peal it was. The ringers of the 2nd and tenor were elected members of the association previous to starting. The peal was meant to be the first local peal rung since 1910, but Mr. E. W. Smith, of Berkhamsted, to whom the band are much obliged, filled a gap at the 1st minute. Rung at first attempt. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th come from Linslade.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD G. SMITH ... ..	... Treble	HARRY PARKER	5
JOHN BRASSINGTON	2	CHARLES MASON	6
ARTHUR ALLMAN	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY	7
*JOHN S. ROYLE	4	FRANK BARNARD	Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Triples.

NUNEATON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WEBB ... ..	... Treble	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	2	DODGAS H. ARGYLE	6
JOSEPH B. FENTON	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	7
ALFRED G. GRANT	4	WALTER MALINS	Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by J. A. FENTON.

First peal in the method by ringers of treble, fourth and fifth.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.).

JOHN EVANS ... ..	... Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY	5
JOHN W. JONES	2	ALFRED TALBOT	6
RICHARD EVANS	3	DAVID R. JAMES	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT	Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

First peal on the bells, which have recently had two trebles added by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, also for kindly providing refreshments after the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WASHFIELD, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 19 240's as arranged by A. J. Pitman, and four 120's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CHAVE ... ..	... Treble	HENRY G. MAY	4
MISS G. M. SNELL	2	WALTER SNELL	5
SGT. WALTER E. SNELL	3	FRED C. S. BALMENT	Tenor

Conducted by W. SNELL.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all the band. First peal as conductor. First peal rung by an entirely local band in the N.E. branch of the Devon Guild since its formation in 1920. All the above are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

CHARING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thirteen callings.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

†STANLEY CACKET ... ..	... Treble	LEN PRIOR	4
*WILLIAM HENNIKER	2	AUGUSTIN GOOD	5
HARRY GOOD	3	FRED GOOD	Tenor

Conducted by A. GOOD.

* First peal. † First peal on a bob bell. The band congratulate the conductor on his engagement to Miss Eva Hensbrey, of Luton.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Glemsford, Suffolk, on Monday, December 27th, at St. Mary's Church, was rung 1,926 (date touch), comprising 126 Plain Bob, 360 and 720 Kent and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: Eric Ambrose (longest length) 1, C. Watson 2, A. Clarke 3, J. Sparham 4, P. L. Johnson 5, S. E. Slater (conductor) 6. Rung by a local band, except ringer of the 3rd, who hails from Stanstead.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM A. TACK Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

Believed to be the first peal rung entirely in this method.

NORTON, NORTHANTS.

On Thursday, December 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 19 cwt.

PERCY AMOS Treble	ARTHUR MARLOW 3
*EARNEST SIBLEY 2	ROWLAND ADAMS 4
THOMAS WISE Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal of Doubles. After the peal, the Vicar (Rev. W. C. Litchfield) kindly entertained the band to tea, which was much appreciated.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's Oxford Treble Bob.

HAROLD HARDY Treble	JOHN HOLME 4
WOODBURN NEVINSON 2	FURNESS WOODEND 5
CHARLES E. WEBB 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. T. H. Irving, widow of the late Canon Irving, Vicar of Hawkshead, who was interred that day.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT 26, KIRKMANSHULME LANE.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

*ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
*HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	*FREDERICK PAGE 7-8
*HARRY CHAPMAN 9-10	

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' First peal of Royal as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, December 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT 100, EARLSBERRY GARDENS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE F. SWANN 1-2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5-6
RICHARD C. INGRAM 3-4	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 7-8

Referee: G. T. MITCHISON.

First 'silent' peal by all the band, by the Guild and in Birmingham. The band wish to thank Mr. Mitchison for his patience in attending on this and previous attempts.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, December 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S.

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

GEORGE F. SWANN 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 7-8
FRANK W. PERRINS 3-4	FRANK E. PERVIN 9-10
ALBERT WALKER 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Non-conducted.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

THE BEGINNING OF STEDMAN'S PRINCIPLE.
BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The statement that the original Society of College Youths became extinct in 1788 and that the present society is said not to be descended from it, is evidently a reference to a statement by Osborne. I intend at a convenient time to turn up his manuscripts and see what grounds he had for the assertion. Until we have them any comment is futile.

When Mr. Lukis states that Grandsire Triples was invented by Mr. Benjamin Annable and was subsequently improved by Mr. Holt, he does not mean the method; that came from the middle of the seventeenth century. He is referring to the London tradition that Annable was the first man to produce a true peal of both Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples. The fact that he spells Annable's name as the authors of the Clavis do (wrongly) shows that he was following them. As a matter of fact, in both Annable had been forestalled by John Garthorn, of Norwich.

From our point of view Annable's peal of Grandsire, which is produced by common bobs and singles only, is a great improvement on Garthorn's peal. It is, however, doubtful whether all contemporary opinion would have been the same; for Garthorn's peal, which is produced by common bobs, sixth-place bobs and two special singles, is all triple changes throughout, two doubles excepted, which Annable's peal is not. And in early times Annable's singles were quite as much special calls as Garthorn's. In what respect Annable's peal of Bob Triples was an improvement on Garthorn's we do not know, for the figures of the latter are lost, and there is now little hope that they will turn up as the figures of the Grandsire Triples did.

Mr. Lukis repeats the tradition of the Exercise that Fabian Stedman invented Stedman's Principle in the year 1657. Shipway is our fullest authority for this tradition, and the following is what he has to say about it:— 'According to Parnell the earliest artist and promoter of change ringing we have any account of was Mr. Fabian Stedman, born in the town of Cambridge 1631. He introduced various peals on five and six bells, printing them on slips of paper (being by profession a printer). These, being distributed about the country, were soon brought to London; but what progress the art made in the Metropolis at this time does not appear. The Society of College Youths, in the summer of 1657, on a visit to Cambridge, were presented by Mr. Stedman with his peculiar production on five bells, since called Stedman's Principle, which was rung for the first time at St. Benet's, Cambridge, and afterwards at a church on College Hill, London, where the society at that time usually practised, and from meeting at which place they obtained their name. It appears from this account that change ringing must have been much earlier than 1657; as before these curious and cross peals were discovered, single changes were universally practised, i.e., only changing two bells at one time; whereas the improved plan of double and triple changes, etc., i.e., every bell to change at one time appears to have taken place long before 1657 by Mr. Stedman having produced such a complex method of ringing as his principle.'

This is all clear and circumstantial enough; but, on the other hand, there is the fact that Stedman did not publish his 'Tintinnalogia' till 1668, and that book does

not contain his Principle. It is inconceivable that had it been produced as early as 1657 he would have omitted it, for it is not only a much more complex method than any in the 'Tintinnalogia,' but it was a definite and deliberate attempt to break away from the old system of hunts, by which all early peals were composed and rung, and which for a hundred years kept change ringing within very strait bounds.

THE BRISTOL GUILD'S DINNER.

AN INFORMAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD.

A record number of tickets have been disposed of for the Bristol United Guild's annual dinner to-morrow. Visitors will attend from London, Loughborough, Newport, Gloucester, Birmingham, Weston-super-Mare, Weymouth, Southampton and other places, and Canon H. J. Freeman (Bristol Cathedral), will be the guest of the evening.

Visitors are asked to meet at the Bristol University at 2.30 p.m. No. 8 or 9 tramcar from Temple Meads Station to tramway centre, and proceed by No. 18 bus (15 minutes must be allowed).

An innovation in the shape of an informal conference is to take place after the visit to the University, the subject being 'How can we obtain recruits to take our places hereafter and to fill the many present gaps?

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Another new peal of eight is to be erected in Gloucestershire. This octave is to be installed at Cinderford, and Messrs. Mears and Stambank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, have been entrusted with the contract.

BICESTER RINGERS' ANNUAL DINNER.

The Bicester band of ringers held their second annual dinner on New Year's Eve. After a pull on the bells, a party of twelve sat down to an excellent repast at the Rose and Crown Inn, the Vicar, the Rev. O'Reilly, presiding. Afterwards, the loyal toast was honoured, and was followed by a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

Mr. E. Hims proposed the health of 'The Vicar,' who, in responding, said he hoped such gatherings would be continued in the future.

Handbells, etc., were kept going until 11.30 p.m., when the ringers returned to the belfry to ring the old year out and the new year in.

ANOTHER PEAL OF EIGHT IN GLAMORGANSHIRE.

Glamorganshire is now in possession of another peal of eight bells, namely, at Llantrisant. Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, have recently added two trebles to the old six, and they are now a very good eight. They were dedicated some few weeks ago by the Bishop of Llandaff. A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells last Saturday by members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

MISTLEY BELLS REOPENED.

The bells of Mistley Parish Church, Essex, were reopened on Saturday, December 18th. In response to a hurried invitation, 25 North Essex ringers met at church at 4.30 for the special service, conducted by the Rev. Gardiner, curate-in-charge. A beautiful choral service had been arranged.

At 5.15, all were entertained to tea by the kindness of friends at the Institute. The Harwich ringers brought their beautiful hand bells, and entertained the party to tunes and carols in their well-known way. Mr. Tippins, an old ringer, much interested the company with ringing tales of 50 years ago.—Mr. Nevard, the District Master, returned thanks for the arrangements made.

YOUNG RINGERS' GOOD PERFORMANCE.

A peal at Shoreham, Sussex, on Boxing Day, was the first by three young ringers, who are to be congratulated upon the way they rang, as they had not rung any length before. The idea was to start for a quarter-peal, but the ringing was so perfect that the conductor decided to attempt the whole length, which was accomplished in the time mentioned without any mistake or false blow on their part.

On Saturday, January 1st, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor was rung at Higham: F. H. Rowley 1, E. Pullen 2, W. Martin 3, K. Gilliver 4, H. V. Rowley 5, A. E. Rowley (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except conductor. Rung immediately after midnight to ring the new year in.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Christmas Eve, for midnight service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins., with 4, 6, 8 covering: E. J. Southwick 1, T. Taylor 2, H. R. Pickering 3, G. Smith 4, E. Genna 5, K. Taylor 6, R. Pickering (conductor) 7, T. Bate 8.

Owing to the large number of peals rung during the Christmas holidays and for the New Year, many reports of the performances are unavoidably held over.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The rehanging of the peal of six at Ightham, near Sevenoaks, Kent, was completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, on Christmas Eve, in time for ringing in Christmas.

The bells at Christ Church, Eastbourne, a light octave with tenor of 9 cwt., are shortly to be rehung by the Whitechapel firm, who will complete the new peal of eight for Brighton in time for Easter.

Mr. Joseph Rayner, the veteran steeplekeeper of St. Andrew's, Holborn, celebrated his 91st birthday on New Year's Day. A peal in his honour was rung on the previous evening. Mr. Rayner is still able to follow his occupation of a clockmaker.

The College Youths have had a gratifying reply from the Lord Mayor of London's secretary (Sir William Soulsby) in response to their letter of appreciation of the Corporation's strong action in opposing the threatened destruction of the City churches.

The first twelve-bell peal at Cirencester was Grandsire Cinques, rung by College Youths on January 7th, 1767. Only St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, had a peal of twelve bells when the ring at Cirencester was increased to that number.

John Cox composed and conducted the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, rung in London eighty-one years ago to-day. It was rung at Southwark.

Enos Rednap, who rang in a peal in 1749, took part in 6,160 Bob Major at Twickenham on January 8th, 1769.

A peal of Stedman Cinques ought to be rung at Southwark by the College Youths next Monday, for exactly ninety years ago that day the first peal in the method on the bells was rung by the Junior Society. 'It had been for many years the wish to compose and call a peal in this method on the twelve bells, but the honour remained for the undermentioned persons, who in 4 hours and 17 minutes brought their labours to a conclusion.' Then follow the names, which included that of Edward Lansdell, who rang the eleventh, and who is remembered by metropolitan ringers still living. John Cox composed and conducted the peal.

It is just a year ago last Wednesday that the Exercise 'lost' Coventry bells.

The harp which Mr. E. A. Young is advertising for sale in another column is the one he used at the College Youths' dinner, when he accompanied the handbell solos given by Mrs. Hughes. Since he broke his ankle, Mr. Young has had to get a lighter instrument for greater convenience and comfort in carrying.

Mr. F. Jackson, of Bramley, near Leeds, who writes that he is delighted with his success in winning the late Mr. Shade's handbells, is a member of the St. Peter's company, Bramley. He took up ringing three years ago.

A unique attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters was made at Stafford on Boxing Day. Five fathers and five sons started for a peal, which unfortunately came to grief after 1 hour and 14 minutes' good ringing. The five sons are only sons, and the whole of the band are Staffordshire sons.

LONGEST 'SPliced' PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. F. Warrington's enquiry re the longest 'spliced' peal, I think I claim the record, having conducted 9,120 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major (the extent of the 'Ilkeston' variation) at Loughborough Bell Foundry on February 16th, 1924.

The peal Mr. Warrington mentions was actually two distinct peals rung continuously, and not spliced, each coming into rounds at the end, similar to ringing so many 720's of Minor. A 'spliced' peal must have two or more methods 'blended' together, starting from rounds and finishing at rounds, without repetition of rows.—Yours truly,

BERNARD MORRIS.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

NON-CONDUCTED PEALS.

A non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells at Birmingham last week, but owing to a misunderstanding between the referees who should have been present, neither attended, and the band started for the peal without them, and it was accomplished without the bobs being called.

The band fully realise that the procedure is 'out of course,' and therefore do not make any claim to the peal as a 'silent' one, but the names of the men concerned are a guarantee of the peal. The first attempt was made for it at Old Hill on December 18th, and failed after 1 hour 25 minutes.

On the previous night, two of the ringers, Messrs. G. F. Swann and M. J. Morris, had taken part in a 'silent' peal of Grandsire Triples.

'THE DAY OF REST.'

Dear Sir,—The lines 'The day is over,' etc., published in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' signed W. H. F., are entitled 'The Day of Rest,' and the words and music are by 'Claribel.'—Yours truly,

E. HANCOX.

Uxbridge.

DEATH OF CANON T. L. PAPILLON.

CLOSE OF A LONG AND ACTIVE LIFE.

The Exercise, and particularly the older members, will regret to learn of the death of the Rev. Canon Thomas Leslie Papillon, M.A., formerly for 25 years Vicar of Writtle, Essex, and hon. secretary of the Essex Association. Canon Papillon had reached the advanced age of 85 years, and passed away on December 28th at his residence, 41, Brittany Road, St. Leonard's, Sussex.

In a long life of many-sided activities, Canon Papillon found time to render valuable assistance to the art of ringing at the period when the Exercise was in the throes of that effort of belfry reform which eventually led to raising the status of the ringers and to the progress of recent years. Canon Papillon has written in 'The Ringing World,' to which, before his eyesight failed him, he was a frequent correspondent, of his early experiences, and his reminiscences, published a few years ago, were exceedingly interesting reading. After several years as secretary of the Essex Association in its early days, he served for a time as Master, and almost to the very last he maintained his interest in the art. For many years he was an honorary member of the Central Council, and only severed his connection with it when advancing years made it impossible for him any longer to attend the meetings.

Canon Papillon learnt his ringing at New College, under the tuition of Mr. Joseph Field, a capable instructor and a man of the highest character. This was just before he entered upon his duties as Vicar of Writtle in 1884, and, while the Canon was never a great peal ringer, having, in fact, rung comparatively very few five thousands, he devoted his energies to securing belfry reform by improving the status of ringers and securing the regular ringing of church bells for Sunday services. He edited the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's peal-ringing record, 'Among the Bells.'

Canon Papillon had had a brilliant career. Born on April 12th, 1841, the son of the Rev. John Papillon, a former Rector of Lexden, he was educated at Marlborough College, and went up to Balliol College, Oxford, in 1860. There his successes included the following: Hertford Latin Scholarship and 1st Class Classical Moderations, 1862; Chancellor Prize for Latin Verse ('Africa Explorata'), 1863; and 1st Class Final Classical School, 1864. Sharing fully in the college life, he rowed in the Tropic and the Eight. He was a Fellow of Merton College from 1865 to 1869, and during that period he was ordained by the late Bishop Wilberforce, of Oxford, as deacon in 1867 and priest in 1868. In 1870, he was invited to New College as Fellow and Tutor, and he resided there till 1884, being also Dean of the college. During part of that time he served as Junior Bursar of the college, and as Examiner in the Classical Honour School of Moderations and for University Scholarships. While resident at Oxford, he published a 'Manual of Comparative Philology' and a Commentary on 'Virgil,' both for the Clarendon Press. He was also Oxford Preacher at the Chapel Royal—an office now abolished.

In 1884, Canon Papillon accepted the New College benefice (or 'chaplaincy') of Writtle, and left Oxford, but continued for a time to act as Examiner for the University for the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board, for the Civil Service Commissioners, and for the Victoria University at Manchester (1892-4); and he was also an Examiner in Latin for the University of Leeds. During the early years of his residence at Writtle he worked single-handed, and this left him with very little of the literary leisure generally associated with a country parsonage. He was, however, a contributor to the 'Times,' chiefly of leading articles, and the 'Guardian,' upon educational subjects, and he contributed an article on 'Campanology' to the supplemental volumes of the 'Encyclopædia Britannica.' When his regular connection with the 'Times' ceased, he continued to write signed letters on a variety of subjects. Among the last of these were two, entitled 'On Growing Old' and 'Death and the Hereafter,' in 1924.

While at Writtle, Canon Papillon took an active part in local educational affairs, and served upon a number of educational bodies, including the Essex Education Committee, upon which he sat as the nominee of the University of Oxford. Another instance of his educational activities was his selection as one of the Mosely Commissioners who went out to America in 1903 to inquire into the American educational systems. For many years he served as one of the diocesan examiners of pupil teachers in religious knowledge, and also as a member of the Readers' Board instituted by the late Bishop of St. Albans.

In 1907, he was appointed Hon. Canon of St. Albans, and when he resigned the incumbency of Writtle in 1909 he went to live at St. Albans, but later took up his residence at St. Leonard's. On leaving Writtle, Canon Papillon was presented with a hand-made silver tray and spirit kettle on stand as a farewell gift from the parishioners. The Essex Association of Change Ringers presented him with an oak writing table, a silver inkstand, and an illuminated address.

A feature of Canon Papillon's work at Writtle was that his influence was always exercised on the side of toleration in ecclesiastical matters. While a loyal supporter of the Anglican Church, he never forfeited the esteem of other denominations in his parish. During his vicariate, Writtle Church was restored and beautified by a number of gifts from parishioners, and the services were brightened by the introduction of good singing and music.

In 1871, Canon Papillon married Miss Edith Mary Dalton, a daughter of the Rev. C. B. Dalton, Rector of Lambeth and afterwards Vicar

NEW STEPS TO PROGRESS.

THE COLLECTION OF PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

Every ringer ought to put himself in possession of the Central Council's new publication, the 'Collection of Plain Major and Cater Methods,' to which we referred in our leading article a fortnight ago. To the student, it is enlightening and instructive, to the ringer who has a soul for anything beyond Plain Bob it is a book which will enable him, if he can get his hand like-minded, to find a wide range of methods that can be reached by easy and, one is almost led to say, imperceptible steps, from the simplest to the complex. Too long, ringers have been content to travel in a rut. It has not been entirely their fault, but whatever the cause there is no reason why, in the future, any band whose scope has been limited hitherto to Bob Major should not go on, and rapidly, to the achievement of a great variety of interesting methods: and even the 'elite' of the Exercise will find presented to them methods which will be well worth their attention, for some of the figures which are given show that, although the treble may have a plain hunt, the working bells have a complicated path which places the methods almost, if not quite, on the level of the simpler Surprise methods.

The committee who have been responsible for the publication (the Rev. H. Law James and Messrs. E. H. Lewis and J. A. Trollope) have presented to the Exercise a selection from a collection of over 800 plain Major methods, and they have done their work systematically and well. They have built the collection up in groups, each based upon what they term a 'key' method, and in this way methods with similar characteristics are brought together.

No fewer than 66 Major methods with one hunt (the treble) are given, and half a dozen with two hunts. The 'Little' methods comprise a group of eleven, and seven Cater methods are also added to the collection. In every case the manner of making bobs and singles is shown, and tables of lead ends and course ends will enable the enterprising conductor to prick out his own touches. Much attention has been devoted to peal compositions, and no less than 42 special compositions are printed, as well as instructions for adapting existing peals to the various methods.

Undoubtedly, the publication is one of the most carefully prepared and arranged productions that the Exercise has ever had placed before it, and we shall be surprised if the limited edition which has been printed is not quickly sold out. Even if a ringer is not in a position to put into practice the methods which are given, he cannot afford to be without the collection, if only as a means of advancing his knowledge of our art.

The collection is published at 1s. 9d., post free, and can be obtained from the Council's hon. Librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held at Llandaff on Boxing Day, when a good number attended from both dioceses. Service was held in the Cathedral, the Dean officiating. His address was an excellent one, and listened to with the greatest interest. He quoted several stories of ringers of his early days.

The business meeting followed in the Prebendal House, the Dean acting as chairman. Arising out of the minutes, a long discussion followed on the question of presenting certificates to new members after ringing their first 120 changes. One proposition followed another, but was defeated, and it was eventually agreed that no change take place, but that the association continue as had been done hitherto.

Restorations and augmentations done during the year were reported on, and instructors' reports were received.

A number of new members were elected, including diocesan, out-diocesan and life.

The choice of Master for 1927 fell upon Mr. Tom Ford.—The auditors and hon. secretary were re-elected and thanked for their services, and the two representatives to the Central Council chosen were Mr. W. Bolton and Mr. J. W. Jones.

At the close of the meeting, the Dean invited all present to join him, and it was found an excellent meat tea was in readiness, which was immensely enjoyed and appreciated.

The bells of both Llandaff and Cardiff were available before and after the meeting, which will rank as one of the best in the annals of the association.

ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

Corrections to our list published last week are as follows: Leeds and District Society.—Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds. Sheffield and District Society.—Mr. Colin Harrison, 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

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of Highgate. They had three children—two daughters, who died young, and a son, who showed great promise, but died after a few months' residence as a scholar of New College. Mrs. Papillon died in 1908. The Canon married Miss Laura Dickson, fourth daughter of the late Mr. Samuel Dickson, of Writtle, in April, 1909.

The funeral took place at Crowhurst Church, Sussex, on Saturday.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

BY W. TAYLOR.

Before any opinion can be formed as to which is the correct extension of any method, it is necessary to understand thoroughly the construction of the method; even then, it will often be found that two or more ways of extension claim our attention. To take an example which is outside of ringing, we can extend (or increase the area) of a rectangle by adding to its length, or, alternatively, we can add to the breadth. These two fix on to a feature and extend that feature instead of extending the whole. To extend the rectangle in every one of its properties, we must increase the length and breadth proportionately, that is to say, geometrically. The Rev. H. Law James' extension of Superlative increases the area of the rectangle by adding to its length. The supreme test of the correctness of an extension is that its diagram must correspond to that of the original. The Rev. H. L. James' extension fails in this test.

Superlative Surprise Major has the bells in original coursing order at the half-lead end. The best way of finding the reason for this is to examine the effects of the various shunts on the coursing order of the bells. In the following, a 'shunt' is any operation which alters the coursing order of any of the bells. The letters C.O. will be used to denote coursing order.

First, there is the 'two-bell shunt,' hereafter called a court shunt. The court shunt is made by one of two bells, which are coursing one another, making a place on each side of the other. Its effect is to make the two bells concerned exchange places in C.O. No matter which pair of bells make the shunt, the C.O. of all the other bells is unaltered. Take the go-off in Superlative or Cambridge as example:

...4.6... C.O.
...4.6... 46
...4.6...
...6.4...
...6.4... 64

Where it is clear that 4 and 6 have exchanged places in C.O.

An 'extreme' is a particular case of the court shunt.

The bells can be restored to original C.O. by another court shunt on the same pair of bells. In Cambridge Surprise, this second court shunt takes place in the second half-lead: this time 6 is the place-making bell, and 4 runs through. In Cambridge Major, four other pairs of bells, namely, 2-6, 8-7, 4-7 and 8-5 court shunt in the first half-lead, and each pair is restored to original C.O. by a court shunt on the same pair of bells in the second half-lead. The only other shunts in Cambridge are the two extremes with the treble. Since all the others are neutralised, these two fix the lead-end at 15738264.

If Cambridge on all numbers is examined, it will be found that it always consists of a series of court shunts in the half-lead, each corresponding to the Major, and each of which is neutralised in the second half-lead as in Major. The lead-end depends on the two extremes with treble always, and is 1573.....n. These facts, taken in conjunction with the diagram, prove that the recognised extensions of Cambridge are correct. No other proof is necessary.

Now look at Yorkshire Surprise; this consists of two court shunts above the treble, one on 4-6 and the other on 8-7. Each of these is neutralised by another court shunt, below the treble, on the same pairs of bells and in the half-lead; the half-lead end is therefore in plain C.O. and is 86745231. The Royal makes three pairs of bells court shunt above the treble, namely, 4-6, 8-0, 9-7, each of which is, in turn, neutralised by another court shunt under the treble and in the half-lead, again accounting for the half-lead end being in plain C.O. The lead ends are produced as in Cambridge. These facts, taken in conjunction with the diagram, prove that the Royal is the correct extension.

In Superlative Major, another type of shunt is used, namely, a three-bell or bob shunt, wherein any three bells which are coursing one another take part. The bob shunt is made by one of the three making 3rd's place above the other two, or, the last place but two under them. Its effect is to cause the place-making bell to jump over the other two in C.O. For example:

...5.78 C.O.
...587 875 Where it is clear that 5 jumps over 7 and
...578 587 8 in C.O.
...5.87

As in the case of the court shunt, all the other bells are undisturbed in C.O. The bob shunt may be made internally as a court shunt (see Double Norwich Caters). A bob shunt may be neutralized by making two more bob shunts of the same sort, on the same three bells, each bell making the place in turn, thus:

...3.56 C.O.
...365-653 3 makes Bob shunt and passes
...356-365 over 5 and 6 in C.O.

...3.65

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...653-536 6 makes Bob shunt and passes over 3 and 5 in C.O.
...635-653 thus completing the cycle and restoring original C.O.
...6.53

Three bobs wrong or three bobs home cause three bells to work together in exactly the same way. The above is in fact, a 'Q set' in its simplest form. The bob shunt may be neutralized also by means of two court shunts which make the place-making bell court shunt with each of the other two bells in turn, original C.O. being again restored in a cycle of three steps. For example, look at the work of 124 in Superlative:

124.... C.O.

214.... 124

124.... 412

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4 makes a Bob shunt and passes over 2 and 1 in C.O.

4 makes a Court shunt (and dodge) with Treble and exchanges with it in C.O.

4 makes a Court shunt (and dodge) with 2 and exchanges with it in C.O. thus restoring original C.O.

This may be described as a Q set broken. The cycle may be commenced at any step; more or less plain hunting can be introduced between the steps.

Superlative Surprise Major consists entirely of three-step cycles similar to the example on 124: in some, there is no dodging between the places of the court shunt. 135 work exactly as 124, but in the reverse order. In Superlative Surprise similar reciprocal cycles occur on 246 and 367, the bob shunt being the middle step of the cycle in both. A further reciprocal pair is 468 and 578, the bob shunt being the last step and first step respectively. The student will have no difficulty in finding the cycles if he proceeds as in the 124 example above.

Thus we see in the half-lead of Superlative Major, six cycles, each of three steps containing one bob shunt and two court shunts, having the bells coursing originally and finally in the same order, each cycle complete in itself and independent of the others. The six cycles make up the whole of the work in the half-lead and explain fully why the half-lead end is 86745231. Since they consist of three reciprocal pairs of broken Q sets, they also probably explain why there are three false course ends. The lead-end is produced as in Cambridge by the two residual extremes with the Treble.

It should now be quite clear that the true extensions of Superlative must consist entirely of the three step cycles, without addition to the number of steps or any other alteration; it is quite certain that such a method on a higher number will pass the test of the diagram. Superlative, unlike Bristol or Double Norwich, has not got any internal court shunts with the treble to complicate matters and give us difficulty in deciding which is the correct lead-end to aim at. The issue is clear, the two extremes with the treble fix the lead-end definitely at 1573.....n on all numbers.

(To be continued.)

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

SUPPER AND PRESENTATION.

The ringing members of the above indulged themselves in a little informal supper on December 14th at the Princess Restaurant, and a real jovial happy affair it proved to be. The new secretary, Mr. Payne, took the arrangements in hand and not only saw that the menu was 'beyond compare,' but saw to the presence of several gentlemen to entertain the company with joke and song. After the singing of the 'Froth-blowers Anthem' with due solemnity, the chairman (Mr. C. L. Routledge), on behalf of the whole of the members of the Guild, presented Mr. E. E. Ferry with a suit case as a token of their high esteem and of their high appreciation of the work he had put in as the secretary of the Guild since its inception, over 18 years. Mr. Routledge also complimented him on the progress of the young hand at Durham Cathedral. Though the association had been in existence for 50 years, it was now only through his efforts that change ringing had got a firm hold at this important centre of the work of the church.

Mr. Ferry, who had been taken completely by surprise, feelingly responded, and assured those present of his continued interest in the Guild and its progress.

In the course of the evening, the secretary of the Yorkshire Association (Mr. Percy Johnson) put in an appearance, much to the delight of all, and entertained the company with a delightfully humorous speech.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Payne for his good offices in the matter of the night's fun, and to the artistes, closed a very pleasant informal 'wee Scotch night.'

VARIATIONS OF THURSTANS PEAL

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cave is a little 'out of tune' in the statements in his letter in your issue of December 24th, as he says that the variations of Brooks and Haley, on the six single plan, to his knowledge had neither been published nor rung. I can safely say that both have been rung, the former years ago, and again quite recently, and the latter only once to my knowledge. How Mr. Washbrook or anyone in his stead can claim an arrangement simply because it contains six singles, is a mystery to me, yet I think this is what Mr. Cave's letter signifies. If Thurstans had the same monopoly as Washbrook, I take it there would be no variations whatever, with the exceptions of Brooks and Haley's, as, although they are built around the three-course plan, they differ otherwise from the original setting. If an extra, an omit, or a single, rearranged in the original constitutes a variation, they why is not Mr. Dexter's a variation, as it differs both from the original and the one in question? Until one can tell me that a rearrangement, no matter how small, is not a variation, I cannot feel satisfied.—Yours truly,

E. W. TIPLER.

FIVE-PART AND FOUR-PART COMPARISONS.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to trouble you again, but Mr. Hunt, in trotting up a 5-part with 10 singles to confound my remarks on reducing singles to a minimum, gives us a real and sorry example of his excitement to prove me wrong. In a most humble and respectful manner, I ask, 'Does he possess a regular 5-part with less than 10 singles, of anyone's from Thurstans' time to the present day?'

Now, Sir, if Mr. Hunt will send to me a touch of 1,008 Stedman Triples which will, on repeating four times, give a true 5,040 with less than 10 singles in the whole 5,040, then by return of post he will receive from me as a new year's gift a true 5,040 with no singles at all.—Yours truly,

F. H. DEXTER.

P.S.—I must admit that to me there is a certain amount of foginess as to where connection between Thurstans' 5-parts and my claim to a variation of the 4-part comes in. What about a week-end at Stuart Street? Mr. Hunt and myself could then arrive at some solution to this knotty problem.—F.H.D.

WHAT MR. WASHBROOK CALLED.

Dear Sir,—Just another few lines to explain why I am interested in 'Washbrook's' peal of Stedman Triples. On Thursday, December 18th, 1918, I rang my first peal with Mr. Washbrook. He very kindly asked me to call, but I declined, and he called the very peal that Mr. Dexter claims as his variation of Thurstans'. I have the report before me as I write, and underneath it says: 'Composed and conducted by J. W. Washbrook.' Thurstans' is not even mentioned!—Yours,

W. A. CAVE.

MR. SHIRLEY BURTON'S CENTURY.

The second M.C.A. ringer to have the peculiarity of scoring 100 peals and conducting just one Surprise peal, was Shirley Burton, of Leicester, who, with the Cambridge Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry on December 31st (which he conducted), completed his century as follows:

Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 1; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 16; Cambridge Surprise Major, 23 (conducted 1); New Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 12; Bristol Surprise Major, 6; Superlative Surprise Major, 12; Real Superlative Surprise Major, 1 (10,400); Yorkshire Surprise Major, 1; Princess Mary Surprise Royal, 1; Leicester Surprise Royal, 1; Pudsey Surprise Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 1; Stedman Cinques, 2; Stedman Caters, 4; Stedman Triples, 10; Grandsire Caters, 1; Grandsire Triples 2; Grandsire Doubles, 1; total, 100.

Rung in 38 towers and nine counties, for nine associations, with 159 ringers. Average points per peal, 34.5.

MR. OWEN H. GILES' 100 PEALS.

Bob Minor, 1; Grandsire Triples, 7; Stedman Triples, 27; Caters, 2; Bob Major, 16; Kent Treble Bob Major, 12; Double Norwich Major, 17; Superlative Surprise Major, 7; Cambridge, 9; London (Treble), 2; total, 100.

IPSWICH RINGERS VISIT CAMBRIDGE.

On Boxing Day last, five members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society visited Cambridge, and were joined by others from Saffron Walden and local members to attempt the first peal on twelve bells at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, for the Ely Diocesan Association. The band met one short for Maximus, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was commenced, which unfortunately had to be brought round after ringing six courses, owing to the bad 'go' of the tenor, to the great disappointment of all. The ringing was particularly good up to the time the failure became apparent. The band stood as follows: C. A. Catchpole 1, R. H. Brundle 2, C. Mee 3, L. Pitstow 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, P. May 6, T. R. Dennis 7, A. G. Rivers 8, F. Dench (conductor) 9, F. J. Tillet 10. The bells were rehung in 1911 by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and altogether about nine or ten peals have been rung on the bells since the rehanging.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the above branch was held at Devizes on Saturday, and was largely attended. Ringing commenced shortly after 2 p.m., the towers of St. John's (eight bells), St. Mary's (six) and St. James', Southbrook (6) being available, and were kept going in various methods till 4.30 p.m.

Service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke, M.A., the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham.

Tea followed in the Parish Room, at which over 80 were present, including the Rector of Devizes, Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, M.A. (Rector of Beechingstoke), Rev. Tudor Jeffreys (Vicar of Southbrook), Miss Mogg (Bishops Cannings), Mr. and Mrs. H. Brownlee West (Devizes), and others.

At the business meeting the Chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) first wished all present a happy new year. He stated that during the past year he had visited the 34 towers in the branch, and rung in 32 towers. At the other towers the bells are at present unringable, but steps were being taken to put All Cannings bells in repair, and something had been said about putting South Wexall bells in order, both of which he hoped would soon be done. He thanked all concerned for the very courteous manner in which he had been received.

The Secretary (Mr. F. Green) reported the receipt of a cheque for £1 9s. from the Parochial Church Council of St. James', Bratton, towards the funds of the branch.

The balance sheet was presented, and showed a balance in hand of over £10. Twelve meetings had been held during the year. The number of ringing members was 253, an increase of 12, and 15 honorary members.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham was re-elected chairman, and Mr. F. Green was re-elected secretary and treasurer, both being thanked for their past services. Mr. B. Cook was elected vice-chairman, Mr. S. Hillier was appointed Ringing Master and inspector of bellfries, and Mr. Jesse Francis was appointed Assistant Ringing Master.

£2 2s. was voted from the branch funds towards the restoration of the bells at All Cannings, and an honorarium of £5 was voted to the secretary (Mr. F. Green).

Great regret was expressed at the absence of the Rev. Canon Mogg on account of ill-health and advanced age. It was announced that he was shortly resigning, at which great regret was expressed, as Canon Mogg had always welcomed any ringers who went to Bishop Cannings. Several new members were elected.

Ringers present included Mr. J. T. Dyke (secretary, Bath and Wells Association), Mr. C. Gardener (Swindon), and representatives from Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, St. James', Southbrook, Bishop Cannings, Beechingstoke, Trowbridge, Bath, Holt, Bratton, Westbury, Chippenham, Broomham, Hilperton, Urchfont, Chilton, All Cannings, Bradford-on-Avon, Melksham, Netheravon and Rowle. Ringing was continued in the evening, when touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and other methods were rung.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, for the use of the bells, to the Rector for conducting the services, to the organist, and to those who prepared the tea.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRURO BRANCH MEETING AT KENWYN.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the above was held at Kenwyn Church, Truro, on Saturday last, when about 50 members represented the following towers: Truro Cathedral, Kea, Gwulval, Illogan, Gwennap, St. Gluvias', St. Agnes', Redruth, and St. Newlyn East. The Vicar (the Rev. F. Thomas) conducted the service and gave a short address. The Rev. Burgess and the Rev. W. H. Browne (St. Agnes'), were also present. Mr. Oxland, of Illogan, presided at the organ.

The Vicar very kindly provided tea, for which he was heartily thanked.

The eight bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening by the various bands to Grandsire Doubles and rounds. A combined band of Gwulval, Kea, Kenwyn and Cathedral ringers brought round several touches of Grandsire Triples under the conductorship of Mr. H. G. Viles, of Newquay.

In the evening, the fine ring of ten at the Cathedral were available, and came in for a considerable amount of attention. Most of the ringers from the six-bell towers wished to try their skill on ten, and most of them soon got into the pace and rang rounds quite well. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were then brought round on the hack eight, one touch of 336 being particularly well struck by: E. Thomas (Kenwyn) 1, W. Wood (Gulval) 2, J. Wood (Gulval) 3, P. Hitchens (Gulval) 4, W. H. Southard (conductor) (Cathedral) 5, P. A. Harfoot (Kea) 6, A. S. Roberts (Cathedral) 7, H. G. Viles (Newquay) 8.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Illogan in March.

This was the first time that the Gwennap and Illogan bands had attended a quarterly meeting, as they have only lately become affiliated to the Guild.

The diocesan Ringing Master, Dr. Symons, was, unfortunately, unable to attend through sickness.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 2nd, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. H. Serpison 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, Miss H. F. Mills 3, Miss E. E. Hardecastle 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, E. F. Pike 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, E. G. Garrard 8.

YEovil, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, January 2nd, for matins and in honour of the Mayor and Corporation's attendance at that service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church in 50 mins. on the back eight: D. Denslow 1, A. C. Jeanes 2, H. Batty 3, H. Travers 4, F. Hunt 5, S. Ricketts 6, C. Norman 7, W. Fry 8, J. E. Baker (conductor) 9, T. Setter 10.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, January 2nd, at the Church of St. Mark, for evensong, in 24 mins., 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Lawrence 1, J. Roberts 2, J. Penny 3, A. Heath 4, J. E. Lewes Cockey (conductor) 5, H. Hutton 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by the ringer of the 2nd. Rung as a welcome to the new year.

WANSTED, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 2nd, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins.: A. Reeve 1, E. Plummer 2, A. Prior (conductor) 3, C. Petty 4, G. D. Smith 5, C. R. Moss 6. First 720 on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being excellent.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, January 2nd, for evensong at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, C. Groves 2, A. T. Greenwood 3, F. W. Rogers 4, R. Taylor 5, C. R. Stone 6, J. D. Harris (conductor) 7, J. Gates 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

DUFFIELD.—On Sunday, December 26th, at the Church of St. Alkaunds, a quarter-peal of Duffield Major by members of the Duffield Society: H. Lottis 1, W. Bates 2, *R. Boulton 3, *Miss Elizabeth Foulk 4, J. Pagett 5, *P. Dudley 6, *G. Warrington (conductor) 7, S. Dawson 8. *First quarter-peal of this method.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, Dec. 26th, for morning service, 672 Bob Major: E. Bennett (age 14 years, longest length) 1, W. Fernley 2, J. Fernley, jun., 3, H. Langley 4, L. Clough 5, A. Markwell 6, J. Fernley, sen. (conductor) 7, J. P. Fidler 8. Mr. Markwell hails from Staveley, and this is his longest touch away from treble.—For evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Hallworth 1, J. Fernley, jun., 2, L. Clough 3, H. Langley 4, S. Clark 5, W. Fernley 6, J. Fernley, sen. (conductor) 7, J. P. Fidler 8. Mr. Clark hails from Lytham, and this is his longest touch in the method.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, December 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 54 mins.: H. G. Milton 1, E. P. Palmer 2, E. Jones 3, R. G. Bell 4, S. E. Edwards 5, W. E. Oakley (conductor) 6, F. Edwards 7, W. G. Norris 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, December 26th, for evening service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins.: Charles Walklate 1, Lewis A. Goodenough 2, Joseph G. Blow 3, W. Little 4, Sydney Lindsell 5, S. Barnes (Birkenhead) 6, Horace E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 7, Bernard Swinson 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 26th, for evening service at St. Andrew's, Holborn, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: L. Gray 1, W. Norton 2, C. Choct 3, E. Brett 4, R. Green 5, A. C. Darnell 6, J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 7, John Lee 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Christmas Day, for 11 a.m. service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Dove 1, A. Slade 2, W. H. Austin 3, S. J. Lawrence 4, E. Sibley 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. R. Parker (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8.—On Sunday, December 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): A. Slade 1, E. Sibley 2, S. J. Lawrence (conductor) 3, W. H. Austin 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. J. Dove 7, J. Wilkins 8.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, December 12th, for evening service, at St. Barnabas' Church, 1,280 Cambridge Major in 46 mins.: C. Cottrell 1, H. C. Spencer 2, W. J. Meers 3, M. J. Morris 4, F. W. Rishworth 5, F. Price 6, W. Davies 7, G. F. Swann (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1 and 7.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on financial matters, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Jan. 20th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th (at 8 p.m.), and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea advise me by Jan. 5th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—South-West District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shaugh Prior on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in School-room 5 p.m. Will those attending please notify secretary before Jan. 5th?—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Important business meeting for the election of local officers and nomination of general officers, etc. A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Headley, on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock and meeting at 6.—James W. Grounds, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea after service, to be followed by business meeting. Subscriptions for 1927 can be paid at this meeting.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brownedge R.C. Church, Bamber Bridge, on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8th, at Wokingham. Service at St. Paul's Church at 4 p.m. Address by Rev. W. T. Stubbs, Rector of Easthampstead, followed by meat tea and meeting at St. Paul's Parish Room.—F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The first meeting of the year 1927 will be held at Chiswick on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells available from 3.15, with the usual service, tea and meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—The 6th Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 8th, at 6 p.m., at the Royal Hotel, College Green, Bristol. Chairman, Mr. Henry Way; Vice-Chairman, Mr. John Jeffries. Tickets 5/6. University Buildings and Bell (9½ tons) open from 2.30 p.m. (Tea and Buns.) An informal conference will be held. Service, St. Stephen's Church, 5 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from Guild Secretaries, Stewards, Officials, or direct from Hon. Sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Frodsham Jan. 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, service at 6 o'clock.—G. A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., Grappenhall Village.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Harlingden, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oatlands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Old Hill on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 12th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Glyn Road (Homerton), on Jan. 15th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. The bells of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton (8) will also be available from 2.45 p.m. till 5 p.m. St. Paul's, Glyn Road, is quite near Homerton Station (L.M.S. Railway). Trams 53, 55, 57, 81. Buses 22, 38, 42, 106, 108a. Alight at Median Road. All ringers cordially invited.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 29, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells ready 5 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports ready. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Tower open 5 p.m. Important business. It is essential that all members attend. Ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford Branch.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at St. Peter's Church, Bedford. Bells ready at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, New Fenlake, Bedford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at South Marston on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells, a new peal of six, available at 2.30 p.m. All visitors heartily welcomed. Bus service from Swindon within one mile of church; get off at Carpenter's Arms, South Marston Road. Those requiring tea notify me early, as arrangements will have to be made.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. At 4.30 short service at Parish Church, and at 5.15 tea and business meeting in the School Room, adjoining the church. The newly-hung bells of St. Leonard's, Colchester, will be open to ringers from 3 to 4.15 p.m., and at 7 to 8 p.m., if notified. All coming to tea will please send word by Tuesday, Jan. 11th, to be sure of tea being provided.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Jan. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30, and tea at 5, followed by meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans, Rochdale, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhst Hey, Todmorden.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service. All members and friends cordially welcome. Don't forget to let me know if you are coming.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale), 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending being present please notify me by the 11th inst.?—Walter Yeend, jun., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Swan Hotel, to be followed by general meeting and social. All ringers and wives welcome.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Reports are now ready.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual business meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Tower open from 3.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those coming to tea please let me know before the 12th?—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea free to those who notify me not later than Jan. 12th.—I. Clark, Dis. Sec., Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Uxbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) available.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Mitcheldean on Jan. 15th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Will all ringers who intend to be present let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 12th, so that I can make arrangements for tea?—Oliver Thomas, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 15th. The bells are available for ringing from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., with business meeting to follow. It is hoped that all members and friends will endeavour to attend.—William Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock onwards. It is essential that as many district members should attend as possible. Business meeting at 5 o'clock, when the general election of officers for the ensuing year will take place, also nominations for Central Council representatives.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Shepton Mallet on Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m., evensong 4 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Members who intend being present would oblige by notifying their intention.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow, on Saturday, 15th January, 1927. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, 12th January, 1927, number attending requiring tea.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, on Monday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available from 7.30 till 8.45 p.m. Business meeting (election of officers, etc.) in the Choir Vestry at 8.45. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to be present at the annual meeting. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting, for the election of officers, will be held on Monday, Jan. 17th, in St. Peter's, Derby. Bells available from 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—Chas. Draper, Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches. — A joint meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' (12 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells ready at 3. Tea and meeting at 5. Service 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretaries, J. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish; Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Ringing will commence at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Tea will be provided only to those who notify me of their intention to be present by Wednesday, Jan. 19th.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., 84, Meadvale Road, East Croydon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Darlaston on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with address by the Rev. J. W. Auguy.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, at the Parish Church, St. Annes-on-Sea. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 18th.—S. Procter, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third general quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells of All Saints' (10) and the Bell Foundry (10) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Meat tea (1s. 6d. per head) 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting; all in the Fearon Hall. The War Memorial carillon (45 bells) will be played by special request from 6.30 to 7.30. It is essential that all intending to take tea should advise Mr. J. Saddington, Rose Dene Bungalow, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough, before Thursday, the 20th, to avoid unnecessary disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, tea and meeting in the Schoolroom at 5.30. Tea, at 1s. each, will only be provided for those who advise Mr. W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, High Street, N.14, by the 19th instant. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1927 are now due. Any outstanding for 1926 should be paid without delay. A happy and prosperous new year to all members.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM. Established 1672.—The Fifth Crofts Memorial Dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 29th, 1927, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 4/- each, can now be obtained from the Committee or F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

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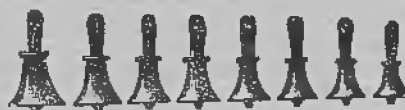
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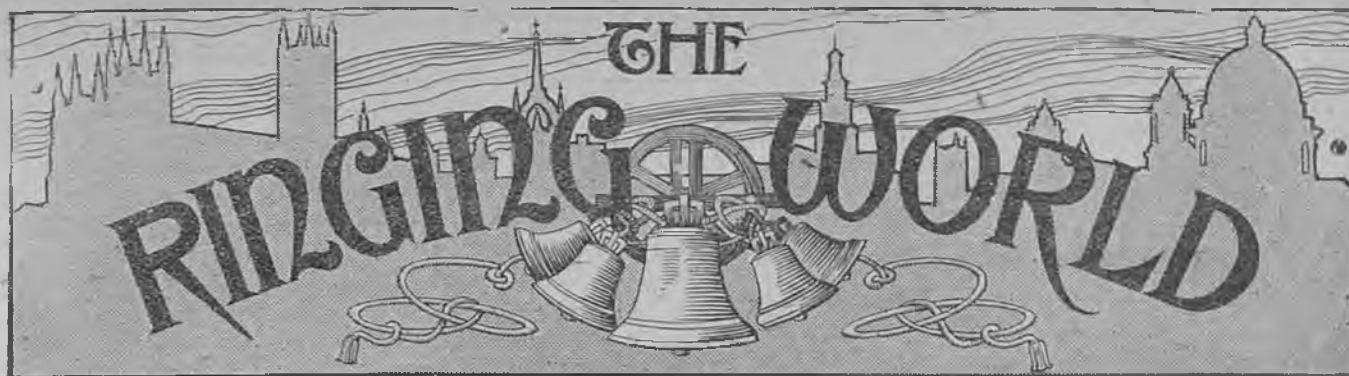
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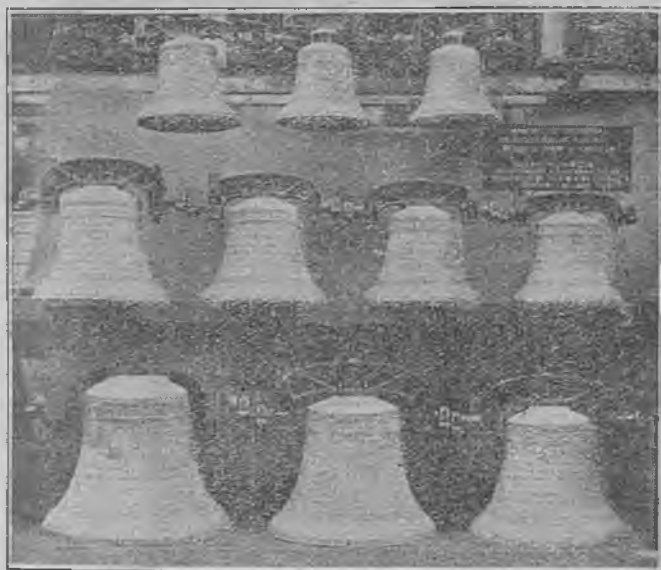
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In the brief time that was available in the course of a crowded afternoon, several useful views were elicited from men of long, practical experience. No resolutions were passed, even to embody the views put forward—that was not the intention of the conference, but some good should come of it if only ringers at their own meetings in their own districts will continue the discussions and consider means of putting into effect some of the suggestions made at Bristol.

The point that stands out most prominently from the conference is that there is no royal road to filling up the ranks. Whatever course is pursued, success can only be achieved by steady plodding, constant effort in face of frequent disappointment, and some sacrifice of time and energy on the part of those able to instruct. One of the most practical of all the suggestions, and one which has met with success, was that put forward by Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. secretary of Llandaff and Monmouth Association. At his own church he is never without a pupil learning to handle a bell, and as fast as one passes into the ranks of those competent to ring—if only rounds—for Sunday services, another is found to start at the beginning; and so the process goes continually on. It involves an expenditure of time and patience on the part of someone; but it is obviously a successful course of action in the case of the church at Newport. Unquestionably the matter is one which presents numerous difficulties, and various speakers voiced some of the obstacles which are met with, and which are only too well known to those who do the spade work. But help in overcoming the difficulties may be found in a general discussion of the

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Tenor 50 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS Treble	REGINALD G. GILBERT ... 6
EDGAR GUISE 2	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... 3	ALFRED E. REEVES 8
DONALD BARNARD 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE 9
HENRY PRING 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. A. CAVE

A HALF PEAL.

At Maxey, near Peterborough, on Saturday, December 18th, a half-peal of Minor (2,544 changes, viz., 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Minor and 384 of Double Court) was rung: C. Stiles 1, J. O. London 2, J. Lunn 3, J. Ames 4, J. H. Roden 5, H. M. Day (conductor) 6. This was rung in attempt for a peal, the bells being called round owing to the bad 'go' of the 5th.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	G. LEONARD HEWITT ... 7
HARRY OVERTON 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 8
*WILLIAM D. WASE 4	*WALTER LAGO 9
WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 5	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by CHAS. PRICE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells. It is over 100 years since a peal of Treble Bob Royal was rung in the county. The ringers of treble, 3rd, 6th and tenor were elected members before starting.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. MARY and NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

ARTHUR C. OTWAY Treble	JOHN H. WHITE 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
JOHN BEAMS 3	EDWARD HELL 8
GEORGE MARRINER 4	*ALBERT W. COLES 9
JOHN HOYLE 5	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Ivy Dean (fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dean, of Leatherhead) and Mr. Luff, of Wimbledon. This composition contains the sixth its extent behind the 8th and 9th in the handstroke and tittum positions alternately.

CARDIFF.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*CHRISTOPHER P. HEATH ... Treble	CHARLES GREEDY 5
GEORGE POPNAL 2	GEORGE COOKE 7
SIDNEY RACKHAM 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 8
SIDNEY DAVE 4	ERNEST COOMBS 9
JOHN DAVIES 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by E. COOMBS.

* First peal of Caters and first attempt. The peal was specially arranged as a birthday compliment to the veteran ringer of the district, Mr. John Clutterbuck, also to Mrs. Dave, wife of the ringer of the fourth.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Tuesday, January 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	WILLIAM THUCKFORD ... 6
ROBERT ANDERSON 2	ADAM DEAS 7
ARTHUR PAYNE 3	ERNEST E. FERRY 8
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... 4	RICHARD THOMPSON ... 9
JOHN FOREMAN 5	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

This musical composition, which appeared in 'The Ringing World,' December 31st, 1926, is thought to be rung for the first time. It was rung after meeting short for Maximus.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Priory Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

STANLEY WHITE Treble	†GERALD SCRAGG 6
*MISS C. E. SPARSHOTT ... 2	FRANK A. SPARSHOTT ... 7
REGINALD O. STREET ... 3	WILLIAM G. FOWLER ... 8
ARTHUR N. WOUFF 4	GEORGE PRESTON 9
†MRS. E. A. WILLIAMS ... 5	BERT J. KERLEY Tenor

Composed by J. ROGERS. Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

* First peal with inside bell. † First peal. First peal of Caters in the diocese in which two ladies have taken part.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM HOLIFIELD Treble	HENRY W. L. WELLS ... 6
WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUNR. 7
ERNEST BISHOP 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SENR. 8
ALBERT W. BOND 4	WALTER H. TRUDMAN ... 9
HERBERT W. BISHOP ... 5	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SENR.

Messrs. Holifield hail from Appletton. It is interesting to record that Mr. G. Holifield, senr., called the first peal in this tower on the old ring of eight on September 4th, 1884.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS BEAUMONT Treble	GEORGE GILBERT 5
*P.O. R. OCKWELL, R.N. ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	FRANK BELSEY 7
CHARLES WINNER 4	CHARLES NORRIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. J. GROOM.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE GILBERT Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5
PERCY J. SPICE 2	EDWARD H. SPICE 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SENR. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

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SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*HAROLD G. SMITH Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE 5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 2	HARRY PARKER 6
JOHN S. ROYLE 3	*CHARLES MASON 7
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 4	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Major.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints (City),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HERBERT COLCOMB Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 5
†JOSEPH W. DOWNES 2	CHARLES EDWARDS 6
ALFRED R. ELKINS 3	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 7
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 4	GEORGE SOLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight. † First peal of Triples.

NEW SHOREHAM-BY-SEA.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRANK CHALLEN Treble	LIONEL SEARS 5
BERT CHALLEN 2	FREDERICK CRIPPS 6
*FREDERICK GREEN 3	HENRY STALHAM 7
CHARLES J. BUTTON 4	*ROBERT CHALLEN Tenor

Conducted by H. STALHAM.

* First peal and at first attempt.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

ALBERT HELLIWELL Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY 5
SAMUEL HARRISON 2	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH... 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER... .. 3	JOHN R. BREARLEY 7
JOHN A. BREARLEY 4	WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor

Composed by WM. L. MASON.

Conducted by J. R. BREARLEY.

First peal in the method on these bells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

HARRY HOLDER... .. Treble	JOHN LLOYD... .. 5
JAMES MARSHALL... .. 2	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 7
*THOMAS HEMMING 4	WALTER MASTERS Tenor

Composed by W. TAYLOR.

Conducted by C. E. PERKINS.

* First peal of Grandsire inside. All are members of the local band of service ringers.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY RODMELL Treble	HERBERT HOWELL 5
A. BERNARD COOK 2	ALBERT E. SELLERS ... 6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 3	JOHN E. HOWELL... .. 7
LEONARD RODMELL 4	JOHN W. HOBSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mildred,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

ALFRED J. BATTIN Treble	WILLIAM P. TICKNER ... 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	CHARLES TRIBE 6
ROBERT EDWARDS 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
HARRY BAKER 4	*CECIL H. BALLARD Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

* First peal, Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are from Frintenden, the rest belong to the local band.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

HENRY FLETCHER Treble	ALFRED MOULD 5
WILLIAM FOYSER... .. 2	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 6
JOHN W. GLEW 3	JOSEPH LORD 7
JACK BAILEY... .. 4	JAMES STEVENS Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by J. W. GLEW.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK J. HURRELL ... Treble	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 5
FRANCIS FRASER 2	JIM HURRELL 6
FREDERICK S. BEAN 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
HARRY MORGATE... .. 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

First peal by the ringer of the treble. Rung on the 52nd anniversary of the opening of the bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
WILLIAM BIBBY... .. 2	*JAMES MARTIN 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	HENRY W. WILDE 7
*JOHN WILKINSON 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of London.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	CHARLES I. EDWARDS... 5
ERNEST R. GLADMAN ... 2	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 6
CHARLES S. BIRD... .. 3	WILLIAM E. JUDD 7
HENRY C. CHANDLER... .. 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

LYDNEY.—On Saturday, December 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. W. Jones 1, J. Gillett 2, G. Condlake 3, E. Baldwin 4, J. Austen (conductor) 5, J. Davies 6, J. Williams 7, F. Sandford 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal on the occasion of the wedding of the daughter of the local popular leader, J. Davies.

UPTON, SNODSBURY.—On Friday, December 24th, at St. Kenelm's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins.: J. Reynolds 1, W. H. Chance 2, Cyril Tansell 3, T. Campden 4, L. Morris (conductor) 5, Thomas Black 6. Longest length by ringers of 4, 1, and 6, the latter of whom has been ringing for upwards of 30 years.

METHERINGHAM, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES Treble	HAROLD MARCON 5
GEORGE CHESTER 2	CHARLES MCGUINNESS 6
GEORGE FLINTHAM 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
JOHN WALDEN 4	CHARLES CLAYDON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

The conductor's 50th peal, also a birthday peal for the tenor ringer.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CHALFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Being 10 six scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

* EDWARD PAUL Treble	LESLIE BARRY 4
BASIL LATHAN 2	P. S. GEORGE HASTINGS 5
GEORGE ORCHARD 3	† WILLIAM MILLS Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Bob Minor and three of Canterbury Pleasure.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

W. YOUNG Treble	J. KEMP 4
F. BATTERHAM 2	G. A. COLEMAN 5
A. YOUNG 3	G. COLEMAN Tenor

Conducted by G. COLEMAN.

First peal and first attempt by the ringers of 4th and 5th. First peal and first attempt as conductor. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

* FRANK DEWEY Treble	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 4
ARTHUR H. PALMER 2	* WILLIAM E. CLARK 5
JOHN W. LAKE 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal in seven methods.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 'b.

WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 4
HUGH W. STEVENSON 2	THOMAS G. HAWKINS 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	JOHN SHUKER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Tuesday, December 28th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): P. A. Aldham (Hinckley) 1, W. P. Whitehead 2, T. K. Deacon (Earl Shilton) 3, G. P. Garner 4, F. Cotton (Hinckley) 5, C. E. Belton (conductor) 6, C. H. Belton (first quarter in the method) 7, P. Yates 8. First quarter-peal in the method as conductor.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTON.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Fulbeck Bob, Double Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLEY Treble	HORACE M. DAY 4
JOHN J. JUTSON 2	JOSEPH O. LANDON 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL 3	GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 29, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

* CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... Treble	ALFRED J. BOLL 4
GEORGE ELLIS 2	ALBERT ELLIS 5
* CECIL NICK 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in seven methods.

BRECON.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. David,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one 240's of A. J. Pitman's Arrangement.
Tenor 13 cwt.

* GEORGE EVANS Treble	GEORGE HARDWICK 4
WILLIAM EVANS 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
CHARLES POWELL 3	SAMUEL BROOKES Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 six-scores each of Plain Bob, Oxford Singles and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt.

* REGINALD JORDAN Treble	KITTY WILLERS 3
JACK HARPER 2	HENRY WILSON 4
ARTHUR WILSON Tenor	

Conducted by ARTHUR WILSON.

* First peal; started to learn to pull a bell during the first week in January, 1926. First peal as conductor. Rung with muffled clappers as the old year passed away.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

* HERBERT V. DIGBY Treble	EDWARD J. BARTON 4
† WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 2	EDWARD HOWES 5
HAROLD BARTON 3	WILLIAM P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. The treble ringer is the seventh member of the band at this church to ring his first peal since the company came together on December 31st, 1924, to 'ring the old year out and the new year in.' Only the conductor had then had previous experience of change ringing.

CHICHESTER.—On Friday, December 31st, New Year's Eve, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins.: T. Doick 1, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 2, J. H. Blake 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, G. Marshall 5, W. E. Ticehurst 6, M. E. Hepper 7, A. Tugwell 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On January 1st, at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 46 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, *G. King 2, W. Franks 3, C. Tribe 4, *C. Cressy 5, T. Hoad 6, *E. Mills 7, W. Hoad (conductor) 8. * First quarter in the method.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Court, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	GEORGE LEE 4
*WILLIAM C. BUNN 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in seven methods on a working bell. 100th peal as conductor. This peal came into rounds at midnight.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, Tulip, College Treble, Snowdrop, Sandal Exercise, York Minster and London Scholars' Pleasure. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMEHAM Treble	ALBERT NASH 4
HERBERT CHAMBERLIN ... 2	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
ROBERT J. RICKETTS 3	ARTHUR GILL Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

Rung in honour of Mrs. A. Gill's birthday, and also of the 26th anniversary of A. Panther's wedding.

GREAT HARDFIELD.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Woodbine, two of Oxford and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR PIPER Treble	WALTER SMITH 4
FREDERICK SUCKLING 2	ERNEST TOWNSEND 5
WILLIAM PIPER 3	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH JENNINGS.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. All are regular service ringers at this church, except the ringer of the 4th, who comes from Dunmow.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

HARRY CASSON Treble	MISS EMMA BUTTERFIELD ... 4
*JOSEPH SLATER 2	WILLIAM T. CLARK 5
JOHN P. BARKER 3	GEORGE SLATER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. CLARK.

* Age 15 years, first peal. First peal as conductor. The ringers of the 2nd and 6th (son and father) are from Millom; 3rd, 4th and 5th from Broughton; treble from local band.

ULVERSTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

*JAMES NEWBY Treble	FURNESS WOODEND 3
MISS E. M. SOART 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 4
WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor	

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all. Rung after failing for a peal of Minor through the tenor rope breaking.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

At the annual meeting of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, held on Tuesday, January 4th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. R. H. Brundle; deputy Master, Mr. S. D. Kinsey; treasurer, Mr. C. J. Sedgley; steeplekeeper, Mr. F. J. Tillet; auditor, Mr. W. P. Garrett; secretary, Mr. Geo. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 27, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	JOHN BAYLISS 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 28, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST E. BARBER Treble	*WILLIAM RANFORD 5
*JOHN BAYLISS 2	*SIDNEY T. HOLT 6
*WILLIAM NIBLETT 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	*ALBERT RICHINGS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

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

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	*CYRIL TANSSELL 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	WILLIAM RANFORD Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

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

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE GEN. HON. SEC. 24, COVENTRY STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor size 10 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	HARRY MORGAN 5-6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	*ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

Composed and Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First in the method 'in hand.'

HELD OVER.

Owing to pressure on our space we are compelled to hold over a number of peal reports, 'Notes by the Way,' and the second portion of Mr. W. Taylor's article on Superlative Surprise, as well as other items.

KING'S NORTON BELLS.**RINGERS' GATHERING.**

A very enthusiastic gathering of ringers took place on New Year's Day at King's Norton, at the invitation of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. B. Yates. The bells, which have recently been augmented to a ring of ten by the addition of two trebles, the gift of the Ringing Master, attracted a large company of ringers, visitors attending from several towers in the Midland counties. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and was continued after tea, opportunities being given to all to get a pull.

A substantial meat tea was provided by Mr. Yates, and took place in the ancient school in the churchyard.—At the conclusion, Mr. A. E. Parsons, of Old Hill, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Yates for his kindness to the ringers on that occasion, and congratulated him on his magnificent gift to King's Norton.—This was seconded by Mr. T. E. Reeves, of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and carried with acclamation.

Mr. Yates, in reply, expressed the pleasure it gave him to carry out his project and also to meet the ringers that afternoon.

Mr. Albert Walker, of St. Martin's Guild, thanked the ladies, Mesdames Yates, Moore, Laffin, Ball, Williams, and Webb (all wives of ringers) for their valuable help with the tea arrangements.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood, of Derby, thanked the Vicar, the Rev. T. S. Dunn, for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells and for the interest he took in promoting bell ringing in King's Norton.—The Vicar, in reply, expressed the pleasure it gave him to be associated with and to encourage the King's Norton ringers.

All the visitors were loud in their praises of the work which Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have accomplished in the tower.

DEVON GUILD.

The annual meeting of the S.W. District Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Shaugh Prior, on Saturday, January 8th, presided over by the Rev. E. S. Powell and preceded by a service in church conducted by the Rev. A. Alexander.

The secretary's report was unanimously adopted. The year 1926 had been, he said, the most successful of the branch. Each band in union was able to report considerable progress, and the result of the meetings at Stoke Damerel was that four 720's of Cambridge Surprise and one of London had been accomplished.

The chairman and secretary were unanimously re-elected and thanked for their past services.

The next meeting of the branch will be held at Aveton Gifford, on Saturday, April 23rd.

STANMORE GUILD'S ANNUAL DINNER.**PRESENTATIONS TO INSTRUCTORS.**

The annual dinner of the Stanmore Guild was held on Saturday, January 1st, at the Abercorn Arms, Stanmore. The Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewitt) presided, and was supported by Messrs. G. Hughes (Ringing Master), F. Hill (hon. secretary), C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex County Association), F. Edwards (Bushey), and a company consisting of some 25 ringers and friends. The various courses of the dinner having been successfully 'brought round,' the Rector proposed the loyal toast, which was drunk with musical honours.

The toast of 'The Rector and Churchwardens' was proposed by Mr. G. Hughes, who spoke of the success of the Stanmore Guild, mentioning that they were now negotiating the Stedman stage.—The Rector, in his reply, apologised for the absence of the churchwarden, and thanked the ringers for their loyal services to the church.

Mr. F. Hill proposed the toast of 'Our Guests,' coupling with it the names of Messrs. Coles, Edwards and Milner, and including the Isleworth ringers who were present, and the local friends who had joined them.

The Rector then performed the very pleasant ceremony of making presentations to Messrs. Edwards and Milner on behalf of the Stanmore ringers, in token of their services as instructors during the past year.

Mr. G. T. Coles first responded to the toast, thanking Mr. Hill, on behalf of the visitors, for his very kind words about them. He congratulated the local ringers on their progress, and Messrs. Edwards and Milner on having brought about such a satisfactory state of affairs. He warned them not to fall into the error made by so many bands, that of not looking to the future. It was always necessary to bring in and teach young ringers, and a mistake to wait until the actual shortage of ringers took place.

Mr. Edwards next responded, thanking the Stanmore ringers for their kind gift to him. It had been a great pleasure to him, he said, to do what he had done, and he had been amply repaid by the knowledge that some progress had been made.—Mr. Milner also returned thanks for the gift to him, and expressed the hope that the present excellent state of affairs would continue.

During the evening, the company were entertained with songs by Messrs. Lawford, Withers, and G. Hughes, sen., with conjuring tricks by Mr. Schofield, and with various selections on the handbells by Messrs. Goddard, Milner, and Tricker, from Isleworth, breaking-up time coming all too soon.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, the genial hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild for the diocese of Birmingham, sails to-day for India on a business trip, and will be absent from England for about three months. He will miss the Johnson dinner, which he has attended for 28 consecutive years.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung on December 4th last at St. John-de-Sepulchre, Norwich, should have been credited to the Norfolk Guild.

Exactly two hundred years ago to-day the first peal of Double Bob Major was rung. This was achieved by the College Youths at St. Dunstan's Church, Fleet Street.

James Barham, the famous old ringer of Leeds, Kent, died at the age of 93 years on January 14th, 1918.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques, was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 19th, 1724.

The Norwich Scholars, who rang 6,720 Norwich Court Bob at St. Michael's, Coslany, on January 15th, 1771, rang the first peal of Double Norwich Maximus at St. Peter Mancroft on January 20th, 1817.

The number of complete 720's rung during the year 1926, at Little Munden, Herts, was 116 in 17 methods, and the band have not missed ringing for both Sunday services throughout the year. This is a record number of 720's on the bells.

The Herts Association meeting, which was to have been held at Hemel Hempstead to-morrow, has been cancelled.

THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT. SUCCESS STILL ELUDES RINGERS.

Once again success has eluded the band that has been seeking to ring a new record length of London Surprise Major at Warham, Sussex. The fourth attempt, made last Saturday, came to an end through a change course after three and a half hours' good ringing.

One of the band, who had sprained his foot a week earlier, arrived a bit late through fog and cold, and a start was not made, therefore, until 11.10 a.m., by which times Messrs. K. Hart (Brighton) and A. Dean (Leatherhead) had arrived to listen to the ringing. When the bells had been going for 3½ hours, one of the safest of the band dropped in a 'shift' and 'stand' was called within three leads, to the surprise of the listeners outside.

Later, Messrs. A. W. and C. T. Coles, and E. F. Pike, of London, arrived, and touches in various methods from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise were rung.

A PEAL AT HEREFORD CATHEDRAL.

It has been the ambition of the Hereford ringers for some time past to ring a peal of Caters at the Cathedral. The first attempt was made on December 18th, when after 2 hours 20 minutes' good ringing a little man on a big bell missed his sally and failed to get the bell back in time and all was over.

The conductor immediately approached the Dean, who readily gave permission for an attempt on the 30th, and this met with success. The Dean himself struggled up to the ringing chamber on both occasions, and read the Office and wished the ringers the best of luck, saying that he should listen with great interest to hear the peal finish.

To ring a peal on these bells is a big job, owing to the wide circle and also the noise, as the ringing chamber is so close up to the bells that the sallies go round the wheels. In addition to this, the ringers have to stand amongst the timbers that carry the bell frame.

Great credit is due to all who took part in the peal, as the striking was throughout especially good and regular. The Dean wrote the conductor next day, congratulating all upon the peal, and also saying that the Dean and Chapter would have much pleasure in providing a suitable tablet.

PEAL POINTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was under the impression that 'points for peals' had been in disuse for the last year or so, but I noticed this method of rating peals was brought up in the report of Mr. Burton's 100 peals last week.

I think when such an unsatisfactory and extraneous method is not counted by the C.O. it should be dropped by the individual ringer.—Yours truly,

E. R. W.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A practice was held at Curdridge on Saturday last by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. Slater). The weather was not all that could be desired, but members were present from Southampton, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), and Curdridge, and included the Master (Mr. G. Williams) and Messrs. W. T. Tucker (Winchester district secretary) and F. W. Rogers (Portsmouth district secretary). Various touches were rung during afternoon and evening in methods including Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. The monthly 12-bell practice will be held at Winchester Cathedral on January 22nd, at 6 p.m., when it is hoped a good number will be present.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.**A CONFERENCE AND DINNER.**

Visitors to Bristol for the United Guilds' sixth annual dinner on Saturday had a crowded afternoon and evening. Assembling at the University buildings, a magnificent and conspicuous pile at the top of one of Bristol's many hills, ringers with their wives and friends inspected the edifice, with its stately entrance hall, its handsome assembly room, its well equipped laboratories and lecture rooms, and then made their way to the lofty tower which dominates the building and is of striking architectural design and proportions. This handsome structure is 54 feet square and 200 feet high, and in it hangs 'Great George,' the fourth largest bell in this country. Cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, this bell, 8 ft. 4 in. in diameter, and weighing 9 tons 11½ cwt., is in E flat, as deep a note as Great Paul's, at St. Paul's Cathedral, which is more than 7 tons heavier. Its wonderful tone is a great sonorous boom, and in the tower, where the monstrous bell swings in a reinforced concrete frame, every blow seems to make one's own body vibrate. As many of the visitors as could climb to the belfry door, which is 132 feet above the street level, did so to see this splendid specimen of the founder's art rung. With a ponderous rope, three or four sturdy ringers gradually swung the bell to and fro until at length its prodigious, balanced clapper struck the sound bow, and a deep, pulsating boom went out over the city. For a minute or two the bell was rung, and was a source of great interest to the visitors, who afterwards descended to inspect other parts of the building and to join in a conference, the subject for discussion being, 'How can we obtain recruits to take our places hereafter and to fill the many present gaps?'

The Chairman of the United Guilds, Mr. H. J. Way, presided, and, after explaining the object of the conference, invited the views of those present. Mr. Albert Walker (Birmingham) suggested that the University Guilds might do even more than they did at present by getting young men who, after leaving university, would be able to use their influence to bring in young ringers. Mr. Uriah Braven (Bristol) advocated enlisting the sympathies of the elementary schoolmasters in order to get hold of boys about school-leaving age, and who generally made apt pupils.

Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport) said if by recruits they meant those who would ring the bells for Sunday services, then he had found an easy way of maintaining a supply. He always had someone learning to handle a bell, and as soon as he could ring rounds he was passed on to the change-ringing stage, and another beginner was found. At present he had three lads of twelve years of age who could ring rounds as well as he could, who were being trained, but he always had someone learning to handle a bell.

Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol) pointed out that often a lad who had been in the choir until he was about 14 left because his voice was breaking. He urged these lads should be encouraged to take up ringing and so keep their connection with church work.

Mr. John Austin (Gloucester) thought the difficulty was not so much in getting recruits as in keeping them. They must make ringing more attractive, something which their beginners would take up and look forward to from week to week. Instead of sending out instructors, what they wanted in their country districts were organisers.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes) urged that old ringers should show more tact with young ringers than was often the case; that meetings should be less 'stodgy' and more sociable. Another speaker said that young ringers were often not given sufficient opportunities on practice night, and when it was in a tower where a band could ring higher methods they sometimes got little chance to make headway, and young people of to-day had not sufficient patience to endure that sort of thing.

Other speakers took part in the discussion, including Mr. F. E. Dawe (London), Mr. W. Knight (Bristol) and the chairman, who brought the debate to a close and thanked the speakers.

After 'ten and bun,' the large party proceeded to St. Stephen's Church, where service was held, and then they reassembled at the Royal Hotel, where over 160 sat down to an excellent repast, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. J. Way, the vice-chairman being Mr. John E. Jefferies. The guest of the evening was Canon H. B. Freeman, of the Cathedral, and among others present were the Rev. M. Paterson (St. Thomas'), Mrs. Way, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Pryce Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. E. Wilkins (Bristol), Miss N. G. Williams (Bath), Mr. and Mrs. Spurrier, Mr. F. E. Dawe, Mr. S. H. Wood (Almondsbury), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. S. F. Palmer (Sheffield), Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), Mr. P. H. W. Cams (Bristol), Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. A. Wright (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mr. T. H. Beams (Bradpole, Dorset), Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), Messrs. T. F. King, F. C. Rich and G. H. Harding (Bath), J. Austin, E. E. Davis and T. Baldwin (Gloucester), Miss E. Emm (Evercreech), Messrs. W. Farley (Box), J. R. Jones and J. H. Blackmore (Weston-super-Mare), and ringers from the towers of Bristol and surrounding district, many of whom brought their wives. The officers of the United Guilds who worked so hard for the success of the gathering, in addition to the chairman and vice-chairman, were: Messrs. P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer), E. Guise (hon. secretary), E. J. Brown, W. A. Cave, W. Knight, E. G. Trew and Miss E. Smith (stewards), who with the following constituted the Dinner Committee: Messrs. E. Abraham, U. Braven, J. A. Burford, J. Gould, P. Jewell, R. Seager and W. Stafford.

A feature of these gatherings is the musical programme, and once more Mr. W. S. Emery and Mr. E. Guise, who were responsible for this part of the arrangements, had succeeded in providing a diversified and thoroughly enjoyable bill of fare. Miss W. Rodd, who has a fine voice, sang, 'It is only a tiny garden' and 'Annie Laurie.' Mr. F. Griffin contributed 'O lovely night,' Miss M. Bishop rendered 'My heart is like a singing bird' and 'Pipes of Pan.' Miss R. Read played cello solos, and the songs of the Rev. J. D. Stancombe were much enjoyed. A feature of the vocal items was the songs of Mr. Jackson Potter, who appeared by permission of the Princes Theatre Management, and sang 'Onaway, awake,' and 'The Sergeant Major.' Mr. Marriott Edgar, also from Princes Theatre, greatly amused the audience by recounting in song and story his attempt to swim the Channel, and Mr. F. E. Lester gave a humorous recital. Handbells figured conspicuously in the programme, and Mrs. Hughes gave a delightful interlude. Her splendid rendering of 'Love's old sweet song' was followed by 'Land of hope and glory,' played with wonderful expression, and called forth uproarious applause. Mr. E. J. Brown's handbell party, which consisted of four ladies in addition to himself, also contributed some splendid selections, and familiar tunes were also admirably rung by the St. Thomas' handbell ringers. A very clever conjuring entertainment was given by Mr. R. Harris, who performed some wonderful tricks with cards.

The toast 'The King' was proposed by the Chairman, who also submitted 'The Church,' which was responded to by Canon H. B. Freeman. Mr. F. E. Dawe gave 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' to which Mr. Albert Wright replied, and the Vice-Chairman proposed 'Kindred Guilds and Associations,' with which was coupled the names of Messrs. C. F. Johnston and A. Walker. The other toasts were 'The Ringing World,' proposed by Mr. J. W. Jones, and acknowledged by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and 'The Artists,' submitted by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham and replied to by Mr. C. Read, the gathering concluding at a late hour with 'Auld Lang Syne.' A report of the speeches will appear in our next issue.

Many of the visitors, who stayed over Sunday, enjoyed ringing on several of the peals of bells in the city.

LONG SERVICE.

An interesting ceremony took place a short time ago at Bridgnorth, Salop. At the entrance to St. Leonard's Church a bronze tablet has been erected to record the ringing of a peal of Stedman Triples to commemorate the jubilee of Mr. J. Overton's service as head ringer, and a representative little company gathered for the unveiling ceremony. The Rector said a few words expressing the purpose of the gathering. St. Leonard's, he said, had been fortunate in the long tenure of its office holders in the past. Mr. John Sewell had been 59 years organist, Mr. H. Goodall 48 years vergers, and assistant vergers for many years previously, and they had set a standard of long and faithful service. Now their head ringer, after 50 years of office, was still with them and still able to do good work.

The tablet was then unveiled, after which some appropriate prayers were said, and a short 'touch' upon the bells brought the ceremony to an end. Three of Mr. Overton's sons and himself took part in the peal. The tablet was designed and executed by Mr. W. J. Fletcher, of Coalbrookdale, and was cast by the Coalbrookdale Co., Ltd.

LLANDUDNO RINGERS AT BANGOR.

On New Year's Day a small party of ringers from Llandudno paid a promised visit to Bangor. When they arrived at Bangor they found that they were one ringer short, but fortunately they found a good friend in Mr. J. H. Midwinter, who took a rope at a few minutes' notice. After ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Minor were rung. The ringers retired to the Westminster Cafe, where a good tea was enjoyed. On the homeward journey, it was decided to pay another visit in the near future. The quarter peal was rung by: J. H. Midwinter 1, R. L. Fairlie 2, A. E. Pegler 3, E. Lodge 4, S. Brown 5, A. Fairlie 6, W. T. Pegler (conductor) 7, T. Lowe 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GREMSBY.—For midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, 504 of Stedman Triples: H. Rushby 1, F. Overton (conductor) 2, C. Kennington 3, S. Bromfield 4, F. Metcalf 5, H. Minghay 6, C. Taylor 7, A. Sheppard 8.—Also for evening service on Sunday, December 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Overton 1, H. Minghay 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, *J. Kennington 4, J. B. Budd 5, C. Taylor 6, H. S. Long (conductor) 7, A. Sheppard 8. * First quarter in the method. This quarter was arranged for Mr. R. S. Long, of Sheffield Cathedral.

WEST GREENSTEAD.—On December 31st, at St. George's Church, 720 London Surprise: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, R. Strudwick 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, jun. (conductor) 6. First 720 by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5.—720 Woodbine: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goutcher 4, H. Turrell 5, G. W. Denman, jun. (conductor) 6.

KENSINGTON.—On Friday, December 31st, at the Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for watchnight service, with the bells half-muffled, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. V. H. Sinkins 1, W. E. Judd 2, P. L. Miles 3, A. E. Bradley 4, A. Cutmore 5, A. V. Selby 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, H. Wakelam 8.

MR. WASHBROOK'S PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to say a few words more on above question. I did not say it was possible to obtain a five-part peal with two singles. What I meant to convey was if our early composers had hit on the brainy idea that Mr. Washbrook did later on, the peal would have held preference over the five-part. I beg to thank Mr. Dexter for his kind invitation to visit him at Stuart Street. No doubt it would be worth while, seeing he was described in the columns of your paper recently as the Beethoven of the Exercise. It would be a great honour to be in such illustrious company.—Yours faithfully,

J. HUNT.

TRANSPPOSITIONS AND VARIATIONS.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. E. W. Tipler, will have noticed that in my letters I have been fairly consistent in giving dates of the various performances, and I hope he will not think me unreasonable if I ask the same in return. If he will kindly give me the date (if the peal has appeared in 'The Ringing World') or forward me an association report containing reference to the performances he speaks of, I shall be most grateful, and will pay postage both ways.

I will now venture to reply to his last sentence: 'Until one can tell me that a rearrangement, no matter how small, is not a variation, I cannot feel satisfied.' At the same time I realise that there are men in the Exercise better qualified to do so than I am, but I will do my best.

A.				B.			
23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
35426		2		43526		2	1
23564	2	2	2	53246		2	1
26435	2	1	1	46325	1	2	2
25634	2		1	62453	2	2	
24536	2		1	63254	2		1

A is a peal of Bristol Surprise Major by the late C. H. Hattersley (which will not run true to Treble Bob), rung May 21st, 1912. B is the same peal, but reversed. As it has proved interesting to me, it might be of others, so I will explain how to reverse a peal. In the above example, take the last course of A. There is no call at W, which corresponds to M in the reverse, so the first call to put down is W2, then the H in the fourth course, and work backwards in that way, finishing with the H of the 5th course. That is reversing.

A.				B.			
S.	L.			S.	H.	Q.	
S.	H.	Q.		S.	H.	Q.	
H.				H.	L.		

A is the three-course block of 'Thurstans', B is a variation of that by Lates, and C is one by Brooks. You will observe that S in the first course, S. H. in the second, and H. in the third is common to all, that is because these are calls that affect the 6th. The other calls are varied, so this is a variation.

A.						C.					
231456	S.	L.	v.	vi.	Q.	231456	vi.	S.	L.	Q.	v.
346213	x	x	—		x	346125	—				
231456	x	x		—	x	(231456)	x	x	x	—	
						231456					
						(524361)	x	x	x	—	
465321	x	x	—		x	524361	x	x	x		
231456	x	x	—		x	231456	—				

Regarding A as the original touch of two courses, B, C and D are simply transpositions. As with touches, so with peals. All those who are interested should (if they do not already possess a copy) get Snowden's 'Stedman,' and turn to pages 222 and 223. There they will find four transpositions of Sir Arthur Heywood's well-known No. 1. Two of these have the singles at 2 and 14, and two with singles at 9 and 11, but they are all the same peal.

I beg permission to insert an extract from Chapter V. of Snowden's 'Treble Bob,' Part I. (a book, by the way, which should be in the hands of every ringer who has any ambition to rise above the ordinary level). 'Transposition of Peals':

Before proceeding to explain the proof and mode of composition of Treble Bob peals, I will first explain several ways in which peals can be altered in the arrangement of the calling, so that, unless carefully examined, they may easily be mistaken for different compositions. The principles upon which these variations are produced should be thoroughly understood by all ringers, and especially by all composers, for although the former may assist in ringing as a new peal a variation of one which may be a hundred years old, the latter may not only assist in the ringing but may also put himself to much trouble and make himself the laughing stock of the Exercise by reproducing a variation of some well-known peal and putting it forth as an original composition.

It seems probable that transposition has been resorted to by persons unable to produce original peals, merely to vary the productions of others. To these variations they have then attached their names. . . . Of course, a composer may, in perfectly good faith and with the most honourable intentions, reproduce an old peal and be unaware of the fact. Then follow some examples of reversing peals of Treble Bob, of which I have given an explanation above.

I hope I have written enough to make Mr. Tipler feel satisfied that a rearrangement is not a variation: it is produced automatically.

Now, as to Washbrook's peal of Stedman Triples, Mr. Hunt, in his letter of December 17th, says: '... Mr. Washbrook's peal is not, in my opinion, a transposition of Thurstans.' I concur. Since then I have received a letter from an eminent member of the Exercise on the composing side, in which he says: 'I was amused by the correspondence re Dexter's variation of Thurstans', but what has Thurstans to do with it? The original composition was by William Hudson, of Sheffield. All that Thurstans did was to discover the extras and omits by means of which he put Hudson's quarter-peals together.' So you see, Washbrook's peal has as much claim to be called an original composition as Thurstans'. What the latter accomplished with omits and extras the former did with singles.

In view of what I have written, I challenge Mr. Pulling to establish the claim for the title of 'Variation' of Thurstans' for what has been known as 'Dexter's variation' when the Central Council meets at Whitsun. It is Washbrook's peal, and the composition is also his.—Yours, etc.,

W. A. CAVE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TEN-YEAR-OLD RINGER'S PERFORMANCE.

Monday, January 3rd, was chosen as the best day for a meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at South Shields, as Saturday meetings are prohibited on account of the adjacent market, so that an attendance of 14 under the circumstances was quite satisfactory.

Touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, and Grandsire were rung during the afternoon, and after an excellent tea at the Mecca Cafe, on the proposition of Mr. C. L. Routledge, the president of the association, Mr. R. I. Patterson was re-elected vice-president for the district (subject to confirmation at the February meeting of the association). A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was passed, and also one to the captain and secretary of the South Shields band for their assistance.

Shortly after ringing had been resumed, the treble rope broke, ringing being confined to six bells. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung, being the first 720 by the ten-year-old son of Mr. Stephen Stratford, of North Shields: Robert S. Stratford 1, E. Hern 2, Rev. A. W. Lister 3, T. T. Goffon 4, J. W. Parker 5, R. L. Patterson 6.

DEATH OF AN ILKESTON RINGER.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. Henry Straw, who died in the Ilkeston Hospital after a long and painful illness on December 27th, at the comparatively early age of 40 years. His remains were interred on Sunday, January 2nd, in the churchyard of Mapperley (Derby). The first portion of the service (which was fully choral) was taken by the Vicar, and at the graveside the Rev. A. W. Bell, M.A., R.D., Vicar of Ilkeston, officiated. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by four of his old comrades.

The deceased ringer was most genial and unassuming, and a better colleague no society ever possessed. An excellent striker, he was always willing to assist in the bellry in any way possible.

Numerous floral tributes were sent, including one from his fellow-ringers. As a last tribute of respect, muffled touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells of the church he loved so well.

DEATH OF FORMER CHELSEA RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Charles Hindes, for over 30 years vestry clerk of St. Luke's Church. He passed away on December 31st, at the age of 68 years. Born in Buckinghamshire, deceased served for many years in the Scots Guards, retiring with the rank of sergeant. He had done no ringing for the past 20 years, but rang peals in the '80's and '90's, and no doubt will be remembered by the older members of the Exercise. He was a member of the College Youths and the Midland Counties Association. The ringers' last tribute, the 'whole pull and stand,' was rung on January 5th, the day of the funeral, by G. Watkin, H. W. Mance, W. Eyles, E. Reeve, A. Newman, C. Mitchell, R. Mackrill, W. Essery, H. Mance, L. Bayliss; and on Sunday, January 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,263 changes) of Stedman Caters, with bells muffled, by: H. W. Mance 1, H. H. Mance 2, G. Watkin 3, E. Reeve 4, W. Dean 5, H. S. Ellis 6, R. Mackrill 7, C. F. Mitchell 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, W. Essery 10.

A JUBILEE DATE TOUCH.

The first peal on the bells at Lytham Parish Church, Lancashire, was rung on December 2nd, 1876. It was a peal of Grandsire Triples, To commemorate the jubilee of the event, the present ringers at the Lytham Parish Church on Tuesday evening, December 21st, rang a date touch, consisting of 1,926 changes of Stedman Triples, in 1 hour and 10 minutes: J. Allanson, jun., 1, J. Allanson 2, T. Allanson 3, G. Miller 4, S. Clark 5, C. Lewis (conductor) 6, H. Hunt 7, J. Hayes 8.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on Saturday, January 8th. The following towers were represented: Wath, Wortley, Anston, Rotherham, Doncaster, Felkirk, Cawthorne, Darton, Darfield, Sandal, Horbury, Shalvey, Penistone, Royston, Crofton, and Barnsley. The methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Treble Bob Minor and Major. Special mention was paid by some to the higher flights of Minor, but a most pleasing feature was the successful efforts made by a good number of young and rising members.

Service was held in church at 4.30. the Rector, Rev. H. E. Hone, again officiating, and about 24 members attending. The prayers were selected and directed to the ringers. The address was a welcome one, and a plea to the ringers to dedicate their art by associating with it Christian thoughts and acts, remembering always how influential such work and example were, and that it would bring increased happiness over and above the mental pleasures and happy hours spent in the ringing room.

Tea followed, a company of about thirty, including the Rector, sitting down. Business followed, the Rector, who is honorary president, taking the chair. The report of the I. G. Shade fund and the secretary's report of year's work were passed as read. The treasurer's balance sheet audited by Messrs. R. Thickett and W. Moxon was passed unanimously.

Messrs. J. Buggs, E. Ball, P. Shaw, F. Bradley, T. Cullingworth, R. Harrop, G. Hepworth, all of Crofton, were elected members; Messrs. F. and J. E. Bracken, of Darton, were elected.

As president for 1927, Mr. W. Moxon, a popular member of Sandal, was unanimously elected. The treasurer, Mr. A. Panther, and Mr. C. D. Potter, secretary, were each re-elected.

Congratulations were expressed to the chairman on his appointment by the Bishop of Wakefield as Rural Dean.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for their kind assistance.

COALBROOKDALE RINGERS' DINNER.

The Coalbrookdale ringers held their first annual dinner on Saturday, January 8th, at the Coalbrookdale Inn. Those present were the Rev. Presh. C. B. Crowe, M.A., R.D. (Vicar), the Mayor of Wenlock (Mr. W. Bishop), Mr. Thos. Doughty, the churchwardens, sidesmen, local ringers, and several visiting ringers, including Mr. Herbert Brown, of Shropshire, and Mr. J. L. Hayward, who had motored from Oxford. A first-class dinner was served up by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bayley, to which all present did full justice.

The cloth removed, the rest of the evening was spent in toasting and harmony. The Brosely Quartette party were in tip-top form; Messrs. Pryce and Francis also rendered solos; Mr. E. Heighing as a humorist was excellent; and Mr. Jack Garbett (elocutionist) rendered the 'Last Shot' with great effect. The local handbell ringers also contributed several items, one of which was a fine course of Grandsire Caters on Mr. J. L. Hayward's nice bells. The evening was a great success, and it was decided that the annual dinner had come to stay.

The same evening, and also on Sunday morning, the bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Doctor Whitfield, for many years a resident of Ironbridge. The flag was also flown at half-mast.

THE LATE CANON PAPILLON.

At Writtle, Essex, on Saturday, January 1st, at the Parish Church, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Canon T. L. Papillon, whose death was recorded in our columns last week, and who was Vicar of the parish for 25 years, and was buried at 12.45 on the same day at Crowhurst, Sussex: W. Emery 1, T. Lincoln 2, H. Head 3, H. Edwards 4, W. Lincoln 5, F. G. Radley 6, A. Head 7, T. B. Fairhead 8.

Change ringing was introduced and a company formed in 1885 by Canon Papillon, W. Lincoln, the conductor, and F. G. Radley being the only original members who started with him. The rest, with the exception of ringers of 4 and 8, eventually joined and rang with Canon Papillon until his departure in 1909. He was interested in the continued progress of the band, and a fortnight previous sent congratulations to them after reading the report of a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung muffled for his late churchwarden, Mr. T. Williams.

VETERAN TENTERDEN RINGER.

The peal rung at Tenterden on December 31st was the second half-muffled peal upon this fine-toned ring of bells, the first having been rung December 31st, 1909, conducted by Mr. Robert Edwards. Mr. C. Tribe also took part in both peals. Congratulations are extended to Mr. Tribe, who attained the age of 69 years on January 3rd. He is also to be congratulated upon training so many ringers around Tenterden, including all who rang in the 1926 peal (except Messrs. Edwards and Wenban). The striking throughout the peal was maintained at a high standard.

Afterwards, the band spent a pleasant hour at Mr. R. Edwards' house, and then ascended the tower once more, when the New Year was rung in with 518 Grandsire Triples, conducted by C. Tribe.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the St. Martin's Hotel, on Tuesday, January 4th, the presiding Ringing Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., being in the chair. All the officers were re-elected en bloc for the ensuing year: President, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Birmingham; vice-presidents, the Rev. Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Messrs. W. H. Godden, John Carter, J. H. Shepherd, Wm. Kent, Thos. Russam; presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L.; deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker; trustees, Messrs. T. Russam and C. Dickens; auditors, Messrs. T. H. Reeves and Jonathan Preston; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

In thanking those present for their renewed expression of confidence, the Chairman said that although he would reach his 72nd birthday within the next few days, he would be quite pleased to continue to do all he could for the Guild, and to attend the meetings as regularly as possible so long as they desired him to remain in office. As a matter of fact, he had rung several peals within the last few months, and had several others arranged for the near future, so that he did not think he was quite 'played out' yet from the ringing point of view.

The Secretary informed the meeting that he was shortly proceeding to India on business, and that he would be unable to attend at, or complete the arrangements for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner to be held on February 19th. He remarked that he had attended 28 consecutive dinners, and was sorry to have to break the sequence, but business must not be neglected.—On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. E. Groves, the secretary was granted three months' leave of absence, the members wishing him 'Good luck' in his undertaking.

The Secretary announced that the Rector of Birmingham, the Rev. Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., had already consented to take the chair, and that the rest of the arrangements were well in hand.

Several new members were elected, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted: 'That we desire to express our appreciation of the generosity of one of our members, Mr. Frank B. Yates, in presenting two trebles to King's Norton Church, augmenting the beautiful peal of eight to a handy and musical peal of ten, which has given great gratification to the members of this Guild.'

It was also decided (subject to the Vicar's permission being obtained) to hold the next quarterly meeting at King's Norton.

Will members and intending visitors to the Johnson dinner please note that outstanding subscriptions and applications for tickets should be addressed to Mr. Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Spark-hill, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

Owing to bad weather, the attendance at the above, which was held at St. Paul's Church, Burton, on Saturday, January 8th, was disappointing. Twenty ringers were present, including the vice-president. The bells were kept going in various Triple and Caper methods during the afternoon, and were made good use of.

At the business meeting it was decided that, there being no nominations from that district for the general officers and Central Council representatives, the present holders of office should be re-elected.

The vice-president (Mr. W. W. Worthington) and local secretary (Mr. R. H. Dove) were re-elected, whilst Messrs. G. F. Newman (St. Paul's, Burton) and Joseph W. Cotton (Overseal) were elected to serve on the committee for the ensuing year.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Alrewas, if possible, or otherwise at Measham, on March 5th.

Four new ringing members were elected from Burton Ashby, Measham and Newhall.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the vice-president for taking the chair, this being carried unanimously.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on financial matters, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Jan. 20th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Harlingden, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. — John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oatlands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Glyn Road (Homerton), on Jan. 15th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. The bells of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton (8) will also be available from 2.45 p.m. till 5 p.m. St. Paul's, Glyn Road, is quite near Homerton Station (L.M.S. Railway). Trams 53, 55, 57, 81. Buses 22, 38, 42, 106, 108a. Alight at Median Road. All ringers cordially invited.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells ready 5 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports ready. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Tower open 5 p.m. Important business. It is essential that all members attend. Ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford Branch.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at St. Peter's Church, Bedford. Bells ready at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, New Fenlake, Bedford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at South Marston on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells, a new peal of six, available at 2.30 p.m. All visitors heartily welcomed. Bus service from Swindon within one mile of church; get off at Carpenter's Arms, South Marston Road. Those requiring tea notify me early, as arrangements will have to be made.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Jan. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30, and tea at 5, followed by meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Albans, Rochdale, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. At 4.30 short service at Parish Church, and at 5.15 tea and business meeting in the School Room, adjoining the church. The newly-hung bells of St. Leonard's, Colchester, will be open to ringers from 3 to 4.15 p.m., and at 7 to 8 p.m., if notified.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Cheltenham branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale), 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—Walter Yeend, jun., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Reports are now ready.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual business meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Tower open from 3.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—I. Clark, Dis. Sec., Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Uxbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) available.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 15th. The bells are available for ringing from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., with business meeting to follow. It is hoped that all members and friends will endeavour to attend.—William Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Shepton Mallet on Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m., evensong 4 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Members who intend being present would oblige by notifying their intention.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow, on Saturday, 15th January, 1927. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock onwards. It is essential that as many district members should attend as possible. Business meeting at 5 o'clock, when the general election of officers for the ensuing year will take place, also nominations for Central Council representatives.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts district will be held at Long Stanton on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service in church 4.30. Tea in the School at 5, followed by business meeting.—H. B. Woolley, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton Vicarage.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, on Monday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available from 7.30 till 8.45 p.m. Business meeting (election of officers, etc.) in the Choir Vestry at 8.45. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to be present at the annual meeting. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting, for the election of officers, will be held on Monday, Jan. 17th, in St. Peter's, Derby. Bells available from 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired. —Chas. Draper, Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches. — A joint meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' (12 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells ready at 3. Tea and meeting at 5. Service 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretaries, J. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish; Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, at Brixham. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. (recently rehung). Service 4 p.m., tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will those who intend to be present please advise me by the previous Wednesday?—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Ringing will commence at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Tea will be provided only to those who notify me of their intention to be present by Wednesday, Jan. 19th.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., 84, Meadvale Road, East Croydon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Darlaston on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with address by the Rev. J. W. Auguy. —H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, at the Parish Church, St. Annes-on-Sea. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 18th. —S. Procter, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Norbury on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please inform Mr. W. Fernley, 1, Grove Street, Hazel Grove, Stockport, number requiring tea not later than Tuesday, Jan. 18th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third general quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells of All Saints' (10) and the Bell Foundry (10) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Meat tea (1s. 6d. per head) 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting; all in the Fearon Hall. The War Memorial carillon (45 bells) will be played by special request from 6.30 to 7.30. It is essential that all intending to take tea should advise Mr. J. Saddington, Rose Dene Bungalow, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough, before Thursday, the 20th, to avoid unnecessary disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, tea and meeting in the Schoolroom at 5.30. Tea, at 1s. each, will only be provided for those who advise Mr. W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, High Street, N.14, by the 19th instant. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1927 are now due. Any outstanding for 1926 should be paid without delay. A happy and prosperous new year to all members.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Subscriptions now due.—W. C. Moore, Braimston Road, Daventry.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Bridgwater Branch will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers heartily invited. — C. Evans, Local Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Watermoor bells open 3 p.m. Service, Watermoor, 4.30. Tea, Viner's Restaurant, 5.15. Parish Church bells during evening. Will those who intend being present kindly inform me by the 18th?—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at West Deeping on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Ringing at St. Mary's (10) from 3 to 4 p.m. Meeting in St. Chad's Vestry 4.30. The service will be held in St. Aidan's Chapel 5.20, when there will be an address by the Rev. C. E. Jarman. Tea in St. Chad's Institute 6 o'clock (1s. each). Ringing at St. Chad's (12) after tea. Will those requiring tea kindly advise either of us by the 16th inst.?—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, or E. V. Rodenhurst, Kenstone, Hodnet, Joint Hon. Secs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 18th?—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham, Surrey.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sibsey on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) available from 2. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business meeting, including election of officers, immediately after tea. Those intending to be present at tea must please inform me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 19th. All subscriptions for year 1926 should be paid before this meeting.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford (not Crayford) on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided only for those who notify me of their intended attendance before the last post Monday, Jan. 24th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—William Doubleday Crofts Memorial Dinner.—The fifth memorial dinner to the above celebrated Nottingham ringer (1742 to 1809) will be held at the Weibeck Hotel, Milton Street, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, to be obtained from the hon. secretary up to Jan. 29th first post. Ringing at St. Mary's Tower (10 bells) from 2.30 to 5.45. All visitors will receive a very hearty welcome on this occasion.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Ringing from 3.30. Service 5 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow at Streatham Hall. Those requiring tea (at 1s. per head) should notify Mr. J. W. Chapman, 43, Wingford Road, Brixton Hill, S.W.2, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 26th.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Eardisland on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (6) available 4 to 9. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea free to all who notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 25th.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Near Pembridge.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Particulars later. Doncaster tower will be open for practice at 7 p.m. every Saturday except the last Saturday in each month.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earl's Barton on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet will then be presented, it is hoped as many as possible will attend. Will those who hope to be present for tea please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 26th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available after the long peal.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room, North Street, after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 1st. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, January 9th, for evening service, 720 Norfolk Surprise Minor: J. Spencer 1, W. C. Bunn (first 720 in the method as conductor) 2, E. Bailey 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, G. Lea 5, F. W. Naunton 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 9th, at St. Clement Danes', Strand, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,299 changes): Mrs. F. I. Hairs 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, W. A. Alpps 3, B. H. Swinson 4, W. J. Nudds 5, F. Pyke 6, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 7, J. E. Davis 8, W. H. Hewett 9, C. G. Garrard 10.

RAINFHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, January 9th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): P. O. R. R. Ockwell, R.N., 1, A. Manktelow 2, W. Seager 3, F. R. White, B.A., 4, J. H. Champion 5, W. J. Walker 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, G. Howland (first quarter) 8. All are members of the local band.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, January 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Morley 1, K. Snelling 2, C. H. Surridge 3, R. V. Johnson 4, C. Nice 5, N. E. Elliott 6, O. Sippetts (conductor) 7, F. Heathfield 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 2nd, after evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in 50 mins.: A. Chapman 1, C. T. Coles 2, C. T. W. Coles 3, J. H. Wilkins 4, R. Maynard, sen., 5, J. C. Adams 6, R. Maynard, jun. (conductor), 7, H. Rumens 8, F. C. Maynard 9, W. Morley 10. Rung as a compliment to the late Vicar, Canon Lampen, on the occasion of his valedictory sermon, prior to his departure for Toppefield, near Castle Hedingham, where he was inducted as Rector on January 6th.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 2nd, for evening service at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, Marylebone, W., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. F. Ellis 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, H. Dyas 3, C. H. Martin 4, C. F. Winney 5, W. Rogers 6, E. E. Pratchett (first touch of Stedman Triples) 7, Z. Bayliss 8.

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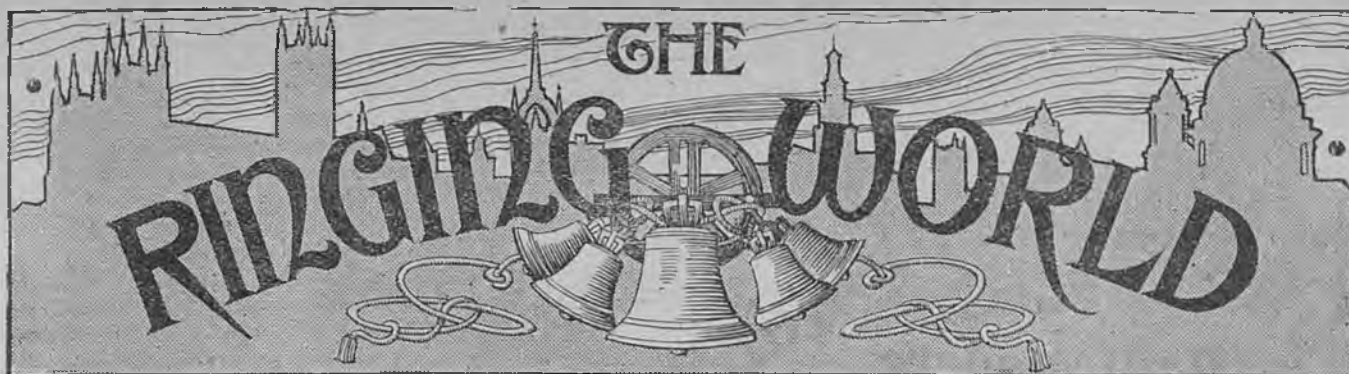
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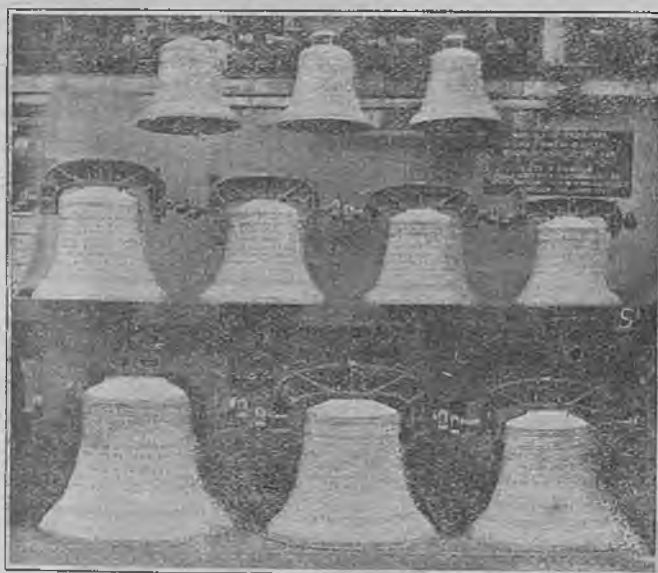
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As to the necessary restoration of the fabric, we, of course, know nothing. The ravages of London's atmosphere have doubtless made renovation imperative, and if the bells are to be rung the structure must be made secure. That the bells will be made ringable again without unnecessary delay goes without saying while Bow Church has a Rector like Canon Gordon Ponsonby. The point that will interest the Exercise most, however, is whether a patchwork job will be carried out to satisfy immediate requirements, or whether the church authorities will enter upon a comprehensive scheme, not only to rehang the bells entirely, but to put in hand other improvements in the tower which would make it at once a model of its kind and a common meeting centre for ringers. Such a proposal is not the dream of a visionary. We believe we are correct in saying that a scheme has been actually submitted to the authorities, who are not unfavourably disposed towards it, and if it could be carried out it might give the Exercise what it does not at present possess, something in the nature of metropolitan headquarters.

Bow bells have been open for the use of London ringing societies to a greater extent than any other peal—Southwark is the only other comparable tower—and if the scheme for the restoration of the bells at the Cheapside Church could be carried out in its entirety, Bow might be made something more to the Exercise than a happy hunting ground for peal ringers. So far as the restoration is concerned, everything depends on funds.

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Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. REEVES... .. Treble	HENRY PRING 6
REV. R. H. WHITFORD ... 2	JOHN A. BURFORD... .. 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... 3	HARRY BENNETT 8
RICHARD CLARK 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

* First peal. The conductor's 50th peal of Stedman Caters. The ringer of the 9th is from Leicester.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	PERCIVAL PRICE 7
HARRY MORGAN 3	ERNEST MORRIS 8
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 9
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 5	FREDERICK S. PRICE ... Tenor

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Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	JOHN P. FIDLER 6
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 2	HARRY MORGAN 7
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Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... 5
WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD 6
JAMES INGHAM 3	RONALD SQUIRES 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER ... 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY Tenor

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THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. DAVIS ...	Treble	*ALEC J. TAYLOR ...	5
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ...	2	*WALTER TAYLOR ...	6
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ...	3	CHARLES EDWARDS ...	7
THOMAS H. TAYSON ...	4	†GEORGE R. HANKS ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

WYE, KENT.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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Tenor 20½ cwt.

C. WALTER EVERETT ...	Treble	*CHARLES J. HEAD ...	5
HENRY C. CASTLE ...	2	ERNEST W. POWELL ...	6
PERCY PAGE ...	3	HARRY PARKES ...	7
CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ...	4	†JOHN PARSONS ...	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Stedman.

SHOREHAM-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD C. MERRETT ...	Treble	FRANK BENNETT ...	5
*BERT CHALLEN ...	2	*HORACE WHITEHEAD ...	6
GEORGE H. SHUKER ...	3	HENRY STALHAM ...	7
ROBERT J. DAWE ...	4	JOHN DEARLOVE ...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

JESSE FRANCIS ...	Treble	*WILLIAM BOLWELL ...	5
WILLIAM C. WEST ...	2	*SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ...	6
*EDWARD PERRY ...	3	SIDNEY HILLIER ...	7
*ERNEST J. TRUMAN ...	4	FRED LAMBETH ...	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Winifred A. Legg, daughter of Mr. R. H. Legg, a member of the local band, and Mr. David Crook.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Saviour,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6162 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ...	Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...	5
J. SARSON NEEDHAM ...	2	JOSIAH MORRIS ...	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	3	*NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ...	7
ERNEST W. TIDLER ...	4	ERNEST MORRIS ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First in the method, and first in the method on these bells. The band desire to thank Mr. J. S. Needham for getting permission for the peal and also taking part at the last minute, it being 17 years since he rang a peal.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCs.—At St. John's Church, on January 11th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,248 changes) in 50 mins.: H. Nelson (longest length) 1, E. Lawson 2, Adam Blogg 3, E. B. Coxhead 4, F. A. Bradley 5, A. Hartley 6, H. Lucas 7, Alfred Blogg (longest length as conductor) 8.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE BOTTOMLEY ...	Treble	JOE GREENWOOD ...	5
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ...	2	*SIDNEY JACKSON ...	6
ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ...	3	ALBERT JAGGER ...	7
ALBERT PICKLES ...	4	WILLIAM AMBLER ...	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILLIAM COOPER ...	Treble	SYDNEY ELTON ...	5
JOHN PERRY ...	2	ROBERT PICKERING ...	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	3	THOMAS J. ELTON ...	7
HERBERT KNIGHT ...	4	WILLIAM FISHER ...	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. First Surprise peal on the bells.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

P.O. A. R. OCKWELL, R.N. <i>Treble</i>				THOMAS BEAUMONT	...	5
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 2				WILLIAM J. WALKER	...	6
MRS. V. A. JARRETT, R.E. ... 3				ERNEST J. DOBBIE	...	7
SAM TAYLOR ... 4				GEORGE GILBERT	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN THORPE. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Belsey, captain of the local band.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER ...	Treble	WILLIAM H. HOAD ...	5
MRS. H. BAKER ...	2	KENNETH PATTENDON ...	6
CHARLES TRIBE ...	3	WILLIAM WENBAN ...	7
CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	4	ALFRED J. BATTIN ...	Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

Mr. Hoad's 50th peal.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

EDWARD ROBBINS ...	Treble	BERNARD DITCHER ...	5
JESSE J. MOBS ...	2	JOHN HOLMAN ...	6
GEORGE LRWIS ...	3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ...	7
CHARLES MASON ...	4	JOHN FLINT ...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No 44). Conducted by JOHN FLINT

BRENCHELEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	Treble	*GEORGE BURT ...	5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ...	2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ...	6
JOHN WHEADON ...	3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ...	4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ...	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS

* First peal on an inside bell on eight bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ...	Treble	MARICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	5
*MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ...	2	JOHN T. KENTISH ...	6
REDREN SANDERS ...	3	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	7
GEORGE R. PYE ...	4	WILLIAM PYE ...	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Sanders.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE T. MITCHISON ...	Treble	GEORGE WALKER ...	5
WILLIAM H. BALL ...	2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ...	6
RICHARD C. INGRAM ...	3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ...	7
GEORGE F. SWANN ...	4	JOHN NEAL ...	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., presiding Ringing Master of the Guild.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

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

Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.).

*PERCIVAL W. CAVE ...	Treble	JAMES MARTIN ...	5
*ERNEST JONES ...	2	ARTHUR LINTOTT ...	6
THOMAS HAMMOND ...	3	JOHN WILKINSON ...	7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	4	EDWARD CAUNCE ...	Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

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

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY HARGREAVES ...	Treble	THOMAS HOYLE ...	5
JOHN BROWN ...	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	6
TOM CHAMBERS ...	3	FRED HINDLE ...	7
H. BERTRAM POTTS ...	4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in method on bells. First peal for ringers of 1st, 4th and 5th, who are regular ringers at above church.

KIRKBRITTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours.

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

J. BARRACLOUGH ...	Treble	H. ARMITAGE ...	5
H. RICHARDS ...	2	H. ROBERTS ...	6
T. SHAW ...	3	W. FRITH ...	7
A. ARMITAGE ...	4	J. E. CARTER ...	Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by J. E. CARTER.

The ringer of the treble is now in his 80th year, and is still a regular ringer and towerkeeper at Huddersfield Parish Church.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

HARRY CHAPMAN ...	Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ...	5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ...	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ...	6
ALLAN F. BAILEY ...	3	TITUS BARLOW ...	7
TOM WILDE ...	4	PETER LAFLIN ...	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

First peal of Superlative as conductor. Arranged and rung as a 30th anniversary peal for the first Surprise peal by the association. Superlative, rung in this tower, conducted by Mr. H. Chapman. It was also a 72nd birthday compliment to Mr. F. Smith, a former prominent member of the local company.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ...	Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ...	5
HERBERT HAIGH ...	2	THOMAS B. KENDALL ...	6
CHARLES E. LAWSON ...	3	JOSEPH BROADLEY ...	7
HARRY DAVISON ...	4	HARRY FOSTER ...	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

First peal in the method on the bells.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Aidan.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*FREDERICK ROBSON ...	Treble	*SIDNEY BREERE ...	5
ERNEST BURNETT ...	2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ...	6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ...	3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ...	7
ROBERT WALKER ...	4	JOHN LOWERY ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Triples and quickest peal on the bells. Ringers of 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th belong to Sunderland, the rest of the band being local men.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. BEER ...	Treble	*FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ...	5
*STUART SANDFORD ...	2	JOHN BURLS ...	6
*HARRY ARGENT ...	3	*EDWARD J. BEER ...	7
*GEORGE MORRAD ...	4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in method on the bells.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours.

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HARDMAN ...	Treble	GEORGE STAFF ...	5
WILLIAM H. SHUKER ...	2	FRANK FIELDEN ...	6
THOMAS K. DRIVER ...	3	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ...	7
FRED HODGSON ...	4	WILLIAM HORAN ...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Cotterell, of Bradford, on his marriage to Miss O. L. Lumley.

WILLESDEN.—On December 24th, at St. Mary's, Willesden, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Kelby 1, J. A. Trollope 2, G. Kelby 3, W. Wilson (first quarter inside) 4, E. Lankester 5, H. Kelby 6, W. Hollier (conductor) 7, P. Norton 8.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Friday, December 31st, for watchnight service at the Church of St. John-at-Jerusalem, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 42 mins.: E. J. Jones 1, J. A. Hales 2, P. Smith 3, L. T. R. Wapshere 4, I. J. Atwater (conductor) 5, A. Riley 6, S. W. Wapshere 7, G. W. T. Briggs 8. With 4, 6, 8 covering.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
GEORGE W. MOSS 2	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 6
JAMES FLEURY 3	WILLIAM BURGESS 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

First peal in the method as conductor without calling a bob in the method previously. Rung to celebrate the 91st birthday of Mr. R. Hunt, J.P., founder of the firm of Hunts, Ltd., of Earls Colne.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 6.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	*JOHN J. JEFFERIES 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	*WILLIAM LEWIS 6
JOSEPH LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	ARTHUR GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

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

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 11, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK RINGE Treble	ERNEST J. BUTTER 5
*ERNEST FURBANK 2	HARRY TURNER 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	GEORGE MILES 7
ALFRED PYE 4	WILLIAM LEGGETT Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. Edward Lees, M.A., Vicar of Brentwood, who was interred in Brentwood Churchyard the same day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

E. HARRY STONELEY Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 5
HARRY MORGAN 2	PERCIVAL A. OLDBAM 6
JOHN P. FIDLER 3	THOMAS K. DEACON 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	CHARLES R. BELTON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

This peal was specially arranged for Mr. James George of Birmingham.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HAROLD B. DITCHBURN Treble	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN 5
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7
FRANK NAISBY 4	RICHARD LANGTON Tenor

Conducted by R. L. PATTERSON.

A farewell peal to Mr. Frank Naisby, of Cleveland, Ohio, a member of an old Sunderland ringing family, who has been on a short visit. He was welcomed by a peal of Double Norwich on December 22nd last year, but not having rung for over 17 years he did not take part. He is to be congratulated on the excellence of his ringing in this peal, after so little practice. The band includes six men who were fellow-ringers with Mr. Naisby before he left the country, the tenor ringer being nearly 74 years of age.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED ROWLEY Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ROBERT PICKERING 2	WILLIAM A. COOPER 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	*CYRIL WINWOOD 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by the late SAM THOMAS. Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY

* First peal in the method. The conductor, who is a member of the local band, has now called a peal in this method from each of the above bells, each peal a different composition.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST RUNTER Treble	EDWARD KEMP 4
ISAAC T. POULTON 2	WM. E. PRAILL 5
*JOHN H. MYHILL 3	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM Tenor

Conducted by E. P. BUCKINGHAM.

* First peal inside bell.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK CAVILL Treble	*EDGAR ELSON 4
*HARRY POCOCK 2	PERCY MERSON 5
WILLIAM UNDERHILL 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal of Minor.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, December 31, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt.

ERIC B. ALLMAN Treble	JOHN MATTHEWS 4
*JOHN PARKER 2	GEORGE ADDISON 5
ARTHUR ALLMAN 3	JOHN BRASSINGTON Tenor

Conducted by J. BRASSINGTON.

* First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the front six.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

PERCY AMOS Treble	JAMES MARR 4
*HARRY WOODING 2	THOMAS WISE 5
GEORGE PARKER 3	†HERBERT LACK Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal inside. † First peal. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

A DATE TOUCH.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, on Saturday, January 15th, a date touch of 1,927 changes of Minor, in 1 hour 7 mins., consisting of 287 College Pleasure, 80 Original, 720 Arnold's Victory, 720 Kent and 120 Oxford: G. Lord 1, W. Ashworth 2, R. J. Ricketts 3, C. D. Potter 4, A. Gill 5, A. Panther (conductor) 6.

Specially arranged for C. D. Potter, who hails from Barnsley; the others are members of the local band.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

WALTER T. WILSON	... Treble	MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN	4
*CYRIL D. NICHOLS...	... 2	FREDERICK J. TITE	... 5
MISS KITTY MOORE	... 3	ROBERT G. BLACK	... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal in seven methods inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and fifth.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JIM BEACH...	... Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH	... 4
*BERTRAM LOCK	... 2	ALBERT RULFE	... 5
GEORGE FULLER	... 3	HERBERT J. HAMMOND	... Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by H. J. HAMMOND

* First peal on a working bell. The Vicar (the Rev. F. L. Schreiber) met the ringers after the peal, and congratulated them.

NEWPORT, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Three Hours.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR	... Treble	WALTER PRIOR	... 4
GEORGE JORDAN	... 2	THOMAS J. WATTS	... 5
THOMAS JORDAN	... 3	*WALTER AYRE	... Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by W. AYRE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung for the feast of the Epiphany, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. First peal of Cambridge Minor by the band and first attempt. First peal on the bells, which have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. After the peal, the band were very kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar, the Rev. C. S. Cain.

GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD...	... Treble	BERNARD H. SWINSON	... 3
FRANCIS KIRK	... 2	CHARLES JEFFS	... 4
CHARLES W. ROBERTS	... Tenor		

Conducted by A. V. GOOD.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all, and believed to be the first for the association. First peal on the bells for 24 years. The ringer of the tenor, who was elected a member previous to starting, has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

HANDBELL PEAL.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, January 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

At the Residence of Mr. W. ARNOLD, HOLT STREET.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

LEWIS W. WIFFEN	... 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE	... 5-6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	... 3-4	JOHN R. DUFFIELD	... 7-8

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE
Referees: WALTER ARNOLD and JAMES FLEURY.

CARDIFF.—On Friday, December 31st, for the watchnight service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Phillips 1, C. P. Heath 2, J. Davies 3, W. Richards 4, G. Large 5, E. Coombes 6, S. Dawe (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.—Also to ring in the New Year, 504 in the same method.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH DISCUSSES IMPORTANT MATTERS.

The Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday week. There was a large attendance. A helpful and inspiring service was held in the church, when the Rector, the Rev. H. M. Walter, officiated. Mr. G. Tanner was at the organ, and an appropriate and interesting address was given by the Rev. W. T. Stubbs, Rector of Easthampstead, from Psalm xcii. 10, 'Tell it out.' The preacher appreciated the value of the science and art of church bell ringing as a part of service for God, and instanced the love of English people generally for the church bells in a parish where he resided, in which non-campanologists as well as churchmen subscribed to the fund for renovation of the church bells. Should the time ever come, which God forbid, when the Christian religion should be forbidden in England, nothing would be so much regretted as the lost sound of the bells. The bells did remind us of our God and of our religion. It was a true instinct that in olden times led men to christen bells and to carve messages upon them. The message, remembered, brought back to memory their very tones. There was an appropriateness in the sound of the bell at certain special times in the celebration of the Holy Sacrament. The passing bell with its call to prayer to the faithful at the moment of a soul's departing was now almost a lost institution. Messages to the weary, the sick and the dying came from the bells. The ringers should be men of God.

Some 70 members were present at the service, which was much appreciated. The singing of the hymns, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' 'As with gladness men of old,' and 'O praise our God to-day,' was an inspiration to all.

Tea was next partaken of in the Parish Room. Mrs. Houlton ably catered, and was assisted by Mesdames Barry, Anslow, F. Heales, Misses Barry, Wolfe and Wakelam (2), Messrs. Barry, Houlton and Youldell.

LOSS OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (chairman) presiding. He was supported by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Revs. R. H. Hart-Davis (President of the branch), H. M. Walter, P. H. Ditchfield, B. Long, J. A. Anderson, G. H. Francis, Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary) and Mr. F. Dentry (branch secretary).

The balance sheet showed £15 13s. 10d. in hand, a slight increase on the previous year. The amount of honorary subscriptions had slightly fallen.

The Hon. Secretary reported a very quiet year. The attendance at combined practices had not been good, but local ringing in the various towers had been regularly kept up. Membership had slightly increased to 185. The losses recently by death had been heavy among the honorary subscribers. Honoured names were the late secretary, the Rev. E. E. Broome, Mr. De Vitre, Mr. S. S. Melville, of Wokingham, for 28 years a regular subscriber. The late Mr. H. J. Roe, who died within a month of his 100th birthday had been an honorary member for 16 years. The Rev. A. G. Parham had left the deanery for another area. A new name was Mr. Robin Gray, of Wargrave. He hoped, by individual effort of members, to have a full honorary list by the end of the year. The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted, and thirteen new members were then formally elected.

The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge was unanimously re-elected chairman of the branch.

Mr. F. Dentry did not seek re-election, so Mr. W. J. Paice was elected unanimously as hon. secretary and treasurer of the branch.—Mr. Dentry was heartily thanked for his past services and regret expressed at his being obliged to discontinue.

The branch committee, comprised mainly of foremen of the towers, was then re-elected.

Combined practices.—This committee reported a lack of success with regard to combined practices. Some discussion ensued, Miss Walker, Mr. Moth, and others taking part.

The Master of the Guild suggested a vote be taken as to continuing these meetings, and eventually it was decided that they be dropped, so the committee was not reappointed.

A resolution adopting quarterly meetings for the branch was then carried, to be held successively at Twyford, Sandhurst and Waltham St. Lawrence.

Branch representatives on the Guild Committee were then elected, viz.: Messrs. J. Moth, J. White, J. Rance, F. Dentry and (ex-officio) W. J. Paice.

This concluded the business.

On the invitation of the chairman, Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, who is in his 85th year, spoke. He referred to the inauguration, in 1879, in the rural deanery of Sonning, of a ringing association by the Hurst, Wargrave, Binfield and two Wokingham churches, before the Guild was started in 1881. A letter was written by Mr. Hugh Sturges, and a paper read by himself in 1880. He was anxious to know of anyone present who had rung in that smaller association of ringers, as he was anxious for information.

No one present had, however, done so.

A Mr. Fuller, of Wargrave, was one he knew, continued the speaker. At any rate, there was ringing going on in those five towers before this branch started. That was a little bit of interesting English history.

A CONFERENCE SUGGESTED.

The Master of the Guild referred to the question of getting ringing recruits of the right kind. The number of ringers was getting smaller and smaller each year. He suggested a conference be arranged. The Master advocated care, sympathy and patience in teaching the young ringer, and the desirability of not overburdening with too much at once. Ringers must give time to their work to become efficient. Of course, there must be practice every week. It was not the decline in members but in the perseverance that led to success. So many young men were ringers for a year or two and then drifted away. It would be bad for the bell ringers in the future. People were gradually waking up to see that ringers did not come down from heaven, but were ordinary men, of flesh and blood. He spoke thus so as to get the recruit that was really wanted for that really splendid branch of church work.

Mr. A. J. Wright, Guild treasurer, said that state of affairs spoken of by the Master had not affected the financial position. The Midland Counties Association has claimed to be the largest and the best, but the Oxford Diocesan Guild beat them, both in money and in members. The Guild members and subscriptions kept up well. An increase of about 10 per cent. was expected as things were going. The branches held at present somewhere about £153 under their own control. He advocated a more general purchase of the Guild Reports, which had an increasing circulation. He regretted Mr. Dentry's resignation, and wished Mr. Paice every success.

Mr. Tom Hibbert deplored the lack of efficient recruits. Young men only put in a year or two. The teaching must be made interesting: the youngsters must not be allowed to slip away. He hoped they would all give extra support to their new secretary. He thanked the Rev. H. M. Walter, the organist, and helpers for their hospitality, and especially the Rev. W. T. Stubbs for his excellent discourse.

The Rev. H. M. Walter, responding, alluded to the association of the past with the revered father of the preacher (the late Dr. Stubbs, Bishop of Oxford). He was very struck with the splendid singing of those present at the afternoon service.

The Rev. P. H. Ditchfield thanked the chairman, and reminded ringers that their host should be given for the Sunday services.

Both the local towers with their peals of eight bells were placed at the disposal of the members.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.—On New Year's Eve, at midnight, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Richardson 1, F. Suckling 2, W. Piper 3, A. Piper 4, E. Townsend 5, J. Jennings (conductor) 6. In the evening, the company were entertained to supper by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Shead, and during the evening carols, etc., were rung on the handbells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICERS.

The Southern District of the London County Association held their annual meeting at Lambeth last Saturday.

The tower was opened at 3.30, and ringing started with the standard methods. The belfry was soon filled with ringers, and at 5 p.m. an adjournment was made for tea, which was served at the Brew House, where about thirty sat down to a pleasant meal.

The business meeting was held afterwards, when Mr. H. Mance (the Master) took the chair.

The balance sheet showed a small balance on the right side.

Mr. H. Mance was re-elected chairman, a decision which met with the entire approbation of all, and Mr. Mance thanked the members for their confidence and reoccupied the chair.

Mr. C. F. Mitchell was re-elected secretary, and the offices of the treasurer and stewardship were accepted by Messrs. Mackrill and Essery respectively, while Messrs. Clark and Bayliss were elected committee men.

It was decided that the next meeting be held at St. Giles', Camberwell, when the bells, which are being rehung, are ready. This will be the first open meeting after dedication. Owing to the third Saturday in April falling in Holy Week, the meeting will be held on the second Saturday, the 9th, unless it is announced otherwise in these columns.

Only one new member was elected, viz., Mr. Ellingham.

A return was made to the church, where more ringing was done, but owing to a service a 'stop' had to be called at 7.30. Some thirty to forty members then adjourned for a very pleasant social.

The Hounslow ringers contributed handbell tunes, some sang songs and some rang changes on handbells, all of which were very much appreciated by the company.

The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Hardy for making all the arrangements.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Great Staughton, Hunts, on Jan 10th, at the Church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles in 47 mins.: G. Franklin 1, F. W. Lach 2, *E. Beaton 3, H. Bosworth 4, T. H. Townsend (conductor) 5, *J. Crisell 6. * First quarter-peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Smith, only daughter of Mr. T. Smith, who has been clerk at the above church for the past 30 years.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The revival of Surprise Royal ringing reached a stage of definite advancement when on January 21st, 1898, a 5,040 Cambridge was rung at Cheltenham. It was supposed at the time to be the first ever rung in the method, but afterwards the Wakefield peal of 1822 came to light.

The Sussex Association was established on January 24th, 1885, and two days later the first peal was rung by the Brighton branch at Cuckfield. Two of that band are still active members of the association, Messrs. C. Tyler and J. Jay, and we believe there is another survivor in Mr. George King, who emigrated to Canada many years ago, and who, we hope, is still 'in the land of the living.'

The first peal of Stedman Caters at Snow Hill, London, was rung by St. James' Society seventy years ago next Monday.

A peal of 10,080 Bob Major was rung at All Saints', Fulham, on January 28th, 1735. It occupied 6 hours 40 minutes, and was rung by the Fulham Youths.

January 27th is the anniversary of 10,386 Grandsire Caters rung in 6 hours 56 minutes at Kingston-on-Thames in the year 1803.

Mr. E. Barnett, sen., wishes to thank the many ringing friends who so kindly made enquiries or sent letters of sympathy during his recent illness. He specially values the resolution passed at a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths and forwarded through Mr. Cockerill. He is now home again, and while recovery must necessarily be slow, he hopes soon to be able to resume his ringing activities.

Mr. S. H. Wightman, of 60a, Fairfield Road, Bromley, Kent, is compiling a list of the towers in this country containing rings of bells, which he hopes, when completed, to have printed. He will be glad if secretaries of bands will send him a postcard giving name of town or village, county, name of church, number of bells and practice nights.

THE INSURANCE OF RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Castle Cary branch of the Bath and Wells Association has recently brought forward a matter which may well be of great moment to the Exercise in general. It concerns the insurance of voluntary ringers. Paid ringers, it is presumed, are covered by the ordinary Employers' Liability Act, but the unfortunate fatality which occurred but a short time ago gives one to think. It may be that the breadwinner of the family meets with an accident in the ringing chamber or among the bells, with the result that he is incapacitated for a time, perhaps permanently.

Your readers may have some information on the subject.—Yours truly,

J. T. DYKE.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS TO BE RESTORED. WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY'S RECORD.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, have received the order to overhaul the peal of eight bells at Chester Cathedral.

This will make the twelfth cathedral in the country in which this old-established firm have carried out restoration work of some kind during the past eight years.

The peal of ten at Bromsgrove are being renovated by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are putting up a new peal of eight at Cinderford, Gloucestershire, and are adding three bells to make a ring of six at Ockbrook, near Derby.

QUICK WORK.

On the Sunday before Christmas the clapper of the fourth bell at Kingston Magna (where the hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild is Rector) 'struck work' and, according to the 'North Dorset Church Magazine,' Kingston was threatened with the prospect of not having its five bells for the Christmas Festival. By a felicitous inspiration someone thought of Mr. Samuel Braddick, engineer and 'time-expired' bellringer, who lives away down Station Road. To him the clapper was carted, and within 36 hours the old one had been forged into a new one and delivered with all fittings complete at Kingston Magna. The full peal was heard on Christmas Eve.

Such a hustle must be unusual, even for Dorset, and is an example which all leisurely bell foundries might ponder on.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Friday, January 14th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 27 mins.: F. Canter 1, E. Jefferies 2, F. Simmonds 3, F. Ponting (conductor) 4, H. Barratt 5, H. Newman 6. First 720 in the method by all except ringer of 5th.—Also for evening service, Sunday, January 16th, 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Packer 1, E. Jefferies 2, F. Simmonds 3, F. Ponting (conductor) 4, H. Barratt 5, H. Newman 6. First 720 by all in this method, and all are regular Sunday service ringers.

CHESTER.—On Mondays, December 6th, 13th and 20th, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major at St. Mary's-within-the-Wall: R. Sperring 1, J. Hayes 2, A. J. Hughes 3, G. R. Jones 4, J. Swindley 5, H. W. Wilde 6, J. Morgan 7, S. Jones, jun., 8. Conducted by R. Sperring. First quarter-peals for all in the method.

BIG RESTORATION SCHEME FOR BOW ?

FAMOUS TENOR SAID TO BE CRACKED.

Concern has been occasioned among ringers by the announcement in the 'Times' last week that the famous tenor at Bow Church, Cheapside, is broken. The announcement was contained in the following statement: 'The bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, can no longer be rung with safety and will have to remain silent until repair work has been carried out on the famous Wren tower in which they are housed, and on the bells themselves. This work will cost from £4,000 to £5,000, and other essential work to the interior of the church and to the organ will involve another £5,000.'

The immediate reason for stopping the bell-ringing is that the great tenor bell, which weighs 2½ tons, is cracked at the point where it is attached to the woodwork. This can only be remedied by recasting the bell, and at the same time attention will also have to be given to the frame on which the peal of ten (sic) bells is set. To continue ringing the bells would have been most dangerous, since it is stated that in addition to the defects in the bells and their frame, the tower itself has been found to rock slightly.

This further trouble is very largely responsible for the big outlay which has now become necessary. The tower, 235ft. high, was shifted a few inches out of the perpendicular some years ago, when the first underground railway was constructed beneath it. It is now suffering, in much the same way as St. Paul's, from the vibrations of heavy and continuous road traffic, and, like the Houses of Parliament, from the corrosive effects of the London atmosphere.

We are unable to get any confirmation as to the tenor being cracked at the cannons. The reason why the bells are not being rung at the present is, we are informed, because one of the tenor gudgeons is 'scored' through grit having got into the bearing.

The present opportunity may, however, be taken to endeavour to carry out a comprehensive scheme of restoration both in the tower and church.

The article in the 'Times' quoted the vestry clerk of Bow as stating that the masonry in some parts is getting into a very dangerous condition, and it is not thought impossible by experts that pieces may fall into the street if repairs are not soon undertaken.

The interior of the church is also badly in need of restoration and redecoration. It has received no attention of this sort since 1907. Recently the plaster capsule of one of the pilasters crashed to the floor, and cracks have appeared in the south and west walls. The bells, as well as the church, have done good service at a comparatively small cost of maintenance. The tenor, with the six other bells then existing in the tower, was recast in 1762, and has given little trouble since.

There is no possibility of the parish being able to find the money necessary for this work. Up to 1875 it possessed very large trust funds, yielding an income of several thousands of pounds yearly. The bulk of those funds passed to the City of London Parochial Foundation in that year by Act of Parliament, which allotted only £130 a year to the church for repairs to the fabric. Recent attempts to get this allowance increased have been unsuccessful, and the Rector and churchwardens, having raised what they could in the parish, are about to make a wider appeal. This will be addressed to a great many interested bodies, including Holy Trinity Church, New York, which received a charter from William III. giving it the same facilities of conduct by a special vestry as were exercised by St. Mary-le-Bow, and which has had many relics from the London church at various times.

The silencing of 'the great bell of Bow' resulted in the appearance of an interesting leading article on 'Bells' in the 'Times' on Saturday.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Wednesday, Jan. 12th, at Christ Church, Crewe, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: Wm. T. Holding 1, H. Edwards 2, Geo. Crawley 3, R. D. Langford 4, Hy. Overton 5, Wm. Edge 6, J. H. Riding (conductor) 7, E. J. Holloway 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Holding, widow of the late Mr. R. T. Holding, son, and mother of Messrs. R. T. and H. F. Holding, ringers at this tower. Rung by Sunday service ringers.

BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.

On Saturday, January 1st, at All Saints' Church, Hursley, Hants, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: A. Warren 1, G. Pullinger 2, E. Wild 3, R. Hunt 4, H. Wilkinson 5, D. C. Williams (conductor) 6, G. Williams 7, A. Coward 8. This was the first quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 3 and 8. It was intended to start for a peal, but owing to the bad going of the 4th it was abandoned. This was rather surprising, as the bells were overhauled recently and rehung in ball bearings.

At Harwell, Berks, beginners have been scoring their first six-scores, and on January 12th 360 Grandsire Doubles were rung by: C. Hitchman 1, H. Palmer 2, W. Hitchman (conductor) 3, R. G. Rice 4, W. Corderoy 5, T. Mulford 6. Longest touch by 5th ringer inside and by the ringer of the 6th. Recently several six-scores by: C. Hitchman 1, W. Hitchman (conductor) 2, T. Bosley 3, R. G. Rice 4, W. Corderoy 5, T. Mulford 6, the first by ringers of 3, 5 and 6.

At a combined practice at Womersley, Surrey, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. R. Melville 1, N. V. Harding 2, C. Hazelden 3, G. Tomsett 4, E. S. Warner (first 720) 5, J. Goscher (conductor) 6.

VARIATIONS OF THURSTANS'.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to say that it is impossible for me to see eye to eye with Mr. Cave. Do not think that a variation claimed as mine has any influence on my opinion: it does not. Mr. Cave says this particular variation was called by Mr. Washbrook before I called it. That settles that. Ringing or publication, we take it, decides the issue, but those two variations are not the same. According to this new ruling, what becomes of any variation in anything? A variation is that which departs in some manner from an original, other than commencing from, say, the 10th course and finishing with the 9th, or reversing the same.

Mr. Cave tells us that the honour of composing this peal belongs to Mr. Washbrook. We are to understand that by connecting the four quarter-peals, the proof of which is known and is the property of someone else, you can claim the resultant 5,040, even if it has been done in a much better manner years previously. The argument may convince some of your readers; it will also please others, who will, no doubt, see how to claim variations as original. I claimed a variation, and a variation is all anyone can claim for either of Mr. Washbrook's peals, be the origin Hudson or Thurstans, a variation by the same rule that Mr. Washbrook's 12,896 of Cambridge is merely a variation of Mr. E. Hines' peal.—Yours truly,

F. H. DEXTER.

A WAY OUT.

Sir,—I have no wish to enter into any argument on this matter, but I think the best definition of the peals under discussion is to quote them as they appear in the Kent County Association report: No. 2993, 'Dexter's variation of Washbrook's'; No. 3049, 'Dexter's Variation of Brooks'.

This should satisfy all critics on either side, and I will adjust the M.C.A. peals likewise to this.

I can vouch for the statement that the late Mr. C. H. Fowler sent these figures to Mr. Washbrook, and received from him several peals in other methods, some of which were rung in and around Leicester. I had the honour to write up the late Mr. Fowler's peals, both before and after his decease.—Yours truly,

ERNEST MORRIS,

General. Hon. Secretary, M.C.A.

TRANSPPOSITIONS AND VARIATIONS.

Sir,—I beg to thank Mr. W. Cave for his very interesting exposition of reversing in last week's issue. I, for one, think if we had more from such able pens as Mr. Cave's it would do more to enlighten some of our budding composers. It is much more to the point at issue than some of the vulgar abuse that has appeared on this topic. It is no doubt highly amusing to some, but I would ask these writers how far does it take them, what progress do they make by abuse, either for themselves or for others? Cannot some of our 'young would-be composers' get to work, one take one method, one another, principally those generally rung, and work out all possible peals and all variations?

I am aware of Mr. John Carter's work on Double Norwich and Stedman Caters and Cinques, also of the recent masterly exposition of London by Mr. G. Lindoff. Now, why not tackle the other methods generally rung and produce all worth having?—Yours truly,

W. KEEBLE.

Mr. A. H. Pulling replies to Mr. Cave by referring him to the last paragraph of his own letter on page 795 of the issue of December 17th.

ST. PETER MANCROFT GUILD.

INTERESTING POSSESSIONS.

At the annual meeting of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild, Norwich, held at the Y.M.C.A. rooms, on Friday, January 14th, the officers were re-elected as follows: Mr. J. F. Duffield, Ringing Master; Mr. Geo. P. Burton, hon. treasurer; Mr. Geo. H. Claxton, hon. secretary. It was decided not to elect a deputy Ringing Master.

A great effort has been made of late to augment the depleted ranks of the Guild. During the last few years at least half a dozen capable ringers have left the city, or have otherwise unavoidably been prevented from assisting at Mancroft. Some young ringers are, happily, now approaching the Cater stage. The Guild is optimistic that, with the young bloods' advancement and the perseverance of the seniors, the difficulties which have prevailed for several years will be overcome.

An interesting piece of business was the acquiring of a collection containing letters written by Samuel Thurston and Hurry, leaflets bearing the figures of methods which were popular among the men of a hundred years ago, and many other things such as newspaper cuttings recording the deeds and 'differences of opinion' of bygone days.

A notebook in which Samuel Thurston recorded many of his peals, together with a photograph of his portrait which depicts him on the Mancroft tenor box, is already in the possession of the Guild.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.—On New Year's Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: C. Norris 1, P. Springham 2, C. Winsor 3, T. Beaumont 4, W. Haigh 5, T. Belsey 6, J. Haigh (conductor) 7, H. Haylor 8.

THE BRISTOL GUILDS' DINNER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION'S BIRTHDAY.

The post-prandial proceedings at the gathering of the Bristol United Guilds on Saturday week was, as indicated in the report in these columns last week, of a very enjoyable nature. Interspersed in the varied musical programme were a number of toasts, the first of which was 'The King.'

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Way) then expressed thanks to the registrar of the University for his kindness in permitting the visit to the University. It had been, he said, an instructive and interesting afternoon.

After the apologies for absence had been read by the hon. secretary (Mr. E. Guise), the Chairman gave some information about the Bristol United Guilds. The organisation was founded in 1921, the object being to arrange an annual dinner and thereby create that feeling of comradeship which was so necessary in connection with church work. That evening they had over 160 sitting down to dinner, and the officers of the Ringing Guilds must feel very satisfied with the results of their work. During the past year united practices had been arranged and fairly well attended, and a magnificent peal of handbells had been presented to the United Guilds by Mr. C. E. Cockey, son of the late Rev. H. A. Cockey, a past master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and the Bristol ringers were very proud to own such a handsome peal (applause). Their thanks were due to Mr. Came for the arrangements in connection with the transfer of the bells to the Guilds. That day, continued the Chairman, was the 49th anniversary of the formation of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and they were proud to have with them the present Master, Mr. Albert Wright. Next year, the jubilee meeting of the association would take place, and the arrangements for the festival had been left in the hands of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, and he thought the Guilds would not be found wanting (applause). Proceeding, the Chairman proposed the toast of 'The Church.' They had had a service at St. Stephen's that afternoon. Some might think that they had tried to overdo their arrangements that day, but he thought they ought to use every opportunity to attend church and not to be content to say, 'I go once on Sundays, and that is sufficient.' If they cultivated this spirit, he was sure the clergy would reciprocate.

THE CHURCH'S POETS.

Canon H. B. Freeman (of Bristol Cathedral), who was the guest of the evening, responded. He was proud, he said, to be with the United Guilds on that occasion. Like a good many parsons, he had had a great deal to do with church bells. For 25 years he was Vicar of Burton-on-Trent, where he not only had one of the mellowest peals of bells in Staffordshire, but a very hearty company of ringers, one at least of whom had been in the service of the church for 40 years. They were very proud of their bells, and a firm connected with Burton, of whom some of them may have heard, named Bass (laughter) were so good as to have the peal retuned, rebung and reframed about twenty years ago. Those bells still had a set of melodious chimings, which played at various periods of the day, the tunes being varied with the days of the week, and one of the tunes was 'One evening when I lost my way,' played on Saturday nights (laughter). Continuing, the Canon said their favoured art of campanology represented the poetry of religion, the poetry of the Church, and the ringers should be among the Church's poets. He read with sorrow recently that the Bolsheviks had shipped from Russia a cargo of two hundred tons of broken bell metal from their churches. It seemed to him that in that cargo was carted away a good deal of the soul of Russia, the salvation of Russia and the religion of Russia. The speaker reminded his hearers that many of the great poets had found a theme in the bells, and he asked the ringers to remember that their work was the work of poets. He was glad to hear their chairman say he hoped that occasions like that one would be utilised to strengthen the co-operation between parsons and ringers. The ringers were doing a great work, and he was sure that they were not content with calling others to the banquet but were willing to enter the sacred walls after they had done their duty in the belfry and enjoy the spiritual riches for themselves. They, with the clergy, were co-operating in what was, after all, the grandest, greatest and most beautiful work in the world (applause).

THE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Mr. F. E. Dawe submitted the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.' He said gatherings such as that had grown considerably in number during the last few years, and the good that they did could not be overestimated. For one thing, they provided an opportunity of bringing together the authorities and the ringers, and enabled a proper mutual understanding to be reached between them. As they had been reminded, that was the 49th birthday of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and judging by the gathering around him it was a singularly healthy and vigorous child for its age. He was the first life member to call a peal for the association. It was peal No. 7, and was rung at Tewkesbury Abbey. The association had now rung something like 1,500 peals, which indicated the continuous advances which had been made, and that they were still 'going strong.' In those early days the moving spirits of the Gloucester and Bristol Association were among those who formed the backbone of the ringing Exercise—they were men who paid every regard first of all to their striking, and would take more pains with a touch of Grandsire Triples than some people in these days would with a

peal of 'Double Timbuctoo' (laughter). Continuing, the speaker said that of the peals which he had rung in Gloucestershire the one of which he was most proud was a peal of Stedman Triples at Gloucester Cathedral. It took him fifteen years to get permission. When at last he succeeded, the Dean and Chapter would not allow any artificial light to be used in the tower, and the band therefore had to ring in white shirts so that their arms could be seen going up and down in the dim light. Under the circumstances it was one of the finest peals he had ever taken part in. Proceeding, Mr. Dawe congratulated the Bristol Guilds on selecting one of their own number to act as chairman on that occasion, and uttered a word of warning to peal ringers to use tact and foresight, so that through overdoing it they did not lose their towers for peal-ringing.

Mr. Albert Wright (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association) responded. He said he remembered the formation of the association. It originated from a meeting held at Bisley Vicarage, but the actual meeting to found the association was held in Gloucester 49 years ago that day. It started to secure belfry reform and the promotion of change ringing. Belfry reform was accomplished (hear, hear). The state of the towers to-day was far different to what it was when he began ringing. It began with their associations, and the clergy had to thank them for it; they certainly did not do it themselves. Indeed, it was through the negligence of the clergy that the belfries got into the state they did. Referring to the subject of the afternoon conference, Mr. Wright said they were always getting new ringers at Painswick, but what he would like to know was how to retain them. Young ringers in these days did not like to be told, and when anyone spoke a little sharply to them, as was sometimes necessary, they took offence, and not only left the band themselves but often took two or three other youngsters with them. In Painswick they had twelve bells and a population of twelve hundred people, and it was very difficult to maintain a band. It was the same in many other places all over the country. He added, in conclusion, that he hoped the association would go on and continue to prosper in the future.

NO DANGER FROM CARILLONS.

The Vice-Chairman (Mr. J. G. Jefferies) gave the toast of 'Kindred Guilds and Associations,' remarking that they had with them representatives of a great many of the leading societies, and they greatly appreciated their presence.

Mr. Cyril Johnston (Croydon), who first responded, thanked the Bristol Guilds for the cordial reception extended to the visitors, who were very delighted to be there to celebrate the 49th birthday of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and to wish that society 'many happy returns of the day.' They had discussed that afternoon the problem of keeping up the supply of ringers. In England, it was, however, fairly easy to get a good muster of ringers for a special occasion, and he could not help comparing it with an experience which he had in America when Mr. Newton, of Boston, and formerly of Manchester, made frantic efforts to get together a band to meet him (the speaker), and the pathetic joy of those five other men when it was found that they mustered a company to ring Kent Treble Bob. They had got a fine bell in Bristol, continued Mr. Johnston, and that afternoon he had seen three or four hefty ringers pulling it. He had made a mental note about them, because he wondered whether he would be able to get their help in ringing a twenty-ton bell, which later on would be put into a frame and swung at the Croydon foundry. He would be glad of their assistance (laughter). Referring to a recent letter in 'The Ringing World' with regard to carillons, and suggesting that the erection of a carillon in Bond Street was the beginning of a 'peaceful penetration' which would eventually oust the old English form of bell ringing, he (Mr. Johnston) assured them there was no danger of this.

Mr. Albert Walker (Birmingham) also replied, and congratulated the Bristol Guilds upon their enterprise. They were a very 'live' body, and kindred associations watched their activities with interest. At the College Youths' dinner last November he made a suggestion that good might be gained by holding, on such occasions, an informal conference to discuss matters of interest to ringers. The Bristol Guilds had given a very welcome lead in this matter, and the experiment had been an interesting one, and one from which he hoped good would come. Visiting ringers, Mr. Walker added, had spent a most delightful evening, and he thanked the Bristol Guilds for their welcome. He hoped that many of those present would attend the Henry Johnson dinner at Birmingham on February 19th, and he assured them that every effort would be made to give them an equally warm welcome.

Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport) proposed 'The Ringing World,' pointing out how important the paper was to the Exercise, and urging its support by every ringer.—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, the Editor, briefly acknowledged the toast.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham gave 'The Artistes,' and warmly thanked them for the excellent musical entertainment which they had given, especially mentioning the services rendered by Mr. Emery in organising the programme.

Mr. C. Read replied, and the enjoyable proceedings terminated with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

GOSPEL OAK.—At St. Martin's Church, on Thursday, January 6th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Harwin 1, R. Newman 2, W. Norton 3, E. Young 4, E. Bonfield (conductor) 5, R. Bayan 6.—Also 120 Grandsire Doubles with F. Bonfield 5rd.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

BY W. TAYLOR.

(Concluded.)

Let us now turn to Shipway's Royal.

Look first for the 124 cycle: 4 makes a hob shunt at the go-off and passes over 2 and 1 in C.O. 3 then court shunts with 4, the shunt is immediately neutralised by 4 court shunting with 3, just as if the 4th was trying to take up the work of the 5th. This is exactly what has happened, because the place made by the 3rd at the first cross section has caused the 4th and 5th to exchange duty. They are restored to their original duties by the 2nd making the corresponding place at the 4th cross section. A very ingenious artifice, but not Superlative. It is no argument to say that the method will not come without it. Why not recognise that, because it has to be used, Superlative Royal is not possible on these lines? The diagram is so faulty that the great majority of the Exercise reject it, and, I suppose, always will.

The question then arises, Is there a Superlative Royal?

The following three methods, given by the positions of the whole pulls in the half-lead, are the nearest possible approaches:

A.	B.	C.
36	38	58
1456	1478	1678
50	70	70
38	38	30
1470	1470	1470
38	38	18
16	14	14
5670	3470	2340
58	38	36

From the ringing point of view, all have the serious blemish of 4 places being made at the 1st and 4th cross sections, two of which are adjoining places. If I were to argue that the method would not come without them, I fancy the Rev. H. Law James would be one of the first to correct me. A and B have the three step cycles, but find it necessary to add pairs of neutralising court shunts on account of the adjoining places bringing the number of steps up to five in some of the cycles. The diagram of B is most nearly like the Major. Odd place becomes 8th and 7th instead of dodge 8th's dodge, and correspondingly in 3-4. B is the nearest possible approach to Superlative Royal, but as we have been so frequently told that the nearest possible is not good enough, it must be admitted that Superlative Surprise Royal does not exist. It will be of advantage to the student to examine B again after dealing with Maximus. C has the three step cycles in a very imperfect state. It is only given because it must be considered in a complete analysis.

In Maximus, our choice must lie between the first three, A, B, C, of the following methods. D corresponds in some measure to C of Royal. It is shown because of exceptional and unique features.

A.	B.	C.	D.
36	38	30	58
14	14	14	16
5t	7t	5t	7t
38	30	36	30
147t	149t	1470	149t
30	30	58	1t
169t	149t	369t	149t
50	30	70	30
18	16	18	16
9t	9t	9t	7t
70	50	30	58

The order of crossing the treble is the same in both A and B, so we may produce two extra (though not double) methods by working as A above the treble and as B below the treble in the first half-lead, also vice versa.

A is the Rev. H. Law James' extension. C is that given in 'The Ringing World' of November 5th, 1926. In A, the three step cycle only works in the case of 468 and 579, which are inversions of one another. In all other cases, namely, in the cases of 124, 246, 357, and 135, two additional steps are added. The added steps are a pair of mutually neutralising court shunts, which operate on 2 and 4 below the treble, and on the corresponding pair 3 and 5 above the treble. It is as if we increase the area of a rectangle by adding to its length only. A similar state of affairs exists in Method B, the additional steps being court shunts operating on 46 and 57. In method C there is nothing but the three step cycle; these will be found acting on 124, 246, 460, 801 and inversions on 135, 357, 579, 9et. The cycles on 246 and 460 are coterminous, as are those on 357, 579. There are also three step cycles of the same sort on 5 bells, in which the three bells of the cycles 357 and 246 act as one bell, performing their own cycle at the same time as they are operating in the larger cycle. The bob shunt is on 5 bells, because of the three acting as one. One of the court shunts is made by the bob bell passing over the three acting as one, whilst the other court shunt is made by the bob bell and the remaining bell. The large cycles are four in number, and occur on 1(246)8, (246)80, 1(357)9 and (357)9e, the three bells acting as one being bracketed. The extension runs to any number of bells divisible by four. The cycle on (357)9e is shown for example:

...	3	5	7	9	e	—	C.O.	
...	3	5	7	9	e	—	e9753	
...	3	5	7	9	e			
...	3	5	9	7	e			
...	3	5	7	9	e			
...	3	5	9	7	e			g makes a Court shunt over (753) dodging with 7 and 3.
...	3	9	5	7	e			
...	9	3	5	e	7			
...	3	9	5	7	e			
...	9	3	5	e	7	(a)	e753	(a) The 357 and 57e cycles
...	9	3	5	7	e	—	5e739	commence here.
...	9	5	3	e	7	—	5e739	g makes a 5-bell Bob shunt passing
...	9	3	5	7	e		95e73	over (357) and e.
...	9	5	3	e	7			
...	9	5	e	3	7			
...	9	e	5	7	3	—	9e735	
...	9	e	5	3	7	—	573	g makes a Court shunt with e (no
...	e	9	5	7	3			dodge).
...	e	9	5	3	7		e9573	
...	e	9	5	7	3			
...	e	9	7	5	3			
...	e	9	7	5	3	(b)	e9753	(b) The 357 and 57e cycles end
...	e	9	7	5	3			here.

Not only in the construction of method C, which contains nothing but the three step cycles, exactly corresponding to Major, but its diagram also resembles Major so much that anyone conversant with Superlative Major and Cambridge Maximus can learn it thoroughly in less than five minutes. The odd place is always in 90 and 34. The rule of when dodging to places make odd place last, holds good both for far and near places. The two five-step variations should be called 'Superlative Surprise Maximus, Variation A or B,' if ever they are rung. Suitable names may be substituted for A and B. The trio of Superlative Maximus is a feat well worthy of any band's effort to attain. Who will be the first to accomplish it?

Finally, a word about method D. It falls just short of the magic Surprise class, but it is the most remarkable and interesting of all methods up to Maximus. It is a double method which has the bells in plain C.O. at the quarter-lead, and the only one possible, the middle four changes of the half-lead being as in Plain Bob. This result is attained by means of two pairs of bells court shunting, each pair being neutralised by a second court shunt in the quarter-lead. The two pairs are 68 and 57. It is the most simply constructed Treble Bob method possible.

It will be no mean feat to ring it, and will be found to be quite musical. The bells are kept in their coursing order better than in Cambridge. Its name might well be 'Supreme Treble Bob Maximus.'

I have not by any means exhausted the subject. There is plenty of room for research on the same lines, and even the most expert will find the ground traversed exceedingly interesting and fruitful. The principles are quite general in application. If they appear to fail in any method it will be because the student has not completely understood them.

In conclusion, I would just like to refer to Q-sets. What is termed a plain Q-set is one in which a bell cowl shunts with all the other bells in order. It acts in quite a different way to a bobbed Q-set. The latter always operates on the same set of bells at each step, whilst the former introduces a fresh bell at each step. Both Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob are founded on a plain Q-set, one member of which is missing. It is the absent member which fixes the lead end at 1426 n.

Although the preceding I have constantly called the 'extreme' a court shunt for the sake of simplicity, although, strictly speaking, an extreme, with its adjoining places, cannot properly be called a 'court' shunt. The difficulty can be got over by substituting another word in place of 'court,' for instance, 'dual' or 'double.'

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the South and West District was held at Chiswick on Saturday. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and methods from Grand sire Triples to Cambridge Surprise were rung before service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Sangster, in the absence of the Vicar, who was confined to his bed. Tea and business meeting followed in the Parish Hall, with Rev. C. H. Sangster presiding. Over 40 sat down to an excellent tea, ably served by Mr. A. Thurley, one of the local ringers.

Afterwards, routine business was transacted, and thanks accorded to the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Sangster, the organist, the host and his assistants. Five new members were elected, and handbell ringing was indulged in. The tower was then again visited, and standard methods practised. The first meeting of the year was a great success, the number increasing to 50 during the evening.

NOTES BY THE WAY. By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

We know now more about change ringing in the seventeenth century than Shipway did, and it is impossible that the art could have advanced so much by 1557, as the quotation from Mr. Lukis last week might suggest. In that year the Puritan party were in full power, the monarchy and the Church were abolished, and though it is evident that ringing was still going on, it was not till the Restoration in 1660, when Church and King came again into their own, that the great advance in ringing, of which Stedman speaks, took place.

Still there is no reason to doubt that the College Youths did visit Cambridge in 1657. Stedman was then at the beginning of his work of improving ringing methods. No doubt he did give the Londoners improved 'peals,' which they rang, then at St. Benet's, and afterwards when they got home. In later years further advance made all Stedman's methods except his Principle obsolete. People then, as often now, imagined that it was the only thing that Stedman ever did. And so, when they heard their predecessors talk about visiting Cambridge and ringing Stedman's methods, they naturally imagined that it was the Principle which was rung.

We should like to know what has become of the records which Mr. Lukis says he possessed of ringing in Oxford, extending over one hundred and twenty years. It is quite likely they still exist, and some day will come to light. Fortunately we have a vivid account of many of these peals set down by the eighteenth century diarist, Mr. Richard Hearne. The ringers were not, as we might think from Mr. Lukis's references to Andrew Wood, undergraduates or members of the University. They were town tradesmen for the most part, or men employed in various ways in the colleges. Mr. Lukis gives a quotation from the 'Life of Andrew Wood,' which refers to his connection with Merton bells. 'He and his mother and two brothers, Robert and Christopher, gave £5 to Merton College in 1656, towards casting their five bells into eight.' These five were ancient bells, and were put in the tower when it was built in 1421. The tenor was supposed to be the best bell in England, and 'every one,' Anthony Wood says, 'was against the altering it, and were for a treble being put to make six, and old Sergeant Charles Holloway, who was a covetous man, offered money to save it, but by the knavery of Thom. Jones, the Subwarden (the Warden being absent) and Michael Darby, the Bell-founder, they were made eight. John Wilson, Doc. Mus., had a fee from the College to take order about their tuning.'

'May 14th, 1657, all the eight bells of Merton Coll. did begin to ring, and he heard them very well at his approach to Oxon in the evening, after he had taken his rambles all that day about the country to collect monuments. The bells did not at all please the curious and critical hearer. However, he plucked at them often with some of his fellow collegians for recreation sake. They were all afterwards recast.'

This recasting was done in 1680 by Christopher Hodson. Michael Darbie, mentioned above, was the East Anglian bellfounder to whom I referred in these notes some months ago. He wandered all over the country, setting up his furnace and recasting bells on the spot. His work is said to be invariably bad.

Oxford was one of the towns where ringing flourished from the earliest times, and though it never produced

a man like Fabian Stedman, as Cambridge did, it must have had some men well versed in method composition as then understood.

The Exercise owes to Oxford two excellent methods—Oxford Bob (since Shipway's time called Double Oxford Bob) and Oxford Treble Bob. I do not think that there is any actually direct evidence of either being rung in the city. We have only the names to go on, but it is pretty sure that both were practised there on six bells in the concluding years of the seventeenth century, and that they were extended to eight bells elsewhere and later. Oxford Treble Bob apparently was not known in London in 1700, but eighteen years later the Union Scholars rang the first peal of Major at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East.

Grandsire Caters was the method generally practised in Oxford in the eighteenth century, and to the account of the peals rung in it I will come later.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHURCHKIRK, LANCASHIRE.—For evening service on Sunday, January 16th, 1,280 Bob Major in 45 mins.: W. Aaron 1, A. Ingham 2, A. Lord 3, A. Yates 4, J. Parr 5, F. Read 6, J. Hirst 7, L. J. Williams (conductor) 8. Longest length on eight for ringers of treble and 5th, also on the bells.

WISTASTON.—On January 16th, for morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor: F. N. Crawley 1, H. G. Smith 2, H. Parker 3, C. Sandlands (first 720) 4, A. Crawley 5, A. W. Hall (conductor) 6.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.—On Sunday, January 16th, at Christ Church, for evening dedication festival service, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Coldrick 1, J. Hey 2, H. Lofthouse 3, A. Fieldhouse 4, E. Grinwood 5, Miss E. Lawrence 6, J. Thackray (conductor) 7, G. Moorhouse 8. First 768 by ringers of the 5th and 6th.

ROTHERFIELD.—On Sunday, January 16th, at St. Deny's Church, for evening service, and also to commemorate the anniversary of the weddings of the tenor and fifth ringers, and as a birthday quarter for the conductor, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Holder 1, C. Harmer 2, E. Bishop, jun., 3, S. Russel 4, E. Bishop, sen., 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, H. Hammond 7, F. Hammond 8. First quarter in the method by the band.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, January 9th, for morning service, 720 Bob: W. S. Lawrence 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, W. Williams 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 New London Pleasure: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

PULBOROUGH.—On Sunday, January 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. R. Pink 1, S. C. Greenfield 2, S. Picketon 3, W. J. Harwood 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, A. C. Greenfield 6, P. H. Doick (conductor) 7, Jack Beacher 8.

TWICKENHAM.—On Sunday, January 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Bradford 1, R. G. Hsley 2, J. R. Churchill 3, R. Thompson 4, *E. Morris 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, *J. Lovill 8. * First quarter-peal.

DUFFIELD.—On Sunday, January 2nd, a quarter-peal of Duffield Major was rung at St. Alkmund's Church: H. Lettis 1, W. Bates 2, R. H. Boulton 3, Miss E. Foulk 4, H. Hill 5, P. Dudley 6, G. Warrington (conductor) 7, S. Dawson 8.

MAIDSTONE.—On Sunday, January 2nd, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: A. E. Gasson 1, G. Pound 2, L. Head 3, F. Leeson (conductor) 4, A. W. Amos 5, W. J. Amos 6, L. Mannering 7, C. Dunn 8.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on financial matters, should be paid before February 28th. Meeting for practice at St. Paul's Cathedral on Jan. 25th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frod-ingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches. — A joint meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' (12 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells ready at 3. Tea and meeting at 5. Service 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretaries, J. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish; Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, at Brixham. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. (recently rehung). Service 4 p.m., tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Ringing will commence at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., 84, Meadvale Road, East Croydon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Darlaston on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with address by the Rev. J. W. Auguy.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, at the Parish Church, St. Annes-on-Sea. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—S. Procter, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third general quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells of All Saints' (10) and the Bell Foundry (10) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Meat tea (1s. 6d. per head) 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting; all in the Fearon Hall. The War Memorial carillon (45 bells) will be played by special request from 6.30 to 7.30.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Subscriptions now due.—W. C. Moore, Braimston Road, Daventry.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at West Deeping on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, tea and meeting in the Schoolroom at 5.30. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1927 are now due. Any outstanding for 1926 should be paid without delay.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Ringing at St. Mary's (10) from 3 to 4 p.m. Meeting in St. Chad's Vestry 4.30. The service will be held in St. Aidan's Chapel 5.20, when there will be an address by the Rev. C. E. Jarman. Tea in St. Chad's Institute 6 o'clock (1s. each). Ringing at St. Chad's (12) after tea. — Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, or E. V. Rodenhurst, Kenstone, Hodnet, Joint Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham, Surrey.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.—Annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 26th, immediately after practice. Ringing every Sunday at 10 a.m. Practice every Wednesday 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Combined practice with Ladies' Guild Feb. 9th.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sibsey on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) available from 2. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business meeting, including election of officers, immediately after tea. All subscriptions for year 1926 should be paid before this meeting.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford (not Crayford) on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided only for those who notify me of their intended attendance before the last post Monday, Jan. 24th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Eardisland on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (6) available 4 to 9. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea free to all who notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 25th.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Near Pembridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The meeting arranged for Streatham on Jan. 29th will not be held there, but will take place in conjunction with the annual general meeting at Leatherhead on the same date, particulars of which will be published by the general secretary.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—William Doubleday Crofts Memorial Dinner.—The fifth memorial dinner to the above celebrated Nottingham ringer (1742 to 1809) will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Milton Street, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, to be obtained from the hon. secretary up to Jan. 29th first post. Ringing at St. Mary's Tower (10 bells) from 2.30 to 5.45. All visitors will receive a very hearty welcome on this occasion.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earl's Barton on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet will then be presented, it is hoped as many as possible will attend. Will those who hope to be present for tea please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 26th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available after the long peal.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their quarterly meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m., and the meeting to be held at 6.30 p.m. prompt.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Miles Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30, preacher, Canon Elsee. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Applications for tea should be sent to Miss Shaker, 103, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, by Jan. 27th. Church about six minutes' tram ride from centre of city.—Molly Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church, followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 25th.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (8), also Temple (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly notify by the 27th inst.?—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Keymer (Hassocks Station) on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 at 'The Greyhound,' 1s. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells ready early. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me before Jan. 27th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 3. Association service at 5. Tea at Cremer's Restaurant after service. Will all who intend being present please notify me by first post Wednesday next, the 26th inst.? Subscriptions for 1927 are due, and can be paid at the meeting. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at the Institute, Leatherhead, following tea at 6 o'clock on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 25th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room, North Street, after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 1st. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) and meeting in the Church Room after. Wilton (6) available 2.30 to 4 p.m., and after the business meeting. Those who require tea please notify by Wednesday, Feb. 2nd.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 39th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 19th, at 6 o'clock prompt, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 12th. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30. Bishop Ryder's (8) 3 to 4.30 p.m. An informal conference is being arranged (details later). Early application for tickets should be made to Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45 in the Church Hall. Those requiring tea, which will be supplied by the Vicar and churchwardens, must let me know by Feb. 1st.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., W.4.

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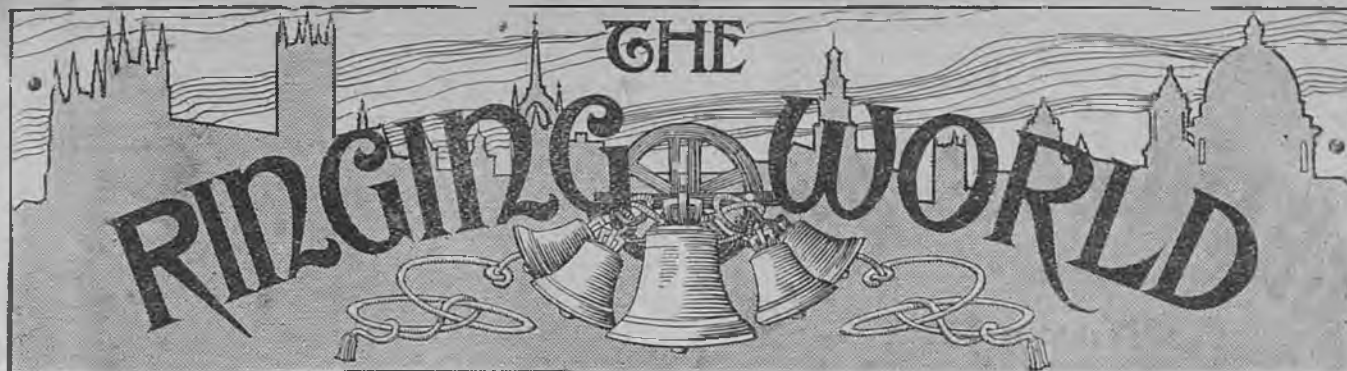
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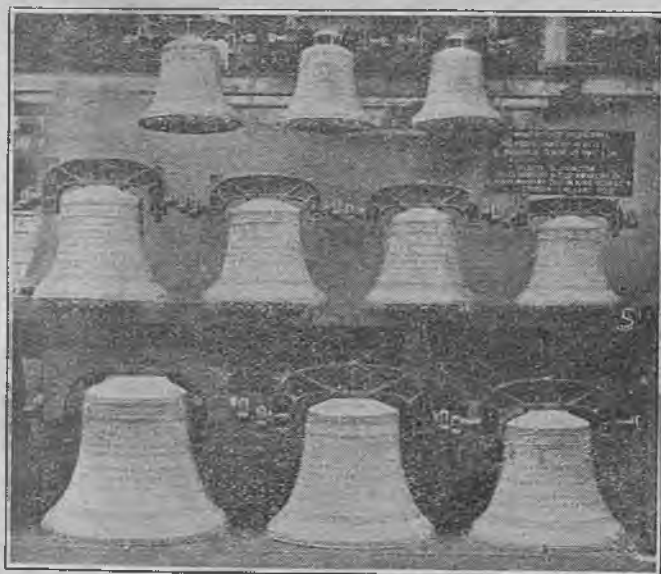
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'LOAVES AND FISHES.'

The facts put forward in the letter, printed elsewhere, from three members of the Society of Cambridge Youths, reveal a deplorable state of affairs at the famous Church of Great St. Mary, and illustrate once again the disastrous effects upon ringing which may result from having 'paid' ringers. For the sake of securing a larger share in a few paltry pounds a year a majority of the Cambridge Youths, we are informed, refuse to elect to their ranks a sufficient number of ringers to bring the band up to strength. This is no new attitude on the part of a paid company. It has happened times out of number, but it does serve to remind us that ringing can be made to suffer from the selfishness of a few. Great St. Mary's, with its peal of twelve bells, ought to be the hub of ringing in that part of the country, the centre round which the Ely Diocesan Association should revolve. The Cambridge Youths played a not unimportant part in the history of the art, and in the distant past were responsible for some memorable performances. To think that ringing at such a tower should stand the risk of being wrecked for such a reason as that given by our correspondents is enough to make Fabian Stedman turn in his grave.

The question of 'loaves and fishes' has been a stumbling block to progress in many belfries for many years. We have nothing to say against those who receive monetary consideration for out-of-pocket expenses in connection with ringing for service or for special occasions, but it is an undisputed fact that, speaking generally, less progress is made in those towers where the ringers are paid than in the belfries where the ringers' services are given voluntarily. The reason is not far to seek. The pound or two per man, which is usually the annual remuneration, is sufficient to stiffen opposition to the introduction of young blood, and the old hands set their faces against new-comers for fear of having to share 'the spoils of office.' The ideal will only be reached when all bands of service ringers are purely voluntary, but where payment is made it should be clearly on the understanding that the company should be maintained at sufficient strength to ring all the bells. It ought also to be a sine qua non of holding office that the members should be change ringers, or willing to learn change ringing, but unhappily church authorities often care very little about these things. They do not mind whether six or eight bells are rung where there are ten or twelve; or whether it is half pull ringing or call changes, so long as the bells are rung when required. It is up to the authorities, however, to see that they get their money's worth, and there can be no question that they ought to insist upon a full complement of ringers. We hope in the case

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SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 20, 1927, in Four Hours.

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

GEORGE LEWIS Treble	* JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
COLIN HARRISON 2	* WILLIAM J. THYNG 8
TOM O'HARA 3	SIDNEY F. PALMER 9
* RALPH S. LONG 4	HAYDN THORPE 10
ARTHUR CRAVEN 5	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 11
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6	JOHN THORPE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Little Bob Maximus by the rest of the band, and first by the association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOSEPH BENNETT Treble	* WILLIAM GREEN 5
H. STANLEY ROBINSON 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
* WALTER MORRELL 3	HENRY LINDSAY 7
SIDNEY SADLER 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Miss O. L. Lumley, one of the local company, and Mr. J. Cotterell, the respected treasurer of the association, whose wedding took place at St. Michael's Church, on January 8th, the band wishing them both much happiness.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt, 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOSEPH LORD Treble	WILLIAM POYSER 5
JOHN W. GLEW 2	CYRIL J. PORTER 6
JACK BAILEY 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER 7
CYRIL J. JENNINGS 4	JAMES STEPHENS Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN W. GLEW.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late C. J. Shingleton, for many years a side-man of this church, also to the late Sir Arthur Seale Haslam, who had the 5th bell recast when this peal was made into the octave in 1902.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

* FRANK CORKE Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
* WILLIAM WELLING 2	* WILLIAM L. CUTTERIDGE 6
* MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS 3	* WILLIAM HENLEY 7
* HARRY WINGROVE 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method by the branch.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS... ..Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 5
ROBERT SPERRIN... .. 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 7
JOHN HAYES... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING... ..Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

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CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM WENBAN ... ..Treble	STAFFORD H. GREEN 5
HERBERT MARKWELL 2	HARRY PARKES 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	FREDERICK WHITETenor

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Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN PERRY... ..Treble	SIDNEY ELTON 5
HARRY A. FARLOW 2	WILLIAM T. POWELL 6
ISAAC EVANS... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4	ARTHUR E. REED... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ...Treble	ALFRED B. PECK 5
HARRY R. PASMORE 2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS... .. 7
LOUIS ATTWATER... .. 4	HERBERT LANGDONTenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

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PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...Treble	HARRY FRANCE 5
*EDWARD LAWSON 2	ALFRED BLOGG 6
†JOHN T. BIMSON 3	E. ROGER MARTIN 7
JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (291). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

* First peal. † First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN COOK ... ..Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	JOHN A. COLE 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	WALTER CHARMAN 7
WILLIAM HOOKER 4	WILLIAM STANFORDTenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CECIL DRAKE ... ..Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
HAROLD PEARCE 2	VERNEY BAIRSTOW 6
THOMAS SENIOR 3	JOHN AMBLER 7
EDGAR WHITELEY 4	WILLIAM AMBLERTenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

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LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

HENRY C. ALFORDTreble	JAMES BULLOCK 5
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 2	ARTHUR COLES 6
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST BIRCHELLTreble	JOSEPH GRAY 5
*RICHARD DERBYSHIRE 2	JAMES WM. GROUNDS... .. 6
ALFRED MORGAN 3	WILLIAM AUSTIN... .. 7
*ERNEST G. WILLIAM 4	JOHN BOOTH... ..Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. GROUNDS.

* First peal in the method. Rung by the local band in honour of the 21st birthday of the daughter of the tenor ringer.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM PICKEALL ... ..Treble	JAMES THOMPSON 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	THOMAS B. NEWTON 6
MISS E. M. STUART 3	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... 7
*THOMAS J. CLEMENTS 4	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. The ringer of the treble is from Barrow, 2nd, 4th and 5th from Kendal, 3rd from Dalton, 6th, 7th and tenor from Ambleside.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN T. BROWN... ..Treble	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 5
JOHN W. LAKE 2	*WILLIAM E. CLARKE 6
JAMES OSBORN 3	†JOHN PHILLIPS 7
*FRANK DEWEY 4	ARTHUR H. PALMER ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by ARTHUR H. PALMER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major away from treble. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of bells, and Mr. J. T. Brown for having everything ready.

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WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 1 Treble	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 5
THOMAS LINCOLN ... 2	*GEORGE GREEN ... 6
HARRY HEAD ... 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 400th peal on tower bells; rung with 404 ringers.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR PRINCE ... 1 Treble	THOMAS JAMES ... 5
JESSE H. BEAZER ... 2	CHARLES W. BELL ... 6
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... 3	JOHN G. JEFFRIES ... 7
PERCY C. WILLIAMS ... 4	EDGAR C. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

Rung on the second anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was rung by the local band.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 1 Treble	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	HENRY T. WILSON ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

Rung as a welcome home to Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., after his recent operation, the band wishing him a speedy and successful recovery.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

ERNEST MORRIS ... 1 Treble	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
JAMES GEORGE ... 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 7
HARRY MORGAN ... 4	*LIONEL UNDERWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal and first attempt, and elected a member before starting. The above peal was specially arranged for Mr. James George, of Birmingham.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 19, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JACK M. CRIPPS ... 1 Treble	JOHN CAPP ... 5
FRANK BENNETT ... 2	JOHN DEARLOVE ... 6
FREDERICK W. CRIPPS ... 3	KEITH HART ... 7
ARTHUR T. VERRELLS ... 4	ALFRED J. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHELMSFORD.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*FREDERICK J. TOLWORTHY Treble	CYRIL GENTRY ... 5
*RICHARD C. CLARK ... 2	LESLIE J. CLARK ... 6
ERIC ELLIOTT ... 3	JOHN WOOD ... 7
ARTHUR SALTMARSH ... 4	*GEORGE COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung on the front eight of the peal of twelve. All the ringers are members of the St. Mary's Guild, Chelmsford.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES CHAPMAN ... 1 Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2	*RICHARD C. BELTON ... 6
JAMES PAGET ... 3	JAMES PRATT ... 7
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Charles Chapman and James Pratt were made members previous to starting for the peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE ... 1 Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 5
*REGINALD C. KERSEY ... 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 6
*HARRY C. BALLS ... 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
*PERCY E. LAMBERT ... 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*FRED BLACKLIDGE ... 1 Treble	ALFRED BLOGG ... 5
JOSEPH RICHARDSON ... 2	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 6
*HERBERT LUCAS ... 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 7
HARRY FRANCE ... 4	GEORGE HEWITT ... Tenor

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Stedman.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*C. ERNEST SMITH ... 1 Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 5
GEORGE ELLIS ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
JOHN A. COLE ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Major.

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SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

EDWARD J. BEER... .. Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... .. 5
JOHN BURLS... .. 2	WILLIAM S. LANE... .. 6
RICHARD SMITH... .. 3	GEORGE MORRAD... .. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. William Henry Harper, who died on the 17th inst., churchwarden and leader of the ringers at this church; for over 40 years a member of the above association and ringer at this tower, who was interred in the afternoon on this date.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 gr. 10 lb.

*ALBERT HUGHES, JUN... .. Treble	JOHN HAYES... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6
HARRY F. HOLDING... .. 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES... .. 7
† HAROLD EDWARDS... .. 4	GEORGE R. JONES... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal, and proposed a member of the Chester Guild. † First peal in the method.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*RICHARD C. INGRAM... .. Treble	*FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH... .. 5
WILLIAM H. BALL... .. 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS... .. 6
GEORGE F. SWANN... .. 3	HERBERT C. SPENCER... .. 7
SAMUEL GROVE... .. 4	ALFRED HACKETT... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First Surprise peal.

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN REED... .. Treble	ROBERT LAUGHTON... .. 5
SIDNEY BREEZE... .. 2	ERNEST BURNETT... .. 6
GEORGE KEMBLE... .. 3	THOMAS METCALFE... .. 7
FREDERICK ROBSON... .. 4	*ARTHUR SPURDIE... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BURNETT.

* First peal in any method and first attempt for a peal, and are ringers at the above church.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S. Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN... .. Treble	REGINALD T. LAMBERT... .. 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... .. 2	JOHN WHEADON... .. 6
JOHN BURLS... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. 7
EDWARD J. BEER... .. 4	EDWARD HADLOW... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells since rehanging. Birthday peal for the conductor, also arranged to allow Mr. E. Hadlow (aged 68) to ring his first peal on these bells, this being his birthplace and home for many years.

ECOLESTON, CHESHIRE.—720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, with tenor covering, in 27 mins.: H. W. Wilde 1, A. E. Richards 2, S. Jones, jun., 3, G. Jones 4, J. W. Clarke 5, J. Morgan 6, W. Thomas 7.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*CHARLES STAPLETON... .. Treble	WILLIAM STOCK... .. 5
HENRY STAPLETON... .. 2	HERBERT J. HARLOW... .. 6
JOSEPH CHURCH... .. 3	HENRY W. GAYTON... .. 7
† WALLACE CHURCH... .. 4	HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Three fathers and three sons rang in this peal.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY... .. Treble	ERNEST H. SIMPSON... .. 5
WILLIAM BARTON... .. 2	*FRED HODGSON... .. 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON... .. 3	JOHN AMBLER... .. 7
PERCY J. JOHNSON... .. 4	† WILLIAM AMBLER... .. Tenor

Composed by J. H. BLAKISTON. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

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

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

THOMAS LINCOLN... .. Treble	JOHN WOOD... .. 5
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD... .. 3	GEORGE GREEN... .. 7
*HERBERT DEVENISH... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN JAGGAR. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, January 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

RICHARD THOMAS... .. Treble	CHRIS BOWERS... .. 4
WILLIAM RANFORD... .. 2	DAVID HORNE... .. 5
JEFFREY LEWIS... .. 3	GEORGE JORDON... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. HORNE.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehanging on ball bearings in a new steel frame. The bells go very well.

SPROUTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, January 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

SIDNEY C. MOSS... .. Treble	HARRY J. MEE... .. 4
GEORGE W. MEE... .. 2	EDGAR RIVERS... .. 5
FRANK ROLFE... .. 3	CHARLES F. MEE... .. Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by E. RIVERS

First peal in the method by all the band, and first in either Suffolk or Norfolk. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—At the Parish Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: G. Gilbert 1, W. S. Beaumont 2, J. L. Harris 3, S. T. Jarrett 4, W. Spice 5, W. J. Walker 6, E. A. G. Allin (conductor) 7, A. R. Ockwell 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent.

*JOHN BAMPION Treble	JOHN H. HAYNES 4
HENRY SQUIRES... .. 2	†ARTHUR W. WARD 5
ARTHUR PALMER 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

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

Being two 720's of Grandsire and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY CAVIGAN Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 4
GEORGE FREEBRY 2	JACK BAILEY... .. 5
PERCY H. TATE 3	*ALFRED MOULD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBRY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Irene Freebrey, daughter of the conductor.

CADOXTON, NEATH.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

*GWYN EVANS Treble	HARRY BOYCE 4
†HAROLD MATTHEWS 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
JOHN E. BLOXHAM 3	*PERCY LAKE Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal with bob bell.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

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

Being two 720's of Plain Bob, one of Woodbine, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb

GEORGE K. CRAWLEY ... Treble	ARTHUR W. HALL 4
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 2	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 5
ALBERT CRAWLEY 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

A. Crawley's 100th peal.

BURTON-ON-STRATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 18, 1927, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

*BERNARD GILLATT ... Treble	BRIAN BRAY... .. 4
*JAMES C. COLES 2	GEORGE HOBBS 5
CHARLES H. BIRD 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in three methods.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 18, 1927, in Three Hours.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten callings.

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 4
MISS ROSALIE JOHNSON ... 2	RALPH HARRIS 5
MISS ALICE V. LAMPITT ... 3	JAMES HEMMING Tenor

Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

Rung as a twenty-first birthday compliment to Miss R. Johnson, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Hemming.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR YOUNG... .. Treble	JACK KEMP 4
FRANK DEWEY 2	*HAROLD HARPER 5
*ALFRED DAVY 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF WELLS SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

CHARLES JENNINGS ... Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS... .. 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	ROBERT HOWARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

PERFORMANCES IN 1926.

ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, LEYTONSTONE.

Sixty-eight 720's were rung by members of the above association and visitors during the year 1926, in the following methods: Plain Bob, 2; Kent Treble Bob, 1; Chelsea Delight, 1; Surprise Methods, 7 Cambridge, 6 London, 6 Beverley, 4 Norwich, 3 each Wells, Southwell, York, Ipswich, 2 each Canterbury, Surfact, Carlisle, 1 each Berwick, Chester, Bourne, Durham, Lincoln, Munden, Ringers' and Newcastle; Spliced Surprise Methods, 1 in six methods, 1 in four methods, 6 in three methods, 8 in two methods.

The following were the ringers and conductors: W. Miller 65 (36), E. D. Smith 59 (11), W. Theobald 59, A. Prior 43 (5), G. L. Joyce 36 (6), J. Moule 34 (2), G. Dawson 31 (1), E. J. Butler 30, P. H. Avey 25, R. Molton 14, G. Hayden 4, R. Maynard 2, W. Fye 2, H. Dew, A. Reeve, J. Vaughn, E. W. Firbank, F. E. Haynes, S. Carter 1 each. Seven were rung non-conducted.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

During 1926 ninety-two 720's were rung at Stapleford, Cambs, in the following 22 methods: London Surprise 22, York 19, Cambridge 10, Beverley 8, Wells 6, Canterbury 5, Durham 5, Carlisle 1, Chester 1, Munden 1, Alnwick 1, Annable's London 1, Norwich 1, Monpeth 1, Norfolk 1, Immanuel 1, Newcastle 1, Sandiacre 1, Surfleet 1, Bourne 1, Oxford Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 1. Twenty ringers took part: A. E. Austin 91 (conducted 6), E. H. Finch 85 (2), W. A. Tack 62 (1), R. Howard 79 (59), Miss K. Willers 75 (1), F. E. Haynes 66 (1), G. Jennings 39, W. H. J. Hooton 11 (11), Miss C. Fields 4, C. W. Woolley 4, H. J. Hazell 2, T. R. Dennis 2, J. Hamper 2, G. Dean 2, W. Hoppitt 2, H. Harvey 2 (2), E. G. Hibbins 1, C. W. Cook 1, F. Warrington 1, H. Barrett 1.

Great credit is due to Messrs. W. A. Tack and R. Howard for the enthusiasm which they have displayed in cycling from Barley to Stapleford, a distance of 12 miles, week after week, in all weathers, since the summer of 1925. Miss Willers and Mr. F. E. Haynes live at Trumpington, 2½ miles from Stapleford Church.

BUCKNALL, STOKE-ON-TRENT.

The number of complete 720's rung during the year 1926 at St. Mary's Church was 131 in 40 methods, comprising 25 Surprise, eight 4th's Place Delight, 5 Treble Bob and 2 Single Hunt methods. The ringers taking part were: W. Wheeldon (leader), Chas. Preston, Miss Alice Preston, Chas. Bowen, W. Fradley, H. Billings and Reg. Preston. Miss Preston rang in 116 720's, and conducted 35, including a full Surprise peal.

It is interesting to note that during the last three years 353 720's have been rung at this church.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

The annual meeting of the Lamberhurst ringers was held on January 22nd, when the Vicar, Rev. E. S. Jose, invited the churchwardens and ringers to tea. Afterwards the report of the year's work was read, which showed the bells had been rung for matins and evensong each Sunday during the year, also for the 7 a.m. service on Easter Day and Christmas Day, with an average attendance of nine ringers for each service. During the year 113 720's were rung, 18 ringers taking part in them. They included 72 in 13 Surprise methods, 8 in 2 Treble Bob methods, and 33 in 8 Plain methods.

The Vicar thanked the captain for his report, and said how pleased he was that they had had such a successful and happy year.

Mr. Marshall thanked the Vicar for his kindness in inviting the ringers to tea, and the Rev. E. S. Jose, in reply, said he hoped that this was only the first of many such meetings they would have.

FIRE IN A BELFRY.**SEXTON'S PLUCKY FIGHT WITH FLAMES.**

All Saints' Church, Alrewas, Burton-on-Trent, where Lady Godiva is said to have been a worshipper, narrowly escaped destruction by fire on the evening of Saturday, January 15th.

Captain Lawton noticed the smoke coming from the tower, and the sexton, Mr. Kent (who is well known to ringing visitors to Alrewas), ascended the spiral staircase and attacked the flames with buckets of water.

Parishioners who rushed up formed a chain to pass up more buckets, and Mr. Kent stuck to his task until he became unconscious from the smoke. The firemen from Lichfield and Burton-on-Trent put out the flames after great difficulties. The cause of the outbreak is unknown. The bellringers' room and woodwork in the vestry were badly damaged.

Oak beams supporting the bells were replaced by an iron framework five years ago, otherwise the church would probably have been gutted.

The church was founded in 820. Dean Inge's boyhood days were spent there, his father being the vicar.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday, January 15th. The towers represented were: Ashford, Merham, Stone, Rye, Lydd, Tenterden, Fairfield, Frittenden, Hothfield and the local band.

After ringing during the afternoon, a short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. O. Scutt), and tea was provided by the Guild at the Swan Hotel, upwards of 50 members and friends sitting down. The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Master and hon. sec.

The balance sheet was adopted, and the secretary presented a very satisfactory report. Twelve meetings had been held, and eleven peals rung during the year.

The retiring officers were then re-elected, viz., Rev. A. O. Scutt, president; C. W. Everett, Master; C. W. Franklin, hon. secretary and treasurer.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Charing.

Afterwards, a most enjoyable musical evening was spent. The Stone Glee Singers gave some capital glees, whilst several members rendered good songs. The programme was in the capable hands of the Misses K. and M. Anderson, ably assisted by Mrs. Catt and the hon. secretary. At the close, members linked up and sang 'Auld Lang Syne' and 'God save the King.'

BEST BELLS IN HISTORY.**BRISTOL'S SPLENDID SPECIMEN.**

The article in the 'Times' to which we referred last week has been followed by a letter on 'Modern Bells,' signed by H. E. Nolloth, and written from Oxford. He says:

'The interesting article on bells in your issue of the 15th inst. will be welcomed by all true campanologists, because it directs attention to a subject about which there is a curious lack of interest and elementary knowledge, not only in people generally, but in those whose musical taste or intimate association with these instruments would lead us to expect better things. One reason of this is perhaps that ordinary bells are often afflicting to people gifted with a sensitive musical ear, by which the discords are heard more clearly than the harmonies.'

'But, some 30 years ago, the late Canon Simpson studied the methods by which Hemony, "the Stradivarius of bell-founders," and Van den Gheyn, succeeded in founding bells in which not only the three octaves, but the "third" and "fifth" were very fairly in tune with each other. Since that time, by the help of modern science and machinery, these methods have been applied with an exactness unattainable by the old Belgian founders, so that Mr. W. W. Stammer (the first to be appointed a Professor of Campanology) declares that better bells are being made now than ever before. About 18 months ago the Dean of Westminster (then Dean of York) and I went to Loughborough in order to hear the /ten-ton bell given by members of the Wills family to Bristol University rung in the foundry. I thought it the finest bell I had ever heard, either in England or on the Continent, and Professor Stammer is of the same mind. The somewhat larger great bell of York Minster is now being recast, and will be the deepest in tone of English bells. It is astonishing that the thousands of musical people in London have been so patient during the years that the raucous "Big Ben," with a crack through which a man can pass his arm, has continued to proclaim the hours from the Westminster Clock Tower. What must visitors from Malines and Bruges think of us? The cost of recasting and transforming it into a finer bell than any on the Continent would be a comparatively trivial item in the present expenditure upon the structure of the Houses of Parliament.'

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 26th, for evening service at St. Mary's, Lambeth, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. F. Ellis (first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, and is from Winnipeg Canada) 1, W. Hardy 2, F. W. Chorley 3, W. E. Batten (R.F.C. H.M.S. 'Furious') 4, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 5, B. E. Clarke 6, J. R. Gammou 7, C. Maul 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal of 'Real Double Eight Lu, with two bobs in a lead, as many 7th's as 2nd's, with bobs behind and before alternately,' was rung at Richmond, Surrey, on January 28th, 1816.

It is interesting to note that this was rung almost on the anniversary of the first peal of 'Real Double Bob,' which was composed and conducted by George Gross, and rung at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, on Sunday, January 29th, 1769.

Mention of St. Mary's, Whitechapel, reminds us that at this church the doyen of the College Youths, Mr. Ted Wallage, is the steeple-keeper, and he is there to chime the bells for the early service every Sunday morning.

There has just passed away at Walthamstow, Mr. William Haley, son of a famous father, Henry Haley. Mr. William Haley was a bell tuner, and after leaving Messrs. Warner and Son started in business for himself as a manufacturer of handbells.

His father, Henry Haley, one of the greatest composers and conductors of his day, died at Bethnal Green 41 years ago to-morrow. He was 86 years of age. His death occurred exactly a year after that of that other famous London ringer, John Cox.

Benjamin Annable, whose name has to be mentioned among those of the greatest in the Exercise, died on February 1st, 1756, and was buried at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

On February 2nd, 1891, Harrison's 10,176 Treble Bob was rung at Warnham, Sussex, where, some day perhaps, the record peal of London will be rung. If there is such a thing as 'luck' and its opposite, it is evidently to be found at Warnham. Despite the large number of peals in Surprise methods, which Mr. A. H. Pulling conducts, he cannot succeed in calling one at Warnham.

Most of us have little personal ambitions in our ringing. Mr. James George is now setting about fulfilling a desire to fill up the gaps in the calendar. He is not far off the accomplishment of a peal on every day in the year, and we fancy the determination to reach the end of the task is responsible for some of these visits to Loughborough Foundry Campanile, which are becoming noticeable. We wonder how many men have rung a peal on the 365 days of the year?

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

THE SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE RECORD.

On Saturday, January 29th, eight members of the Lancashire Association intend to attempt the 11,232 of Superlative Surprise Major at the Parish Church, Bolton, starting time 10 a.m.

On the last occasion that this peal was attempted it came to an untimely end through a lady in the church unwittingly extinguishing the light in the belfry, through turning the wrong switch, after the bells had been going for five hours.

INSURANCE OF VOLUNTARY RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. J. T. Dyke brings forward a matter of the utmost importance to voluntary ringers—insurance against accident. The paid ringers are covered by the Employers' Liability Act, whether the Church Council insure themselves against it or not; but not so the voluntary ringer. It is possible, however, for the Church Council to take up an insurance to meet the case, as our Council has for some years past. The premiums are not high, and I would strongly advise all bands of voluntary ringers to communicate with the Manager, Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, Limited, 11, Norfolk Street, Strand, London, W.C.2, for full particulars, and then place the whole matter before their Parochial Church Council. The above office deals with all church insurance matters, and if any Council is not acquainted with it, ringers will be able to place some very interesting facts before them.—Yours truly,

F. WATKINSON.

Handsworth, Sheffield.

THE BELLS OF ICKLETON, CAMBS. RESTORATION TO INCLUDE TWO TREBLES.

The little village of Ickleton, Cambs, where a broken tenor bell recently precipitated a restoration scheme for the whole of the ring, is setting to work to make a thorough job of the undertaking, thanks to the interest awakened by the enthusiastic leader of the local company, Mr. P. Webb, who, in the face of many obstacles, has now induced the Parochial Church Council, not only to rehang the bells in a new frame, but to provide pits for two trebles to complete the octave. This more comprehensive scheme makes it necessary to spend money on the repair of the tower, which work will cost from £50 to £80. The tower is to be cleared at once to enable the structural renovation to take place, and it is hoped that funds will soon be available to enable the order for the trebles to be given.

This means, of course, that a considerably larger sum than the original estimate of £400 will be needed, something like £700 being now the figure. The help of any of our readers who can contribute will be welcomed, for the ring of eight will not only be of advantage to Ickleton, but to the whole county, which is not rich in octaves. Subscriptions should be sent to Mr. Percy Webb, Ickleton, Cambs.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**CERTIFICATE DESIGN SELECTED.**

The annual meeting was held at Shrewsbury on Saturday last, when despite the bad weather there was a very good attendance, a large number of members being present from all parts of the county, and also three visitors from Cheshire. Ringing commenced at St. Mary's soon after 3 p.m., and the bells were rung in Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Caters for an hour.

The business meeting was held in St. Chad's vestry, Major E. R. Trevor-Corbett presiding.

The Secretary read the report, and presented the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of well over £40, after all accounts had been settled. Since the inauguration last July, four peals have been rung, viz., Grandsire Doubles at Burwarton, Stedman Triples at Whitechurch, and Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal at Coalbrookdale.

A happy feature was the joining of three complete bands of ringers, viz., Wellington, Bishop's Castle, and St. Mary's, Bridgnorth, also four new members from Malinslee, and a few others.

Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst reported that the association peal book was entered up to date, and presented designs for the new certificates, which are to have on them sketches of seven of the principal change-ringing towers. After due consideration it was decided to have one twelve, one ten, three eight, and two six-bell towers, viz., St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, Coalbrookdale, Ludlow, Shifnal, Market Drayton, Moreton Corbet, and St. Mary's, Bridgnorth.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was elected to represent the association on the Central Council.

It was decided to hold the quarterly meetings at Wellington, Wern, and Bridgnorth. The bells at Wellington are in a bad state, and it was thought, by holding a meeting there, it might start the ball rolling towards getting them rehung. It was also suggested that meetings for combined practice be held at some of the six-bell towers during the summer months.

The service was held in St. Aidan's Chapel, when the Rev. C. E. Jarman gave an appropriate address. Tea was afterwards partaken of in St. Chad's Institute, catered for by Mr. John Wall, who has been a ringer for many years. Tea over, the members visited St. Chad's, where the fine ring were kept going till nine o'clock in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, Stedman Caters, Bob Royal, Treble Bob Royal, and Grandsire Cinques.

DEATH OF A KENT RINGER.**PASSING OF A RESPECTED LEADER.**

It is with deepest regret that we have to record the death of Mr. William Henry Harper, of Swanscombe, Kent, after only a few days' illness. The deceased gentleman was ringing for morning and afternoon service on Sunday, January 9th, and his death took place on the 17th inst., at the age of 63.

It is safe to say that no ringer was held in greater respect than the late Mr. Harper. He had been a member of the Kent County Association for over 40 years, and in all his ringing career he had been attached to Swanscombe tower, where for many years he was the leader. How many had been taught the art at his hands, it would be difficult to say. He was ever ready with good advice to young ringers, always encouraging, and, although a fine conductor, would always give way to the younger members, for he took great interest in helping them on, both as ringers and conductors, and no one is more able to testify to this than the writer. Mr. Harper took part in many 'first' performances for the Kent Association, and as far back as 1889 was in the band that rang the first peal of Kent Treble Bob for the county. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

By Mr. Harper's death, Swanscombe has lost a valued friend, as, in addition to his ringing, he was churchwarden at the Parish Church, and had been a chorister for a great number of years.

At the express wish of Mrs. Harper, the funeral was of a quiet and simple character, and the respect with which the deceased gentleman was held was evinced when he was laid to rest in the quiet cemetery adjoining the church, a large number attending both at the church and graveside. Kent ringers were represented by Messrs. John H. Cheesman (one of the Central Council representatives), F. M. Mitchell (Rochester District secretary), W. L. Lane, R. Smith, and F. J. Ring (Swanscombe), W. Ware, G. Lingham and F. Draper (Northfleet). Mr. George Hayes, Mr. Harper's oldest and dearest friend among ringers, was able, in spite of his affliction, to attend and pay his last respects. Among the beautiful floral tributes, bells were sent from Swanscombe tower and Gravesend and old ringing friends, and wreaths from Northfleet and the Kent County Association, Rochester district.

In the evening, old and new friends assembled and rang a fine peal of Stedman Triples with the clappers half-muffled, which is recorded elsewhere. Prior to ringing, the Rector of Swanscombe, the Rev. Campbell Ward, visited the belfry and said a few prayers for their departed brother, and wished the ringers success.

Thus has passed from this world one who will be greatly missed. He has rung his last peal, for the Great Conductor of all things has thought fit to say, 'William Henry Harper—that's all. Stand!'

THE CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.**A DEPLORABLE STATE OF AFFAIRS.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—Difficulty has been experienced lately at Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, the headquarters of the society, in finding eight or more ringers to ring on the various occasions required by the corporation and University authorities, owing to deaths, removals and business.

The company at present musters nine ringing members, and in order to abolish the unsatisfactory system of obtaining unpaid casual assistance from members of the University Guild, and others, five qualified ringers from Cambridge and district were proposed as new members.

Voting took place at a monthly meeting held on Monday, January 17th, when all the names proposed were rejected by four votes to three, the voting being as follows: Messrs. A. T. Chenery, T. R. Dennis, E. G. Hibbins for, and Messrs. J. Taylor, P. Taylor, H. J. Hazell, and W. Easden against. Messrs. York Green and W. Welch were absentees through illness.

The sole reason advanced for this ill-tuned decision was 'money,' and that any increase of membership would prejudice the amount to be divided, and render any loss of time unremunerative.

The annual income derived from all sources averages roughly about 30 guineas, including hon. members' subscriptions, one guinea (when any are proposed and elected), and the whole of the money thus obtained is divided among the members according to attendances. The society's officials consist of a permanent secretary and a steward by monthly rotation, and the society has full use of the bells, ringing whenever it so pleases, and is entirely independent of the church authorities.

Ringings for Sunday evening services (mornings not permissible owing to King's Chapel) has never been performed by full members of the society, and it is only due to the generous support of the University Guild and local enthusiasts that any ringing in Cambridge on Sundays has been possible, and the remark by one that 'the bells have never been rung for service and never would be' is quite understandable.

During the past 20 years beginners have never been encouraged, although excellent opportunities exist for teaching the young on the Seage's apparatus. In one case a lad was told to go to the six-bell towers and get his experience before he came to them.

Gifts and donations to the upkeep of the bells, so far as is known, have been one guinea to the rehanging in 1911, and two guineas to the recasting of the cracked 7th in 1924, given in two instalments by an irregular amendment, an instance of unexampled meanness.

Constant upbraiding of the members on the unsatisfactory state of affairs fails to produce any effort on their part to reform, and it is in sheer disgust at the latest folly on the part of the majority that we have to make public this deplorable state of affairs. We leave the Exercise to judge whether reform is long overdue, and wonder if there is another tower in the land where such conditions exist. We therefore decline to have anything further to do with the society until such time as there is a manifest desire to remedy these evils and make the society fit for progressive ringers to belong to.—Yours, etc.,

T. R. DENNIS.

E. G. HIBBINS.

A. T. CHENERY.

[The Church of St. Mary-the-Great has a handy ring of twelve bells, with a tenor of about 28 cwt., and the Cambridge Youths date back to the beginnings of change ringing.]

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL.**AN INVITATION.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It may be of some interest to those members of the M.C.A. who reside in the new diocese of Leicester to know that the service of hallowing the Cathedral will take place on Monday, February 21st, and that on Monday, February 28th, the service in connection with the enthronement of the Bishop will be held. These will be great events in the history of the new diocese, and in connection with them the sub-dean has asked me to have peals rung of a 'substantial' sort at the conclusion of each of the two services, say 4 p.m.

The Cathedral company think with me that it would be nice if any ringer resident in the diocese who can ring Stedman Caters or Cambridge Surprise Royal, and would care for a rope in either of the attempts which will be made, should have an opportunity to stand in one of the attempts, but will would-be Stedman Cater and Cambridge Royalists please refrain. The hands will be made up by the Cathedral and local companies.

The following may be the mere imagination, but should the attempts prove successful it is possible that a permanent record will be placed in the belfry to commemorate the performances and the occasion for which they were rung, along with a peal already rung by the Cathedral company commemorating the creation of the new diocese, thus forming a unique trio. Anyone so desirous of standing in one of the attempts please communicate with me, but it can be understood that under the circumstances we shall be unable to include any 'passenger'.

—Yours truly

F. H. DEXTER.

50, Stuart Street, Leicester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT'S PROPOSED VOTE FOR BOW BELLS.

In wintry weather, the annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Southgate on Saturday last, and it was not surprising that only 36 members put in an appearance. The first eight to arrive, however, started well by ringing a course of London Surprise Major, which was soon followed by touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Caters, etc., besides rounds for the beginners. Divine service was held at 5 p.m., when an address, given by the Rev. G. W. Stainsby, was much appreciated.

After an excellent tea, served in the schoolroom, had been disposed of, the usual business meeting took place, Mr. W. Pickworth presiding.

The balance sheet, showing a credit balance of £4 9s. 11d. on the year's working, was adopted, the actual funds of the district standing at £22 10s. 7d., plus £73 13s. 8d. invested.

Thirty-six new members were elected, including the bands at Pinner and Harrow Weald. In the former case, the bells have recently been rung, and the association is now providing instruction, whilst at Harrow Weald an entirely new band has been formed under the able guidance of Mr. G. R. Goodship, already with good results.

With one exception, the whole of the retiring officers and members of the Central Committee were re-elected.

A sum of £5 was voted towards the restoration of Bow bells, should such restoration take place. It was deemed advisable to deal with this matter provisionally, as a year would otherwise elapse before the matter could be again considered.

The condolences of the meeting were given to the president (Mr. E. A. Milne, J.P.), who was himself unable to attend, at the serious illness of his wife, the members wishing her a speedy recovery.—The good wishes of the meeting were also accorded to Mr. E. H. Tubb, of Emdley, who is recovering from a long illness.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Peplow) for the use of the bells; to the Rev. G. W. Stainsby for his address at the service; and to the several ladies who had prepared an excellent tea.

Afterwards the belfry was again visited, and several methods, including Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal, were rung.

TRANSPPOSITIONS AND VARIATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Now that Mr. Dexter abandons his claim to the peal known as 'Dexter's Variation of Thurstans', I will tell him why, in my opinion, it is not a variation, either of Thurstans' or of Washbrook's first arrangement of the same peal. The essential feature of Thurstans' peal is the extras and omits, and all variations must contain this essential feature; the variations were pointed out a fortnight ago and need not be repeated. Washbrook's peal does not contain this essential feature, therefore it is not a variation of Thurstans'. The peal Mr. Dexter claimed is merely a transposition of the original, i.e., the 7th making 5th's three times in succession instead of 6th's, consequently the block must consist of four courses, as it can only follow a 5-6 in the third course of a part, and must be succeeded by a 5-6 to bring the 6th home.

The term 'variation' is often used where 'transposition' is the correct one, the most notorious instance being, I should say, 'Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.' It is not a variation at all, it is merely a transposition; but in this particular peal the transposition improves on the original.

When Reeves introduced an extra bob in each part of Holt's Ten-Part he created a 'Variation.' He not only added a bob, but he made the part-ends come up in the plain course order, so that it would run round true from any part-end.

When Johnson introduced a bob 'before' in Middleton's peal of Cambridge he created a Variation, and a very useful one, too.

A variation applied to composition is very different to the same term applied to ringing. You can get a variation in the latter without altering the composition a scrap. All the course ends of Thurstans', Lates', and Brooks' are alike, but start the calling a course or two courses later and see what you will get. It will not be a variation of composition, though.

In view of Mr. Dexter's last letter, I trust Mr. Morris will not carry out the adjustment he suggests. It would not be true, and it would not be fair. I shall suggest at the proper time that the peals be known as (1) Washbrook-Thurstans', (2) Washbrook-Lates', (3) Washbrook-Brooks', with the word transposition (in brackets) added, if the peal has been rung in a transposed form.

This is not a parochial matter: it is one that will affect, eventually, all the Exercise, not to say anything about the second edition of 'Stedman,' in which it is bound to find a place.

I beg to thank Mr. Keeble for his words of appreciation. Coming from such an able ringer and conductor they are doubly welcome.—Yours,

W. A. CAVE.

P.S.—Mr. Pulling must take more water with it, for I cannot find on page 795 of December 17th what he has evidently found there.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

RECORD MEETING OF NORTHERN BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the above association was held at Old Hill on Saturday, January 15th, when nearly every tower in the branch was represented. Good use was made of the bells by the members during the afternoon, and a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Chapman), who, after extending a hearty welcome to the association to Old Hill Church, gave a very appropriate address.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons, a sumptuous tea awaited the ringers and their wives and friends in the Trinity Schools after the service, and the host and hostess gave their guests a real Black Country welcome.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided.—The Vicar and his two churchwardens (Mr. A. H. Bassano and Mr. H. Bennett) were elected hon. members. The Kinver company were elected members of the association, and several other new members were also added to the roll, including Mr. J. Goodman and Mr. H. Sheppard, of the Dudley Guild.

Two of the oldest performing members of the association (Mr. T. Albutt and Mr. J. Eades) were elected hon. members of the association, this being a request from Bromsgrove Church company as a mark of respect to two of their oldest colleagues.

Mr. T. J. Salter (Kidderminster) was elected as Central Council representative of the branch for the association, his name to be ratified at the annual meeting.

It was unanimously decided to accept the Vicar of Bromsgrove's kind invitation to visit his church for the next meeting, to be held on the third Saturday in June.

The Secretary (Mr. A. J. Skelding) moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, for the service, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting; to the churchwardens, and organist, and to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons for the magnificent way they had entertained so large a party.—This was seconded by Mr. W. E. Moore (King's Norton), and supported by Mr. H. Mason and Mr. G. N. Cockin.—The vote was carried in a very appreciative and enthusiastic manner.

Mr. Parsons, in reply, thanked the members very sincerely on behalf of Mrs. Parsons and himself for the very kind vote of thanks, and expressed a wish that in future all members would notify the secretary of their intention to be present at the meetings, so that those who may be catering would experience no anxiety at the last moment as to whether they had made adequate provision. He also tendered sincere thanks to the ladies and gentlemen of the congregation for helping at the tea tables.—The Vicar also replied, and said it gave him great pleasure to have the association at Old Hill. He remarked that he had learnt a good deal by being in a new world, the ringing world.—A fine touch of Stedman Caters on the handbells in the room greatly pleased the interested visitors. The tower was again visited, and ringing in various methods was indulged in. This closed the largest and most enthusiastic meeting ever held by the branch.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.

An enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent at Whitwick by the Loughborough district on Saturday week. Although members turned up rather poorly, the bells were well utilised.

It was decided at the business meeting that the Central Council representatives should be re-elected.

The new vice-president was Mr. Pryce Taylor, and local district secretary Mr. J. Saddington, whilst Messrs. W. Thorley and David Collins were elected to serve on the committee.

The next meeting was fixed at Sutton Bonnington on Saturday, February 19th. One new ringing member was elected, viz., Mr. J. W. Rawson, of Whitwick, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Canon T. W. Walters for his presence and kind use of the bells.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report for 1926 is about to be printed, and to save any errors will any members who have changes of address, correction or additions to note, please advise me not later than February 5th?

Will members of the Nottingham district please forward subscriptions direct to me for the time being?

ERNEST MORRIS,

General Hon. Secretary.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Michael's Parish Church, Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, January 22nd, on the occasion of the wedding of one of the ringers, Mr. Fred Springham, son of the energetic sexton and steeplekeeper, Mr. P. Springham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: V. Matthews (first-quarter peal) 1, D. Hadyn 2, C. Beeston (first-quarter-peal as conductor) 3, J. Jarvis 4, H. Wacey 5, W. T. Prior 6, H. Dew 7, W. Bush 8.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT HARTBURY.

END OF A SEVEN YEARS' SILENCE.

The dedication of the bells at Hartbury, Gloucestershire, took place on Saturday, January 1st, when about 50 members of the Gloucester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association attended.

The bells, which have been restored and supplemented by the addition of a treble, were dedicated by the Bishop of Gloucester (Dr. A. C. Headlam). They had previously been silent for 7 or 8 years owing to the frame being in bad condition and unsafe. A new framework has been provided. The work was placed in the hands of, and satisfactorily carried out by, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The new treble bell weighs $5\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., and bears the following inscription: 'Give thanks to God. 1926. C.H. and W.B., Churchwardens.' The peal now consists of six bells. The second is a Rudhall bell cast in 1712. The others were cast as follows: 3rd bell, 1626; 4th, pre-Reformation, probably 1450; fifth, 1626; tenor, 1628. The total cost of the restoration and the new treble, £456 10s., has been raised by subscriptions and garden fetes held at Hartbury House, the residence of Mr. Gwynne Holford.

The dedication service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Robert Perry) and the lesson read by the Rev. F. R. C. Paton (Vicar of Barnwood and chairman of the Gloucester Branch). Following the singing of the hymn ('Thy Hand, O God, has guided'), the Bishop, preceded by the Vicar and churchwardens, went to the tower, where the Bishop dedicated the bells and recited special prayers. A short touch was then rung by the following members: B. Etheridge, W. H. Harris, G. L. Brunson, J. Austin, E. Davis, and J. Williams. At the conclusion of the Bishop's address another short touch was rung by the same ringers, and, later, the bells were thrown open to the rest of the company.

Afterwards, the whole of the ringers were invited to the residence of Mrs. Gwynne Holford, where an excellent tea had been provided. After tea, the Vicar said he should like to take the opportunity of thanking all the ringers for coming and assisting them that day, also of thanking Mr. S. Roper for the trouble he had taken, on behalf of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, to make their peal of bells a success.—Mr. Roper thanked the Vicar for his kind remarks, and asked the Vicar to accept as a small present an inkpot made of bell metal.—The Vicar, in accepting it, expressed his delight at the gift.

Mr. J. Williams proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. and Miss Gwynne Holford for their kindness in providing tea for all the ringers. Mr. J. Austin, in seconding the vote of thanks, said the go of the bells was everything that could be desired, and if at any time the Vicar required assistance the members would only be too glad to come and help him.—Mrs. Gwynne Holford thanked the members for their kind vote of thanks, and said how lovely the bells sounded that afternoon, after being silent so long. It was a pleasure to have the members there that day.—The health of 'Mrs. and Miss Gwynne Holford' having been drunk, the members returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going in standard methods until 8 p.m.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Hunts district was held at Long Stanton on January 15th. The weather was fine, and there was a large attendance of ringers, the towers represented including Cambridge, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Gt. Staughton, Somersham, Godmanchester, Oakington, Trumpington, Chatteris, and Ashbourne (Derbyshire). Various touches were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening, the methods including Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman.

A service was held, at which a very pithy short address was given by the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Rector of Castle Camps. Tea was partaken of in the school, when about 35 were present, including the general secretary, the Rev. R. Copenman.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the Vicar of Long Stanton, and four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. S. G. Peck and L. Currington, of Eynesbury, and Misses Doris Clarke and Ruby Davis, of St. Neots.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Great Staughton some time in May, with the permission of the incumbent.—Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Routh for his address, and Mrs. Woolley and the ladies who served the tea.

WARWICKSHIRE PEAL OF SIX RESTORED.

LITTLE VILLAGE RAISES BIG SUM.

The bells of St. Nicolas' Church, Willoughby, have, after a silence of about seven years, been restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have strengthened the existing frame, quarter turned the bells, and fitted them with ball bearings, new head stocks and wheels. In the opinion of the local ringers the 'go' of them is excellent.

Willoughby is only a small village of 300 persons, and since the scheme was started four years ago for the restoration of the tower and bells a sum of £500 has been raised. Mr. Johnson, one of the churchwardens, giving a donation of £50. The front five of these bells were cast in 1713 by Joseph Smith, of Edgbaston. The tenor, which was cast in 1781 by William Chapman, of Whitechapel, weighs 14½ cwt.

The bells were rung for the first time on December 23rd by the local ringers and friends from the neighbouring village of Braunston, when several 120's of Grandsire were rung.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GHELTHENHAM BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association took place at Charlton Kings on Saturday, January 15th, and was attended by about 40 members. The bells, a ring of eight, were raised in peal about 5.30, and soon were going into Doubles and Minor for the benefit of the six-bell tower members. Service, held in this fine old church, was very musical, the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale) conducting, assisted by the Rev. Gardener (curate), the Vicar himself playing the organ and giving a fine address on bells, ancient and modern.

Afterwards, a move was made to the Church Room, where the ladies had a bounteous tea ready, and this was much appreciated.—At the meeting which followed, the Vicar presided, supported by Captain Trye, R.N., Mr. W. Yeend, sen., Mr. W. Dyer, the hon. secretary (W. Yeend, jun.), and representatives from Prestbury, Winchcombe, Dumbleton, Leigh, Tredington, Swindon, Leckhampton, Badgeworth, Cheltenham (St. Mary's and St. Mark's), and the local tower. The branch chairman (Rev. A. D. Pennington) wrote regretting that he was prevented from attending the meeting.

The Dumbleton Band were congratulated on having rung their first peal of Minor.

The following officers were re-elected, with the best thanks of the members for past services: Chairman, Rev. A. D. Pennington (Alderton); branch representative, W. Townsend (Leckhampton); hon. secretary, W. Yeend, jun. (Swindon).

It was decided to hold two full meetings and two ringing meetings during the coming year. Winchcombe (ringing meeting) and Alderton (full meeting) were decided upon for the respective spring and summer meetings.

One hon. and one performing member were elected, and Mr. Alf. Pulley (Dumbleton) was elected assistant secretary to work the Winchcombe Deanery.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.—The Vicar, replying, said he should always consider it an honour to have the members at his church, and hoped they would come again.

The tower was again visited and much useful practice obtained.

LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Farnham on Saturday, January 22nd, when in spite of inclement weather ringers attended from Aldershot, Ash, Guildford and Cranleigh. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Snelling, of Wrecclesham, who also presided at the tea.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and to Mr. Clapshaw for his kind help.—Mr. Clapshaw responded with a delightful speech, in which he extended a warm welcome to all.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Staines on the third Saturday in May.—The tower was revisited and further methods rung until 8.30.

MORE QUICK WORK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read in your columns last week about the quick work at Kington Magna, when repairs to the clapper of one of their bells were completed in 36 hours. In justice to the bell founders, I should like to let you know what Messrs. Mears and Stainbank did for us. We had the sixth clapper of Newbury bells fall out and break in half. I sent it off to London per passenger train on Tuesday, December 28th, at 11 a.m., asking them to let me have it back for New Year's Eve.

The clapper was returned with new stem welded and fittings complete, and reached Newbury on Thursday afternoon, December 30th, thus taking only 48 hours. Great credit is due to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, considering it was holiday week. We were then able to have the full peal to ring in the New Year.—Yours truly,

H. W. CURTIS,
Captain of Newbury Tower.

THE HEIGHT OF BOW STEEPLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The article in the 'Times' from which you quote in this week's 'Ringing World' gives the height of the above tower as 235ft. I have before me Sir Banister Fletcher's 'History of Architecture,' open at page 732, where drawings and detailed measurements are given of the steeples of Bow Church and St. Bride's, Fleet Street. According to this authority the height of Bow steeple is 216ft. 1in., and that of St. Bride's 11ft. higher, viz., 226ft. 1in. These measurements are in each case exclusive of the weather vane, for which about 5 or 6ft. extra must be allowed, but even so the spire of Bow Church would only come to 222ft.—Yours,

H. B. WOOLLEY.

Long Stanton Vicarage, Cambridge,
January 21st, 1927.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

BELFERY CONDITIONS IN THE MIDDLE OF
LAST CENTURY.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The picture that Mr. Lukis draws of the state of ringers and ringing in the middle of last century is black indeed. Coming from one whose sympathies were all in favour of bells and ringing, it must be taken as a pretty accurate one. But it must be remembered that he was writing primarily about Wiltshire, a part of the country where change ringing never flourished to a great extent, and where the circumstances (described in these notes a short time ago) which caused a decline in ringing in country districts were in full force. If we are to judge fairly the condition of the Exercise at this time we must look elsewhere; to the Eastern Counties, to London, Birmingham, and the North.

That there was great need for reform everywhere is certain. But it is not quite fair to put all the blame on the ringers, as Mr. Lukis seems to do. If towers and belfries were 'left to the sole occupation of unclean birds, and profane and irreverent ringers,' it was the clergy who really were responsible. The truth was that the conditions were the result of more than a century of neglect, and it has taken more than half that time to put matters something like right.

How scandalous the neglect was, is shown by the state of the towers and bells at that time, and on this point I will quote Mr. Lukis in full:—

'It is a matter for our grave consideration how it comes to pass that so many of our village churches should have their towers in so dilapidated a condition. I have seen several in the course of my Wiltshire rambles which are in so dangerous a state that the bells are forbidden to be rung. There can be no doubt that this arises from two causes. In the first place bells for which the towers were originally constructed were not subject to the same revolutions and tossings as now. They were swung to and fro, it is true, but very gently compared with the wild somersaults of change ringing, an art of comparatively recent date. Consequently, in constructing the towers, the architects of those days had not to take into their consideration the great vibration of the walls produced by the violent movement of the bells. In 1810 the spire of St. Nicholas's Church, Liverpool, fell as the people were assembling for service and killed twenty-three persons. This catastrophe was partly caused by the vibration of the bells. Anyone who has stood in the belfry of the lofty and beautiful tower of Magdalen College, Oxford, when a peal is ringing on its ten sweet toned bells knows the way in which a tower is made to sway. To a person of weak nerves it is perfectly alarming, and it is easy to understand how this kind of vibration must loosen the masonry and eventually endanger the building.

The following is an extract from the ancient churchwardens' account of St. Thomas', Salisbury: "At a vestry held 6 April 1640 Item by reason of the danger wch the tower is in by ringing of the bells, since they were hung high and in other respects it is agreed that the bells shall bee hung lower at the pitch they formerly were hung att, and the churchwardens are desired to do itt accordingly."

ALSAGER.—On Saturday, Jan. 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: H. G. Smith 1, F. H. Crawley 2, J. Parker (first quarter inside) 3, J. Hurd 4, J. Brassington 5, A. Allman 6, A. Crawley (conductor) 7, C. Peake (first quarter peal) 8.

NOTICES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Dore, near Sheffield, on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 to 7.30. Tea at Hurst's Café 5 p.m., at reasonable cost to those who inform Mr. J. E. L. Cockey Leam Wood, Rushley Road, Dore, not later than February 3rd. Frequent trains L.M.S. from Sheffield and Chesterfield. Buses direct to church from Ecclesfield. A good meeting is hoped for.—Arthur Knights, Local Hon. Sec., Chesterfield.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available at 6 p.m.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Business meeting will follow. All ringers cordially invited.—Wm. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—For evening service at St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, January 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. H. Adkins, jun. (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Poole 2, W. H. Adkins, sen., 3, C. Pearce 4, E. Smith 5, E. Crocker 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, E. Challis 8.

STONY STRATFORD.—On Sunday, January 23rd, 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung at St. Giles' Church for evening service: E. Lines 1, T. C. Tompkins 2, W. Neale 3, W. Bonham 4, W. M. J. Pedley (conductor) 5, H. C. Edwards 6. First 720 as conductor, aged 19 years.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, January 23rd, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Harcastle 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, E. E. Bish 4, C. W. Roberts 5, J. W. Chapman 6, J. L. Watkins (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 7, W. E. G. Howson 8.

DEATH OF A RYE RINGER.

On Tuesday, January 18th, the death took place of Mr. Lawrence T. H. Seers, of Rye, Sussex, at the age of 62 years, after an illness of only a few days' duration. Mr. Seers joined the Rye belfry in 1900, and was a regular Sunday service ringer for about twenty-five years, but was prevented from taking part in any peals through a 'bad leg' which made long standing too great a strain. It was only on this account that Mr. Seers gave up ringing two years ago, but he has remained keenly interested and was always willing to fill a gap in an emergency.

For fourteen years the deceased was a member of the Board of Guardians and the treasurer of a local branch of Foresters, and in both of these capacities his services will be missed and his death deeply regretted.

The funeral took place at the Rye Borough Cemetery on Friday last. The bells of the Parish Church were rung fully muffled while the cortege was passing through the town on its way to the cemetery, where the local hon. secretary represented the ringers at the graveside.

The sympathy of all local ringers will be extended to Mrs. Seers and her son in their sad and sudden loss.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sibsey on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) available from 2. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business meeting, including election of officers, immediately after tea. All subscriptions for year 1926 should be paid before this meeting.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford (not Crayford) on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Eardisland on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (6) available 4 to 9. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Near Pembridge.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—William Doubleday Crofts Memorial Dinner.—The fifth memorial dinner to the above celebrated Nottingham ringer (1742 to 1809) will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Milton Street, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, to be obtained from the hon. secretary up to Jan. 29th first post. Ringing at St. Mary's Tower (10 bells) from 2.30 to 5.45. All visitors will receive a very hearty welcome on this occasion.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earl's Barton on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet will then be presented, it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Rd., Wellingborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available after the long peal.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church, followed by tea and meeting.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Miles Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30, preacher, Canon Elsee. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Churn about six minutes' tram ride from centre of city.—Molly Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Keymer (Hassocks Station) on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 at 'The Greyhound,' 1s. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec., 10, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 3. Association service at 5. Tea at Cremer's Restaurant after service. Subscriptions for 1927 are due, and can be paid at the meeting. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at the Institute, Leatherhead, following tea at 6 o'clock on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on financial matters, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Feb. 1st, St. Magnus' on the 3rd and 17th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 8th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th (at 8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room, North Street, after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 1st. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) and meeting in the Church Room after. Wilton (6) available 2.30 to 4 p.m., and after the business meeting. Those who require tea please notify by Wednesday, Feb. 2nd.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at the Parish Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—J. Norbury, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Alresford on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells at 2.30, also Old Alresford (6) and Bishop Sutton (5) i required. Will those requiring tea please inform me by Feb. 1st? — W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Audley on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Service 5 p.m. and tea at 5.30 p.m. Will all who intend to be present please send word to Mr. P. Fryer, The Audley Café, Church Street, Audley, by Wednesday, Feb. 2nd?

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (5) at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Feb. 2nd?—W. Bott, Hon. Sec., Guilborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. It is hoped as many as possible will attend.—E. Raddon, Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The first meeting of the year will be held at West Retford on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Will ringers please make own arrangements for tea. There are several good cafés in the town.—H. Haig and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Newport on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30, to be followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45 in the Church Hall. Those requiring tea, which will be supplied by the Vicar and churchwardens, must let me know by Feb. 1st.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week practice meeting will be held at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Thursday, Feb. 10th. Bells from 6.45 to 8.45 p.m. Members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at the White Lion at 5.30. All are welcome.—E. W. Day, Dis. Sec., 58, King's Road, Hitchin.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—U.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Tower open at 2.30. Service 3.30. All desiring tea must notify the secretary, G. A. Webley, Southampton Street, Faringdon, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 9th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East from 2.30 to 4, and at St. Clement Danes' from 2.30. Service at the latter at 4.30, address by the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, Rector and Honorary Chaplain. Tea in the Parish Room, tickets for which should be obtained in advance from the Masters or secretaries, followed by the business meeting. A good gathering is desired. Other meetings for February: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 6th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 14th and the 28th, at 7.30; St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 7th, at 8; and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 22nd, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Chorley, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. The bells (8, recently rehung and tuned) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to all who notify Mr. J. Smith, 85, Anderston Street, Chorley, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 9th. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells at liberty 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Reports to hand. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available all day. Tea, 4.30, free to all sending me word before Feb. 9th. Meeting afterwards in St. Mary's Hall.—H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 39th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 19th, at 6 o'clock prompt, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 12th. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30. Bishop Ryder's (8) 3 to 4.30 p.m. An informal conference is being arranged (details later). Early application for tickets (with remittance) should be made to Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

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KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, January 16th, at the Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Caters by: R. C. Sadler 1, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. E. Judd 4, P. L. Miles 5, E. G. Locke 6, G. C. Rice 7, F. E. Collins 8, H. G. Miles 9, A. V. Selby 10.

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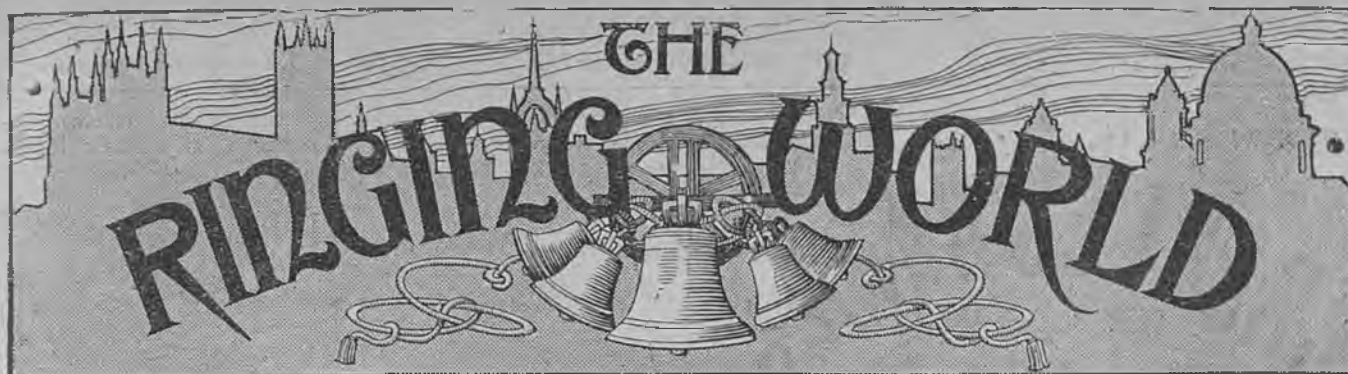
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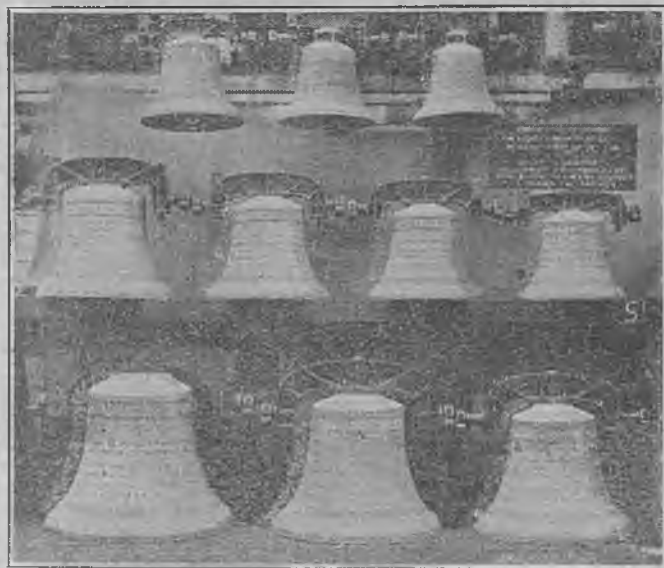
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BELL MUSIC.

The article on 'Bells,' which recently appeared in the leader columns of 'The Times,' has created quite a considerable interest, and the correspondence which it has produced has included letters on the rival merits of Simpson and the old standard tuning. This is a subject which hitherto has been of interest almost exclusively to bell experts, and those contemplating the recasting of an old or the erection of a new peal. The letters in 'The Times' should widen the circle of interest, and ringers may find that a question which they looked upon as peculiarly their own bone of contention is becoming a topic of discussion in the musical world generally. But 'The Times' article touched another side of bell 'music.' The writer said :—

'One might hazard the view that nine cultivated people out of ten regard bells as an accidental survival of the primitive, and the Sunday-morning chimes, sounding against each other, as a logical cacophony, tolerable only for its purpose. On the other hand, there remains the indisputable fact that, considered ideally as a musical instrument, the three-toned bell is perfect, as the violin is perfect. The grace of its form—the curve of "haunch," "waist," and "mouth"—is not merely coincident with the grace of its music, but the cause of it. The probability seems to be that the only 'primitive' thing about great bells is the way in which they are commonly used. Certainly nothing could be more worthy of such a word than the clumsy and false-noted tune occasionally replacing that abstruse arithmetic of the campanologists which has afforded combined mental and physical exercise to white-bearded "College Youths" through so many centuries. It seems possible that we are just now on the verge of very great discoveries in this matter.'

This phase of bell 'music' is taken further in an interesting letter, which will be found on another page, in which Mr. Edgar Shepherd points out how some, at any rate, of the discoveries referred to by 'The Times' writer have long since been made, and the 'tittum' and 'handstroke' course-ends, particularly in Caters and Cinques, are analogous to the repetition of themes in orchestral music. Mr. Shepherd puts forward a view which we think has been, up to now, hardly sufficiently realised by the vast majority of ringers. We talk of 'musical' compositions as if they were only for the ear of the ringers, who, for example, prefer to hear the sixth rather than the second dodging behind with the tenor, but our correspondent points out that these musical properties are equally important where the outside listener is concerned, and he goes even further, and suggests that if the layman could be taught to listen for the course ends, or the sequences in which the 'music' is most pronounced, we should go a long way towards inculcating in the general public a greater appreciation of our art. But here let us emphasise an important point in this matter. Ringers themselves must not only ring 'musical' peals and touches, but they must for ever strive to ring well. Indifferent, let alone bad, striking

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On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	EDWIN F. FIRE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
FRANK I. HAIRS 5	RICHARD F. DEAL 11
ALBERT W. COLES 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Four Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

JOSEPH MORRIS Treble	JOSEPH S. CARTER 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 10
ERNEST MORRIS 5	WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. ... 11
E. HARRY STONELEY 6	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

First peal of Maximus by ringers of 6th, 7th, 8th and 10th. First peal of Cambridge Maximus by ringer of 11th, also first of Maximus as conductor. It was the first peal of Surprise Maximus by an entire Leicestershire band. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 5th and 10th belong to St. Margaret's, 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th and tenor to the Cathedral Church of St. Martin, 11th to St. John-the-Divine, 6th to Stoke Golding, and 7th to Wigston Magna.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUCKLEY, NORTH WALES.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 1½ cwt.

JOHN HAYES Treble	SAMUEL BIRKS 5
ALBERT H. JONES 2	JOHN T. HOPWOOD 6
EDWIN R. USHER 3	ENOCH MESSHAM 7
JOHN E. USHER 4	ROBERT DUNN Tenor

Conducted by ENOCH MESSHAM.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Drow, through whose generosity the peal of eight bells were installed and the tower restored at St. Matthew's.

RISHTON, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*JOHN BEATTY Treble	ARTHUR LORD 5
MISS ELLEN SHAW 2	FRED READ 6
ALBERT YATES 3	JOHN HIRST 7
ARTHUR INGHAM 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal, and was proposed a member of Lancs Association before starting. The thanks of the band are due to Miss Shaw for so kindly filling a vacancy at short notice.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*PERCY MARCHANT Treble	PHILIP S. THOMPSON 5
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT 2	JAMES A. HART 5
ALBERT HODDEN 3	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 7
HEROLD S. HODDEN 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

* First peal in the method.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	*FREDERICK BOREHAM ... 5
FREDERICK F. MORZLOCK ... 2	LAURENCE POULSON ... 6
*THOMAS CHINERY ... 3	FREDERICK POULSON ... 7
ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. PAGETT.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 69th birthday of A. Symonds, who has been a ringer at this tower 48 years, instructor 38 years, and towerkeeper 22 years.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, January 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*CYRIL HUGHES Treble	ARTHUR PRINCE 5
G. WILLIAM HOLLIS 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
CHARLES H. PERRY 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
WALTER NORTON 4	FREDERICK E. STONE Tenor

Conducted by A. PRINCE.

* First peal and first attempt. Ringers of treble and 5th were proposed members before commencing the peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR J. JONES Treble	ERNEST COX 5
JOHN CLARK 2	ARTHUR J. LLEWELLYN ... 6
ALFRED T. POULTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON 4	ROBERT SUMMERS Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDWIN J. BOTTLE Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 5
SAM TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
*GEORGE M. EASTMAN 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	ERNEST J. DOBBIE Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Triples. Arranged and rung specially as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, Sittingbourne's veteran, who is 71 years of age.

CRANLEIGH.—On Wednesday, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Charman 1, R. Whittington 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, H. Tidy 4, L. Warner 5, E. Warner 6, A. Charman (conductor) 7, C. Mitchell 8. Arranged and rung as a farewell to C. Mitchell, who, to the regret of the Cranleigh band, is leaving the village.

PENKBRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, January 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*CHARLES J. BASTONE ... Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 5
JOHN W. PERRY 2	ALBERT G. HUNT 6
FREDERICK BIRKS 3	JOHN PERRY 7
WILLIAM H. JONES 4	EDMUND WESTWOOD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal, and belongs to the local band. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Kempson upon the celebration of their silver wedding.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. CARTER'S TEN-PART, No. 48. Tenor 22 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 5
RICHARD C. BELTON ... 2	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... 3	FRED COTTON ... 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 4	THOMAS K. DEACON ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Cotton. First peal in the method on the bells.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	GEORGE PIPER 5
DOUGLAS H. S. WHITE ... 2	JAMES A. HART 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 7
WILLIAM PELLING 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 5
ERNEST T. MALLENDER ... 2	BENJAMIN GREATORREX ... 6
*FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... 3	WILLIAM H. WAIN ... 7
JOHN P. TARTON ... 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method.

MACHEN, MON.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

J. PATRICK'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PIKE ... Treble	CHARLES GREEDY ... 5
PERCY JONES ... 2	GEORGE POPNELL ... 6
ALBERT ADDICOTT ... 3	GEORGE COOKE ... 7
ALBAN E. SLATTER ... 4	JOHN HAMMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by J. HAMMOND.

First peal of Kent for all except ringers of 5th and 8th, and first of Kent on the bells.

A DATE TOUCH.

At All Saints' Church, Darfield, Yorkshire, on Sunday, January 30th, for evening service, a date touch of 1,927 changes of Treble Bob Minor in 1 hour 13 minutes, consisting of 487 Kent, 720 Violet and 720 Oxford: Cyril Bell 1, A. Marshall 2, Chas. Bell 3, T. Hilton, jun., 4, G. Welford 5, T. Hilton (conductor) 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Sheffield to Darfield to license the Rev. G. Turner to the curacy of Darfield, also in honour of the 21st birthday of T. Hilton, jun.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE RECORD.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Seven Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 11232 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	ALLAN F. BAILEY 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 3	JAMES H. RIDING... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	GABRIEL LINDOFF Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. The band wish to associate with this performance the name of Mr. Harry Chapman, who was unable to stand in through illness, Mr. A. F. Bailey filling the gap at the last minute.

CHURCHKIRK, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ANTHONY CHADWICK... .. Treble	†JAMES PARR 5
ARTHUR INGHAM 2	*WILLIE AARON 6
†JOHN BEATTY 3	FRED READ... .. 7
THOMAS HOWARTH 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.
 * First peal of eight bells. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells since they were augmented. Ringers of 3rd from Accrington, 4th from Oswaldtwistle, and 7th from Rishton, the rest are local.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
WILLIAM FISHER... .. 2	WILLIAM A. COOPER 6
JOHN PERRY 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
ALFRED ROWLEY... .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the treble has now rung each bell in the above tower to a peal.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEAM TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	WILLIAM BROWN... .. 5
WILLIAM GIBBS 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6
VICTOR WHITE 3	HECTOR G. BIRD... .. 7
JOSEPH H. COX 4	ALFRED HACKETT... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Arranged specially as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hackett on the 48th anniversary of their wedding, Mr. Hackett having been a ringer and towerkeeper for many years at this church.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSCRIPTION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt, 2 qr. 14 lb.

LEONARD NELMES Treble	JOHN CLARK 5
BRUCE P. CHEW 2	WILLIAM BISHOP... .. 6
JAMES BISHOP 3	WILLIAM POSTON... .. 7
GEORGE WILKES 4	WILLIAM BEARD Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Rev. E. Parnell, for over 30 years Rector of Ruardean, who died on January 19th, and was interred at Ruardean on Sunday, January 23rd.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	WILLIAM P. TICKNER... .. 5
ROBERT EDWARDS 2	KENNETH PATTENDEN... .. 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER... .. 4	ALFRED J. BATTIN Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

This composition was published in 'The Ringing World' December 17th, 1926, page 795.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
JOHN HAYES 2	HENRY W. WILDE 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band, and second by the Guild.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,†

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

A PEAL OF STEAM TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM HORAN... .. Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
JOHN NASH 2	GEORGE PINCOTT 6
FRANK FIELDEN 3	PETER CROOK 7
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 4	*ARTHUR BOTTOMLEY... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by PETER CROOK

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 10, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Court Bob, and Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM NEAL Treble	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 4
WILLIAM TILLEY... .. 2	WALTER H. FREEMAN 5
JOSEPH O. LANDAN 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Mr. Freeman was elected a life member of the Guild before starting, and this was his first peal in seven methods.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE 4
WILLIAM GIBBS 2	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
RALPH MOORS 3	*WILLIAM BEDDARD Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Minor away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur E. Whatmore.

RAINHILL, LANC.-On Friday, January 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire and Bob Doubles (1,260 changes): W. Eustace 1, J. Timblin 2, J. Darwin 3, H. Aslton (conductor) 4, W. Gilroy 5, W. Smith 6.

**MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tuesday, January 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES COX Treble	ERNEST COX... .. 4
SAMUEL ENGLAND 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
*CECIL COX 3	HARRY E. COX Tenor

Conducted by A. T. POULTON.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. J. M. Duncan). All are regular Sunday service ringers.

**LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, January 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

*JAMES BASSETT Treble	WALTER MARSHALL 4
BERTRAM LUCK 2	JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. 5
GEORGE FULLER 3	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Conducted by A. RELFE.

* First peal.

**HEMINGFORD GREY, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

*KEN SUART Treble	FRED GINN 4
*FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	*ARTHUR J. GINN 5
GEORGE L. PERKINS 3	FRANK WARRINGTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in the method.

**BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each in the following methods: Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

THOMAS HORD Treble	CHARLES PRESTON 4
EDWIN CARTLIDGE 2	WILLIAM P. DEANE 5
*CHARLES S. RYLES 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN CARTLIDGE.

* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor.

**BERKSWELL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 4
*FRANK W. PERRENS 2	*SAMUEL GROVE 5
*JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

**EGG BUCKLAND, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*ROBERT J. BALDREY Treble	CHARLES R. LILLY... .. 4
JAMES E. LILLY 2	THOMAS G. MYERS 5
*ALFRED W. MYERS 3	JOSEPH WOODLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLY.

* First peal. * First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

**MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, January 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At 26, KIRKMANSBULME LANE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

FREDERICK PAGE 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
*HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	ALFRED BARNES 7-8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

WITNESS H. T. JONES.

* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At 7, NOTLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

BASIL REDGEWELL 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3-4	ALBERT WIFFEN 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

VARIATIONS OF THURSTANS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cave has no need to reiterate his views for my benefit as to what is or is not a variation, for my views are diametrically opposed to his. I can only trust that both of us will live sufficiently long to hear what another generation will have to say to a claim put forward on a composition several generations earlier.

In reference to myself forgoing the rights to this particular variation, will Mr. Cave please note the following dates: Mr. Fowler passed away in 1914; obviously the figures were sent earlier, because he sent them. Mr. Washbrook called it in 1918.

Mr. Cave suggested he never saw them as mine, but Mr. Morris confirms my statement. Also in one of his letters Mr. Cave bluntly asserts there is no Dexter variation. Perhaps there is not. It is a detail either way, but it may interest him to know that I can give him every variation of the four parts, either with singles or by omits and extras.

Everyone knows that the quarter-peal must be connected either by singles or by omits and extras. Mr. Cave tells us that when connected by singles they (the variations) are all Washbrook's, therefore when connected up by omits and extras they must be all 'Thurstans', so there cannot be any Pitstow's or anyone else's variation, for you cannot have it both ways.

The following variation may interest some of your readers:

A.	B.	C.
34 78 S14	34 78	S2 —
	3456 12 13	3456 12 13
	56	56
(246351) A	315426	152436
		523416
(546213) A	541326 C	245136 C
(146532) A	435216 B	412356 B
143256 B	324156 B	134526 B
421536 B	213546 B	351246 B
254316 B	152436 B	523416 B
532146 B		231456 B
315126 B		

Yours truly,

F. H. DEXTER.

INSURANCE OF RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. Dyke's letter re Insurance of Ringers should interest all concerned. It is a fact that some Church Councils insure their ringers, but I take it that they are only so insured when ringing in their own towers. Accidents are more likely to happen when visiting strange towers, and in my opinion what is required is an individual policy for all ringers. This, I believe, could be secured for an annual premium of not more than one shilling to cover all risks whenever and wherever a man was ringing. I believe that this would be a profitable business for any insurance company, as the risks are really not very great.

Such a policy would help any who were unfortunate enough to meet with an accident, or the relative of any ringer who might be killed while ringing or getting about the tower.

I sincerely hope that now the matter has been raised it will not be allowed to drop until something has been done in the matter.—Yours truly,

E. J. ELLIOTT.

NOTES BY THE WAY. BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Mr. Lukis further writes:—

'In the second place, and this I take to be the principal cause of the evil, the churchwardens have been sadly negligent. With a little grease, and new ropes allowed now and then, they have imagined that their duty to the bells and to the parish has been faithfully done, whereas mischief of a three-fold nature has been growing and increasing—mischief to the building, to the bells, and to the parishioners—the one ending in its dilapidation and ruin; the second in their utter destruction; and the third to the prejudice of their pockets. In a tower in this county I found three of the six bells broken, as I firmly believe, from this cause, and several peals of bells rendered nearly useless in consequence of the shaky state of the towers. As an instance of the way in which some, I may say many, churchwardens speak and act, I will mention that I was warned by a parish clerk to be very careful where I stepped in the bell-loft, for, said he, "the tower be main crazy." On asking the churchwarden for the key of the church, and mentioning the clerk's humane warning, he said, "Sir, I have known the tower these forty years, and he never was no better than he is now. He's quite safe. I'll tell'ee what, sir; one day the bishop come, and he said, muster churchwarden, you've a very pretty church, and he's in very good order. Another day another gentleman came. I think they call'un a rural dean, and he said, muster churchwarden, you've a very pretty church and he's sadly out of repair." When I returned the key, I did not see the churchwarden, or I should have told him that in my humble opinion both the rural dean and the parish clerk were right; for I had seen very many churches and many helfries, but few in a worse condition.

'And to illustrate the way in which these good easy parish officers will sometimes suffer the house of God to fall into decay, while I fear they spend what they rob Him of in their own bodily comforts, I will tell you that in ascending a Wiltshire tower with careful step I sank through the rotten floor of one of its stages and was preserved from a broken limb, if not an untimely end, by the joists, which happened to be less decayed.

'Bells require very constant attention to keep them in proper ringing order. When you consider their enormous weight, the different parts of their gear, the iron and wood of which it is composed, bolted and screwed together, the frame work on which they hang, and in revolving which they violently shake and vibrate; and then reflect that the iron and wood are both exposed to continual changes of atmosphere; and that under our condition of atmosphere, when one of these materials expands the other contracts, and that then the bells cannot oscillate so easily, you will form some idea of the care and attention they require to keep them in ringing order. Well, suppose screws to get loose and to remain so during many successive generations of churchwardens, the iron straps to become corroded, thin, weak, and then to snap; the gudgeons to wear unequally by the friction, and thereby to throw the bells out of the horizontal, you can imagine what the consequences must be. The bells revolve heavily, the frame work shakes and creaks, and the ringers, who have no voice in the vestry, and no power over parish moneys, do what they can to remedy some of the evil, and the very thing they do only increases the mischief. They put

wedges between the frame work and the walls of the tower to stop the creaking; but the result of this is to set the walls shaking, and finally to destroy them. Or if this does not immediately happen, the clappers of the bells get out of order, and striking the sound bow suddenly in a fresh place cause them to crack instantly.

'I have frequently been much pained by observing the shameful state of filth and neglect of many of Wiltshire bell-lofts. Generally speaking, the dark winding stone staircases (when they have any) leading to them are dirty, worn and difficult to tread; and you have to corkscrew your way up with very careful step, and when you have secured your footing and are beginning to congratulate yourself on having passed every obstacle, you suddenly come upon a huge heap of sticks, straw, feathers, bits of cloth and other rubbish, the patient and laborious work of indefatigable jackdaws. When the towers have no stone staircase the bells have to be reached by a succession of crazy ladders, planted on equally crazy floors.

'How very shameful that any part of God's house should be so neglected! Why should towers be so desecrated? Are they not as much a portion of the church as any other part? Why should they be left to the sole occupation of unclean birds and profane and irreverent ringers? Why, the very jackdaws, starlings and owls used to stare at me and linger among the bells before they took flight, wondering, perhaps, what kind of evil bird I was, and with what possible object I had intruded unbidden into the territory to which generations of parishioners had given them a prescriptive right.

'We may, I think, attribute this state of things to two causes, first, to a want of interest in the art of bell-ringing; and, secondly, to the difficulty which is experienced by the clergy in managing the generally most unruly set of men in a parish—the ringers. However, there has been a salutary reform effected of late years among another branch of church musicians, and we may hope to witness a reform in this respect also before long.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Holy Trinity, Dartford, on Saturday. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and kept going throughout the afternoon and evening. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major. Service was held at five o'clock, the association form being used, and the Vicar gave a short address.

About forty members then repaired to the Church House to partake of a splendid tea, kindly supplied by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Hammond). Afterwards, six members entertained the company with touches on the handbells.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. The chairman and the Rev. W. E. Bott, Vicar of Christ Church, Erith, were elected hon. members of the association. Eight new members were elected, and the election of two members previous to peals was ratified.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries read a concise report of proceedings at the general committee meeting held at Maidstone in November last.—This was adopted, with a vote of thanks to Mr. Jeffries for his careful attention to his duties.

The next business was the selection of the place of next meeting. Chislehurst was proposed, and an invitation to visit St. Mary Cray was extended to the meeting.—On being put to the gathering, St. Mary Cray was chosen.

The meeting was notified of the death of Mr. W. Harper, of Swanscombe, and expressed their sympathy and respect by standing in silence for one minute.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries informed the meeting that an application to the Benevolent Fund on behalf of Mr. W. J. Law had been successful.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and his address, for presiding at the meeting and for his generous hospitality in providing the tea, and to the organist for his kind services.—The Vicar responded, and this closed a very successful meeting.

The members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

LADIES' GUILD.**NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held on Saturday, at St. John's, Miles Platting, Manchester, where a nice ring of eight was made good use of in the various standard methods. About 40 ringers were present, and among the towers represented were the following: Ashton-under-Lyne, Crossestones, Dore, Handsworth, Hyde, Middleton, Prestwich, Stockport, Todmorden, Walsden and Worksop.

The local company are to be congratulated on the very excellent arrangements that were made.

A service was held in the church, at which the preacher, Canon Elsee (president of the Lancashire Association), delighted those present with a most interesting analysis of the fascination of change ringing for followers of the Exercise.

After tea, thanks were expressed by Miss Tayler, of Worksop, and the secretary to the Vicar and the church authorities for their kindness, and to Canon Elsee for having honoured the ladies by his presence at their meeting, and for his address.

Miss Tayler presided over the business meeting, at which 16 ladies were present, seven of them being elected new members of the Guild.

The next meeting was fixed for Easter Monday at Gainsborough, and the possibility of a ladies' peal for the Northern District discussed.

A feature of the ringing was a touch of Bob Major and a course of Grandsire Triples by bands of ladies.

The secretary would like to take this opportunity of expressing his very grateful thanks to all who contributed to the success of the meeting.

SILVER WEDDING.

On Saturday evening, January 22nd, to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. Arthur Goad, a member of the St. Thomas' band, Exeter, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was made at the Parish Church, but after 2½ hours' ringing a change course brought it to an end: H. H. Thomas 1, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 2, R. Davey 3, J. Hoegood 4, A. Monkby 5, W. Howe 6, A. H. Goad 7, W. Bailey 8.

Afterwards, the ringers spent a very pleasant hour at Mr. Goad's house, where light refreshments were partaken of. Plain courses of Stedman Doubles were rung on the handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Goad and Miss Goad, which greatly delighted the company, who also took part with the handbells in other items. Through indisposition, Mr. T. J. Stokes, the district secretary, was unable to take part in the ringing, but met the company at Mr. Goad's house.

ANOTHER BIG CROYDON CARILLON.

Members of the American Society in London visited Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's bell foundry at Croydon on Thursday of last week, and inspected a carillon of 43 bells which will shortly be installed at St. Chrysostom's Church, Chicago, as a memorial to Richard Tower Crane, a pioneer bell founder of that city. The visitors also witnessed the casting of one of the bells of a carillon ordered for Princeton University. As the molten metal was being poured into the mould, Mr. A. H. Rowan, a Princeton graduate of 1899, threw in a silver coin for luck.

A carillon recital was given, of which, it was stated, gramophone records had recently been made, Mr. Kamel Lefevere, of Malines, being the carillonneur.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are also making a large carillon and clock for Toronto University, and are about to dispatch a clock for the memorial tower of the Canadian Houses of Parliament at Ottawa, where they are also placing the biggest carillon in the world.

YORKTOWN'S OLDEST RINGER.**DEATH OF A RESPECTED LEADER.**

On Tuesday, January 25th, the death took place of Mr. T. P. Kemp, of King's Ride, Camberley, Surrey, after a short illness. Mr. Kemp, who was 78 years of age, joined the Yorktown band in 1893, and was captain for some years and also a regular Sunday service ringer.

He carried on a business as builder and undertaker in the town. The funeral took place on Friday last at St. Michael's Church, the ringers being represented by Mr. G. Prime, bearing a wreath from his colleagues of the belfry. Mr. Prime joined the band with the deceased in 1893.

After the burial, the bells were rung fully muffled with the tenor open at the back stroke, and they were rung again in the evening, the ringing being conducted by Mr. F. Ewens. The sympathy of the ringers is extended to Mr. Kemp's family in their sad bereavement.

CADOXTON.—On Sunday, December 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,250 changes) in 40 mins.: R. Bendle (first quarter away from tenor) 1, H. Matthews (first quarter inside) 2, J. E. Bloxham 3, G. I. Lewis 4, C. Lake (conductor) 5, M. Walters (first quarter) 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Sunday, December 12th, at St. Peter's Church, 840 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Wolstencroft 1, Miss Ida Wolstencroft 2, E. Johnson 3, Jas. Clayton 4, Wm. Hawke 5, Arthur Prestwick 6, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, F. Robinson 8. Rung on the 102nd anniversary of the church, and as a farewell to the Rev. C. L. Schofield, whose induction to Ashworth, Rochdale, took place on December 18th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of Edgbaston Old Church are now at the Loughborough foundry. The old six are to be recast and trebles added to complete the octave. They are to be hung in a new iron frame with modern fittings.

Tickets for the Johnson Commemoration Dinner, on February 19th, are going rapidly, and intending visitors are advised to apply early.

An appeal has been issued for funds for the 'renovation and re-decoration of the interior of Bow Church,' but no mention is made in the bells. We hope that the important scheme for dealing with the bells is not intentionally omitted.

The bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, are to be broadcast on Sunday evening, February 6th, and the Cathedral bells on Sunday evening, February 13th, both from 8 to 8.14 p.m.

To-morrow is the anniversary of two long peals. On February 5th, 1783, 12,672 Bob Major was rung at Bromley, Kent, in 7 hrs. 48 mins.

The first peal of London Surprise on handbells were rung at Roufford on February 6th, 1904.

There was a rare day's ringing on February 7th, 1783, when the bells of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, were opened. Three different bands rang three peals in one day: 5,120 Oxford Treble Bob by the College Youths, 5,040 Grandsire Triples by the Cumberlands, and 5,216 Oxford Treble Bob by the College Youths.

The first Surprise peal in the Metropolis was rung at Bethnal Green on February 8th, 1850.

In reference to the peal of Cambridge Minor rung at Sproughton, Suffolk, on Friday, January 14th, 1927, and published as first of Cambridge Minor in either Suffolk or Norfolk, a peal of Minor in the above method was rung at Wreutham, Suffolk, for the Norfolk Guild on Thursday, July 3rd, 1924, conducted by F. W. Naunton.

The tea and service at the annual meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association at Isleworth on Saturday, have been advanced one hour. The service is now to be held at 4 p.m., and the tea at 4.45.

Members of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association and friends will be sorry to hear of the loss sustained by Mr. W. Gibson, local secretary, of Beverley, on the death of his wife after a long and painful illness. The late Mrs. Gibson was always a willing helper at ringers' meetings and other church functions.

Mr. Edward Wallage, to whom we referred in this column last week as steeplekeeper at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, tells us that he has held that position upwards of 52 years. He has been a member of the College Youths for 57 years, and although he is now 76 he chimes at Whitechapel three times every Sunday and rings twice at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Mr. Wallage rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Whitechapel, conducted by J. R. Haworth, on January 7th, 1875, previous to the demolition of the old tower, and also took part in the first peal in the present tower—Stedman Triples—on February 5th, 1887, conducted by James Pettitt. He is the only survivor of those two bands.

More power to your elbow, Ted, and we hope you will long be spared to carry on the duties you now so ably discharge.

We referred last week to the ill-luck which pursues Mr. A. H. Pulling in regard to Surprise peals at Warnham, where the attempts have been made for the record peal of London. Last Saturday he got within half an hour of the end of a peal of Guildford Surprise, when the tenor clapper broke, which recalls the fact that one day last summer a band, of which the writer was one, visited Warnham for a Surprise peal. They met one short—Ike Shade was the absentee, a thing never known before—and thus Mr. Pulling was baulked of that elusive Surprise peal, although a peal of Stedman was rung.

Considering that their opportunities of practising the method are extremely limited, the Leicester men are to be heartily congratulated upon their peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

THE LATE MR. WM. HALEY.

The late Mr. William Haley, whose death we briefly recorded in a recent issue, was born in 1857, and was a son of Henry William Haley, the well-known ringer and composer. He himself, however, did not take any practical part in ringing.

He was employed as church and musical handbell tuner to Messrs. Warner and Sons for over 40 years.

He had a particularly keen ear, and had on more than one occasion been complimented by well-known musicians on the accuracy of his work. When the late Sir Arthur Sullivan came to inspect the bells which he had tuned for a performance of his 'Golden Legend,' Sir Arthur told him that he had a better ear than he himself had.

About three years ago Mr. Haley commenced business on his own account as a manufacturer of handbells, which he carried on successfully until a few days before he died.

He was the author of several books, the best known being the 'Bell Hymn Book,' published by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, for which he received a testimonial from Sir George C. Martin, organist of St. Paul's Cathedral.

No definite decision has yet been come to as to the future of the business.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN CARTER.**PASSING OF A GENIUS.**

It is our sad duty to record to-day the death of Mr. John Carter who passed away, after a lingering illness, at the age of 72 years, on Saturday at his residence, 25, Lessing Street, Honor Oak Park, London, S.E.

Mr. Carter was one of the outstanding figures of the Exercise for a great many years. He was a man of genius, both in the mechanical world and in the realm of composition. His creative brain enabled him to produce his wonderful ringing machine, admitted by all competent judges to be one of the most marvellous and ingenious productions of man. Since his retirement from business, Mr. Carter perfected the machine which now finds a resting place in the Science Museum at South Kensington.

Mr. Carter's work in the composition of peals is well known, and his knowledge of Stedman was unsurpassed.

Next week we hope to give a more detailed account of his career.

THE SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE RECORD.**PERFECT RINGING.**

On Saturday last, the record length of Superlative Surprise Major, 11,232 changes, was rung at the Bolton Parish Church in seven hours and ten minutes.

The church selected was an ideal one, as the tower is over 200 feet high, and although situated in the centre of a large town the ringing was in no way a nuisance. The bells are a spliced octave, five by Henry Bagley, 1699, and the three trebles cast from an old bell of the 12th century, in 1806. It was a good splice, and the bells are of good tone. Last year they were tuned and relung in ball bearings. The tenor is 15½ cwt.

At 10 a.m., the appointed time, with the exception of Allan Bailey for Harry Chapman, who was suffering from an injured knee, the same band who had been foiled by being unfortunately plunged into darkness after 5 hours and 6 minutes' ringing, met again. They were delayed in starting owing to the Press photographer.

At 10.33 a.m., 'Go' was called with a beat of 25 changes to the minute, and during the 5½ hours that I heard them this beat was maintained, and the striking coincided with the name of the method. In my opinion it was the best part of the performance. Hour after hour rolled by without a miss blow, every hand stroke lead shown, and whatever record is set up in the number of changes, the striking will never be beaten. This was the general opinion of all who heard the ringing.

I think the conductor is worthy of praise in conducting the peal from a non-observation bell.

The bells came round at 5.43 p.m., and waiting to congratulate the band were ringers from Crewe, Huddersfield, Fendleton and Walkden, along with many local and district men.

The only regret the band had was that Mr. Harry Chapman had not been able to take part, as he had been one of the most interested men in the attempt, having rung in long peals before, and conducted the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major for the Lancashire Association.

Great interest was shown by the public also, probably owing to a paragraph in the local newspaper on Thursday evening, as large crowds gathered during the afternoon to hear the ringing, and ringers outside were bombarded with some awkward technical questions to answer.

The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, the authorities for their trouble and expense of putting in gas fittings so as to doubly ensure the safety of the lighting, and the local ringers for all they did in preparation, and doing 'guard' over that fatal electric light switch.

P. C.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**THE OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

The annual general meeting was held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 22nd. The attendance was quite good, although unfortunately bad weather prevented many from being present. The most noticeable absentee was Mr. Benjamin Fokkett (the 'father' of the society), who had not missed an 'annual' for many a year. Ringing commenced at 4.15, and as permission had been given for the use of the bells up to 6 o'clock and again after the business meeting, up to 9 o'clock, everyone present had the opportunity of a pull, either in Cinques, Maximus, Royal or Caters. Tea was served in the crypt at 6 o'clock, and after a short touch of Stedman Cinques and a course of Grandshire Cinques on handbells, for the benefit of the ladies who assisted at the tables, the members proceeded to the Church Room for the business meeting.

The treasurer presented the balance sheet, which showed a satisfactory increase on the year 1925. All the officers were re-elected as follows: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; secretary, Mr. J. Sparrow; treasurer, Mr. J. W. Cornford; senior steward, Mr. C. J. Matthews; junior steward, Mr. T. Bevan; trustees, Messrs. F. Smith and A. Hardy. New members having been elected, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all officers for their services during the past year.

THE 'MUSIC' OF CHANGE RINGING.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—The interesting little article in a recent number of the 'Times' deserves more than passing attention. The writer, in the course of his remarks, ventures the opinion that the world is on the verge of a musical discovery in the mysterious regions of change ringing. The fact is that this discovery has long been made, and the thoughtful change ringer realises what the lay mind has so far failed to appreciate—that a peal of bells is a musical instrument, and that however circumscribed its powers it has certain definite musical possibilities.

The music of bells depends not upon combinations of notes but upon sequence and rhythm; that is, well ordered arrangement of notes and regular and stately beat. Even thus, there are, in change ringing, two clear and distinct ways of considering musical values. In Triples, and to a great extent in Major, the musical effect is secured by a judicious handling of terminations. We have discovered the value of such terminations as 468, 748, 678, 857, 867, and we strive to arrange our rows so as to produce these as often as possible.

In the wider regions of Caters and Cinques, more is possible. Here we approach much nearer to the ordinary scheme of musical composition. A symphony is built upon one or more themes, often simple pieces of tune, unannounced, repeated, varied, and woven into one whole. The music of Caters and Cinques depends on a theme. Annable, by throwing the heavy bells into the Tittums, showed us how to use such a theme, and in long touches and peals the back bells can be heard proclaiming this snatch of tune as they course to and fro among their smaller brethren. We have, in fact, something that resembles a fugue, in so far as the theme or subject must be listened for inside the 'trimmings.' (It is, of course, impossible to press the analogy.) The stroke of genius that fixed the 6th behind the 9th in Caters, and that which revealed the properties of the handstroke homo position, developed still further this little known method of producing music.

It seems to me that the subject, so imperfectly hinted at above, is really worthy of exploration. The general public must be quite ignorant of any prescribed attempt at musical composition in change ringing. Now in all attempts to develop musical appreciation the beginner is taught how to listen. In a tune, his attention is drawn to balance and climax; in a sonata or symphony, to recurring themes. Some of our enthusiasts are endeavouring to educate the public by means of lectures on bell ringing. It would be well at any such lecture to try by means of a handbell band or a piano to interest the audience in demonstrations of musical properties. The layman may never master the intricacies of change ringing, but if he can be brought to realise that it is a systematic attempt to produce music, and if he can but listen intelligently outside a tower for a few minutes, the bells will be to him more than a mere rhythmic jumble of apparently unrelated sounds.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

New Road, Solihull.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**SUGGESTED NEGOTIATIONS WITH GUILDFORD DIOCESE.**

The annual general meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Leatherhead on Saturday. The bells at the Parish Church were raised at 3 p.m., and except for the tea interval were kept going until 9 p.m. in various methods from Grandshire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

The meeting took place at the Institute, there being 60 members present, and Mr. James D. Drowett (Master) occupying the chair.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Guildford. The following were elected as officers of the association for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. James Douglas Drowett, J.P.; hon. secretary, Mr. Chas. H. Kippen, jun.; hon. assistant secretary and treasurer, Mr. Chas. Dean.

It was left to the district branches to elect their own officers.

Messrs. J. D. Drowett and Chas. Dean were appointed delegates to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

It was decided to print the annual report of the association for the year 1926, but in view of the shortage of funds it was resolved that a charge be made of sixpence per copy.

Mr. James W. Trappitt, who claimed to be the only living founder of the association, drew attention to the approaching jubilee of the association (May, 1930), and hoped the meeting for that year would be held at Reddington.

A discussion ensued with regard to the relations between the association and the Guildford diocese. No precise information was forthcoming as to the position and aims of the proposed new association for the latter area, and it was ultimately decided that a committee consisting of the officers of the association should endeavour to get into touch with the Guildford committee for the purposes of negotiation, and that a report should be presented to an emergency meeting of the association if occasion required.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. Arthur Dean for making such excellent arrangements concluded the meeting.

MODERN BELLS.

The following letter has been addressed to the Editor of the 'Times' by Mr. W. H. Jackson:

Sir.—Canon Nolloth's letter, published in your issue of the 20th instant, in which he comments upon your interesting article on bells (published by you on the 15th inst.), raises a question of great public interest, especially so as the famous bells of Bow Church may perchance become involved in the matter.

Put briefly, there is a considerable difference of opinion, both expert and amateur, as to the relative merits of the old standard tuning and the new method advocated by the late Canon Simpson.

The casting of bells, like Gothic architecture, developed along traditional lines from father to son, and exactly as we find in architecture the peerless structures of the late thirteenth century as the supreme glory of the craft, so in bells we have the exquisite tones, founded on years of experience, which the bell founders produced previous to the introduction of so-called scientific tuning by the late Canon.

Mr. Thomas C. Lewis, the famous organ builder, and, incidentally, himself a bell founder, wrote:

'Large bells must have two distinct notes—its "tap tone" and that which is called its "hum tone."

'The first supposition very naturally is that these two notes should be one to the other in relation to octaves, the "hum note" the lower note in pitch.

'Now, in fact,' he continues, 'there is nothing poorer than a large bell having the "tap note" of a definite stated pitch and a "hum note" accompanying it an exact octave deeper.

'On the contrary,' he proceeds, 'a fine bell with a "tap note" of F should have its "hum note" a major seventh below flattened, or, broadly speaking, it should be a flat F, and this, although it might be supposed to be discordant, really gives the best possible result for a bell, because,' he claims, 'the ear seeks the two blended tones,' and thus, of course, is exactly what the old standard method of tuning gives.

With regard to what has been said in the foregoing, it is interesting to note that very ancient bells were tuned with the octave 'hum note,' and it was only after experience that this was altered by official expert craftsmen, therefore it would appear that the new Simpson tuning is merely a throw-back.

I wonder, Sir, how many of your readers have stood in the quiet presence of Amen Court and listened to 'Great Paul' at the Cathedral booming out his invitation to prayer, and I wonder, Sir, how many of them would dare to say that the bell, although not scientifically tuned, is totally wrong, merely scrap iron, and only fit for the melting pot?

As a matter of fact, the bell is full of majesty. 'Boom! Boom!' he seems to say; 'listen to me. I am king of bells.'

May I suggest, therefore, that before anything is done with such an historic ring of bells as that at Bow the position should be carefully explored, in order that we may not lose the substance in seeking the shadow and give our descendants power, in their turn, to call us vandals, much the same as we do those who in the 1850's destroyed beautiful Gothic tracery to design new upon 'improved scientific principles.'

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. ANNUAL MEETING OF WIRRAL BRANCH.

On Saturday, January 22nd, the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at St. Peter's Church, Rock Ferry. This is a very accessible six-bell tower, and it was not surprising to find a goodly number of members putting in an appearance. Touches in methods ranging from Plain Bob to Surprise Minor were rung, everyone being assured of a ring, no matter how elementary or advanced his ringing status might be. After a hearty service in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Ball, M.A.), an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, where the annual meeting was held. Mr. J. W. Milner (president of the branch) taking the chair, supported by Mr. E. W. Elwell (general secretary of the Guild) and Rev. A. Ball.

The balance sheet having been read and passed, and the various officers having been elected for the ensuing year, in the course of which Mr. Milner paid a high, but well deserved, tribute to the work of the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Brocklebank, Mr. Elwell stated that he hoped, at the annual meeting of the Guild, to bring forward some scheme whereby the subscriptions of members could be reduced.

Then came the event of the evening, an innovation so far as this branch is concerned, in the form of a 'hot-pot' supper, to which between 60 and 70 members and friends sat down, and did full justice to a splendid repast. This was followed by an excellent concert, contributed to by some of the Rock Ferry ringers and their friends. It was an altogether successful gathering, and everyone went away well satisfied with the arrangements that had been made for their enjoyment. To Messrs. F. C. Amos and J. Cooke, and the other members of the Rock Ferry band of ringers, who were responsible for all the arrangements, the hearty thanks of the branch are due for their untiring efforts.

W. J. B.

THE CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The letter in last week's 'Ringing World' on this subject should have been written years ago, and I emphatically agree with its purport. I have visited Cambridge on several occasions on ringing expeditions, and the lethargic state of ringing affairs at Gt. St. Mary's has always been a matter of regret to me, and a stain on the Ely Diocesan Association. It was noticeable to any observant stranger that there was an undercurrent of hostility towards progressive ringing running through the belfry. I remember on one occasion, when I visited Cambridge with another Ealing ringer, a scene took place in the belfry because the conductor endeavoured to correct mistakes of certain ringers during a touch. My friend and I, coming from a tower where youth and enthusiasm were prevalent, were appalled to find such ill feeling in a belfry. I should advise the Church Council to hold an inquiry into the present distressing state of affairs, and would suggest that last week's leading article should be placed before them by the signatories of last week's letter.

Drastic reform is urgently needed, and when it is effected I fully expect to hear that the twelve bells are once again pealing forth on the Sabbath, manned by ringers who ring from a sense of duty to the church and a love of their art, and not for a meagre pecuniary gain.

FRED W. GOODFELLOW.

Hounslow.

PAID RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leading article of January 28th it is implied that all bands of service ringers should be purely voluntary, and that remuneration should not be given to the local bands who on Sunday ring the bells for the church services. This procedure might be possible in 'Utopia,' but in our (ringing) world as at present constituted I think it is far preferable to give a regular quarterly or annual remuneration to the bellringers of the local band. The amount given is usually small, and it might properly be called an honorarium.

Every right-minded and nice man when he accepts remuneration (however small) for doing some specific work will always endeavour to carry out that work to the full and conform willingly to any rules that may necessarily be drawn up. They will assemble punctually at the stated times for service, and carry out the work to the best of their ability. On the other hand, if the work is voluntary there must be a great danger of slackness and irregularity of ringing unless there happens to be an exceptionally keen local band, and even then this keenness must be lasting and not merely spasmodic. It is quite possible and probable that the local band which accepts remuneration will be just as keen as the voluntary band which receives no remuneration.—Yours truly,

T. P. WALKER,
Churchwarden and Ringer.

Woking, Surrey.

A LONDON EXPERIENCE.

Dear Sir,—As a constant reader of 'The Ringing World' I should like to express an opinion on the matter referred to in your leading article in the issue of January 28th.

I also have reason to deplore the existence of 'paid ringing.'

A year ago we had, at a church not many miles from Bow, Cheap-side, a band of very keen young fellows, who, as regular as clock-work, turned up to ring for Sunday Services. We did not aspire to half-pull ringing, but used to strike some excellent call changes.

Unfortunately this particular church paid the ringers for the various festivals. Consequently, on these occasions, we were ousted out by some elderly and more experienced men, who, after collecting the few shillings due to them, vanished and did not reappear until the next 'pay-day.'

We put up with this for a year, and then, after raising an ineffectual protest, left, and thus ended a very promising band.

One often sees in 'The Ringing World' the question, 'How can we fill up the vacant gaps in our bands?' There are many eager and willing to be taught, but it is the 'rottenness' of the 'paying system' that keeps them away. Such, at any rate, is the opinion of

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YORKSHIRE TREASURER'S WEDDING.

The Church of St. Michael, Headingley, Leeds, was the scene of a very interesting event on January 8th, when the wedding was solemnised of Mr. J. Cotterell, treasurer of the Yorkshire Association, and Miss O. L. Lumley, a member of the local company.

The ceremony was performed, in the presence of a large gathering of ringers, by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, Vicar of St. Chad's, Headingley, and president of the Yorkshire Association. Later, a reception was held at the Mount Hotel, Leeds.

After the service, 'firing' and touches of Stedman were rung by the local company. On the following Wednesday evening, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which has already been recorded in its proper place, was rung in honour of the event.

THE PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

YORKTOWN DISTRICT COMES INTO THE SCHEME.

The proposal to form an independent association of ringers for the diocese of Guildford, when this is carved out of the existing diocese of Winchester—an event which it is expected will take place about the middle of this year—was carried a step further on Saturday. The proposal was first put forward by the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild, and the Yorktown District, which includes an important part of the new diocese, has now decided to give its support to the scheme. At first, there was a feeling in this district against cutting up the existing Guild, and as long ago as 1923 resolutions were passed expressing a desire that the present Guild should remain, subject to various administrative changes and an altered title. Last December, however, representatives of the two districts met in conference, and at a special meeting at Bagshot on Saturday the Yorktown District again discussed the subject. The Vicar (Canon W. H. Stewart) presided, and members were present from Bagshot, Chertsey, Egham, Farnborough, Weybridge and Yorktown.

A memorandum setting out the Guildford District's views had been circulated to the towers. Replies had been received from a number including the following: From the Rev. G. R. M. Ellwood, Hawley, who was strongly in favour of forming a new association on the grounds given in the memorandum; from the Rev. F. Tritton, Weybridge, who favoured a new association, but thought any decision should not be final until the new Bishop had been consulted; from the Rev. C. E. C. Lefroy (Hersham), who thought an independent association would be altogether desirable; and from Mr. A. Woodrow, on behalf of the Hersham band, who were unanimous that they should follow the new diocese to which they would be attached.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, at the request of the members of the conference, explained in some detail the steps which had led up to that meeting, and also the proposals upon which it was suggested the new association should be formed. These included a reciprocal arrangement between the old and the new Guilds, whereby members of one could, on payment of one shilling, become compounding members of the other, thereby enabling them to retain their connection between the ringing organisations of the two areas; a suggestion that 75 per cent. of district income should be available for district purposes, and a proposal that there should be a small affiliation fee for towers in order to give the church authorities a direct interest in the association, coupled, if found practicable, with representation on the Management Committee.

Mr. H. J. Chaffey, Mr. S. G. Armstrong, Mr. F. Nye, and Mr. Crocker (who represented the district at the conference) spoke in favour of supporting the scheme for a separate association, subject to its receiving the approval of the new Bishop.

Representatives of Egham and Yorktown towers reported that the members of these branches had decided in favour of supporting the new association.

A number of resolutions were then put to the meeting. The first rescinded the motion passed in 1923.

It was then proposed by Mr. F. Nye (Bagshot), seconded by Mr. Gasson (Farnborough), and carried nem. con., 'that in the opinion of this meeting of the Yorktown District it is desirable that, on the formation of the diocese of Guildford, and subject to the approval of the Bishop, a separate and independent association of church bell-ringers be formed for the new diocese.'

Resolutions were next passed instructing the district's representatives on the Winchester Guild Committee to support proposals recommending that the area of the existing Guild shall, as from January 1st, 1928, be confined to the parishes comprising the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth, and that reciprocal arrangements be made to enable present members residing in one area to become compounding members of the other Guild on payment of a nominal fee of 1s.

The following were then elected to represent the district on the Organising Committee: Messrs. F. Nye, S. G. Armstrong, J. Corbett, H. J. Chaffey and Crocker, and, subject to his being willing to serve, Mr. A. Woodrow (Hersham).

On the motion of the Chairman, Mr. Goldsmith was thanked for his lucid explanation of the whole scheme, and his assistance at the meeting.

Cordial thanks were passed to Mr. Corbett for having kindly entertained the ringers to tea, to the ladies who had served the meal, and to the chairman for presiding.

Before and after the meeting, ringing took place on the Parish Church bells, opportunity being taken to give practice to a number of beginners in the art.

A QUARTER-PEAL IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) has been rung at St. Mary's Church, Greville, Durban, South Africa, by the following: W. H. Royston 1, F. May 2, Miss M. Clarkson 3, T. Nash 4, F. W. Simpson 5, J. Prickett 6, E. Prickett 7, C. Clarkson 8. It was conducted by J. Prickett, and occupied 52 minutes. This is the longest completed number of changes rung by the reconstituted band of St. Mary's Church, and was rung with the thermometer registering a temperature of about 90 degrees between 7 and 8 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held at Cirencester on Saturday, January 22nd, and, despite the wintry weather, was well attended. The following towers were represented: Cirencester, Fairford, Northleach, Maiseyhampton, South Cerney and Swindon. Watermoor bells were rung during the afternoon, and the ringers' service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Westmacott). Tea was served at Messrs. Viner's restaurant, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar taking the chair.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman, Mr. F. Edwards; hon. secretary, Mr. E. J. Lewis; member on Management Committee, Mr. J. Hope.

Several new members were elected, and Letchlade was chosen for the next meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for conducting the service and for granting the use of the bells.

The Parish Church was then visited, and the bells made good use of. During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters and Bob Major were rung, and also a course of Grandsire Cinques, several members having their first pull on twelve bells.

BRISTOL BRANCH'S RECORD YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held on Saturday last at St. Philip's, Bristol. There was an excellent attendance of members, representing 16 towers, namely: St. Michael's, SS. Philip and Jacob's, St. Stephen's, St. Thomas', St. Werburgh's, St. Luke's and St. Peter's, Bristol; Henbury, Mangotsfield, Marshfield, Olveston and Westbury-on-Trym, while Miss N. G. Williams (Bath), Miss G. Staddon (Portishead), Mr. F. H. Fussell (Dursley), Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Tanner, and Mr. J. H. Jones (Weston-super-Mare) were welcome visitors. Touches in different methods were rung on the bells during the afternoon, and choral service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. E. Thorold), who also gave an excellent address, taking for his text 'Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as unto the Lord and not unto men.' Tea was afterwards served in the schoolroom, where 75 members and friends sat down.

The Chairman (Mr. J. Gould) presided at the annual business meeting, at which Mr. L. G. Tanner (Weston-super-Mare) was elected a life member, Miss G. Stadden (Portishead), Mr. W. Cook (Henbury), and Mr. Saunders (St. Thomas', Bristol), were elected performing members.

Warmley was chosen for the February meeting, and St. Michael's, Bristol, for March. For the quarterly meetings, Marshfield was selected for April, Coalpit Heath for July, Mangotsfield for October, and St. James', Bristol, for the annual meeting in January.

The Chairman said he was very pleased with the work of the branch for the past year, with its record attendances at the meetings, and especially the fine fellowship that existed. He hoped they would continue to go forward and progress, and he would do his best to help on the work. He thanked their hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) for the time and work he put in for the cause.

The Hon. Secretary, in presenting his report, said it was gratifying to know the work of the branch had been well maintained. They had held 12 monthly meetings, and at Abson, Almondsbury, Dyrham, and St. Thomas', Bristol, about 60 were present at each meeting. The average for the 12 meetings constituted a record of about 40. They had an increase of 17 performing, 5 honorary and 2 associate members. The ancient ring of six at Abson had been overhauled and rebung in a new frame, and attention had been also given to the bells at Christ Church and St. Nicholas', Bristol. He hoped other churches would undertake similar work where needed. Change ringing had been up to the usual good standard, and he asked where possible for some of the other towers to bring on some of the younger generation in the art to fill the gaps. He hoped also that arrangements would be made at more towers to ring for the Sunday services. The hand of death had taken two of their active ringers, Mr. Walter Lewis (Marshfield) and Mr. Wm. Short (St. James', Bristol). Thanks were accorded to the incumbents of the various towers had had placed their bells at the disposal of the association, and to the incumbents of Almondsbury, Bristol, and Dyrham, for their hospitality, to the Rev. T. C. Fowler, who had taken the services on different occasions, to Mr. Wm. Stafford for auditing the balance sheet, to the chairman for his continued help, to Mr. P. C. Williams, the late hon. secretary, and all concerned.

The balance sheet showed a record on the right side. The receipts had been £42 15s., and expenditure £23 19s. 8½d., leaving a balance of £18 15s. 3½d.—This was adopted.

The election of officers next took place. Mr. J. Gould (chairman), Mr. J. G. Jefferies (representative on the management committee), and Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary) were re-elected en bloc, and thanks were given to them for their past services.

Heartily votes of thanks were passed with acclamation to the Vicar for all his kindness to them that day, to the organist and choir, to Mr., Mrs. and Miss Williams, assisted by the lady ringers at St. Philip's, Mrs. E. J. Brown, and the Misses B. and D. Jorden, for arranging such a splendid tea.—The Vicar (who is a real ringers' friend), responded, and this concluded another happy meeting.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, January 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: H. W. H. Strickland 1, H. A. Barnett 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, S. W. Crabb 4, C. Button 5, H. Ellis 6, E. A. Hull 7, W. Barnett (first quarter-peal) 8.

DARTFORD.—At Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for men's service on Sunday afternoon, January 30th: A. H. Audsley 1, F. Walker 2, L. Cullum 3, E. Brown 4, T. H. Cheesman (conductor) 5, H. Simmons 6, F. Cullum 7, R. A. Jenkins 8.

KIDLINGTON.—On Sunday, January 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Hancox 1, C. Bennett 2, J. Judge 3, F. Tuffrey 4, J. Franklin 5, W. H. Thorne 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, A. Morris 8.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, January 30th, for morning service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: F. Arthur 1, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 2, F. B. Tompkins 3, W. E. Teekurst 4, G. Marshall 5, J. H. Blake 6, M. R. Heffer 7, A. Tugwell 8. Rung also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 6 and 7. The combined ages of the band amount to 489 years.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evening on Sunday, January 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: H. C. Taylor 1, F. J. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, W. W. Stevens 4, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 5, J. Martin 6, F. Smith 7, H. Hill 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1 and 8.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday, January 30th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins., by the following: E. J. Lott 1, F. J. Cullum, sen., 2, S. A. Stagg 3, L. J. Cullum 4, G. Cullum 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Darke 8.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary Abbots, for evening, on January 30th, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 54 mins.: H. G. Miles 1, P. L. Miles 2, R. G. Rice 3, W. E. Judd (conductor) 4, F. V. Sinkins 5, E. G. Locke 6, R. E. Sadler 7, G. C. Rice 8, A. F. Harris 9, H. Wakelam 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Sinkins.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 30th, at St. Clement Danes', Strand, for evening, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Hardecastle 1, E. F. Pike 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, Miss B. M. Mills 4, B. H. Swinson 5, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 6, F. E. Collins 7, E. G. Garrard 8.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, January 29th, at the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Wall, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Watkin, jun. (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Minns 2, M. Harris 3, John Hayes (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, W. Scounce 5, A. Gregory 6, James Swindley 7, A. Watkin, sen., 8.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, January 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise (1,280 changes, J. Wilde's): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, W. E. J. Poulson 2, F. L. Leeks 3, M. T. Symonds 4, A. Symonds 5, F. T. Mortlock 6, F. A. Turner 7, F. A. Poulson 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Symonds.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On January 23rd, 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hitchman 1, H. Palmer 2, W. Hitchman 3, R. G. Rice (conductor) 4, W. Corderoy 5, T. Mulford 6. First 720 by 5th (inside) and 6th.

PORTMADOC, CARNARVONSHIRE.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, December 19th, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Jones 1, R. McMillan 2, F. Williams 3, J. V. Humphreys 4, H. Roberts 5, P. Roberts 6, John Owen (conductor) 7, E. Humphreys 8.—On Christmas Day, December 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Jones 1, R. McMillan 2, P. Roberts 3, J. V. Humphreys 4, F. Williams 5, H. Roberts 6, John Owen (conductor) 7, E. Humphreys 8.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, January 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: S. Attewell (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Stirling 2, E. Walker 3, J. Murrell 4, E. C. Williamson 5, J. W. Stirling 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, L. Farnsworth 8. The conductor wishes to thank the local band for allowing him to call the above at the church where he rang his first peal of Triples in 1912.

WHITFIELD, GLOSSOP.—On Sunday, January 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in honour of Mr. W. P. Fairclough, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., who has completed fifty years' service as organist and choir-master of Whitfield Parish Church: J. L. Buckley 1, F. Garside 2, Tom Jackson 3, H. Bradshaw 4, Ben Bradley 5, C. Garside 6, H. Bradley (conductor) 7, William Hall 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Sunday, January 16th, at St. Mary's Church for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: R. Walker 1, W. Hughes 2, J. Floyd 3, J. W. Shepherd (conductor) 4, H. Gates 5, H. Golding 6.

NOTICE.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A monthly meeting will be held at Darfield on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells ready early. Tea in Church Schools at 5 p.m. Apply for tickets to Mr. T. Hilton, Victoria Street, Darfield, Near Barnsley.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Leominster district of the Hereford Diocesan Guild took place at Leominster on Saturday, January 15th.

Ringing commenced at the Priory Church at 4 p.m., and touches of Bob Minor, Stedman Triples, and Grandsire Caters were rung. A service was afterwards conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. Gillenders).

Members of the Guild were entertained to tea at the Church Institute by the Vicar, who presided over the business meeting.

Mr. J. W. Worsey resigned the secretaryship during the year, and the statement of accounts was presented by the Acting Secretary (Mr. A. W. Davies, Hereford). This showed a balance of £5 3s. 2d., but other amounts have yet to come in.

Mr. E. Jayne, Kimbolton, was appointed Ringing Master and Secretary.

Mr. C. Edwards (Master of the Guild), in proposing that Mr. G. E. Wright be appointed an honorary member, said it was hoped to do something for the bells at Pudleston when the repairs to the church roof were completed. He was interested to find a pre-Reformation bell there, one of the oldest in the county.

In thanking the Vicar of Leominster for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, for providing the tea, and for presiding over the meeting, Mr. Edwards spoke of the encouragement given to the ringers when the Vicar of the parish took an interest in the work. He said they hoped to ring the first ten-bell peal at Leominster, but the attempt failed; they had, however, succeeded in accomplishing the first ten-bell peal by local ringers at Hereford Cathedral.

Preb. Turner, Madley, seconded the vote of thanks, and the Vicar replied, saying that he regarded bell-ringing as a very important piece of work for the Church.

The offer of Mr. A. W. Davies to bring over ringers from Hereford to assist the Leominster ringers, if other districts would also help, was accepted.

AN INTERESTING MEMORIAL AT NEWPORT.**RINGER'S GENEROUS GIFT.**

The belfry of the Parish Church, Newport, Isle of Wight, has recently been embellished with a handsome tablet recording two peals that were rung upon the bells—May 15th and 16th, 1923—in which a fair share of Islanders took part, to commemorate 'Rayner's centenary,' viz., Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major at Newport and Carisbrooke respectively, each conducted by George Williams, under the auspices of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

The tablet is of polished slate, 23 x 32 inches, the lettering incised and painted white enamel, the work of Messrs. Cooper, of Newport. It was duly unveiled and dedicated by the Vicar, Canon Thompson, M.A., in the presence of the local ringers and neighbouring friends, the ceremony being of rather a private nature due to the modesty of the generous donor, who has been a ringer of the parish for upwards of 42 years.

The following is a copy of the footnote on the tablet, which forms an interesting link with the old Newport and Carisbrooke Society and the existing Diocesan Guild:

'These two memorable peals were rung in the evening of each day, and were brought round in a masterly manner to commemorate the centenary of the death of William Rayner, who was himself a prominent ringer of Newport, I.W. To my fellow ringers of this tower, a gift from Walter Scott, sen.'

It will be recalled that Mr. Walter Scott, sen., was responsible for the recovery of one of the old peal books of the Union Society, lost for nearly three-quarters of a century, which he kindly handed over to the tower trustees.

In thanking him for his latest handsome gift, the band who took part in these performances congratulated him on recently becoming a 'grandfather,' so we expect to hear, some day, of a 'Walter Scott Minor,' carrying on the work of Scott Major and Maximus in this belfry. In these days, when young ringers are hard to get and more difficult to keep, it is refreshing to quote the words of this veteran change-ringer: 'During the whole of my 43 years in the belfry nothing has given me greater pleasure than this opportunity of recording the names of my fellow-ringers upon its walls.'

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on financial matters, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Feb. 17th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 8th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th (at 8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room, North Street, after service, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) and meeting in the Church Room after. Wilton (6) available 2.30 to 4 p.m., and after business meeting.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at the Parish Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—J. Norbury, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Alresford on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells at 2.30, also Old Alresford (6) and Bishop Sutton (5) if required.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Cranborne on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Address by Vicar, Rev. L. Addison. Tea 5.15, followed by business. The new treble to be dedicated at Hampreston, Sunday, Feb. 6th, at 3 o'clock.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. It is hoped as many as possible will attend.—E. Raddon, Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45 in the Church Hall.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., W.4.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The first meeting of the year will be held at West Retford on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Will ringers please make own arrangements for tea. There are several good cafés in the town.—H. Haig and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Newport on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30, to be followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Poolstock, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James Wm. Graunds, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Dore, near Sheffield, on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 to 7.30. Tea at Hurst's Café 5 p.m. Frequent trains L.M.S. from Sheffield and Chesterfield. Buses direct to church from Ecclesfield. A good meeting is hoped for.—Arthur Knights, Local Hon. Sec., Chesterfield.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available at 6 p.m.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Business meeting will follow. All ringers cordially invited.—Wm. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing: Sundays at 10 a.m. The quarterly combined practice with the Central District Ladies' Guild on Wednesday, Feb. 9th, at 6.30 p.m. All lady ringers specially invited.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week practice meeting will be held at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Thursday, Feb. 10th. Bells from 6.45 to 8.45 p.m. Members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at the White Lion at 5.30. All are welcome.—E. W. Day, Dis. Sec., 58, King's Road, Hitchin.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey.—Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells open 3.15. Tea 5.30, at Institute. Business Meeting after. Ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 9th. Cheap tickets from London.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Note.—Subscriptions are now due.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Tower open at 2.30. Service 3.30. All desiring tea must notify the secretary, G. A. Webley, Southampton Street, Faringdon, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 9th.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East from 2.30 to 4, and at St. Clement Danes' from 2.30. Service at the latter at 4.30, address by the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, Rector and Honorary Chaplain. Tea in the Parish Room, tickets for which should be obtained in advance from the Masters or secretaries, followed by the business meeting. A good gathering is desired. Other meetings for February: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 6th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 14th and the 28th, at 7.30; St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 7th, at 8; and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 22nd, at 8. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Chorley, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. The bells (8, recently rehung and tuned) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to all who notify Mr. J. Smith, 85, Anderson Street, Chorley, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 9th. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells at liberty 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Reports to hand. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available all day. Tea, 4.30, free to all sending me word before Feb. 9th. Meeting afterwards in St. Mary's Hall. — H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Those who require tea please notify by Tuesday, Feb. 8th.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at Padiham on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. —J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tue Brook on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells ready at 4.30. Members intending being present please send word to secretary, W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Woodston, Peterborough, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the Reading branch of the above Guild will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 12th. St. Giles' belfry will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Ringers' service at St. Lawrence's Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting, followed by a smoking concert, by the 'Maxims' party, at the Central Café, Friar Street, at 6 p.m. Tickets for tea, etc., 2s. 6d. each, but 1s. 3d. only to any ringer who lets me know his intention of being present by Wednesday morning, Feb. 9th. —F. W. Hoppood, Hon. Branch Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (8 and 6) available from 3 p.m. Service in St. Leonard's at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, followed by meeting. Will all those who intend being present kindly notify the secretary by Thursday, the 10th inst.—W. Hayward, Dis. Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, Feb. 12th. The rings of 12 at the Cathedral and eight at St. Marie's are available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. A charge of 1s. 6d. per head will be made for tea, and all applications for same must reach Mr. S. F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield, not later than first post Wednesday, Feb. 9th. Divine service will be held in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Preacher, Archdeacon of Sheffield. Subscriptions are now due, and reports will be issued at this meeting on payment of same.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting for united practice at St. Peter's Church, Colchester, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Ringing from 3 to 5 p.m., followed by tea and social at St. Peter's Parish Room. Tea 1s. 4d. each. Will those who propose being present send in their names not later than Tuesday, Feb. 15th? Opening of peal of 6 bells at St. Leonard's, Colchester, on Thursday, Feb. 17th, at 3 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., N.E. District, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Municipal Restaurant, East Street, 5.15 p.m. Will all those wanting tea advise me by Tuesday, Feb. 15th, as exact number has to be given? Subscriptions for 1927 are now due.—E. Butler, Hon. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

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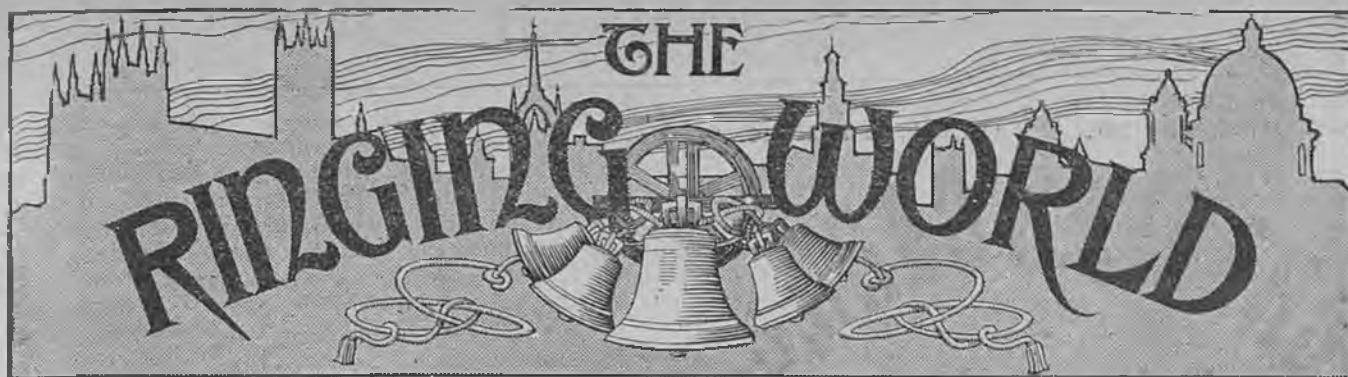
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Muffers, Ringing Mats, Matting, Flag Lines, etc., etc.

planned its details. And yet John Carter was a humble man. He did not talk about what he could do. He just did it, and was content. He has gone from us now, but his works will remain. Without the ringing machine, his work as a composer would have ensured him an honoured place among the great men of the Exercise, but his name will endure throughout ringing history not only for his labours in the realm of composition, but for that other unique product of his fertile brain to which we have done but inadequate justice.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JEFFERY R. GAMMON Treble	HARRY MANCE 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	GEORGE HAYDEN 7
GEORGE A. CARD 3	* WILLIAM ROGERS 8
JAMES BENNETT 4	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
WILLIAM W. THORNE 5	FREDERICK W. CHORLEY... Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung on the anniversary of the birth of F. W. Chorley, also as a similar compliment to an old and esteemed member, Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., on attaining his 84th birthday.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

* ALBERT A. BUSLEY Treble	JOHN W. WOOD 6
THE REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	JOHN CURRY 7
GEORGE LADD 3	ARTHUR RIGGALL 8
† JOHN T. BROWN 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON 9
† JOHN G. AMES 5	† ERNEST A. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRIDGINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, January 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES COTTRELL Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS 5
JONATHAN PRESTON 2	WILLIAM DAVIES 6
WILLIAM C. RHODES 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 4	JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

This peal was specially rung to commemorate the completion of the Rev. Canon Swindell's 40 years' true and devoted ministry of this parish.

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM E. WILSON Treble	JAS. HARRISON 5
THOS. WILSON 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
MISS M. CLAYTON 3	JOHN BROWN 7
THOS. CALDERBANK 4	FRED HINDLE Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

NORTHALLERTON.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*HENRY METCALFE Treble	THOMAS METCALFE 5
*FRED MEER 2	JAMES W. NEESAM 6
LAWRENCE BROWN 3	†ROBERT A. DICK 7
GEORGE MELLING 4	HENRY STEVENSON Tenor

Composed by the Rev. C. P. DAVIS. Conducted by T. METCALFE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal an inside bell. Ringers of 1, 3, 4 and tenor are from Northallerton, 2, 6 and 7 from Thirsk, and 5 from Middlesbrough.

GT. STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

EDWARD LEVERSOUE Treble	†GEORGE CHESHIRE 5
*ROY WILKINSON 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
JOSEPH MILNER 3	CHARLES DYKE 7
JOHN H. EDWARDS 4	GEORGE A. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

* First peal inside away from treble. † First peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Marjory, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Romer, of Stanmore, to Ronald, son of Dr. and Mrs. Matthews, of Crawley, Sussex.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, January 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
JAMES BETTS 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES 4	WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to Mr. Arthur H. Moore, of Crows Hall, Debenham, for many years people's warden at St. Mary's, the interment having taken place the same afternoon.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

JOHN P. FIDLER Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 2	JAMES S. HUTCHLEY 6
HARRY MORGAN 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 7
E. HARRY STONELEY 4	RICHARD GRANT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

25th peal in the method. Specially arranged for Mr. James George, of Birmingham. A birthday compliment to W. Cope and C. H. Belton.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF SPLICED CANTERBURY PLEASURE AND BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM BENDARD Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
CHARLES E. PERKINS 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	WILLIAM GIBBS 7
THOMAS HEMMING 4	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This is the first 'spliced' peal by all the band, also on the bells and by the association. Rung on the eve of the 21st birthday of T. Hemming.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM Treble	RICHARD C. BELTON 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	THOMAS K. DEACON 6
*GEORGE THOMPSON 3	E. HARRY STONELEY 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	FRED COTTON Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 31 cwt. in E flail.

JAMES RUMBLE, SEN. Treble	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 5
THOMAS A. S. BLOXHAM 2	AMOS W. CLARK 6
*ALFRED W. VOYSEY 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
†JAMES RUMBLE, JUN. 4	HERBERT G. PRATT Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL COOPER.

* First peal on an inside bell. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon W. P. G. McCormick, who has been appointed to the living of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London.

MERTHYR TYDFIL, GLAM.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. TYDFIL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	FRANK CHAVE 5
*GILBERT JONES 2	P.C. JOHN COLES 6
FREDERICK SHARPE 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
*LAURENCE STIRKE 4	FRANK STIRKE Tenor

Composed by W. TAYLOR.

Conducted by GEORGE POPNELL.

* First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. All except the 5th ringer and conductor are members of the local band.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
SAMUEL WARD 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
J. CECIL BOOTH 3	J. ERNEST PROCTER 7
ROWLAND MYERS 4	JOHN AMBLER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

First peal and first attempt by ringers of the 4th and 6th, who were proposed members of the Association previous to starting. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Vicar of the parish (Rev. C. Owen French, M.A.), who was interred on the above date. All are members of the local company.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENRY PRICE, JUN. Treble	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER 6
*SAMUEL PINDER 3	FREDERICK S. PRICE 7
ALFRED B. MOSS 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of esteem and respect to the late Mr. Nicholson, Vicar's warden at this church, and a real friend to the ringers.

FRODSHAM.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, February 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*OSWALD CLAYBROOK... ..Treble	HENRY C. COLLYER 5
*GEORGE COOKE 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. 7
CYRIL VALENTINE 4	FRANCIS BIBBY ... ..Tenor

C.C.C. No. 48.

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

* First peal.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brooks' Variation. Tenor 18 cwt.

*HARRY BENNETT ... ..Treble	HAROLD HUMFREY 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK... .. 6
*FREDERICK MESSENGER 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
JACK HONEY 4	WILLIAM HUTTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First in the method.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT ... ..Treble	HERBERT RANN 5
WILFRED BOOTH 2	KENNETH PATTENDEN 6
HAROLD S. HODDEN 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
PHILIP S. THOMPSON... .. 4	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ...Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN FITTON ... ..Treble	*SIDNEY WM. DONN 5
*HAROLD HAMAR... .. 2	GEORGE STAFF 6
WALTER STAFF 3	INO. H. C. MASSEY 7
*JAMES B. SHAW 4	HERBERT DEVONPORT ...Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by H. DEVONPORT.
 * First peal in the method. This was arranged as a local peal, and should have been the first in the above method by the local band, but illness interfered, and at the last moment H. Devonport, of Todmorden, kindly took the vacant rope.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HENRY CAVIGAN ... ..Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
PERCY H. TATE... .. 2	JACK BAILEY 6
*MISS ELIZABETH FOULK 3	*GEORGE WARRINGTON 7
GEORGE FREEBREV 4	ALFRED MOULD ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. FREEBREV.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.

*BERT MASON ... ..Treble	JOHN PRICE 5
†WALTER FENDALL 2	PERCY HACKETT 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 4	GILBERT GUEST ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

ITHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES T. WARD... ..Treble	*JOHN KING 5
WALTER PERKINS 2	HARRY CHAMBERS 6
GEORGE BASFORD 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
*JOHN R. MAIN 4	JOHN J. MAWBY ... ..Tenor

Composed by N. J. PYSTOW. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method, and rung at the first attempt. Rung as a birthday peal to John J. Mawby.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*C. ERNEST SMITH ... ..Treble	ALFRED H. PULLING 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	WILLIAM T. BRESON 6
*WILLIAM T. ROBINSON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED HACKETT ... ..Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	JOSEPH FIGOTT 6
FRANK PERVIN 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
JOHN BASS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... ..Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells. It was also J. Bass' 300th peal for this association.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILFRED AMOS ... ..Treble	T. LINCOLN 5
R. C. CLARK 2	A. HEAD 6
*H. DRONISH 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
J. WOOD 4	G. COOPERTenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal.

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GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

GEORGE ANDREWS Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
WALTER ARNOLD 3	JAMES FLEURY 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Nevard, and as a welcome to the Rev. G. Colley, Vicar, recently inducted to Gt. Bentley.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the R.C. Church of St. Marie,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*JOHN TOKE Treble	JOHN THORPE 5
HENRY BOWER 2	JAMES EVINSON 6
ARTHUR CRAVEN 3	*ROBERT HARRISON, JUN. ... 7
HAYDN THORPE 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.
* First peal of Plain Bob. A birthday compliment to the mother of the ringers of 7th and tenor.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS SENIOR Treble	ROBERT BOTTOMLEY 5
ROBERT W. JENNISON, SEN. ... 2	*ROBERT W. JENNISON, JUN. ... 6
ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 3	JOE GREENWOOD 7
VERNEY BAIRSTOW 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.
* First peal. The ringer of the 2nd has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.	
J. RANCE Treble	*E. LANGLEY 5
F. LASH 2	R. T. HIBBERT 6
W. J. PAICE 3	W. J. BROOKS 7
MISS VERA ROBINSON 4	W. BOYLES Tenor

Conducted by W. J. BROOKS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.	
JOSEPH HALL Treble	GERALD W. SCHOFIELD ... 5
THOMAS K. DRIVER 2	PETER CROOK 6
WILLIAM H. SHUKER 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
*VERNON SYKES 4	ABRAHAM BROMLEY Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At All Saints' Church, Hooke, Chester, on January 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with ten different callings, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Benyon, wife of the towerkeeper: E. Barlow 1, G. R. Jones (conductor) 2, W. Westman 3, H. Cousins 4, J. Benyon, jun., 5, A. Wilson 6.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*KENNETH SNELLING Treble	CECIL NICE 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
BERNARD WELLS 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	JOHN S. MORLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

EDWARD YOUNGS Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 4
ALFRED J. BERRY 2	DEREK LOCKWOOD 5
HARRY MOSS 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker and E. Youngs.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G.

PERCY WESTON Treble	BENJAMIN WALVIN 4
THOMAS CRESSWELL 2	HERBERT G. FRETWELL ... 5
GEORGE WILSON 3	*FRANK F. HILL Tenor

* First peal of Doubles. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Francis Weston, for 54 years years a ringer at this church, who was interred in the churchyard the same day.

WITBOURN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, January 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS PRATT Treble	CHRIS BOWERS 4
SIDNEY HOLT 2	DAVID HORNE 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by D. HORNE.

MARKET DEBBING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Guthlac,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in twelve methods, viz., Fulbeck Bob, Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double and Single Oxford, Double and Single Bob, Double and Single Court. Tenor 16 cwt.

COTTEBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON 4
MISS KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 2	JOSEPH O. LANDAN 5
WILLIAM TILLEY 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in 12 methods by all, and first attempt by ringer of the 3rd inside for this peal.

NEW PEAL OF SIX IN BUCKS.

At St. Mary's Church, Woughton, Bucks, on January 19th, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Grove 1, F. Gilby 2, F. Rowe 3, D. Hurst 4, S. Smith (conductor) 5, A. B. Corden 6. All the above hail from St. Martin's, Fenny Stratford. First 720 of Cambridge on the bells, which have recently been augmented from four to six, the old bells having been recast and the peal hung in iron and steel frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
EDWARD D. PRIESTLEY ... Treble	MISS VIOLET BIRKETT ...	4	
MRS. LAURA EAST ... 2	HAROLD PICKET ...	5	
JOHN H. CLAYTON ... 3	RALPH THOMPSON ...	Tenor	

Conducted by RALPH THOMPSON.

This is the first peal on the bells, also first peal by all the band, who are all Sunday service ringers.

DEERING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and five of Plain Bob, each called differently.

WALTER STAPLES ... Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL ...	4	
JOHN T. BROWN ... 2	GEORGE W. SIMPSON ...	5	
GEORGE W. MILLS ... 3	JOHN G. AMES ...	Tenor	

Conducted by J. G. AMES.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Plain Bob, three of Kent, and two of Oxford Treble Bob.

WILLIAM ROBINSON ... Treble	FURNESS WOODEND ...	4	
EDWIN JENNINGS ... 2	HAROLD HARDY ...	5	
WOODBURN NEVINSON ... 3	THOMAS B. NEWTON ...	Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Woodend.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 1, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER ... 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ...	5-6	
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4	H. STANLEY ROBINSON ...	7-8	

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Rung after meeting short for Grandire Caters.

WOBURN, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT 20, BEDFORD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM A. JAMES ... 1-2	ERNEST HERBERT ...	5-6	
DOUGLAS HARRIS ... 3-4	CYRIL HERBERT ...	7-8	
†EDMUND J. HOBBS ...		9-10	

Composed by E. FRANCIS. Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal in hand, and also as conductor. The conductor's 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Cyril Herbert.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, February 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT 34, CASTLEDOWN ROAD, WEST KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 1-2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	5-6	
WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 3-4	*JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ...	7-8	

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* First peal on handbells.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT AND THE COMING DIVISION.

Matters concerning the suggested splitting up of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, when the new diocese of Guildford is formed, occupied the attention of the Guildford District at the quarterly meeting held at Cranleigh on Saturday. There was an attendance of between forty and fifty members from a number of the towers in the district. After ringing touches in the ancient tower, the members attended service, the Guild's form being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. Cunningham), who is a life member of the Guild. The organist was kindly in attendance.

The Rector addressed the members, and spoke of the coming division of the diocese. He referred to what had been accomplished in the raising of funds and preparing for the creation of the two new bishoprics. The project, which had occupied their attention for 15 years, had now reached the point where the Ecclesiastical Commissioners had been asked to obtain from the Privy Council an Order in Council for the creation of the dioceses of Guildford and Portsmouth. In faith and prayer they had accomplished great things, but there were, of course, many difficult and perplexing matters to be dealt with. He had heard that the ringers in that area were proposing to take certain steps to create a new diocesan organisation. He did not know how far they had proceeded, but he did not doubt they would have their own difficulties and perplexities in this matter. He urged them to face them with faith and courage, and he was sure they would be surmounted. The Bishop of Winchester had expressed the hope that even after the division of the diocese the daughter dioceses would sometimes meet the mother diocese in the great Cathedral at Winchester in acts of praise and worship, and would feel that they were still one with her, like grown-up children returning to their old home. He (the Rector) hoped this spirit would also prevail among the ringers, and that, although they would probably be separating from the parent organisation, they would from time to time be able to return and join the Winchester Guild in united services in the old Cathedral.

At the business meeting after tea, at which the Rector presided, the committee appointed at the annual district meeting presented a report detailing the work which they had at present done, and recording with satisfaction that the Yorktown District (as reported in our last issue) had resolved to unite with them in the formation of the new association.

Two resolutions were passed, requesting the district representatives to bring before the Winchester Guild Committee motions to recommend the annual meeting to resolve that as from January 1st, 1928, the area of the present diocesan guild should be restricted to the parishes comprising the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth, and that a reciprocal arrangement be made between Winchester and Guildford areas enabling a resident member of one society to become a compounding member of the other upon payment of 1s.

It was also resolved to request the Winchester Guild to permit the form of service now in use to be adapted to the requirements of the new association.

The other business included a report by the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Hazelden), who stated that it was proposed to hold a series of combined ten-bell practices at Epsom, Leatherhead and Guildford.

Two new members were elected, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, to the organist and to the ladies who superintended the serving of the tea.

In the evening, further ringing took place.

YOUNG RINGERS' ACHIEVEMENTS.

Last September, 'The Ringing World' recorded the dedication on August 28th of two new trebles added to the ancient four bells of the historic plague village of Eyam in the Peak of Derbyshire, where change ringing was up till then unknown. It is a very great pleasure to record that on February 1st, a very excellent 720 of Bob Minor was rung by the following local band: Uriah Dane 1, Colin Marples 2, Ivor Facer 3, Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor) 4, William Barber 5, Kenneth Facer 6.

This is the first 720 for all excepting the conductor, and the first on the bells by a local band. The ringers are to be highly commended for the progress they have made in the time, due, of course, to their keenness, perseverance, and determination to become qualified change ringers, and they thoroughly deserve the success they have gained.

BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.

On Tuesday, January 18th, at Holy Trinity Church, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincolnshire, one lady beginner rang her first touch of four six-scores, and another her first plain course. The 480 Bob Doubles was rung by: E. Fowler 1, J. Barriok 2, Miss Eva Tong 3, W. Crowder (conductor) 4, E. Dannatt 5, R. Pratt 6. Afterwards the plain course with Miss B. Tong 2.

At Stapleford, Cambs, on Wednesday, January 19th, 720 Bob Minor: E. H. Finch 1, Miss K. Willers 2, R. Jordan 3, A. E. Austin (conductor) 4, F. E. Haynes 5, R. Howard 6. First 720 of Minor by R. Jordan.

At the Parish Church, Cirencester, Glos, on Tuesday, January 11th, 629 Grandsire Caters: H. Cook 1, A. Parsons 2, F. W. Bond 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, F. Edwards 6, W. H. Hayward 7, H. R. Acock, Fairford (first attempt on ten bells) 8, H. C. Bond 9, J. Roberts 10.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at the six-bell tower of Keymer on Saturday, January 29th. Ringing commenced at 3.0; but, owing to unforeseen circumstances, the service arranged for 4 o'clock could not be held. At 4.30, all adjourned to the Greyhound Inn, where twenty-four sat down to an excellent tea.

The business meeting which followed was mostly of a routine nature, and was presided over by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman). The following new members were elected: The Rev. H. T. Mogridge (Rector), Messrs. E. E. Truster and H. Steele (Aldrington), F. N. Smeaton and J. Langley (St. Nicholas', Brighton), F. C. J. Turner (St. Peter's, Brighton), E. Court and A. Trevatt (Henfield). The election of Mr. T. G. Bannister, South Norwood, and Mr. C. W. Roberts, London, as non-resident members, was confirmed.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector of Keymer (the Rev. H. B. W. Denison) for the use of the bells; also to the Vicar of Ditchling (the Rev. C. P. Williams), where the bells were kindly placed at the disposal of the meeting after tea.

Keymer belfry was again visited after the meeting for about an hour, when all proceeded to Ditchling. The ringing at Keymer, which ranged from rounds to Surprise, and at Ditchling, where both Triples and Major were rung, was very good.

Altogether about thirty members were present at the meeting, representing the following towers: Aldrington, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', Brighton, Crawley, Ditchling, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, and Lindfield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Stroud on Saturday, January 22nd, and was attended by 22 members. The association form of service was conducted by the Rev. W. J. Clay, R.D., chairman of the branch. Tea was partaken of in the Corn Hall, the Rev. W. J. Clay presiding. The balance sheet and the report of the branch for the year were read by the secretary, and passed as highly satisfactory.—Three new members were elected.

The election of officers next took place, and the following were appointed: Rev. W. J. Clay, R.D., chairman; Mr. Albert Wright, secretary; Mr. H. Barrett, representative on the Management Committee.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the officers for their services for the past year.

The tower was again visited, when touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob Royal were rung.

A SOMERSET PEAL REHUNG.

The church tower of St. Mary's, Ashill, Somerset, built in the year 1426, has just undergone a thorough restoration at the hands of Mr. R. C. Vile, of Puckington, under the direction of Mr. Caroe, architect, of Westminster. The work will be complete when the pointing of the southern side has been carried out. A new concrete floor has been made in the tower, on which the bell cage rests; the old floor of oak was thoroughly decayed, and had been in a dangerous condition for a long time.

The five bells were removed from the tower last March, and sent to Ipswich. The tenor and treble bells have been recast and the whole peal rehung on massive oak frames, with all modern fittings. The work has been carried out by Mr. Alfred Howell, church bell founder, of Ipswich.

Ringers from Puckington and Ilminster paid a visit to try the newly-hung bells recently, when several 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. Everyone expressed their entire satisfaction with the 'go' of the bells, and it is hoped that ere long a young band of ringers will be formed to make good use of the newly-hung peal. It is about 20 years since these bells were rung. The tenor bell weighs about 12 cwt.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly service and meeting of the Banbury and District Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday week. The Guild service was held at St. Mary's Church, at which the Rev. G. F. Cholmondeley, the Vicar, officiated, and an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. C. C. Brookes, of Duns Tew.

Mr. and Mrs. Cholmondeley afterwards entertained the ringers to tea, and Mr. Cholmondeley presided as chairman of the branch.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Somerton.—Five new members were elected, three from Heyford, and one each from Duns Tew and Adderbury.

The Chairman alluded in complimentary terms to the way the branch had grown in numbers, and expressed the wish and hope that it would continue to progress for the benefit of the church. Those social gatherings did a good work. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and Mrs. Cholmondeley for their kind hospitality, and the ladies who assisted at the tea, to Mr. W. H. Taylor, the organist, to the blower, and also to the Rev. C. C. Brookes for his interesting sermon. This comprehensive vote of thanks was expressed by Mr. Selwyn, vergor of St. Mary's, Banbury, and responded to by the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley and the Rev. C. C. Brookes.

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BELFERY GOSSIP.

It is a coincidence that Mr. John Carter should have died on the anniversary of the death of two other great composers, Huley and Cox. All three died on January 29th.

The dedication of the ring of ten bells at St. Giles', Camberwell, London, after the rehangings in new fittings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., will take place on Tuesday, March 8th. The service will be at eight p.m., and the Bishop of Southwark will perform the ceremony. Owing to the late hour, only a short touch will be rung by the local band. It is expected the tower will be available for a ringers' opening on Saturday, April 8th. Particulars will be announced later.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the 14,016 Kent Treble Bob (the record length in the method at the time), rung at Oldham on February 12th, 1821, where 9,399 Grandsire Major was rung on February 15th, 1825.

On February 14th, 1731, 7,018 Grandsire Cinques was rung at Cornhill, and on the same day in 1920 the record length for a 12-bell peal was made at Painswick, when 13,001 Grandsire Cinques was rung in 8 hrs. 45 mins. A commemorative peal will be attempted to-morrow.

A peal of 14,224 Bob Major was rung at Aston by the St. Martin's Youths on February 16th, 1789, and, in view of what has lately transpired regarding ringing at Gt. St. Mary's, Cambridge, it is interesting to recall that on February 18th, 1780, 6,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung there.

Two catastrophes are recalled this week. On February 11th, 1810, the spire of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, fell with the loss of 22 lives, mostly children, who had assembled for a service. On February 17th, 1836, the peal of twelve bells at Christ Church, Spitalfields, was destroyed by fire.

Cannot the College Youths celebrate their record peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, which was rung at Shoreditch exactly a hundred and fifty years ago next Friday?

Mr. Edgar Rivers expresses his regret to the Wrentham company that he should have claimed the peal of Cambridge Minor at Sproughton as the first in Norfolk or Suffolk. He had not a copy of the Norfolk Guild's report for that year, and overlooked the Wrentham band's peal.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting will be held in London on Whit Tuesday, June 7th next, of which particulars will appear later. Will secretaries of the affiliated Guilds and associations please note that their subscriptions became due on January 1st last; and please supply the names and addresses of all representatives.

Those who have already paid are: Peterborough (January 7th), Ely, Ladies, and Surrey.

E. A. YOUNG.

155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

AN INFORMAL CONFERENCE.

Arrangements are now complete for the Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham on Saturday week, and a large company is already assured. Accommodation is not unlimited, and early application for tickets is therefore necessary.

An informal conference is to be held for half an hour after the close of ringing at St. Martin's Church at 5 p.m. The Rector has kindly placed the Baptistery at the disposal of the members for the purpose, and the subject, which Alderman Pritchett will open, is to be, 'How can we keep beginners interested in the art?' The choice, it will be seen, follows as a sequel to the subject which was discussed at Bristol.

Parties of ringers visiting Birmingham and reaching there earlier than the advertised times can have the use of the other peals of bells in the city, if they will communicate with Mr. Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham, not later than Tuesday next.

Those who desire to find accommodation for the night can do so at the following central hotels: The Cobden, the Hen and Chickens, and the Market Hotel, Station Street.

ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.

St. Giles' Society, Reading, held their annual meeting on January 15th, at the Rising Sun Inn, when members and friends numbering about 24 enjoyed an excellent supper and subsequent musical programme.

Among those present were the Rev. F. C. Bond, tower warden, Rev. E. B. M. Shepherd and Mr. Goodship. Mr. H. Egby occupied the chair.

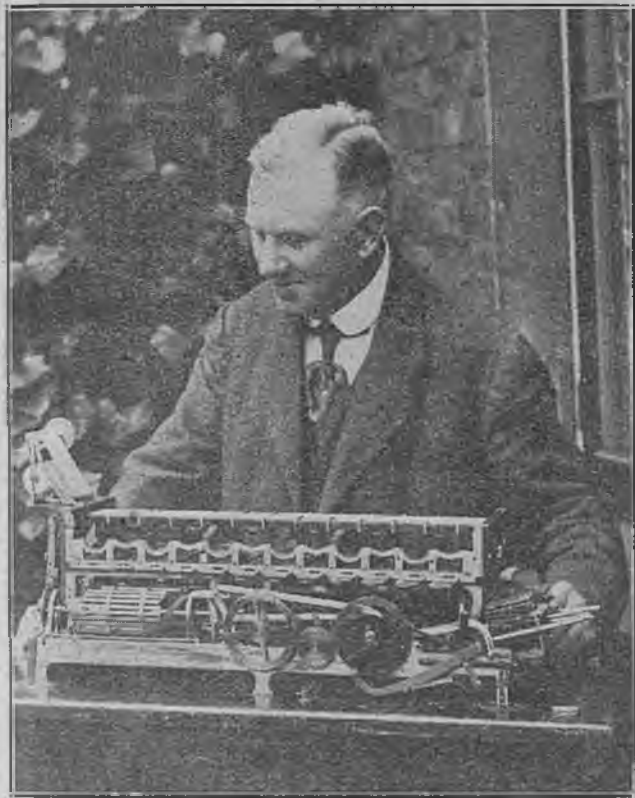
The business meeting included the adoption of a satisfactory balance sheet, the re-election of Mr. A. W. Osborne as foreman and temple-keeper for the 21st consecutive year, Mr. L. Osborne as sub-foreman, Mr. E. Humfrey hon. treasurer and secretary, and the Rev. F. C. Bond as tower warden.

Mr. Osborne made a very satisfactory report of the Sunday service ringing done for the past year, remarking that, although the membership had been below normal, they had been able to carry on with the assistance of visitors, but with the addition of three new members elected that evening the future of their ringing was satisfactorily secured for the ensuing year.

THE DEATH OF MR. JOHN CARTER.

RINGER, COMPOSER AND INVENTOR.

The passing of John Carter, whose death we briefly announced last week, leaves a gap in the Exercise which, in some respects at any rate, can never be filled. For nearly fifty years his name has been one to conjure with among ringers, for his interest in our art has been of a diversified nature; his researches have carried forward our knowledge in numerous directions, and his work has had the stamp of genius. His intimate friend, Mr. E. Alex. Young (secretary of the Central Council), in the notes which we append hereto, has dealt with Mr. Carter's early days, and there is no need to repeat those details. Suffice it to say that the incident which brought Mr. Carter into the ringing world was one which, insignificant and commonplace as it was, was destined to bear much fruit in the advancement of our art, for it gave the Exercise one of those men destined by his work and the love of his hobby to leave our knowledge of some of its mysteries a considerable stage beyond the point that he found it.



THE LATE MR. J. CARTER WITH HIS RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. Carter died at his residence, 25, Lessing Street, Honor Oak Park, London, S.E., on January 29th. He had been confined to his bed for nearly a year, and had been almost a complete invalid for some time previously, following a paralytic stroke in November, 1923. His wife and niece, and his friend and neighbour Mr. E. Alexander Young, were with him early in the evening, and he expressed a wish that his last should be given to all his friends.

SOME PERSONAL NOTES ON HIS LIFE.

Mr. Young, who, being a near neighbour of Mr. Carter, and in whose house the ringing machine was finally completed, in sending us the following notes, says they are culled from the many chats he had with Mr. Carter during the past three or four years, during which time they were much together. Where possible, the actual words as used are given, but it must be remembered that Mr. Carter's great gifts did not lie in the way of narration.

Mr. Carter was born at Darlaston, in Staffordshire, which, as he said, is in the midst of the Black Country. The date was April 30th, 1854. He was thus nearly 73 years of age when he died on January 29th last. His father was a gun-lock maker, and the family had lived at Darlaston for several generations. It was during his boyhood that the great advance in gun and pistol making took place (largely due to the Civil War in America), and the modern rifle came into being. The British Government took up the 'Sneider,' and then it was that many a Midlander came south, and with them Carter, senior, bringing his son, then a youth of 12, with him, and they both worked at the Small Arms Factory at Enfield Lock, near Waltham Abbey.

Young Carter had already worked for his father for three years. In those days, Mr. Carter has said, 'as soon as they could work,

the little children went to the factory, and boys from the early age of five years had to blow the bellows for 2s. per week.' It is not to be wondered at that belated factory legislation interfered with young Carter, and it was not long before a rule was issued that no one under 14 years should be allowed to work in the factory. 'So my father took me from the factory,' he said, 'and placed me in the Enfield Highway School, and when I was 'supposed' to be 14 they found me a job in the factory again, where I then worked for over four years.'

It appears the Government cooled off on the 'Sneider,' or made a general reduction. At any rate, father and son resumed work in their native Darlaston. It was, however, at this time that John Carter took up shooting, in which he afterwards became so well known. He says: 'I was not old enough to be enrolled with the Volunteers at Enfield, so they made me a bugler, and I used to fire with the old smooth bore gun, and I won a first prize with it.'

HOW HIS RINGING CAREER BEGAN.

In the summer of 1873, he was at work at Darlaston, but residing with an uncle, a Mr. J. Brazier, whose sons, it so happened, had lately taken up ringing at the Parish Church. Again, to use his own words, 'one day, when going to practice, they asked me to accompany them, but it was, however, upon the following Sunday morning for eight o'clock service that I went, and that was the very first time I saw a bell.'

It appears he was particularly interested at once, and readily fell in with the offer on their part to teach him to become a ringer. 'So on the following Thursday,' he said, 'which was in the first week of July, 1873, I took my first lesson, and in two months I could ring Stedman Triples better than my cousins could. In fact, they were so disappointed at the way things turned out that they abandoned ringing for good!' So far, however, from his giving it up, he had by the Christmas rung a quarter-peal and a date touch, both of Stedman. After going to London and doing some general ringing, it was in June, 1874, that he scored his first peal at Willenhall—Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Johnson. Two years later, he called 'Holt's Original' at All Saints', West Bromwich, it being the first time that it had been rung in the county. In May, 1878, he rang a peal of Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, conducted by the famous Henry Johnson, and so his ringing career may be said to have well started.

RINGING IN LONDON.

In 1874, Carter, sen., had already returned to Enfield, the Government having then determined to make the well-known 'Marthin', and in early January the son followed him. The stay was only a short one—four months—but for him a busy one, for he was now a ringer. He attended the fortnightly practices at Waltham Abbey, and also visited Bethnal Green, at that time the seat of a famous band of ringers. Speaking of the former, he says: 'One night, after practice, I was invited to try the handbells for a course of Stedman Triples. I took 3-4, and it was my first attempt to do anything upon handbells, and they seemed much surprised at the end when I told them so. They then wished to see me repeat it, but at the second attempt I went all to pieces, being now too excited.'

It was by going to Bethnal Green one Sunday morning that he met, amongst others, Haley. He was asked to take a rope for Grandsire, and upon his saying he could only ring Stedman, Haley asked, 'What part of the country do you come from where they teach Stedman before Grandsire?' Carter replied Darlaston, and that though he hardly knew anything of Grandsire, the other he knew quite well. It was at this time, he says, he also met Cox, Powell and W. Alps (the latter is still alive).

In 1876, John Carter joined the Volunteers at West Bromwich. He says: 'By this time they had got the "Sneider," and I became well known in the shooting world. As a recruit I won first prize and also the third prize for the whole battalion. The Colonel said it was never intended, and the rules were altered to prevent recruits doing so again.' In 1879, Mr. Carter went to Wimbledon, and so on every year and afterwards to Bisley, until 1909. In 1888, he was a prize-man, being in the Queen's 300. It was when he was in London in 1878 that he joined the College Youths. 'When I came up,' he told me, 'I called upon Tom Reeves for a chat. He happened to be Master that year, and he asked me to ring with him at Southwark Cathedral and to meet them. I said I should be proud to join them, and I remember meeting Musket, Haley, Pettit, Dwight, Cox, Murray Hayes and Ted Horrex.'

THE RINGING MACHINE.

'It was some time in 1890 I got a hand together to go for a peal at Perry Barr, about three miles from Birmingham. I was at this time doing a considerable amount of peal ringing, for which I used to organise the bands in and around Birmingham, and even travelling as far as Manchester. On one occasion I had arranged this peal at Perry Barr, and whilst riding the three-mile tram car ride from Birmingham to Perry Barr I began thinking over in my mind a machine which would ring changes (the idea had struck me in the morning whilst at work). I concentrated my mind on it the whole journey to such an extent that when I met the band in the tower I could not call the peal. In fact, I could hardly ring, and the band were so astonished that someone said, "What is the matter, John?" and when I told them that my mind was occupied with the idea of a ringing machine, so I could think of nothing else, they were all very much surprised, but they let me off, with the remark that "it certainly was a very good excuse."'

NOTEWORTHY PEALS.

It is noteworthy that Mr. Carter conducted the first peals on handbells ever rung in Birmingham of Grandsire Major, Caters, Royal and Cinques, and also of Bob Major. On October 16th, 1883, he composed and conducted what was at that time the record peal on handbells, 10,176 Grandsire Major, rung in 4 hrs. 55 mins., and, later, a record peal of 6,137 Grandsire Caters on handbells. Not until December 5th, 1885, did he call a peal of Stedman Triples, which he succeeded in doing at Perry Barr. Then, after a lapse of thirteen years from the commencement of his ringing career, he conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung upon the bells at his native place, Darlaston. On November 20th, 1886, he rang the 2nd at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, in the first 'silent' peal ever rung upon tower bells, while he also took part in the 'all conductors' peal at the same place on its anniversary. He could boast of being the first Birmingham man to ring a peal in a Surprise method, accomplishing this feat at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, in Superlative, Cambridge and London. His first peal of Maximus was one of Kent Treble Bob, which he conducted at Sheffield Parish Church (now the Cathedral) on November 16th, 1889.

On May 10th, 1893, he had the honour of being selected as one of the national representatives at the opening of the Imperial Institute and bells by Queen Victoria. Elected on the Central Council at its commencement as the representative of the Birmingham Amalgamated Society, he was for many years up to the time of his death an honorary member of the Council, to which he had rendered great service on some of its committees.

In addition to the 10,176 Grandsire Major and 6,137 Grandsire Caters rung on handbells, Mr. Carter rang in 10,272 Grandsire Major at Rowley Regis, which he composed and conducted, and which contained the 120 course ends with tenors together; 7,001 Grandsire Caters at All Saints', Worcester, in 1890; 8,009 Grandsire Caters at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, in 1893, believed to be the longest muffled peal ever rung. There were the settings of tragedy about this peal. On March 25th, a peal of 5,165 Grandsire Caters was rung at the same church—an excerpt from a 17,045 composed by Mr. Carter, which it was proposed to ring on Easter Monday, April 3rd. The tenor man, Mr. H. Roden, died after only a short illness on Good Friday, and the muffled peal was rung instead.

COMPOSITIONS BY THE THOUSAND.

As a composer, Mr. Carter had few equals. He was the author of a number of methods, among them Darlaston Bob, Forward, Aston, Handsworth and Carter's Principle, while in the realm of peal composition he was a Master. His knowledge of Stedman Triples and his patience in obtaining original peals has never been excelled, and his Old-Bob One Part will stand as long as the Exercise lasts as a monument to his genius. He was the first to get a peal on these lines, and the only composer who has ever obtained a peal in the method containing both odd and even bobs. His ambition was always to obtain peals of sterling quality, and many of his compositions are in the pocket-books of our foremost conductors. In Stedman, Grandsire and numerous other methods he found scope for originality, and he astonished the ringing world when he published his broad sheet of Stedman Caters, which was, as far as we know, the first attempt at composition on mass production principles. Most people are content if, by long application, they can get just one or two true peals. Mr. Carter has over 7,000 peals of Stedman Caters on simple plans in his broad sheet, and it is said that he has composed 500 peals in his dinner hour! That may be a little exaggeration in actual fact, although we believe it is true to this extent that in one of his dinner hours he found the plan by which 500 peals were afterwards produced.

THE WONDERS OF THE RINGING MACHINE.

But with all his ability as a composer and his energy and enthusiasm in bygone days as a ringer, John Carter will in the future be best known for his 'ringing machine.' Brought up and trained to be 'mechanically minded,' Mr. Carter made many excursions into the world of invention, and while he was associated with the firm of Webley, the famous gun makers, numerous inventions and improvements in firearms were the outcome of his fertile brain. It is not, therefore, altogether surprising that he should have turned his attention to a machine that would ring changes. The thought occurred to him one morning while at work, he concentrated on it during the afternoon, and was so absorbed in it while ringing in a peal that, as recorded in Mr. Young's notes, he astonished all his friends by his apparent incapacity to ring. The result was the peal was an utter failure, but the germ of the ringing machine had implanted itself in his brain. For thirty years afterwards he was thinking and plotting and scheming to bring this machine to perfection, and there rests now in the Science Museum at South Kensington the completed product of a master mind. To say that it is a truly wonderful machine is but stating a bare fact. There is nothing in the way of change ringing on any number of bells up to 12 that it will not do. It will ring a single bell, produce the two changes on two bells, the six changes on three bells, and so on up to the extent on twelve bells. It can be set to ring any method, either already in existence or which may be created in the future on any number of bells, or it can be made to work the changes without the bells ringing, the same as practising with the clappers tied. It can be made to print the figures of a method, or the course ends only, as they are being rung. It will make the diagrams showing the working of the method on which it is engaged;

it will show how many changes have been rung, and will make any kind of call, such as bob or single, always provided they are called (by pressing a button) at the proper time. This machine was to Mr. Carter a labour of love. It is impossible to say how many hours or how much money he devoted to its construction and perfection. He rebuilt it times out of number, always improving and correcting any little defects which revealed themselves to him. In fact, it seemed at one time as if he were loth to complete it—this child of his genius. But he did eventually do so, although none too soon, for he was stricken down not long after he had finished it to his own satisfaction. It now rests in the South Kensington Museum; its construction has been carefully recorded by diagrams and explanations, thanks to the interest which has been taken by Mr. E. A. Young, and a knowledge of its working has been imparted to Mr. C. W. Roberts, so that its intricacies may not be lost to future generations of ringers.

PEALS.

In all, Mr. Carter had rung 315 peals, and there are no more beautifully kept peal books than the two volumes containing his records. An index to each gives the number of the peal, the place where it was rung, the number of changes, the method and the conductor. Volume I. also contains in alphabetical list of all the ringers with whom he had rung peals and the consecutive number of the peals, and a similar alphabetical list giving the towers, with an index figure showing the method. The peals themselves are beautifully written in colours, many of the important ones illuminated, and, more valuable still, with every peal is the composition or a reference to show where the figures can be found. A fourth table is an analysis of the peals rung in the different years. The illuminated title page of the first volume, which contains 231 peals, is inscribed: 'A list of peals successfully rung by Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham, from 1874 to 1907, with full details written by his sincere friend George Chester.' They are the most carefully kept individual records that we have seen. The following is the list of his peals, the last being one of Stedman Triples which he himself conducted at Deptford in 1923.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Triples	46	28
Grandsire Major	13	13
Grandsire Caters	50	40
Grandsire Royal	2	2
Grandsire Cinques	2	2
Grandsire Maximus	1	1
New Grandsire Triples	5	1
New Grandsire Caters	1	
Bob Triples	3	3
Bob Major	19	17
Bob Caters	1	1
Bob Royal	4	4
Kent Treble Bob Major	8	5
Kent Treble Bob Royal	5	3
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	1
Stedman Triples	55	34
Stedman Caters	28	13
Stedman Cinques	21	3
Union Triples	3	2
Oxford Bob Triples	1	1
Darlaston Bob Triples	14	14
Darlaston Bob Caters	1	1
College Single Triples	1	1
Forward Major	5	5
Forward Royal	3	2
Forward Maximus	1	1
Duffield Royal	1	
Erin Cinques	1	
Double Oxford Major	2	1
Canterbury Pleasure Major	2	2
Double Norwich Major	2	2
Aston Major	1	1
Aston Koyal	1	1
Handsworth Major	1	1
Handsworth Royal	1	1
Superlative Surprise Major	3	
Cambridge Surprise Major	4	
London Surprise Major	1	
Totals	315	207

His funeral took place on Wednesday week at Lewisham Cemetery, Ladywell. Mr. Alfred and Mr. John Carter, the deceased's two sons, represented the family. There were a number present from those who attend the Lee Chapel, at which the son, Mr. John Carter, officiates as pastor, and also Mr. Carter's nurse and Mrs. E. A. Young.

The Ringing Exercise was represented by Mr. T. Groombridge, Master of the College Youths, Mr. E. Alexander Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, Mr. Albert Walker, representing the Birmingham ringers, with whom the deceased had rung for many years, and also Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, W. J. Jeffries, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, J. Milner, H. R. Passmore, T. H. Taffender, and C. F. Winney. Amongst the wreaths was one brought by Mr. Walker from St. Martin's, Birmingham.

The service in the chapel was conducted by the Rev. E. Rose, who gave an appropriate address, which was followed by the singing of the hymn, 'Crown Him with many crowns.' After the interment, *

Plain Course of Stedman Cinques was rung by the following at the graveside: T. H. Taffender 1-2, C. F. Winney 3-4, A. Walker 5-6, H. R. Passmore, 7-8, H. Langdon 9-10, W. T. Cockrill 11-12. At the grave, Mr. John Carter thanked all the ringers who had come to do honour to his father's memory. He then led the singing of a verse from 'Gospel Bells,' which was taken up and joined in by all those present. And so, in the gathering twilight, in the now otherwise empty cemetery, was said the final farewell to John Carter.

A muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Wolverhampton on Saturday.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

Loughborough, the place made famous by bells, was the scene of yet another successful gathering of ringers from far and near on the occasion of the third quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association on Saturday, January 22nd. Although the weather was wintery and uninviting, visitors turned up early, some with a view to a pull on the grand peal of ten at All Saints' Church (where the long peal of 18,027 Stedman Caters was rung on Easter Monday, 1909), or on the little peal of ten in the Bell Foundry Campanile. At the latter place, some weird exhibitions were witnessed on the light end, more like a gymnastic display than a campanistic one, as these 'little' uns want some handling. However, touches in several of the standard methods were more or less successfully rung. By an act of courtesy the Bell Foundry itself was thrown open to visitors by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and all who went round the works were amply repaid by the interesting collection of bells in all stages of manufacture from and for all parts of the world.

The committee met in the Pearson Hall, and owing to the unfortunate absence of the president (Ald. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P.) through indisposition and the severe weather, Mr. Pryce Taylor was voted to the chair. The usual routine business was attended to, and the hon. treasurer gave a summary of the balance sheet, which was very satisfactory.

It was decided to print the 1926 report as usual, and charge 6d. per copy as formerly.

The Hon. Secretary asked if it was the wish of the committee to insert an advertisement for 'The Ringing World' in the report, and this was agreed to.

A request for a grant from the bell repair fund was received from Ockbrook, near Derby, where a peal of six is being erected in place of the old three bells. This was agreed to.

Tea was served in the same hall, and about 80 members sat down to an excellent repast, after which followed the general meeting.

The Rector of Loughborough (Rev. Canon Briggs, M.A.), was voted to the chair in the absence of the president, and there were present Mr. P. Taylor, the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Willson), hon. secretary (Mr. E. Morris), Rev. Peter Wright (Eyam), Rev. I. B. Ll. Gibbs (Ockbrook), and members from Burton, Chesterfield, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Ilkeston, Leicester, Loughborough, Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, Wigston, and other places too numerous to mention.

The Chairman, in welcoming the members to Loughborough, spoke with pleasure at his recollections of other meetings there, and hoped this would not be the last. He mentioned Messrs. Taylor's Bell Foundry, and how they had given Loughborough the name for bells it now possessed, and the proud feeling they had in the possession of one of the finest peals of ten bells at their Parish Church, and the crowning glory of the war memorial carillon, which none could equal in this country.

Thirty-nine new members elected since the last meeting were confirmed, viz., 14 honorary and 25 ordinary. Among the former, the president had enrolled the Mayors of Burton, Derby, Loughborough, Leicester and Nottingham.

Two auditors were elected to check the hon. treasurer's account, and the grant suggested to Ockbrook duly ratified.

Mr. P. Taylor gave an outline of the committee meeting, and announced that Mr. Jordon, Loughborough's official carillonneur, was present and would be pleased to show any members up the war memorial tower, and allow them to inspect the bells, clavier, mechanism, and also the war relics now deposited there. Needless to say, almost all present availed themselves of this unique opportunity, which was greatly appreciated. Mr. Jordon explained 'how it was done,' and afterwards played various selections for an hour. Ringing at the Parish Church till a late hour completed a most successful meeting.

COMPLIMENT TO A BISHOP.

At Birch-in-Rusholme on January 29th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: G. Whiteless 1, R. Davies 2, W. H. Shaker 3, W. J. Wheadon 4, H. G. Frampton 5, F. Stoneley 6, A. Frost (first quarter as conductor) 7, T. Timperley (first quarter) 8.

This was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the same method to mark the elevation of Canon Parsons, D.D., of St. James' parish, to be Suffragan Bishop of Middleton; also as a farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who is leaving the district. The thanks of the band are due to the ringer of the tenor who, although a young learner, stood in at a moment's notice to complete the party, and handled his bell extremely well throughout the ringing.

THE CROFTS COMMEMORATION DINNER. SHERWOOD YOUTHS HAVE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

The fifth William Doubleday Crofts Commemoration dinner proved no less attractive than its predecessors, albeit, the fashionable complaint, influenza, robbed it of a percentage of would-be attenders and artistes. The first item of importance was in the tower of St. Mary's, where the Vicar (the Rev. Geoffrey Gordon) dedicated, after the unveiling by Mrs. Gordon, a peal board recording the first peal of Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Caters, which was rung on the bells on October 31st, 1925. The tablet is the work of the conductor, Mr. Ernest Morris, and is an addition of considerable importance and beauty to the ringing room.

The dinner was held at the Welbeck Hotel, with the Master (Mr. A. Coppock) in the chair. Supporting him were the Sheriff of Nottingham (Councillor J. Hopkin), the Vicar of St. Mary's (the Rev. G. Gordon), and Mrs. Gordon, Messrs. Cyril Johnston (Craydon), Pryce Taylor and J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), J. F. Smallwood (Derby), W. P. Whitehead (Leicester), G. F. Cope (Nottingham), F. Blood (hon. secretary), F. Salter (treasurer), and F. Bailey (steward).

Letters of apology for absence were read from the Lord Bishop of Southwell, the Mayor of Nottingham, Canon Boden, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and Mr. Geo. Walker.

Nearly 70 persons sat down to an excellent dinner, and the entertainment afterwards was equally enjoyable. A fine course of Caters on handbells following the loyal toast made a good send-off, and Mr. Fidler, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' referred humorously to an incumbent who, being at variance with his choir and ringers, included in the next Litany, 'From ringers and singers, good Lord deliver us.'—The Rev. G. Gordon, replying, made use of an amusing Army anecdote, and contended that where an incumbent and his choir or ringers could not agree, there was possibly some fault on both sides, and strikes should not be entered into until each contending opinion had received due consideration.

The Chairman, in proposing the health of 'The Sheriff,' said that the Sherwood Youths, with the tradition of Robin Hood behind them, look upon the Sheriff as their lawful prey, but that instead of laying in wait to rob or harm him, they now asked him to honour them by appearing at their festive board. For many times, he added, he and the Sheriff had occupied the same platform, with the difference that the Sheriff had been chairman and he a 'common or garden' vocalist. —The Sheriff's reply was an uncommonly interesting one, dealing with the varied improvements, pending or accomplished, in the City. Regarding the bells for the new City Hall, he could give no definite information, but later it was elicited that the new clock would chime on bells totalling 16 tons in weight.

The silent toast followed a little later, when a brief sketch of the careers of C. W. P. Clifton, for a time a resident of Nottingham, William Wadsley (Bulwell), and William Clifford (Beeston) was given by the Master, the whole company drinking to their memory standing in silence.

Responding to Mr. F. S. Price's proposition of the health of 'The Visitors,' Mr. Cyril Johnston replied in his customary suave manner, slyly digging at the chairman for calling on him without any notice whatsoever. The Chairman herewith apologises, and is wearing sackcloth and ashes in consequence, but ventures to suggest that Mr. Johnston, and also any other gentleman who spoke, enjoyed his or their dinner all the more for having no mental worries during the meal.

The musical programme was of high character, including Madame C. Harris, a really delightful and cultured soprano, Miss Amy Blagdon, daughter of the steeplekeeper at Lenton, an exceedingly promising contralto, Mr. J. F. Adkin, basso, Mr. A. Coppock, baritone, with Miss N. Price and F. Blood as accompanists, the latter playing two delightful pianoforte solos. He also played a Charleston later, but we are forbidden to say anything further on this incident, the official programme having terminated. The proceedings herabouts developed into an informal conference on matters of scarcely sufficient importance to relate to the Exercise generally, but were none the less interesting and enjoyable.

The menu included 'Superlative' soup, fried fillets of whiting and 'Stedman' sauce, Roast Beef and 'Trebble Bob' pudding, Roast Lamb and 'S.H.L.Q.' sauce, 'Spliced' vegetables, apple tart and custard, jellies in the 'Tittums' position.

RINGER-CHURCHWARDEN.

At the annual parochial church meeting of St. Thomas' (City), Bristol, held on Thursday, February 3rd, Mr. F. G. Leaker, captain of the bellringers (as stated on the cover of the parish magazine), was elected churchwarden of that ancient church.

Mr. Leaker has been a ringer at St. Thomas' for the past 27 years, being one of a band formed there by Mr. W. A. Cave in February, 1900, at the request of the then churchwarden, Mr. W. T. Parker, upon whose proposition Mr. Leaker was elected to this high office. At the same meeting, Mr. Cave was re-elected as sidesman, upon the role of which are two other ringers, viz., Mr. H. Green and Mr. C. H. Jennings.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. SLEAFORD DISTRICT PROGRESS.

The annual meeting of the Sleaford District of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Sleaford on Saturday, January 29th. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major were brought round.

A short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Norton-Howe, who gave an interesting address on the history and use of bells. Tea was then served in the Church Room, at which 38 ringers were present.

During the business meeting which followed, the Master, the Rev. H. Law James, congratulated the district on its successful meeting and on the ringing progress at Sleaford, and urged the paramount necessity of good striking.

The following officers were unanimously re-elected: Mr. H. E. Snow (president), Mr. Reginald Scott (secretary), Flight-Sergt. F. A. Holden (Ringing Master), Mr. W. H. Wood (district representative). The ringers, who came from Lincoln, Bransdon, Heckington, Great Hale, Ruskington, Ewerby, Folkingham, Grantham and Hough-on-the-Hill, then enjoyed the use of the tower bells until 3.30 p.m.

EASTERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at Sibsey on Saturday, January 29th, when members were present from Boston, Butterwick, Frampton, Leake, Poterborough, Stickney, Surfleet, together with friends from the Elloe Deaneries Branch.

A service was conducted by the president (Rev. J. R. Trotter), and afterwards tea was partaken of at the White Hart, about 25 members and friends sitting down.

The business meeting followed, when the officers for the ensuing year were elected. The president, the Rev. J. R. Trotter (Vicar of Freiston with Butterwick) was unanimously re-elected. The vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. Mr. J. Phillips, of Butterwick, was unanimously re-elected to the offices of hon. sec. and treasurer, and Messrs. W. E. Clarke and Alex. Sharp were also unanimously re-elected to the offices of branch Ringing Master and Guild representative respectively.

Frampton was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting. Votes of thanks were heartily accorded the Vicar of Sibsey for the use of the bells and to the president for his instructive address and for the great interest he takes in matters concerning the welfare of ringers in the branch generally.

After the tea, the tower was again visited, the bells being kept going until close upon 9 p.m. During the afternoon and evening, touches in the following methods were successfully brought round: Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob Minor.

KENT COUNTY SIBSEY ASSOCIATION. ROCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, January 29th, and nearly 60 members attended. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Superlative Surprise, and the association service was conducted by the Vicar, Mr. E. A. G. Allen, one of the district ringers, presiding at the organ. Tea followed at Cremer's Restaurant, to which 50 sat down. At the business meeting, Mr. W. Spice, of Tunstall, was voted to the chair, and at the outset read a letter from the district secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, apologising for his absence owing to illness.

The Chairman referred to the sad loss the association, and their district especially, had sustained by the death of Mr. W. H. Harper, of Swanscombe, who had been a member over 40 years, and the whole company stood in silence for a minute as a tribute to his memory. The action of the hon. secretary in sending a wreath and a letter of condolence to Mrs. Harper was endorsed.

One honorary member, the Vicar of Queenborough, Rev. O. F. R. Strickland, and ten new members were elected, and the ratification of an election of a member previous to a peal was confirmed. Queenborough Tower was again brought into the association.

The place of the next meeting was Queenborough, which was unanimously carried, to be held on the last Saturday in April.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Haigh (Gillingham), seconded by Mr. C. Winsor (Frindsbury), it was unanimously decided that the name of the district secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, should be brought forward as a candidate from this district as a Central Council representative for the county.

A discussion took place as to the best means to try and get new members to take up the art, the general opinion being to start in the church itself, and try and get members of the choir and other organisations.

Mr. Haigh, district representative, gave an account of the business that was transacted at the annual committee meeting in November last, and was thanked for his report.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and to Mr. Allen for presiding at the organ, concluded the business.

The tower was again visited, the bells going until nine o'clock in various methods. Eleven towers in the district were represented.

The district secretary thinks now he is justified in having a 'growl.' The names sent in for the tea were 27, and 50 put in an appearance. Owing to the absence of the secretary, through illness, this placed his deputy in an unenviable position, and if this should meet the eye of any of those who did not send in their names, and any ringer who is slack in this respect, please think of it in the future, as it is not always possible to arrange at such short notice.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AT PUDSEY.

The usual monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Pudsey on January 29th, and were again entertained to tea by the Pudsey company. The ringing started about 2.30 p.m., and continued until close on 9 o'clock. The tea was held in the rooms of the Park Hotel. As soon as tea was finished, the Leeds Parish Church ringers started 'Community' singing, conducted by Mr. H. Lockwood, who tried his best to explain where each part started, and if on the up or down stroke. As he could not get the best out of his choir, he turned them on to the handbells, where he again led them in 'Callers' hymn.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the president, and five new members were elected.

The Secretary brought forward the question of providing tea for members at other meetings.—Mr. Robinson proposed that tea be arranged at meetings and advertised in 'The Ringing World' each month. This was seconded by Mr. S. Sadler (St. Michael's), and agreed to.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the local company for the splendid arrangements was proposed by Mr. G. Barraclough (Leeds P.C.) and seconded by Mr. S. Wheatley (Calverley).

The handbells were again brought into use, and some very good ringing was heard on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, the company dispersing just after 10 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes) in 48 mins.: P. Cordingley 1, S. Ward 2, J. C. Booth 3, J. E. Proctor 4, W. Barton (conductor) 5, S. Briggs 6, J. Ambler 7, J. W. Cordingley 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringer of the 6th, who hails from Rotherham.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church on Sunday, January 30th, for evening service, as a farewell to the Rev. Canon W. P. G. McCormick, who is leaving Croydon for St. Martin-in-the-Fields, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Rumble, sen., 1, H. J. Skelt 2, H. G. Humphries 3, J. Rumble, jun., 4, J. Talbot 5, J. Cawley 6, A. W. Clark (conductor) 7, D. Cooper 8.—Also after evening service, 384 Stedman Triples, conducted by D. Cooper.

PAIGNTON.—On Sunday, January 30th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: F. Allwood 1, D. Green 2, H. J. Hole 3, T. S. Collings 4, F. Parnell 5, F. T. Gover 6, C. R. Walker (conductor) 7, C. Boyce 8.

CHEADLE, STAFFS.—On Sunday, January 30th, for evening service at St. Giles' R.C. Church, 720 Bob Minor: R. Keates 1, A. Plant (first 720 inside) 2, P. Hawley 3, J. Barker 4, J. Cartlidge 5, A. W. Hall (conductor) 6.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, January 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: S. W. Crabb 1, H. A. Barnett 2, Miss P. A. Upsher 3, J. G. Nash 4, C. A. Button 5, E. A. Hull 6, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, J. L. Ellis 8. Rung for evening service, and as a compliment to J. G. Nash on his coming of age.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, January 9th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples by: E. Sibley 1, S. J. Lawrence 2, A. Robinson 3, J. Marr 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. J. Dove 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. Rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 39th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 19th, at 6 o'clock prompt, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 12th. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30. Bishop Ryder's (8) 3 to 4.30 p.m. An informal conference at 5 p.m. in the Baptistery at St. Martin's. Subject: "How can we keep beginners interested in the art?" Early application for tickets (with remittance) should be made to Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on financial matters, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Feb. 17th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Prodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey.—Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells open 3.15. Tea 5.30, at Institute. Business Meeting after. Ringing till 8.30 p.m. Cheap tickets from London.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Note.—Subscriptions are now due.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at Padham on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. —J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available all day. Tea 4.30. Meeting afterwards in St. Mary's Hall.—H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East from 2.30 to 4, and at St. Clement Danes' from 2.30. Service at the latter at 4.30, address by the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, Rector and Honorary Chaplain. Tea in the Parish Room, tickets for which should be obtained in advance from the Masters or secretaries, followed by the business meeting. A good gathering is desired.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at the White Lion at 5.30. All are welcome.—E. W. Day, Dis. Sec., 58, King's Road, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells at liberty 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Reports to hand. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Chorley, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. The bells (8, recently rehung and tuned) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head. All ringers welcome. — Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. — F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A monthly meeting will be held at Darfield on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells ready early. Tea in Church Schools at 5 p.m. Apply for tickets to Mr. T. Hilton, Victoria Street, Darfield, Near Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells ready at 4.30. Members intending being present please send word to secretary, W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Woodston, Peterborough, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the Reading branch of the above Guild will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 12th. St. Giles' belfry will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Ringers' service at St. Lawrence's Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting, followed by a smoking concert, by the 'Maxims' party, at the Central Café, Friar Street, at 6 p.m.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (8 and 6) available from 3 p.m. Service in St. Leonard's at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, followed by meeting.—W. Hayward, Dis. Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, Feb. 12th. The rings of 12 at the Cathedral and eight at St. Marie's are available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. A charge of 1s. 6d. per head will be made for tea. Divine service will be held in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Preacher, Archdeacon of Sheffield. Subscriptions are now due, and reports will be issued at this meeting on payment of same.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poulton (6 bells) on Feb. 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. —C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting for united practice at St. Peter's Church, Colchester, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Ringing from 3 to 5 p.m., followed by tea and social at St. Peter's Parish Room. Tea 1s. 4d. each. Will those who propose being present send in their names not later than Tuesday, Feb. 15th? Opening of peal of 6 bells at St. Leonard's, Colchester, on Thursday, Feb. 17th, at 3 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., N.E. District, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Sutton Bonnington on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (5) open from 3 o'clock onwards. Tea is being provided for those who notify me not later than the 17th. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rose Dene Bungalow, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. G. Phillips, Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting will be held at Beedon on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. L. Coles, The Vicarage, Beedon, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 16th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Horse Hotel. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Feb. 16th? Subscriptions for 1927 are now due.—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Municipal Restaurant, East Street, 5.15 p.m. Will all those wanting tea advise me by Tuesday, Feb. 15th, as exact number has to be given? Subscriptions for 1927 are now due.—E. Butler, Hon. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Hindley St. Peter's Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Bells, Sunday, Feb. 20th.—Special Services 10.30 and 6.30. Preacher at evening service, the Rev. Canon Elsec, President, Lancashire Association. Ringing before and after evening service. All ringers welcome.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available after 12.30 p.m. Tea at Barker's Restaurant at 4.30. Even-song at 6.30. Anyone requiring tea please let me know not later than first post Feb. 23rd.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please advise by the 22nd.—J. P. Hyett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available: St. Nicholas' (6) 2.30 to 4.15, All Saints' (8) 2.30 to 4.15, Cathedral (10) 6.30 to 8.30. Service, All Saints', 4.30 p.m. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.15 p.m. Please notify me not later than Feb. 22nd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells ready at 3.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. A hot pot, provided at 5.30, for those sending in to Mr. Wm. Ashworth, 15, Wardle Street, Stacksteads, not later than Feb. 23rd. Meeting to take place afterwards.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea at the Swan Hotel. Business meeting to be held afterwards. All ringers invited.—A. C. Kay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Rector). Business meeting afterwards.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions for the year are now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Broadclyst on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Sowton, Honiton Cyst, Pinhoe and Poltimore towers also open. Tea 1s.—Further particulars from T. J. Stokes, 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Next quarterly meeting at Freshwater on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., provided by the Rector in the Parish for those who notify me by Tuesday, the 22nd. Business meeting after tea.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ockbrook on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (6) at 3 o'clock. Tea will be arranged if sufficient number will send me their names at once, or not later than Wednesday, the 23rd, that they will be present. All ringers will be welcome.—Chas. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Pre-Lent Meeting will be held at Lanchester, Co. Durham, on Saturday, February 26th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. and tea at 5 p.m., at the King's Head Hotel. Tea 2/- to members and 2/6 to non-members. Owing to difficulty of catering, those coming to tea are requested to send in their names by first post on Monday, February 21st.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16 Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Canterbury District will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Further details next week.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

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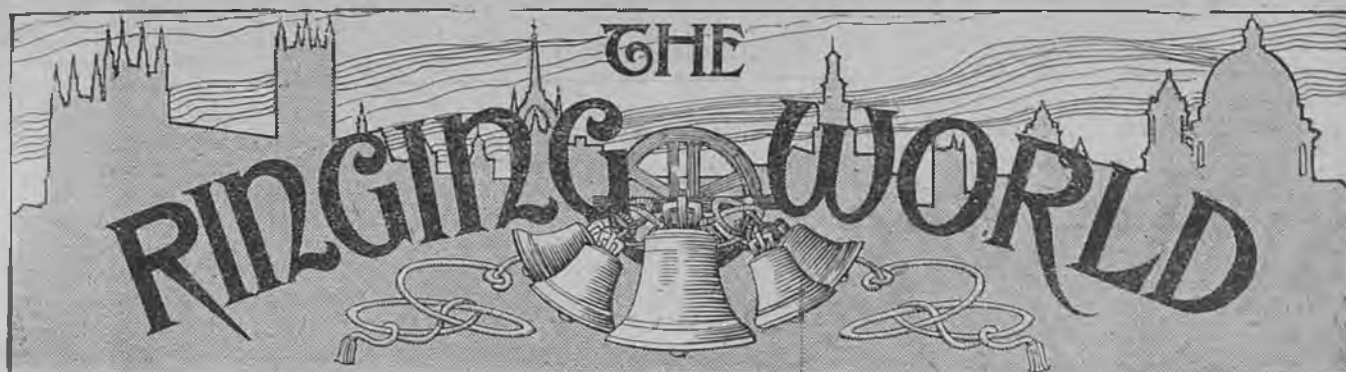
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Birmingham to-morrow is to try the experiment, suggested originally by one of its own prominent ringers and first put into practice last month at Bristol, of having an informal conference in conjunction with the gathering which will assemble for the Johnson Commemoration Dinner. At Bristol the experiment was an interesting innovation; it was part of a crowded afternoon, but it was certainly worth the trial, and doubtless a similar feature will find a place in the programme next year. At Birmingham the day's proceedings will not be so closely packed, and half an hour is to be given to the conference, between the close of ringing and the dinner. The subject chosen follows as an almost natural sequel to that discussed at Bristol, where consideration was given to the question of how best to obtain recruits for the Exercise. To-morrow's debate will centre round the question of how to retain the interest of beginners when they have been obtained. In view of present day tendencies the subject is no less pressing and no less important than the earlier problem.

Time was when recruits were not always welcomed to the Exercise. The young man who was attracted to ringing was not greeted with open arms, the mysteries of the art were not readily revealed to him, his place was on the belfry seat while his 'betters' were ringing, and it was only after a long and patiently spent probationary period that he was eventually, and even then sometimes grudgingly admitted to the select circle. It usually needed unquenchable interest and undaunted determination on the part of a man to force his way into the Exercise. How different are things to-day! We have far more peals of bells. Bells are going up faster than competent ringers can be found to man them; the gaps that occur in the personnel in the belfries are difficult to fill; the attractions of the picture palace and the dance hall are a lure which makes it increasingly hard to find young men willing to take a serious interest in our art. Even where beginners can be found, instructors lament that they cannot be kept; the close application and constant practice which, in the vast majority of cases, are necessary before a man becomes even a passable change ringer frequently damp the first enthusiasm of the learner, who then becomes an easy prey to the less intellectual, but more easily acquired pursuits which the modern world offers to everyone.

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has vanished, but it is by no means certain that introduction to and instruction in our art could not be made more attractive than it is at present. The problem is one that presents itself to all associations, and must be faced. In some few cases it is already forcing itself upon those organisations who are alive enough to realise its pressing importance. The conference at Birmingham to-morrow will have the opportunity of giving a lead on the subject, and we hope that out of it will come some practical suggestions, which associations and individual bands will be able to follow up and apply with advantage.

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JOHN NEAL Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
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J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
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SYDNEY F. PALMER 5	HERBERT KNIGHT 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

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On Tuesday, February 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 7
ALBERT H. WARD 2	*FRED PRICE 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
JAMES GEORGE 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	JOHN NEAL 11
THOMAS MILLER 6	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by the late JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER

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LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 7
JOHN WILKINSON 2	TITUS BARLOW 8
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	JAMES MARTIN 9
THOMAS WILDE 4	HERBERT LUDKIN 10
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 5	JAMES H. RIDING 11
*JOHN E. BIBBY 6	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal on twelve bells. This is the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on the bells and by all the band. It is the second peal of its kind in the county.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Friday, December 31st, with the bells half-muffled to ring out the old year, 720 of Double Court Minor: H. Giles 1, G. Guest 2, R. C. Underwood 3, E. Hanks 4, J. Clare 5, C. W. Smith (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.—On Sunday, January 23rd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: R. C. Underwood 1, H. Giles 2, J. Clare 3, E. Hanks 4, C. W. Smith 5, G. Guest (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor as conductor, and first attempt.

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Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	*HARRY WINGROVE 7
RALPH COLES 2	GEORGE TWITCHEN 8
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*GEORGE WHITE 5	JAMES W. WILKINS 11
EDWARD R. COLES 6	JAMES BLACKMOOR Tenor
*ALBERT E. BUTLER	

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal on twelve.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK ... Treble	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 6
JOHN ARMSTRONG 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
*Miss PHOEBE A. UPSHER ... 3	WILLIAM H. HEWITT 8
*Miss FRED A. ORR 4	JOHN E. MILLER 9
Miss EDITH K. PARKER ... 5	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. E. Miller.

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On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALFRED CHAPMAN Treble	HENRY RUMENS 6
ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. ... 2	JAMES C. ADAMS 7
RONALD BULLEN 3	FRED C. MAYNARD 8
JOHN H. WILKINS 4	CHARLES T. COLES 9
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... 5	WILLIAM MORLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a welcome peal to the Rev. G. D. Oakley, M.A., who was instituted Vicar of Walthamstow by the Bishop of Chelmsford on the previous Thursday. With the exception of the ringers of the 3rd, the above are all members of the local band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	BERNARD DITCHER 5
GEORGE LEWIS 2	CHARLES MASON 6
JOHN HOLMAN 3	JOHN H. BROTBWELL 7
*HAROLD KENT 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

* First peal of Surprise. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Frederick Hancock, a member of the local band for over 60 years.

MALDON.—On Tuesday, January 25th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,440 changes, being 720 of Grandsire Doubles and 720 of Plain Bob Doubles: R. Bird 1, D. Hamm 2, A. South 3, F. White 4, S. C. Card (conductor) 5, J. Wackter 6. These are the first 720's rung by these ringers in these methods.

HORNSEY.—On January 31st, at St. Mary's Church, in 29 mins., 720 Bob Minor, composed by Benjamin Annable: H. Bell 1, T. G. Deal 2, J. G. Nash (conductor) 3, E. G. Hibble 4, R. Lister 5, C. H. Ross 6. Rung for the 201st anniversary of the composer's death, and as a compliment to the conductor on his coming of age.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD G. STOCKER ... Treble	WILLIAM HOWE 5
EDWIN SHEPHERD 2	JOHN M. SKINNER 6
ALFRED MONKLEY 3	JOHN R. HAYMAN 7
FRED DIMOND 4	GEORGE RENDELL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

Ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th from Exeter, the rest are local men.

SWINTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in E flat.

PETER LAFLIN Treble	ROBERT WALLWORK 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7
THOMAS WALLWORK 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of London on the bells.

KIRKBURTON, YORKSHIRE.

On Sunday, February 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER IDLE Treble	HENRY SMITH 5
HARRY ARMITAGE 2	WILLIE B. FRITH 6
JOHN ROLLINSON 3	FRED TOWNEND 7
*MARK HILL 4	JAMES E. CARTER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. CARTER.

* First peal of any method. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Joseph Pickering, who was buried on Saturday, February 5th, 1927.

OSWALDTWISTLE,

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

MRS. J. WHEWELL Treble	*REX STEPHENSON 5
THOMAS HOWARTH 2	ISAAC WHALLEY 6
MISS ELLYN SHAW 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
FRANK SHAW 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. J. Dodd. Conductor from Churchkirk, remainder from Oswaldtwistle.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
JOHN HAYES 2	HENRY W. WILDE 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First in the method on the bells.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HERBERT MARKWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	FRED. J. LAMBERT, SRN. ... 6
WILLIAM LATTER 3	FREDK. H. WHITE 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

COLERNE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT H. BALL... .. Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 5
JESSE H. BEAZER 2	ARTHUR PRINCE 6
EDGAR C. LEWIS... .. 3	CHARLES W. BELL 7
CECIL H. PAWSEY 4	JESSE HALLETT Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

First peal for the ringer of the treble, and first peal with a bob bell for the ringer of the fourth.

WILLESDEN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY KILBY Treble	† ERNEST H. KILBY 5
EDWARD LANKESTER... .. 2	E. MACRICE ATKINS... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	† J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 7
* WILFRID WILSON 4	† HARRY BURTON Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* First peal. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal of Triples.

WORSLEY, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 21 cwt.

* SIDNEY JAMES Treble	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 5
JAMES HOWARTH 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 6
FREDERICK GRUNDY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
WILLIAM JONES 4	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. P. Derbyshire, of Beesley Green, Worsley, and after the peal the ringers were entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Derbyshire.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, February 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BASTONE... .. Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 5
JOHN W. PERRY 2	ALBERT G. HUNT 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	JOHN PERRY 7
FREDERICK BIRKE 4	EDMUND WESTWOOD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bastone, also as a birthday compliment to Edmund Westwood.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS BRVAN Treble	WILLIAM T. POSTON 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 2	HARRY E. COX 6
WALTER T. BENNETT 3	ALFRED T. POULTON... .. 7
JOHN CLARK 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Major.

GRAYFORD.—On Saturday, February 12th, 720 of Cambridge Minor: F. J. Cullem, jun., 1, J. D. Matthews 2, H. Audsley 3, S. H. Green 4, I. Emery 5, G. Gilbert (conductor) 6. Rung after meeting short for a peal of London Surprise Major.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—At All Saints' Church, on Thursday, February 3rd, for practice, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. was rung as follows: R. Mills 1, W. Tout 2, F. Lock 3, G. Lock 4, T. Creed (conductor) 5, J. Jeanes 6.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	* JOHN A. COLE 5
PETER CHARMAN 2	* WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 6
JOHN COOK 3	* OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
* GEORGE ELLIS 4	* ALFRED H. PULLING... .. Tenor

Composed by W. CHARMAN.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

* LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 5
* E. HARRY STONELEY 2	* JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	* FREDERICK A. SALTER 7
FREDERICK S. PRICE... .. 4	* J. FREDERICK MILNER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. S. Price, wife of the ringer of the 4th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

EDWARD C. GOBEY Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER 6
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD... .. 3	E. HARRY STONELEY 7
PERCY PRICE 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

The conductor has now called a peal of Stedman Triples from each of the above bells.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
HENRY W. WILDE 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
JOHN HAYES... .. 3	* JAMES MORGAN 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

* First in the method. First as conductor in the method. First in the method on the bells. Mr. J. Swindley's 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Rev. T. Lewis Jones and Arthur E. Peglar, of Bangor.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY CAVIGAN Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK 2	JACK BAILEY... .. 6
* REGINALD BOULTON... .. 3	GEORGE WARRINGTON 7
GEORGE FREEBREV 4	ALFRED MOULD Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by GEO. FREEBREV.

* First peal of Major.

HALLOW.—On Saturday, February 5th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): C. G. Bowkett 1, W. Niblett 2, R. O. Knowles 3, *C. Tansell 4, W. Ranford 5, W. Lewis 6, S. T. Holt (conductor) 7, C. Camm 8. * First touch of Surprise Major away from the treble.

TILSTON, CHESHIRE.—On February 1st, in 23 mins., 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor (first in the method on the bells): W. Thomas 1, G. Jones 2, H. W. Wilde 3, A. E. Richards 4, J. Morgan (conductor) 5, J. W. Clarke 6.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th its extent at home at 12 course ends, and has a call at 'before' in every course.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SILVERTON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

W. FAIRCHILD Treble	A. G. SELLEY 4
W. I. BROOKS 2	M. DENFORD... .. 5
FRANK J. DAVEY... .. 3	F. ZELLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

First peal on the bells, and first peal for ringers of 1, 2, 5, 6. Rung as a compliment to Rev. G. F. Molineux, recently appointed chairman of the N.E. Branch of the above Guild. It was over 30 years ago the last attempt for a peal was made here.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 18 cwt.

E. G. L. COWARD Treble	* W. V. MATTHEWS 4
* C. C. HOLLWAY... .. 2	W. C. SHUTE 5
* F. J. PARSONS 3	H. J. RALPH Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal and members of the local band.

WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, FARNWORTH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

P. BOARDMAN Treble	B. TREVITT 4
* J. LEATHER... .. 2	F. HANCOCK... .. 5
J. A. CALCAND 3	J. GARDNER Tenor

Conducted by F. HANCOCK.

* First peal. First legitimate peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

C. BAYLISS Treble	J. W. HAYNES 3
M. ROCKALL 2	J. W. SHARP... .. 4
J. MONK... .. 3	

Conducted by J. W. HAYNES.

First peal and first attempt by the ringer of the treble.

MALDON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on February 1st, 720 Plain Bob Doubles in 25 mins.: R. Bird 1, D. A. Ham 2, A. South 3, F. White 4, S. C. Card (conductor) 5, J. Wackter 6.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Saturday, February 5th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 49 mins.: W. Langley 1, R. Roffey 2, W. J. Ellis 3, H. F. Eldred 4, R. H. Bullen 5, E. V. Johnson 6, J. G. Nash 7, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Southwark, Violet, Duke of York, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.

* FRANK EDWARDS Treble	HENRY CORNWELL 4
JOSEPH BERESFORD 2	HARRY BERESFORD 5
WILLIAM CORNWELL 3	EDWARD EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by H. CORNWELL.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who has been a regular member of the tower for 37 years.

REDBOURN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different extents. Tenor 14½ (approx.).

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble	GEORGE DANIELLS 4
JOE HOBBS 2	AUGUSTINE V. GOOD 5
JACK STOPP 3	ARTHUR ARCHER Tenor

Conducted by A. V. GOOD.

First peal, and first attempt by ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th, and tenor, who are local men. This is the first time any local men have taken part in a peal at this church.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt. in F. sharp.

* OWEN WILLIAMS Treble	† WILLIAM CORFIELD 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	FRANK TRINER 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON... .. 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.

* First peal. † First peal with an inside bell. First peal as conductor, and rung at the first attempt. This is a 'red letter' peal for the 'colts' of Norton.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

WILLIAM T. CLARK Treble	MISS ELIZABETH M. SUART 4
JOHN P. BARKER 2	THOMAS J. CLEMENT 5
MISS EMMA BUTTERFIELD... .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. The ringers of the 5th and tenor are from Kendal, 4th from Dalton, the rest from Broughton.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of eight 240's arranged by Leslie W. C. Morris, eight 240's by Albert J. Pitman, and ten ordinary 120's. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	JOHN HOUGH 4
WILLIAM BROOKER 2	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	* FRANK BOULSTRIDGE... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. First peal on these bells, which have been six since 1774. The above, together with the local ringers, were entertained to tea by the Rector after the peal.

APSLEY END.—At St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday, February 2nd, 720 Minor, being 360 Plain Bob and 360 Oxford Bob, in 25 mins.: C. Munt 1, A. Brinklow 2, C. J. Henley 3, J. Stopp 4, H. Golding 5, A. V. Good (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the tenor and 2nd, and the wife of the ringer of the 3rd.—Also 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins.: C. Munt 1, J. Stopp 2, C. J. Henley 3, A. Brinklow 4, A. V. Good 5, H. Golding (conductor) 6.

NOTES BY THE WAY. By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Mr. Lukis puts the blame for the scandalous state of affairs (already described in his notes which I have quoted) on the churchwardens, and, of course, legally and technically, they were responsible. Perhaps more so than they would be now. For in those days the fabric of the church was kept in repair by a compulsory rate levied by the vestry on all ratepayers in the parish, whether they were churchmen or not. The churchwardens were the representatives of and elected by these ratepayers, and they naturally claimed and exercised the right to say how the money should be spent.

It was not until 1868 that these compulsory rates were finally abolished. Not only the towers, but the whole fabric of the churches has enormously benefited by the system of voluntary contributions which has taken their place. Even under the old style I think that the clergy were chiefly responsible for the bad state things had got into, but it seems that belfries and ringers were the last thing they wished to be troubled with.

It took many years before anything like general reform came about. It began with the labours of men like the Revs. A. Gatty, H. T. Ellacombe and W. C. Lukis, who, by books and articles, like the one I have been quoting, stirred up the interest of archaeologists in the neglected treasures which hung forgotten in church towers. It was helped by the enthusiasm of men like the Rev. H. R. Haweis, who, though they got their inspiration from Belgian carillons, and misunderstood and despised our English change ringing, yet did much to popularise a love of bells. Chiefly it was the result of the greater reverence and care for everything connected with church fabrics which arose from the quickening of church life by the Oxford Movement.

Thirty years ago there were many towers still in the state Mr. Lukis describes. One of the first things the Central Council attempted to do was to bring home to church authorities the state of bells and belfries, and the need for keeping them in order and repair. In 1898 a committee was appointed (of which I was a member) to get together a trustworthy account of the state of every eight, ten and twelve bell tower in England. It was feared that the result would show a bad state of neglect, and the intention was to publish a statement with the idea of inducing church authorities to take action in the matter. The reports were published week by week in 'The Bell News.' When they were completed it was found that reform had already begun, and that the towers containing eight and more bells were, generally speaking, in a satisfactory condition; far more satisfactory in fact than was thought.

It was decided, therefore, that it was not necessary to publish the intended statement. It was not possible to collect full information about five and six bell towers. Among them very many cases of bad neglect would have been found, but since then there has been a steady improvement there also, and now, if you want to find bells in really bad condition, you must go to the smaller towers of big towns rather than to village churches.

A DATE TOUCH.

At the Parish Church, Shildon, Durham, for evensong, on February 6th, 1,927 changes of Minor, being 720 each of Kent and Oxford and 487 of Bob Minor with 7-8 covering: E. Hind 1, T. Robinson 2, G. W. Faverell 3, J. Smith 4, S. Bryant 5, R. B. Robinson (conductor) 6, J. Beck 7, J. Henderson 8.

VARIATIONS OF THURSTANS' PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I please point out that Mr. Dexter makes a great mistake when he says I write about variations and transpositions for his benefit. I do not. I should not try to teach him anything about what he has proved himself to be a past-master of. What I wrote I did in the hope that it might be of some assistance to members of the Exercise generally, to enable them to differentiate between a transposition and a variation. They are not my views only. Turn to page 49 of 'Stedman,' you will find it says: 'The following is a transposition of our own.' Then follows what is known as 'Heywood's Variation,' but that does not make it a variation. Again, on the next page: 'The peal, as here given, is in a transposed form' (Lates one-part). On page 48 is given the 'Variation by Thomas Brook.'

As regards dates, it would be more to the point if Mr. Washbrook's reply to Mr. Fowler could be produced. I know Mr. Washbrook conducted the peal in 1918, but I do not say that was the first time. Indeed, I should very much doubt it. I expect 1896 or 1897 would be more correct. Mr. Washbrook knew and understood Stedman Triples far better than Thurstans ever did, and a simple transposition like the one in question would not escape him. During the years 1888-1890-1891 Stedman Triples was turned inside out, and there was very little left when it was finished with. It is open to anyone to become expert in the method for an expenditure of 2s. 10d. on a copy of 'Stedman.'

While writing, Mr. Editor, may I say I have received a letter from Mr. Tipler, in which he complains that you used your blue pencil too freely on a communication of his. If this is so, I am not surprised, for his letter contributed little of value to the subject being discussed. He sent me four peals, neither of which I propose to set out in detail. The first is, I take it, Tipler's 'Variation of Haley's,' which is certainly a variation of the Washbrook-Haley's peal and not a transposition. The fourth, which he describes as a 'variation of Thurstans' I have never before seen,' is merely Thurstans' peal, using omits first half and extras second half (treble sub-observation), with singles in the 9th and 19th parts, which I should term a simple transposition. The second and third examples are, I am afraid, false. It is called a variation of Thurstans', and runs thus:

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I have only recently attempted to understand the proof of Stedman Triples, but to me the above seems to fail in two particulars to meet the requirements of a true peal. As far as I have progressed, I understand the rule is: 'If every 3-4 be bobbed, every 7-8 must be plained, and for every 3-4 that is plained a 7-8 must be bobbed.' That is the first failure. Also, 'If every 5-6 be bobbed, every 12-13 must be plained, and for every 5-6 that is plained a 12-13 must be bobbed.' That is the second failure. There is only one other variation in addition to the three which are so well known, and you get this by transferring the 12-13 in the second course above to 7-8 in the first course, making a six-bob set in every part, which is considered undesirable.

W. A. CAVE.

P.S.—Since writing above, I find the 'our' on page 49 of 'Stedman' refers to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and not Sir Arthur Heywood, and that transposition of the Singles from 14 and 2 to 9 and 11 has suggested to me the following transpositions, in the last two of which the arrangement of the parts is varied.

Some variations and transpositions by Mr. Cave will be published in a later issue.—Ed. 'R.W.'

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting was held at Carlisle Cathedral on New Year's Day. Members were present from Aspatria, Cockermouth, Keswick, Egremont, Workington, and the Cathedral band. The meeting was presided over by the Dean of Carlisle (the Rev. Henry Venn-Stuart, D.D.), supported by the Hon. secretary, Mr. Wm. T. Holmes (Cockermouth). The accounts showed a balance in hand of £6 11s. 3d., an increase on the previous year.

All the officers were re-elected, and it was decided to hold the annual ringing contest on Easter Monday at Crosthwaite Parish Church, Keswick, and, if possible, to obtain the same judge, Mr. Geo. Newton, of Liverpool.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Dean for presiding, also for use of bells and room.

The Cathedral belfry was afterwards visited, and the following methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Major. The association's certificate for Sunday service ringing was awarded to Crosthwaite with 724.88 points; Cockermouth were second with 454.92.

YORKSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

At Shelley Church, Yorkshire, on January 25th, as a last tribute to the late Mr. Amos Ramsden, who died on the 22nd of the month, after a brief illness, and was for 45 years an active ringer at the above church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob with the bells fully muffled: R. Sykes 1, H. Pearce 2, H. Roberts 3, F. Townsend 4, A. Goldthorpe 5, A. Boyle 6. The local ringers also rang for the funeral service in the afternoon.

THE SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE RECORD.

The following are the figures of the peal of Superlative Surprise Major (11,232 changes) rung at St. Peter's, Bolton, on January 29th, in 7 hours 10 minutes. It was composed on December 12th, 1925, by T. B. Worsley, and conducted by E. Jenkins.

234567	5th's.	M.	W.	In.	M.	4th's.	H.
436527	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
672345	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
274365	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
346725	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
265743	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
524736	A 3 times.	—	—	—	—	—	A
573624	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
372654	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
675425	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
372465	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
473526	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
372546	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
346257	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
675432	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
476253	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
675243	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
276354	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
675324	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
256347	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34652	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
43526	B 3 times.	—	—	—	—	—	B
56234	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
35264	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
25465	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
64352	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35642	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
63542	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
56342	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
42635	C twice.	—	—	—	—	—	C
23456	Before	—	—	—	—	—	3

Can be brought round from 675234 by calls at M., W., 5th's, H, producing 5,408 changes.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
GRIMSBY DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Grimsby on Saturday, January 29th. Members attended from Bigby, Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Ulceby, Burton-on-Stather, and the local tower. St. James' (eight) and St. Andrew's (eight) were available afternoon and evening. The service was held in St. Andrew's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Russell Warrilow), who gave an interesting address. Mr. Harold Rushby, a local ringer, presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Church Hall, and 21 members sat down to a splendid repast provided by Mrs. Todd, which was greatly appreciated.

The business meeting followed, Mr. W. Heyhoe being voted to the chair.

The Rev. H. T. Parry, Rural Dean and Rector of Bigby, who was unable to be present owing to illness, was re-elected president.

The Secretary (Mr. H. T. Mingay) read his report for the past year, which was adopted, and he was re-elected. Mr. C. W. Taylor was elected as the representative to serve on the general committee. Mr. G. Blanchard was re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. J. Bray Deputy Ringing Master. Mr. Abraham Hodge, of Grimsby, was elected as an honorary member, and Mr. R. S. Long, of Sheffield, a non-resident life member. The latter, previous to his removal to Sheffield, was Ringing Master in the district, and a much respected member of St. Andrew's company, Grimsby.

Caistor was selected for a meeting on May 14th, Thornton Curtis June 11th, Burton-on-Stather July 16th, Bigby August 20th, Scunthorpe September 17th, Barton-on-Humber October 22nd.

Mr. Heyhoe presented the accounts of the bell fund, which were very satisfactory considering the industrial depression from which this district, like others, had suffered.

It is interesting to note that amongst the company present was Mr. Richardson, who a few years ago was a member of St. Andrew's band. He is now in his 91st year.

Mr. H. Rushby proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicars of St. James' and St. Andrew's for the use of the bells, to the Vicar of St. Andrew's for taking the service and for his address, to the caterers for the splendid tea, and to the local members for making arrangements. Also to Mr. W. Heyhoe for presiding at the meeting. Members are asked to note the secretary's change of address, namely, to 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, January 9th, for morning service at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: C. J. Tricker, jun., 1, F. G. Goddard 2, J. Kent 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, S. Stilwell 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. Milner (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A treble to the fine ring of five is to be installed at Goodrich, near Ross, by Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham.

Oxford's city Church of St. Martin and All Saints is to have a peal of eight. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have been entrusted with the work of rehangings the present six and adding two trebles.

Major F. A. Yorke, R.A., through whose researches it became known that the College Youths' certificate was the work of Bartolozzi, and who has been for some time in Iraq, will shortly be in England on leave.

The 'Johnson Dinner' and week-end is, we hear, attracting a large number of ringers to Birmingham from distant towers. It is astonishing how the 'clans' gather for this always interesting and enjoyable event. On second thoughts, however, it is not so astonishing—to those who have attended one of these gatherings.

A peal of College Single Major was rung at Warnham, Sussex, on Saturday. The first peal in the method was rung there on February 18th, 1889.

The first peal by the Trinity Youths, one of the many defunct London Societies, was Grandsire Triples rung at St. Nicholas' Church, Deptford, on February 18th, 1782.

What was claimed as the first true peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Sunday, February 23rd, 1783, by the College Youths, 'the greatest performance ever achieved in the campanian art.'

A peal of Double Norwich Major was rung on handbells for the first time on February 23rd, 1891, by the Cambridge University Guild.

Mr. C. Edwards, of Ealing, wishes to thank his many friends who wrote him cheerful and sympathetic letters while in hospital, and to say he has now recovered sufficiently to return home, and hopes to be able to see them to thank personally before long.

The report of the peal of Oxford Treble Bob rung at Hemingford Grey, on January 29th, should have read: 'First in method by 1st, 3rd, and 5th ringers.'

At the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Sheffield, on Saturday, the officers were re-elected. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

Mr. Thomas Russam, of Birmingham, celebrated his 70th birthday on Sunday. His interesting reminiscences of John Carter's early ringing days will shortly appear in these columns.

SEQUEL TO A PEAL.

When, in October last, the bells at St. John-the-Baptist Church, Pinner, were re-opened with a peal rung by members of the Middlesex Association, a wish was expressed by the ringers at that church that some assistance should be given them. Consequently they have since joined the county association, and on a recent Monday evening the hon. secretary, accompanied by the brothers Kilby, who have consented to act as instructors, visited Pinner with the object of commencing a series of practices in change ringing. A very encouraging start was made, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles being rung, most of the local ringers taking part.

The bells are a very fine ring of eight, with a tenor weighing 19 cwt. The restoration was undertaken by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who recast the cracked tenor and retuned the whole peal, which was rehung in an iron frame. The Whitechapel firm are to be congratulated on an excellent piece of work, as the present go of the bells leaves nothing to be desired; and the church authorities at Pinner are the proud possessors of one of the finest peals in the neighbourhood.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Alresford on Saturday, February 5th. The bells at Alresford (eight), Old Alresford (six), and Bishop's Sutton (five) were available, and were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Bob Doubles and Minor, Double Norwich, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

Tea and a short meeting were held at Crock's Restaurant, presided over by the Rector (Rev. A. J. Robertson), the Vicar of Bishop's Sutton (Rev. Lindsay Browne), Mr. G. Williams, Mr. Geo. Pullinger, F. H. Rogers and members from Bishopstoke, Bishop's Sutton, Fareham, Twyford, Hursley, North Stoneham, Portsmouth, Southampton, Winchester, and some of the local ringers were present.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Williams, seconded by the district secretary, the Vicar of Bishop's Sutton was elected an hon. member, five of the Sutton band were elected full members, and Mr. W. Spiers (Alresford) an unattached member.

Mr. Pullinger offered to give instruction to the Bishop's Sutton band. This meeting was one of the best quarterly meetings held in the Winchester District for some years, 41 being present at the meeting. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rectors of Old and New Alresford and the Vicar of Bishop's Sutton for the use of the bells.

The next meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, May 7th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

WINCHESTER GUILD VICE-PRESIDENT DEAD.

AN ACTIVE WORKER FOR RINGING.

We have to announce, with deep regret, the death of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, vice-president of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who passed away on Friday evening at the age of 63 years.

He was appointed hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild in 1895, and occupied these joint offices for eight years, during which time he missed only one quarterly meeting, and saw the funds of the Guild raised from £63 to £128. It was while he was hon. secretary, also, that the Guild was divided into districts—a step which greatly extended the activities of, and interest in, the organisation.

In 1903, he was elected to succeed the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey as Master, which post he held until he was appointed to the chief executive office of the Guild, viz., vice-president.

Born at Elstead, Surrey, in 1863, the Rev. C. E. Matthews was educated at University College, Durham, and Salisbury Theological College. He was ordained deacon in 1887 by the Bishop of Colchester, and priest in the following year by the Bishop of St. Albans. He was licensed to the curacy of North Weald Bassett in 1887, and there learned to handle a bell. Afterwards he was at Ospringe, Kent; Shere, Surrey; and Hursley, near Winchester. He was presented to the living of Bursledon by Winchester College in 1899. He became Vicar of Titchfield in 1907, and a few years ago moved to Milton, near Lymington.

Wherever he has been he has actively taken part in schemes for restoring or increasing the rings of bells, and, being deeply interested in the archaeological side of bells, he was largely responsible for the Church Bell History of Hampshire. He was a writer of ringers' hymns, one of the best known of which is 'The Sacred Bells of England.'

Although not a great ringer, he was exceedingly keen on promoting the interests of the art and furthering the objects of the Winchester Guild, which he represented continuously on the Central Council from 1906.

Last year Mr. Matthews had a long and serious illness, from which he never really fully recovered, and his death will be a great loss to the Winchester Diocesan Guild, with which he was so long and so intimately connected.

THE LATE MR. JOHN CARTER.

SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Amongst the many clever things the late Mr. John Carter did, one, to my mind, stands next to the ringing machine. It is that wonderful brain buster, his peal of Scientific Triples—a puzzle for the puzzler, brain power for the scientist. Composed in 1904, published in the 'Bell News,' page 133, July 21st, 1906, it does not conform to rules laid down by the Central Council, as the plain course produces 250 changes. In the event of this peal being rung, the band should be presented with gold medals. I would be pleased to give my mite towards them. This composition should be preserved by the Central Council, if only to show the exceeding cleverness of its composer.—Yours truly,

LOOKER-ON.

Mr. J. E. Dawe writes: I am sure that all will appreciate the very excellent account in your paper of the career of our dear old friend, Jack Carter, but one most important and, indeed, national invention of his was omitted. I remember him being a principal witness in a law case, somewhere about 40 years ago, in which he stated in the witness box that he was the actual inventor of the well-known 'Webb-ley' revolver, so extensively used in the Army and now of world-wide reputation. About that period also he won the much coveted badge of the 'Queen's Hundred,' the first time that it was a Hundred, and thus became probably the first change ringer to achieve this distinction.

At Coalbrookdale, on Monday evening, February 7th, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. John Carter, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, Mr. Carter's favourite quarter-peal, was rung in 50 mins.: A. S. Bayley 1, W. Wase 2, J. Hanley 3, J. Stanier 4, R. Jones 5, W. Saunders (conductor) 6, J. H. Rixon 7, L. Jones 8.

Also 336 Stedman Triples, composed by Mr. Carter, was rung on the ten bells, 6, 8, 10 covering: A. Bayley 1, J. Stanier 2, J. H. Rixon 3, W. Wase 4, R. Jones 5, W. Saunders 6, J. Hanley 7, E. Wase 8, J. Garbett (conductor) 9, L. Jones 10.

It was intended to attempt a quarter-peal of Grandsire or Stedman Caters, had not influenza been just busy among the band. Mr. Carter was the first to subscribe £5 5s. to the Coalbrookdale bells fund. In the ringing chamber is also a very beautiful marble peal tablet, given by him, recording a peal of Stedman Triples which was composed and conducted by him.

At the usual practice at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, City, on Monday, February 7th, the bells were rung muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Carter. Courses of London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Norfolk Surprise Major were successfully brought round.

AN ANCIENT BELL.

AN ARCHÆOLOGICAL PUZZLE.

Probably one of the most interesting and unusual reconstructions ever undertaken was that recently carried out by Barimar, Ltd., the scientific welding engineers, of London, for Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the well-known bell founders.

The repair related to an ancient bell which was extensively damaged and consequently useless. When it is recollected that bell-founding is almost 'an exact science,' and that the welding of an 8in. crack in metal produced by methods which have long since been superseded demands profound knowledge of metallurgy, it will be realised that this is an achievement which reflects the greatest possible credit on the welders. Not only has the tone of the bell been preserved, but the clarity is absolutely unimpaired.



An ancient bell—badly damaged—before repair by new Barimar process. All record of its origin has been lost. Can any reader identify it?

assuredly be a valuable contribution to antiquarian lore, and would clear up a mystery of considerable interest to the bell founders and also to Barimar, Ltd.

The bell, which is one of the oldest in the country, is said to have been cast in the early part of the 13th century, and is, therefore, over 700 years old. Unfortunately, from the point of view of the antiquarian, all record of its origin or history appears to have been lost; indeed, it is not even possible to trace from available records where it was originally hung.

Possibly someone seeing these notes will be able to identify the bell through its peculiar shape. Any information on the subject would

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE ISLEWORTH BELL FUND.

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at Isleworth on Saturday, February 5th, by permission of the Rev. H. M. Rotton, D.D. (Vicar). Ringing commenced shortly after three with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Service was conducted by the Rev. M. E. Thomas, M.C., M.A., and a most interesting and delightful service it was—enjoyed and appreciated by all. The Vicar and churchwardens again entertained the members to tea, and their kind hospitality was appreciated.

Mr. Edgley (churchwarden) presided, on behalf of the Vicar, and was supported by Rev. M. E. Thomas, Mr. C. S. Bird (vice-president), and Mr. C. J. Bridges. Sixty members sat down to an excellent tea served by Mrs. Brown.

The balance sheet showed a credit balance of 18s. 11d. on the year's working, and the report stated that 39 new members had been elected during the year, including the new band at Ruislip, with Mr. G. Kirby at instructor.

The Isleworth Bell Fund now amounts to £116 10s., for which best thanks are tendered to all subscribers. The committee again appeal to all members and ringing friends for their liberal support, as much more is needed. £3 11s. was collected at the meeting.

All retiring officers and members of the Central Committee were re-elected.

The secretary was requested to send a letter of sympathy to the president (Mr. F. A. Milne) on the serious illness of his wife, and to Mr. Tom Beadle (Isleworth) and Mr. C. Edwards (Ealing), wishing them all a speedy recovery.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and their kind hospitality, to Rev. M. E. Thomas for conducting the service, the organist (Mr. N. Wilshire), Mr. Edgley for presiding at the meeting, Mr. Bridges (manager of Barclays Bank, hon. treasurer to the bell fund), and the steeple-keeper. Afterwards, the tower was again visited, and Cambridge and Bristol Surprise were rung. Twickenham was also visited, where ringing was indulged in till 8.45, and thanks given to the Rev. Cole Skeane, Vicar, for the use of the bells, and Mr. E. Morris for the arrangements.

A LANCASHIRE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

In view of the diamond jubilee celebration at Hindley, Lancs., this week-end, the following, taken by Mr. T. Wilde from the peal book of his grandfather, will no doubt be of interest:

'February 18th, 1867, opening a new peal of bells at St. Peter's Church, Hindley, near Wigan, cast by Mears and Stainbank, with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (5,088 changes) in 3 hrs. 3 mins.: John Lawton treble, Hugh Shaw 2, Jno. Bramhall 3, Daniel Whitoley 4, William Fawcett 5, Joseph Rose 6, Robert Williams 7, James Wilde tenor. Composed and conducted by R. Williams. All are from Stalybridge except J. Wilde, Hyde.'

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the London County Association was held last Saturday, with a fairly good attendance of members, although illness was responsible for several absentees, notably Mrs. Pennington Bickford, whose presence was greatly missed. Ringing took place at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East and at St. Clement Danes' until 4.30, when the service was held, conducted by the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, Rector and honorary chaplain, who gave a most appropriate and interesting address, taking as his theme the inscription on the Sanctus bell, 'Robert Mott made me, 1588.' Robert Mott was the founder of the Whitechapel firm now known as Mears and Stainbank, who restored the bells of St. Clement's in 1919. Some eighty of his bells still remain, but many were destroyed in the Great Fire. The preacher drew several lessons from the bell and its inscription. The Rector also referred to the great loss sustained by the Exercise in the death of Mr. John Carter, and associated himself with the words of the leading article in 'The Ringing World,' to whose editor he wished to pay tribute. At the close of the service, the 'Dead March' in Saul was played.

An excellent tea was awaiting the company on their arrival at the Parish House, the preparation of which had been carefully superintended by Mrs. Bickford at a distance. The meeting later expressed its sympathy with her in her illness, and its sincere hope for a speedy recovery. After tea, the tables were cleared for the business meeting.

First, the election of one member at the Southern District annual meeting was ratified, and five other new members elected.

The Secretary (Mr. A. H. Keighley) gave his report for the year, and referred to the various matters which had arisen. The practices had been fairly well attended, but further improvement was desired. The Southern District had carried out its arrangements successfully, but the Northern District Master, Mr. Alleway, and its acting secretary, Mr. Bottrill, had both been compelled to resign. In their places, the association had been fortunate in securing Mr. L. L. Gray and Mr. J. A. Hales, under whose guidance it was hoped the district would go forward.

New members elected during the year numbered 28, as compared with 26 during 1925, but the number of peals rung was smaller at 17, made up as follows: Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 8, Cambridge Major 3, Stedman Cinques 1, Grandsire Triples 1, Cambridge Royal 1, Minor 1, Doubles 1. Mr. T. H. Taffender, the Master, conducted ten peals, and Mr. Symonds two, Mr. Brett one, Mr. Barker one, Mr. Mance one, Mr. Gannon one, and Mr. Judd one.

The financial statement was read and passed, showing an increase in funds in hand of nearly £4 10s. The peals were duly accepted to be sent to the writer.

The collection at the service amounted to £2 6s. 3d., which the Rector kindly gave to the association for disposal.—On the proposition of Mr. Mance, it was decided to give this sum to the St. Clement Danes' Sea Scouts, towards the purchase of uniforms, for which the Rector said he was very grateful.

Other matters were raised by the members, including a question relating to broadcasting, and votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for arranging the service and giving the address, to Mrs. Bickford for her kindness and invaluable help, to all those who had assisted, and, lastly, to the retiring officers.

Mr. J. Waghorn thanked the association for celebrating his 84th birthday by ringing a peal.

The elections of the district officers were confirmed, and the general officers appointed as follows: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; general secretary, Mr. A. H. Keighley; assistant secretaries, Messrs. R. Newman and T. W. Taffender; treasurer, Mr. E. A. Young; trustees, Messrs. J. George and P. E. Dawe; stewards, Messrs. F. W. Chorley and T. Wyatt, all these holding similar offices last year. The Master and Mr. A. D. Barker were appointed representatives on the Central Council for the next three years.

The Master announced that the association's gift to Mr. Keighley on the occasion of his marriage had taken the form of an oxidised copper curb, for which Mr. Keighley expressed his grateful thanks, stating that he would prize it very much, and that whatever he had done for the association had been a pleasure to him. Although he had wanted to be relieved of office, he would do his best for another year.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A quarterly meeting was held at Darlaston on Saturday, January 22nd, the attendance being less than usual owing to the inclement weather. A service was held in church, and an interesting address delivered by the Rector, the Rev. J. W. Augur. At the Church Institute a capital tea was laid, the only regret being there were so few present to do justice to the abundance of good things provided.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his address, use of the bells, etc.; to the organist and choir boys who helped to brighten the service; and to the ladies who served tea.—This was responded to by the Rector.

The ringing consisted of touches in a variety of methods, and it is worthy of note that 'budding' conductors were conspicuous by coming to the fore.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Bloxwich on April 30th.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

INTERESTING SUBJECTS DISCUSSED.

The ninth annual meeting of the Clan District was held at Clun on Saturday, when members from Clun, Clunbury, Hopesay, Knighton, and visitors from Ludlow attended.

At the business meeting, following tea, the Ringing Master (Rev. H. J. Scott) presided, and the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Moad) presented the balance sheet, which showed the income had been £5 8s. 6d., and the expenditure £3 1s. 7d., leaving a balance in hand of £2 6s. 11d. He said they had increased their balance on the year's working by 19s. 5d., had gained one new hon. member, but had lost five ringers by removals, etc. There were, however, good prospects of this loss soon being made up.—The balance sheet was accepted and considered very satisfactory.

The Rev. H. J. Scott was re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. W. Moad re-elected hon. secretary; the Rev. I. Harrison, the new Vicar of Clun, was elected an hon. member, and one probationer was elected.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Bishop's Castle on Saturday, April 30th.

The Hon. Secretary said he had put two subjects on the agenda for discussion with the idea of making the meeting as interesting as possible. Both the subjects were of considerable interest to ringers, and were being discussed by other associations.

The first was, 'How to induce young men to become ringers, and how to maintain their interest afterwards'; the second was, 'The insurance of voluntary ringers.' He said the first was of great importance if they wished to increase their members or even to maintain their membership. The second was almost of greater importance on account of the risk to ringers when oiling the bells, repairing ropes, etc. At present, they had no claim on the church authorities, as they were not paid servants and were not included in their insurance.

The Chairman said he was very pleased the subject had been put on the agenda, and he should like to hear the views of those present and also suggestions.—Mr. F. Evans (Knighton) said the idea of maintaining the interest of probationers was to take them to all the ringing meetings within reach and so keep them interested. Of course, this could only be done when towers had funds of their own and were able to pay the cost of these outings.

Mr. A. Nason (Ludlow) said he wished to know, if any ringer broke an arm or leg during ringing, who was he to look to for compensation?

Service time having arrived, and the subjects not having been fully discussed, the Chairman suggested that the discussion be adjourned to the next meeting, the hon. secretary being asked to get as much information on the subjects as possible, and place the items on the agenda, which he promised to do.

Rev. H. S. T. Richardson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his presence at tea and the meeting, and also for the words of welcome he knew he was going to give them at the service.—This was carried with acclamation, and the meeting concluded.

After service, the bells were again rung in Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Bob Major.

PRESTEIGN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Presteign District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Eardisland on Saturday, January 29th. Sixteen members attended from seven towers. The Guild form of service was held, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. P. A. H. Birley, one of the local ringers acting as organist.

Tea was afterwards partaken of in the schools, kindly provided by the Vicar. At the subsequent business meeting the Vicar presided.

The Secretary reported combined practices at Lyonshall, December 2nd, when ten members were present from four towers, and at Penbridge on December 11th, when eight members were present from five towers. In the past year, four meetings had been held, with an average attendance of twenty members, and five combined practices with an average of fourteen members. One practice was abandoned owing to bad weather. One tower had joined the Guild with ten members, and one had left. The number of members had increased from sixty-nine to seventy-six, viz., six honorary, 49 ringing, 17 probationers and four unattached members, and eight towers were in union with the Guild in the district.

The accounts for the past year were presented and passed as satisfactory, with a balance on the year's working of £2 17s. 4d., and a total balance in hand of £9 17s. 8d. Through the kindness of the clergy and friends in providing teas at the meetings, there had been no expenses to the Guild or the members in the past year.

The officers were unanimously re-elected, viz.: Ringing Master, Mr. W. Evans, Lyonshall; and hon. secretary, Mr. J. Preece, Staunton-on-Arrow.

Two new members were elected from Kingston, and it was proposed to hold combined practices at Dilwyn in February and at Presteign in April, and the spring quarterly meeting at Lyonshall in May.

The Rev. M. Berkley, of Kingston, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in providing tea and taking the service.

The tower was then again visited, other members having arrived in the meantime. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Bob Minor. Members attended from Burghill, Dilwyn, Eardisland, Kimbolton, Kingston, Lyonshall, Old Radnor, Staunton-on-Arrow, and Weobley.

THE CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the letter published in 'The Ringing World' at January 28th last, the following words appear: 'and is entirely independent of the church authorities.' It should have read 'and claims to be entirely independent, etc.' It was the insistence of this claim, and the disinclination on the part of certain members of the society to meet the Vicar, that misled us to seek the columns of 'The Ringing World.' We regret that this statement should have appeared, and tender our apologies to the Vicar and his predecessors, and wish to place on record our appreciation of the courteous reception accorded us in a recent interview with the Vicar. Thanking you for your interest in the matter,—Yours, etc.

T. R. DENNIS.
A. T. CHENERY.
E. G. HIBBENS.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE (NOT THE METHOD).

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with regret, though not surprise, of the sad state of affairs now existing at Cambridge, and quite agree with the remarks of your correspondent, Mr. Robin Goodfellow. I myself know a 'brother string,' a good ringer, who went to reside in the University town, and naturally hoped to be able to obtain regular (or, at least, some) practice in the art he loved, but I learnt afterwards that all his efforts to accomplish this aim met with so little encouragement that he eventually gave them up in despair. Now, how different are the conditions in some of the surrounding villages, where one often reads in these columns of real progress, regular practice, and peals in advanced methods, and I am sure that £ s. d. is the last thing that these ringers would think of considering.

I have often wondered why such a town as Cambridge, the headquarters of the Ely Diocesan Association, is so behind in things campanological. As many may know, there are the noble twelve at St. Mary's, a magnificent eight (tenor 32cwt.) at the R.C. Church, and a poor-toned eight at St. Andrew's—all, I believe, in good ringing order. Then there are the six at St. Benet's (Stedman's old tower), which, I expect, are by now unringable. Several years ago I had a pull on the tenor there, and wondered if it had been rehung since Stedman's time. Perhaps it hadn't. Also a six at St. Edward's, unringable, besides one tower with five bells and two with four in a like condition. At all the latter five towers I believe the pernicious habit of clocking has been allowed for years past. How sad, when one considers that some of these towers contain historical monuments in the form of pre-Reformation bells of great value, archaeologically, and should be preserved at all cost from their great risk of becoming cracked. Will they? Nobody knows, and, I fear, nobody cares.

In conclusion, may I express the hope that at the meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association, to be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday next, these urgent matters may be brought up for discussion, and should give serious food for thought to both those who ring the bells and the apathetic authorities who have charge of the rings that have become dilapidated, so that in the near future we may hope to reiterate in the words of the Village Blacksmith, 'Something attempted, something done.'

Apologising for trespassing so far on your valuable space, Yours faithfully,

'PLAIN BOB.'

DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER.

On Wednesday, February 2nd, there passed away a venerable and outstanding figure in the art of change ringing in the person of Mr. Joe Pickering, of Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, who died at the advanced age of eighty-nine years.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will recall the article in these columns in 1923 giving a resume of Mr. Pickering's ringing career, which has extended well over a period of seventy years, as he was able to ring at contests before he was eighteen years of age.

The funeral took place on Saturday, February 5th, in the church where Mr. Pickering had for such an extended period been a regular service ringer, and was attended by ringers from the surrounding villages and towers.

On Sunday, February 6th, a muffled peal was rung for evening service, consisting of 5,024 changes of Treble Bob Major, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Pickering.

Mr. Pickering's two sons, Messrs. Herbert and Joe W. Pickering, are following their father's footsteps in the old belfry where their respected parent spent so many happy hours.

MUFFLED RINGING.

On Sunday, January 30th, at Leeds Parish Church for evensong, by the local band, 925 Stedman Cinques, rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Vicar of Guisborough (the Rev. O. G. Mackie), formerly senior curate of this parish: G. Barraclough 1, J. A. Teale 2, *C. E. Lawson 3, J. Hutchinson 4, H. Lockwood 5, *J. E. Redfearn 6, E. Renton 7, *J. Jessop 8, *L. Drake 9, W. Woodhead 10, W. Ash (conductor) 11, H. Smith 12. * Longest length in Cinques.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch was held at Reading on Saturday last. Proceedings commenced with touches of Grandshire, Stedman, and Bob Major on the bells of St. Laurence's and St. Giles' Churches. A well-attended service followed at St. Laurence's, led by the Vicar, the Rev. J. T. Mumford, who gave an inspiring address.

The members then proceeded to the Central Cafe, where an excellent meat tea was spread, 60 members in all sitting down to the tables, among those present being the Rev. J. T. Mumford, Canon Coleridge, Mr. W. P. Routh, Mr. A. W. Pike, Mr. R. Wing, Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer), Mr. H. H. Wilder, Mr. H. Tucker, and representatives from most of the towers in union. Several who had hoped to be present were away through illness or other pressing engagements.

The business meeting followed, with Mr. H. Egby in the chair, as the chairman, the Rev. J. T. Mumford, had to leave early owing to another engagement. The balance sheet having been presented, the Secretary gave his report, mentioning that it had been a very successful year, and the quarterly meetings that were arranged last year had been extremely successful.

The election of officers then took place, and in every instance they were re-elected, namely: Chairman, the Rev. J. T. Mumford; secretary, Mr. F. W. Hopgood; auditors, Messrs. Foster and Wiggins; committee, Messrs. J. Swain, W. Appleby, and H. Tucker.

The quarterly meetings for 1927 were arranged for Shiplake, Chackendon and Caversham.

Tower reports were then given, and in most cases were satisfactory. Mention was made of three members whom the Guild had lost by death during the year, namely, Messrs. W. Webb, N. Cox, and the Rev. Lovett-Cameron, and members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The latter part of the evening was spent in listening to the 'Maxims' concert party (under the leadership of Mr. F. Baker), who gave a very admirable programme, each item being very much enjoyed, and all agreed that once again the Reading Branch meeting had been a success.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH VISIT NEW TOWER.

A visit of the North Bucks Branch, between the usual quarterly meetings, was made to Woughton on Saturday, February 5th, by an invitation from the Woughton ringers, whose bells have recently been rehung and augmented from four to six, and a nice little ring of six they are, the 'go' of them leaving nothing to be desired. A fairly representative gathering of the branch met, considering the unsettled weather conditions. The bells were started at 3 p.m. A service was held at 3.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. L. Moxon, chairman of the branch, in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Whittaker, who was unavoidably absent through a severe cold. Tea had been provided in the schools, where about 30 sat down. After tea, the Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) addressed the meeting, saying how pleased he was that the branch had been invited to Woughton, and stating the object of the North Bucks Branch and the Oxford Guild of which they were a part. He hoped that their visit would be rewarded by the Woughton tower becoming members of the branch, and that they would have the support of the branch to learn the art of change ringing by having instruction provided. The Secretary expressed regret at the absence of Canon Whittaker, and asked that good wishes for a speedy recovery should be conveyed to the Canon from the branch.

Further ringing took place, in which the local ringers shared.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT.

The first visit, and a very pleasant meeting, of the above was held at Dore on Saturday, February 5th. About 20 ringers, including six ladies, were present from Chesterfield, Dore, Handsworth, North Wingfield, Norton and Sheffield Cathedral. The musical little ring of eight by Taylor (tenor 11cwt.) were kept going at intervals from 3 to 7.30 p.m., the methods rung or attempted including Double Norwich, College Single, Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Major, and Stedman and Grandshire Triples. A feature of the practice was the scope afforded to learners, two local ladies scoring their first course of Bob Major; others their first attempts at Oxford and College Single.

Tea, at Hurst's Cafe, was presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. W. R. Gibson, who, with his usual geniality, welcomed the M.C.A. to Dore, and at the close provided cigars all round.

At a short business meeting, presided over by Mr. J. P. Tarlton (North Wingfield), six new members were elected, viz., Misses Jessie Davenport and Marjorie Helmer, Messrs. R. E. Johnson, A. S. Robinson and N. Short, all of Dore, and Mr. M. Wilson, Sheffield Cathedral.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Eyam, provided that permission could be obtained.

In reply to a vote of thanks, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (people's warden) extended a warm welcome to the M.C.A., as had previously been accorded to the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield District Society, especially as they were really the Diocesan Society of the area, and expressed the hope that their first would be followed by other meetings in the future.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday, February 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 45 mins.: S. Cacket 1, W. Henniker 2, W. Good 3, J. Edwards 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, J. Wood 6. Rung for Mr. Edwards' 72nd birthday.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, February 6th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 23 mins.: P. Cherritt 1, W. Webb 2, P. Blake 3, B. Tubb 4, F. Tubb 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—For morning service, on Sunday, February 6th, 720 changes of Norwich Surprise Minor was rung by the following: T. Spencer 1, W. C. Bunn (conductor) 2, E. Bailey 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, G. Lee 5, F. W. Naunton 6.—For evening service, touches of Oxford Treble Bob.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, February 6th, for evening service at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: J. D. Harris 1, J. J. Symons 2, C. Groves 3, R. J. Stone 4, J. Paterson 5, T. R. Taylor 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Bishop of Southwark (Dr. Garbett), a former Vicar of this parish.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—For evening service on February 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: Miss M. Attwell 1, W. G. Brockhurst 2, G. Luff 3, A. Ashdown 4, M. Smither 5, T. Attwell 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, W. Bullwinkle (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenorman, who hails from St. George's-in-the-East.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, February 6th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 46 mins., with 4, 6, 8 covering: W. H. Adkins, jun., 1, C. Poole 2, C. Pearce 3, H. W. Curtis 4, E. Crocker 5, C. Osgood 6, E. W. Smith (conductor) 7, T. Thorn 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 6 and 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 6th, for evensong at St. Clement Danes', Strand, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major in 48 mins.: E. F. Pike 1, A. W. Coles 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, Miss E. E. Chapman 4, C. W. Roberts 5, J. Bennett 6, W. J. Nudds 7, R. Sanders 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, February 6th, at St. Andrew's Church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: H. Prior 1, W. Monk (Havant) 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, R. J. Hasted (Havant) 5, T. Upshall 6, R. H. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Upshall 1, F. Kemp 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 2, 3, 4, and 5.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—On Sunday, February 6th, at the Parish Church for evensong, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Thorley 1, E. Cartwright 2, J. Grundy 3, J. Saddington 4, H. F. Stubbs 5, W. Smith 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, J. Hutchley 8.

EALING.—On Sunday, February 6th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Laws (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Wilson 2, M. Stacey 3, J. Hunnisett 4, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 5, H. Burton 6.

MASONIC PEAL TABLET.

UNVEILING AND DEDICATION AT GARSTON, LIVERPOOL.

There was a large assembly of Freemasons at Garston Parish Church on Sunday afternoon, January 30th, for the unveiling and dedication of a tablet recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, which was rung by a band of Freemasons to welcome the Lord Bishop to the diocese of Liverpool. The officiating clergy were the Rev. Canon T. Parnell Rowe, M.A., Vicar of Garston, and W. Bro. Canon T. J. Mitchell, P.P.G.C. The officers of the Province of West Lancashire present included the Rt. W. Bro. John Hearn Burrell, P.G.D. (Eng.), the Provincial Grand Master, W. Bros. L. C. Bailey, P.G.D. (Eng.), Deputy Prov. Grand Master, J. S. Cannington, J.G.D. (Eng.), J. A. Wilson, P.A.G.D.C. (Eng.), E. E. Jefferis, P.G.D.C., E. Arden, P.P.A.D.C., E. Fell and G. Atkin acting as Prov. Grand Deacons.

The tablet, which is of oak and has been placed in the porch of the church, was unveiled by the Prov. Grand Master, who said that it commemorated an event unique in the annals of masonry in the provinces.

The Bishop of Liverpool, Very W. Bro. A. A. David, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain (Eng.), after dedicating the tablet, said that the memorial was of beautiful simplicity, yet worthy of the spirit of brotherhood for which their order stood.

The brethren who took part in the peal were: Bro. A. Jackson, Kirkdale Lodge 1756; Bro. G. Lunt, Dominion Lodge 4289; Bro. C. i. Davies, Lancastrian Lodge 3631; Bro. J. R. Taylor, Coppull Lodge 4232; Bro. J. R. Griffin, Emulation Lodge 1505; Bro. W. Taylor, Coppull Lodge 4232; Bro. J. Wilkinson, Mariners' Lodge 249; Bro. J. E. Sykes, Kilwinning Lodge 5.

NOTICE.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District,—Next meeting at Bassingham (6), Saturday, Feb. 26th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcom, Dis. Sec., 26g, Wagby Road, Lincoln.

HIGH WYCOMBE BELLS AND BELFRY.

A PEAL MARKS THE CONCLUSION OF RESTORATION SCHEME.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at All Saints', High Wycombe, on Sunday last, was rung to celebrate the completion of the restoration of the exterior of the magnificent tower of the church, which marks the final stage of a great work which has been carried out step by step over a period of 17 years. In 1905, in an effort to stir up local interest in the state of the old ring of ten, Mr. W. H. Fussell bore the cost of recasting the poor old flat treble of this peal, but matters went from bad to worse, and the collapse of some of the gear about two years later finally called 'stand.' But the time of silence bore fruit, and on All Saints' Day, 1909, the present fine peal of 12 rang out for the first time, and the interior restoration of the tower as far as the base of bell chamber was completed.

Some time later the old carillon was removed, and an entirely new one installed by J. Smith and Sons, of Derby. A later stage of the work comprised a complete overhauling of the clock and restoring the illuminated dial, the old gas lighting being replaced by electric.

The work now completed comprises the removal and rebuilding of the old louvres (a delicate undertaking, as these were in an advanced state of decay) in order to give greater strength. Behind each of these a course of brickwork has been carried to about half their height, and this besides protecting the bells and gear from the weather, greatly lessens the sound of the bells in the immediate vicinity. The outer walls of the tower from top to bottom have been put in a thorough state of repair.

A member of the belfry has recently installed electric light in the ringing chamber.

Mr. Fussell's many friends regret he could not take part in the peal, having been knocked down by a car during the preceding week, but not seriously injured, and all his friends will hope for his speedy recovery. Thanks are due to Mr. Wingrove for stepping into the breach, also to Mr. Boreham for filling a gap at a few hours' notice, while Mr. Cork travelled from Hillingdon in case the band would be short.

F. H.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 39th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 19th, at 6 o'clock prompt, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30. Bishop Ryder's (8) 3 to 4.30 p.m. An informal conference at 5 p.m. in the Baptistery at St. Martin's. Subject: "How can we keep beginners interested in the art?" Early application for tickets (with remittance) should be made to Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on financial matters, should be paid before February 28th. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poulton (6 bells) on Feb. 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting for united practice at St. Peter's Church, Colchester, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Ringing from 3 to 5 p.m., followed by tea and social at St. Peter's Parish Room. Tea 1s. 4d. each.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., N.E. District, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Sutton Bonnington on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (5) open from 3 o'clock onwards. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rose Dene Bungalow, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. G. Phillips, Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting will be held at Beedon on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 18. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Horse Hotel. Subscriptions for 1927 are now due.—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Municipal Restaurant, East Street, 5.15 p.m. Subscriptions for 1927 are now due.—E. Butler, Hon. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Hindley St. Peter's Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Bells, Sunday, Feb. 20th.—Special Services 10.30 and 6.30. Preacher at evening service, the Rev. Canon Elsee, President, Lancashire Association. Ringing before and after evening service. All ringers welcome.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available after 12.30 p.m. Tea at Barker's Restaurant at 4.30. Evening song at 6.30. Anyone requiring tea please let me know not later than first post Feb. 23rd.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please advise by the 22nd.—J. P. Hyett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available: St. Nicholas' (6) 2.30 to 4.15, All Saints' (8) 2.30 to 4.15, Cathedral (10) 6.30 to 8.30. Service, All Saints', 4.30 p.m. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.15 p.m. Please notify me not later than Feb. 22nd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells ready at 3.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. A hot pot, provided at 5.30, for those sending in to Mr. Wm. Ashworth, 15, Wardle Street, Stacksteads, not later than Feb. 23rd. Meeting to take place afterwards.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea at the Swan Hotel. Business meeting to be held afterwards. All ringers invited.—A. C. Kay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Rector). Business meeting afterwards.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions for the year are now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Broadclyst on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Sowton, Honiton Clyst, Pinhoe and Poltimore towers also open. Tea 1s.—Further particulars from T. J. Stokes, 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Next quarterly meeting at Freshwater on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., provided by the Rector in the Parish Hall, for those who notify me by Tuesday, the 22nd. Business meeting after tea.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ockbrook on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (6) at 3 o'clock. Tea will be arranged if sufficient number will send me their names at once, or not later than Wednesday, the 23rd, that they will be present. All ringers will be welcome.—Chas. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Pre-Lent Meeting will be held at Lanchester, Co. Durham, on Saturday, February 26th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. and tea at 5 p.m., at the King's Head Hotel. Tea 2/- to members and 2/6 to non-members. Owing to difficulty of catering, those coming to tea are requested to send in their names by first post on Monday, February 21st.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16 Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Barwell on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 3.45. Tea provided at 4.30 prompt. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, February 26th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, after service. Subscriptions for 1927 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting. Members intending to be present please notify me before Wednesday, the 23rd.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bunglow, Linton, Maidstone.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who send in their names before Wednesday, Feb. 23rd. Tea 1s. each.—H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netley Abbey on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Alexandra Café for all who notify me by Tuesday, the 22nd, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Marlow on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (8) available at 6.30 p.m. Belfry foremen should note that subscriptions for 1927 are now due.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Northenden on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells ready 3 o'clock.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec., 36, Higher Henry Street, Hyde.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly notify by the 23rd inst.?—C. H. Jennings, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, Feb. 26th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.15. Tea after the service. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Thursday, Feb. 24th, in order that proper provision may be made?—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree, Essex.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stalbridge (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. E. S. Merriman. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Stalbridge (6), Lydlinch (5), Bishop's Caundle (5). Will ringers who wish for tea please let me know by Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, at the latest?—Rev. R. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Feb. 26th. The bells will be available at 2.45. A good attendance is requested.—Arthur E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Feb. 26th. A good meeting is desired, and all towers in the district are requested to send at least one representative. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 23rd.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45. Tea in St. Mary's Hall. A cordial welcome to all ringers and friends. Please notify me if you are coming.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brockenhurst on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, 3, Waterden Place, Christchurch.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Timberscombe (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the School Room at 5. Business meeting to follow. All those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Feb. 22nd.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Canterbury District will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Cathedral service 3 p.m. Tea at Gaywood's Restaurant, High Street, 4 p.m. Business after tea. The bells of the Cathedral and St. Alphage will be open for ringing. Members desiring to be present must send their names to me before Thursday, Feb. 24th. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, which will be conducted by the President, the Rev. Canon Phelps, Vicar of Dudley. Tea and business meeting afterwards. All those intending being present must send their names to me not later than March 1st.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A special meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at Nottingham. The bells of St. Mary's (10) will be available from 3 p.m., and the meeting will be held in the belfry at 6 p.m. Tea can be obtained nearby at reasonable prices. It is urgently requested that all who possibly can will attend for the election of local officers for the ensuing year.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Helen's, Worcester, on Saturday, March 5th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards in Parish Room.—J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec.

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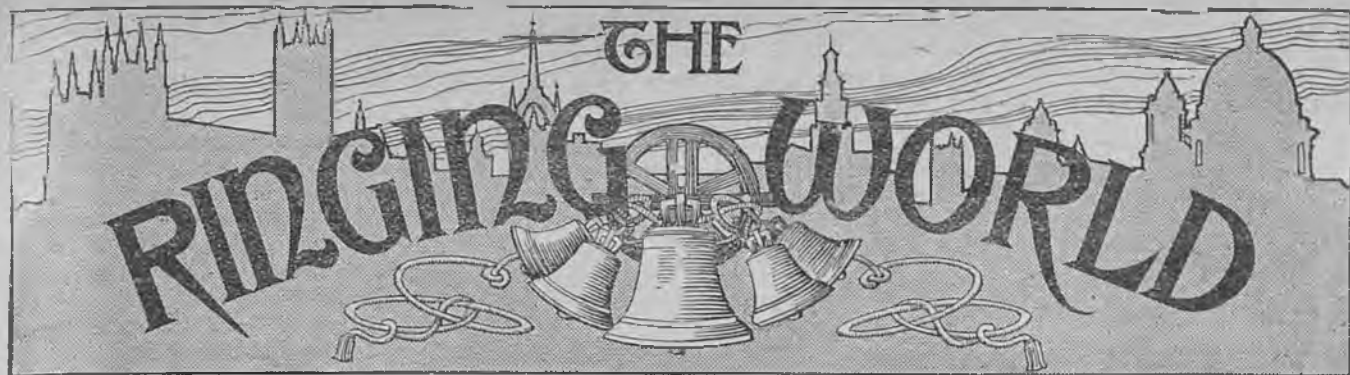
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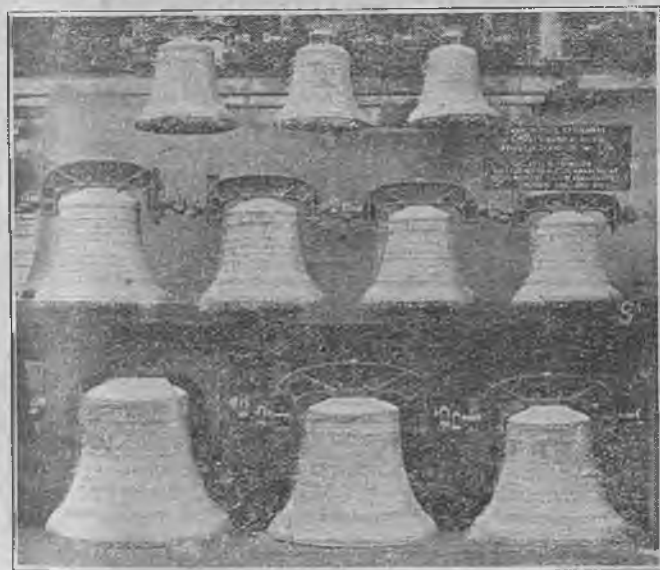
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THOMAS BALDWIN 4	Ex/SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 10
ALBERT BOND 5	JOHN BALLINGER 11
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

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THOMAS BALDWIN 2	JOHN AUSTIN 7
ALBERT BOND 3	EX/SERG. J. WILLIAMS ... 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	JOHN BALLINGER 9
WALTER TRUMAN 5	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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First peal.

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On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

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GILBERT GUEST Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2	WILLIAM GREEN 6
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STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 2	FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... 6
FREDERICK L. LEES 3	FRANK A. TURNER 7
LAURENCE POULSON 4	FREDERICK A. POULSON ... Tenor

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Conducted by ARTHUR E. WHATMORE.

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Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

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Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First Surprise peal. Rung, after meeting short for Stedman Caters, with the bells half-muffled to the memory of John Carter.

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(WESTERN BRANCH.)

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*JOHN A. COLE 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

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Tenor 15½ cwt

ARTHUR CROSS Treble	ERNEST J. GOATER 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	GORDON WALMSLEY 6
WILLIAM C. PARKER 3	JOHN PHILIPS 7
ALFRED HISCOCK 4	FREDERICK E. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Rung to celebrate the 86th birthday of the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., donor of the above church and bells.

EXETER.—At St. Thomas' Church on Wednesday, February 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: H. Thomas 1, E. Shepherd 2, E. W. Biffin 3, J. Hosgood 4, A. Monkley 5, W. H. Howe 6, W. E. Fletcher (conductor) 7, A. H. Goad 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Wednesday, February 16th, 720 Bob Minor: *E. T. Exeter 1, *C. J. Steele 2, A. C. V. Gasson 3, A. E. Laker 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6. * First 720.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 15, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	HAROLD W. CLARK 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	*EDWARD D. SMITH 6
ALBERT W. COLES 3	*WILLIAM THEOBALD 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	ALBERT HOBDEN 5
HAROLD HOBDEN 2	GEORGE PIPER 6
PHILIP S. THOMPSON 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 7
WILLIAM PELLING 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*GEORGE H. SHUKER 2	ROBERT J. DAWE 6
EDWARD C. MERRETT 3	JOHN DEARLOVE 7
ARTHUR T. VERRELLS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method, also first peal of Surprise on the bells.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

*WILLIAM R. G. SEAGER Treble	SAM TAYLOR 5
GEORGE KENWARD 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
†P.O. A. R. OCKWELL, R.N. 3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7
W. E. PITMAN, MUS. BAC. 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob away from the treble.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK BERRY Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	*ARTHUR RIDYARD 6
JAMES JACOBS 3	C. OLLIER 7
JOHN SMITH 4	*TOM JONES Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by WM. BERRY.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the birthday of the conductor.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
JAMES HEMMING 2	ERNEST GIBBS 6
WILLIAM NIBLETT 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	CHARLES CANN Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by CHARLES CANN.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK CORKE Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 5
WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	*GEORGE MARTIN 7
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD PEARCE Treble	ALBERT PICKLES 5
*WILLIE HAMER 2	JOE GREENWOOD 6
FRED HUTTON 3	VERNEY BAIRSTOW 7
THOMAS SENIOR 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

* First peal in the method. Rung with deeply muffled bells as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Turner, mother-in-law of the present Vicar.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Four Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY (The Minster of the Moors),

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7104 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	COLIN HARRISON 5
GEORGE LEWIS 2	JOHN R. BREARLEY 6
JOHN THORPE 3	OLIVER CANWOOD 7
JOHN HOLMAN 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This composition, now rung for the first time, is in 20 courses, and contains the 60 course-ends, and is the greatest length obtained on this plan.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THE STANS'. Tenor 18 cwt.

*THOMAS K. DRIVER Treble	*GEORGE STAFF 5
ERNEST CUTFORTH 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 6
FRANK FIELDEN 3	JOHN POTTER 7
*FRED HODGSON 4	*WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Hodgson, and also as a compliment to Mr. Wm. H. Shuker on the anniversary of his wedding.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

FREDERICK G. GODDARD Treble	CHARLES J. TRICKER 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	WILLIAM ESSERV 6
*WILLIAM F. ELLINGHAM 3	HARRY MANCE 7
SIDNEY STILWELL 4	JOSEPH MILNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the churchwarden, Mr. A. E. Rogers, Mr. F. G. Goddard and Mr. J. Kent. Mr. S. Stilwell rang his last peal 22 years ago at Billingshurst, Sussex.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.
ALBERT E. BRACEY Treble | HANBURY F. CARTER ... 4
CYRIL POOLEY 2 | ERNEST V. BLAKE ... 5
ERNEST KIMM 3 | NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.
TOM TEBBUTT Treble | GEORGE PARKER ... 3
HARRY CLARKE 2 | HARRY ENGLAND ... 4
JAMES MARR Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

This was the first peal on the bells.

LECHLADE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*FRANK PODWELL Treble | *ALFRED J. KING ... 4
*CHUM MATE 2 | *PERCY KIRBY ... 5
*JOHN HOPE 3 | ERNEST TELLING ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOPE.

* First peal. All are local service ringers, except the conductor, who hails from Fairford. This peal was especially rung to commemorate the completion of the Rev. R. P. Brownrigg's 25 years' true and devoted ministry in this parish.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, February 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK PRICE Treble | CHRIS BOWERS ... 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2 | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
DAVID HORNE 3 | GEORGE JORDAN ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2 | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3 | CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.
JOHN SPENCER Treble | GEORGE LEE ... 4
WILLIAM C. BUNN 2 | ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3 | FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. BUNN.

First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and by the Guild.

HAWKSHED, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNES AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.
CHARLES E. WEBB Treble | THOMAS BRADLEY ... 4
FURNES WOODEND 2 | HAROLD HARDY ... 5
FREDERICK COWARD 3 | WILLIAM ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. E. WEBB.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. F. D. Stones, M.A., who was inducted that day.

WENDENS AMBO, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.
FRANK E. HAYNES Treble | ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2 | EDWARD H. FINCH ... 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3 | ROBERT HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent, with different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM FOX Treble | TOM BARTRAM ... 4
ARTHUR R. SOWDEN 2 | ARTHUR J. GINN ... 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Mr. G. J. Ball kindly stood out to allow Mr. A. J. Ginn to ring. He was proposed a member in the tower.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Court and Double Court. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WALTER WILSON Treble | *HAROLD MARCON ... 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2 | COTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5
HORACE M. DAY 3 | JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. William Rastall, the Rector's warden, and also to the late Mr. Ben Smith, sidesman, both of the above church, who died on the 10th and 12th inst. respectively.

G. & F. COPE & CO., NOTTINGHAM,
TOWER CLOCK MANUFACTURERS.
ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW CLOCKS, CHIME ADDITIONS, REPAIRS,
OR REPAINTING OF DIALS.

FUNERAL OF THE REV. C. E. MATTHEWS.

The funeral of Rev. C. E. Matthews, R.D., whose death was reported in last week's issue, took place at Milford-on-Sea, Hants, on Tuesday afternoon, February 15th. A large congregation attended, being representative of all classes. The Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers was represented by Messrs. G. Williams (Master), G. Pullinger (hon. secretary), G. Preston (Christchurch District secretary), J. Elkins, W. Andrews (Winchester Cathedral) and E. Elliott (Lymington).

There was a large number of beautiful floral tributes, including wreaths from the Winchester Diocesan Guild, Winchester Cathedral bellringers, and Milford-on-Sea bellringers.

After the service, 120 Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled was rung by the following: J. W. Elkins 1, G. Pullinger 2, G. Williams 3, W. Andrews 4, G. Preston 5; and rounds by the local ringers. During the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes) with the bells half-muffled was rung at Christchurch Priory by Miss C. Sparshott 1, E. Hinton 2, A. Woolf 3, A. F. Martin Stewart 4, Mrs. E. Williams 5, G. Scragg 6, F. Sparshott 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, H. Gillard 10, followed by the whole pull and stand 63 times.

A quarter-peal was attempted the same evening at Winchester Cathedral, but came to grief. This was followed by the whole pull and stand 63 times.

In addition to the particulars given last week, it may be mentioned that Mr. Matthews took part in one peal, which was Grandsire Triples, at Shere, Surrey, on May 30th, 1896. He was also a member of the Winchester Diocesan Advisory Committee for the granting of faculties.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT SECRETARY'S LONG SERVICE.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association was held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, February 5th, when ringers to the number of about 60 assembled from Edenbridge, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, Leigh, Mayfield, East Grinstead and the local tower of St. Peter's Church. A special service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. H. L. Potter and the Rev. H. J. Peacock, whilst the Rev. A. Howell Smith gave the address, in the course of which he referred to the fact that it was during his vicariate there that the bells were installed. At first there were five only; later a sixth and a Westminster chiming clock were added; and in 1885 the eight-bell peal was completed. The reverend gentleman gave an appropriate address on the importance of the bellringers' part in the service of the Church. The organist was the well-known ringer, Mr. W. E. Pitman, organist and choirmaster of St. Gregory's Church, Canterbury. His work was much appreciated.

Adjourning to the Parish Room, which was gaily decorated, flowering plants lent by Mr. C. F. Collins adorning the tables, a party of about 70, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Clergy and churchwardens of the parish, sat down to an excellent tea.

At the business meeting which followed, the District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) reported that as the Cowdon and Hadlow bands had dropped out of membership, there were now 18 towers in union, with 155 practising members, as against 173 last year. The desirability of introducing new recruits was urged. The list of honorary members had been increased, thanks to the efforts of Mr. G. Edwards (Penshurst) and Mr. A. Relfe (Lamberhurst). The report dealt with the bell-hanging operations carried out at Horsmonden. Messrs. F. White and S. H. Green had taken part in a successful ringing tour in Devon and Cornwall. The balance sheet showed a credit balance of £21 3s. Mr. Latter congratulated Mr. T. Groombridge (Chislehurst) on his appointment as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. They at St. Peter's were proud to know that Mr. Groombridge began his ringing career in their belfry.

Mr. Groombridge, in replying, referred to his pleasure in meeting again the Rev. A. Howell Smith, and spoke with appreciation of his early days at St. Peter's.

Mr. G. Edwards (Penshurst) presented the report of the District Committee meeting held at Maidstone.

Mr. W. Latter (Tunbridge Wells) was re-elected district hon. secretary, having held the office for more than 30 years.

Messrs. Edwards and Markwell were chosen representatives on the District Committee, and Mr. F. White becomes an hon. member and ex-officio. New members from Penshurst, Sevenoaks, and Lamberhurst were enrolled.

Meetings for the year were fixed as follows: Spring, Horsmonden; summer, Hawkhurst; autumn, Speldhurst; annual, Sevenoaks.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, curate and churchwardens; to Rev. A. Howell Smith; and to Miss A. M. Allen and her helpers, after which the ringers again repaired to the church, where ringing was continued until about nine o'clock.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Sunday, February 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, J. Wildo's) in 49 mins.: R. Donnison 1, F. Atkinson 2, S. Honour (conductor) 3, L. Townley 4, E. Towers 5, F. Martindale 6, Ivor Heap 7, William Salmon 8. The conductor (of Hatfield, Herts) wishes to thank the local band for the opportunity afforded him of calling and ringing this quarter-peal.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEEDED BELL RESTORATIONS IN DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at All Saints' Church, Westbury, Wilts.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Alexander), and tea was provided in the Church Institute, to which 25 sat down, including the Vicar, the organist, Miss N. Williams and Mr. F. Rich (Bath), Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. R. Beck (Chilcompton), and Mr. E. Coward (Mere).

A short business meeting followed, the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Hegginsbotham) presiding. He apologised for the absence of the secretary (Mr. F. Green) on account of illness in his family.

Arising out of the minutes, the Chairman said he had seen one of the churchwardens of All Cannings, who told him that they were still collecting funds for the restoration of their bells, and had about £150 in hand.

The Rev. W. A. Butler, Vicar of Seend, was elected an honorary member, and two life ringing members and several new resident members were also elected.

A discussion followed respecting letters which had appeared in the 'Wiltshire Times' respecting the bells at South Wraxall, and it was decided that the chairman should get into touch with the Vicar and churchwardens on behalf of the Guild and see if something could be done towards the restoration of these bells, which with All Cannings are the only 'unringable' peals at present in the branch.

On the proposition of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and also to the organist.

The Vicar, in returning his thanks, said how pleased he was to have the meeting at Westbury, and said he hoped they were nearing the end of their trouble with regard to the noise of the bells, and hoped at Westbury they would not be judged too harshly by visiting ringers for not allowing the use of the bells for peals, as they hoped to get over the difficulty shortly.

Ringers were present from Westbury, Bratton, Bath, North Bradley, Bradford-on-Avon, Chilcompton, Devizes, Rowde, Mere, Melksham and Trowbridge. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Plain Bob Major, also touches of Oxford and Cambridge Minor, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

DEVON GUILD.

MID-DEVON BRANCH AT BRIXHAM.

The eighth annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Brixham, where, recently, over £200 has been spent on rehanging the bells. Members were present from Exeter, Exmouth, Swindon, Buckfastleigh, Christow, Cockington, Collaton, Torquay, Paignton and St. Petrox (Dartmouth). A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. S. J. Morris), and Rev. W. E. Jenner gave a very inspiring address, which was very much appreciated. A splendid tea was provided in the schools by Mr. Mutter, to which 40 sat down.

At the subsequent business meeting, Mr. F. J. Laxton presided.

The Hon. Secretary read the report, which was adopted. It was gratifying to note that good progress had been made at Brixham and Collaton in the art of change ringing, and both bands had gained the certificates of the Guild.

Mr. F. J. Laxton was unanimously re-elected chairman.

Mr. H. J. Hole (Paignton) was also re-elected hon. secretary, and in thanking the members for their confidence he also thanked those who had helped and visited the respective towns giving instruction. He said 56 visits had been made, and the result was very gratifying, and he congratulated both the Brixham and Collaton bands on the progress they had made.

The place and date of the next meeting were discussed, and ultimately Bovey Tracey was chosen.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Rev. W. E. Jenner, and Mr. Cook, organist, for the splendid service they had given them.

The Vicar said it was a great pleasure to welcome the ringers, and he thanked the members who had taken such a keen interest in their ringers, who, he said, twelve months ago were quite raw material, but with their help they had been moulded into proficiency sufficient to gain their certificates, and they were very grateful. The Chairman welcomed the visitors, including Mr. Shepherd (Exeter) and the young band of ringers from St. Petrox, Dartmouth, who, he hoped, would join the Guild and become change ringers.

Mr. Shepherd said he was delighted to see such a splendid attendance, and especially so many young men. His advice to them was first of all to become sound churchmen, and then as ringers they would become more interested in the work. If they wanted to make progress in change ringing, they must study the method at home and not expect the instructors to tell them everything in the belfry. Change ringing was good for the brain and muscle.

Rev. L. W. Browne thanked Mr. Shepherd for his advice, and he thought if the clergy attended their meetings more and visited the ringers more it would do a lot of good in encouraging the ringers to become more interested in the church.

This concluded the meeting, and a move was made to the belfry, and further ringing was enjoyed.

ANSTON COMPANY'S RECORD.

Through the long illness of one of the members who has been off work for 18 months, the records of the Anston band for 1926 did not come up to the previous years. Nevertheless, they rang 89 720's, 16 being in methods rung for the first time, as follows: Richborough, Potheringhay, Warkworth Surprise, Nelson Surprise, Melandra, Bucknall, Wilmslow, Castleton, Beeston, Pervil, Conisborough, Chapstow, Rothesme, Skipton, Knutsford, Belvoir. The other methods rung included: Cambridge, York, Norwich, Lord Roberts, Buller, Durham, Primrose, Westminster, Beverley, Carlisle, Chester, London, Canterbury, Wells, Hull, Annable's London, Bourne, Lancashire, Lightfoot, Concastra, Kitchener, Pontefract, Wath, Palm Sunday, Easter Delight, College Exercise, London Treble Bob, Burton, Burnaby, Killamsh, Wragby, Neasden, College Bob 4th, Willesden, Trinity, Old Oxford Modernised, St. Albans, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Tulip, Southwark, College Pleasure, Evening Star, Queen Victoria, York Minster, New London, Minfield, Royston, City Delight, Nelson, Primrose Old, Morning Star, Duke of Clarence, Chadkirk, Duke of Leeds, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Grove Delight, Elstow Abbey, Tanner's Pleasure and Woodbine. The 89 720's were rung in 86 methods.

The Anston company have now accomplished the task of ringing a 720 of every true Treble Bob method in the C.C. collection.

The ringers taking part in 1926 were: E. F. Stenton (53), G. Turner (86), F. Stenton (74), C. Fowler (89), W. Platts (53), H. Stenton (64), H. Turner (69), S. Smith (3). Visitors: H. Haigh (18), J. E. Cawser (1), W. Russon (1), J. Brothwell (3). The conductors were: H. Stenton (74), C. Fowler (9), G. Turner (5), H. Haigh (1).

BUSY YEAR AT HAMPSHIRE TOWER.

During the year 1926, 115 complete 720's were rung by the Wickham band, Hants. G. E. Chappell rang 115, conducted 49, H. J. Smith 112, Rev. E. H. Duke 85, H. W. Merrett 82, H. Beckett 78, conducted 65, W. Hemming 48, N. Welch 47, W. F. Churcher 56, G. E. Carpenter 45, Reg. Page 4. Of these 720's, 56 were rung for Sunday services. The following visitors also took part: W. Linter 3, W. Allen 3, and A. Willard 2 (Swanmore), Miss E. R. Parker 1 (Enfield), Mr. G. W. Fletcher 1 (Southgate), E. Whiteman 7, R. Linter 1 (Bishop's Waltham), J. Turner 1 (Hambledon), and C. Barton conducted 1 (Titchfield). The 720's consisted of Oxford Single 36, Bob Minor 30, College Single 26, Kent Treble Bob 18, Grandsire 3, Canterbury Pleasure 2. Four 720's were rung at Swanmore, three at Owslebury, and three at Hambledon.

THE FIRST PEAL AT APPLEBY MAGNA.

Saturday week was, to the local residents of Appleby Magna, Leicestershire, a 'red-letter' day, as, although this church has possessed a peal of six bells since 1774, no complete peal had been rung on them, although several attempts had been made. This was accomplished as the outcome of a special request by Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, whose ambition it is to ring peals at all possible churches in his native shire. It was only through the energies of the Burton District local hon. secretary, M.C.A., who made several preliminary visits, and hunted up a band for the task, that this peal was made possible, and although only 'G.D.' it was thought best not to be more ambitious and so spoil the chances of success.

In the belfry is an interesting set of 'Ringers' Rules' as follows:

'You gentlemen that ringers are,
Please read these rules and take great care,
No bell o'er turns, for, if you do,
Sixpence you pay before you go.
If you brawl, swear, ill words express,
Your forfeit then shall be no less:
Who offends by tongue or fingers,
Must forfeit pay to the ringers;
Then meet in love, and part in peace;
It will your comfort much increase.'

At the conclusion of the peal, an excellent tea was provided by the Rector, at which the churchwardens and local ringers were also present. The Rector gave the band his hearty congratulations on accomplishing the peal, which was the first on their bells, although others had attempted and failed. He gave the Burton Branch of the M.C.A. an invitation to come and hold a meeting there, and thus stimulate the interest of the local band.—Mr. Riley (churchwarden) seconded his remarks, and expressed his pleasure at hearing the peal, and congratulated the band on the good striking. Mr. E. Morris replied on behalf of the peal ringers, assuring those responsible for the good reception of their keen appreciation. He especially was proud to have got this peal, it being the 86th tower in Leicestershire where he had scored a 5,000; and, further, he hoped the local company would all join the M.C.A. when a meeting was held there, and so make a step to progress in the art.

OFF TO AUSTRALIA.

At Woodchurch, Cheshire, on Thursday, February 10th, 720 St. Clement's Minor was rung by: B. Hodgkiss 1, J. Johnson 2, H. Martin 3, G. Phillips (conductor) 4, T. Hodgkiss 5, H. Phillips 6, as a farewell touch to the treble and fifth ringers, who sailed for Australia on February 12th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

One hundred and fifty years ago to-morrow a peal of 10,080 Grandsire Caters was rung at Leicester, and on the same day an exactly similar length of Bob Major was rung at Shrewsbury. Strange that in those far-off days there should have been such a coincidence.

February 26th, 1777, was indeed a memorable day, for, according to a contemporary record, there was also rung at Abingdon 'a peal of 5,040 Bob Royal on ten handbells by five persons, it being the first peal on handbells in ye kingdom, and is thought to exceed a course of Treble Bob Twelve in rung by ye College Youths in London.'

Henry Johnson was born on February 28th, 1809, and Edwin Horrex on February 28th, 1838.

At Painswick, on March 1st, 1734, 8,064 Grandsire Caters was rung, and on the first anniversary of that performance 10,080 in the same method, in 6 hrs. 27 mins.

The first peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major having been rung on December 17th, 1888, by the Warnham, Sussex, band, on March 1st, in the following year, they scored a 13,440 in 7 hrs. 45 mins.

Will members of the Middlesex County Association and others please note that the address of Mr. C. T. Coles will be 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4, after March 1st?

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Great Stanmore, Middlesex, on January 29th, should have been credited to 'the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.'

'SURPRISE METHODS.'

A NEW PUBLICATION IN THE 'JASPER SNOWDON' SERIES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I call the attention of your readers to the new publication, now ready, entitled 'Surprise Methods,' 2s. 10d. post free, on receipt of remittance, from this address. This book, which includes the History of Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major by my late brother-in-law, Jasper W. Snowden, and a series of papers on the Surprise Methods by my late husband, Wm. Snowden, has been written by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, M.A., F.R.A.S. The Exercise with, indeed, thank him for his great trouble in compiling the book, and here I would like to add a personal note of sincere gratitude that through him a long-felt desire has obtained fulfilment.—Yours, etc.,

LAURA SNOWDON.

Carlisle, Lancs.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting will be held in London on Whit Tuesday, June 7th next, of which particulars will appear later. Will secretaries of the affiliated Guilds and associations please note that their subscriptions became due on January 1st last; and please supply the names and addresses of all representatives.

Those who have already paid are: Peterborough (January 7th), Ely, Ladies, and Surrey.

E. A. YOUNG.

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AN ANCIENT BELL.

The Rev. W. Pearson, of Henley, Ipswich, writes under date February 18th: 'In Rev. W. Lukis' book on Church Bells, facing p. 120, is the drawing of a very similar, if not the identical bell, that you give a print of in to-day's "R.W.," said to be the first bell Manningford Abbots, Wilts.'

DEATH OF MR. BERNARD WITCHELL.

AN ABLE CONDUCTOR.

By the death, at the age of 64, of Mr. Bernard W. Witchell, Birmingham and district loses one of its most able ringers. Mr. Witchell passed away on Wednesday of last week from pneumonia, after only a very short illness, the disease supervening on a chill. A little while ago, Mr. Witchell underwent a serious operation in Birmingham General Hospital, and made a good recovery, but doubtless he had not fully recovered his strength and so fell a ready victim of the virulent disease.

Mr. Witchell had been a ringer for over 40 years, and he learned the art in Birmingham in a very exacting school. He was exceedingly competent as a conductor of Stedman, in which method, in Triples, Caters and Cinques, he had called many peals. He took part in the first peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells, out of London: he conducted the first short course peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung, and also called Thurstans' one-part peal of Triples on handbells the first time this was done out of London. Altogether he had rung about 300 peals. In his later years he was attached to the band at the R.C. Abbey Church at Erdington, and it was here that he was laid to rest on Saturday, when a number of ringers attended to pay a last tribute of respect.

Mr. Witchell leaves a widow, one son (who is abroad), and three daughters, to whom much sympathy is extended.

Mrs. Witchell and daughters wish to thank the members of the St. Martin's Guild, the Warwickshire Guild, and other friends for their kind sympathy in their sad bereavement, and for their floral tributes.

THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

ANOTHER BIG GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.
CONFERENCE OF VISITORS.

There was again a large and representative gathering of ringers from many parts of the country at Birmingham, on Saturday, for the proceedings in connection with the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner. In the absence of the hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild (Mr. A. Paddon Smith), who is at present on business in India, the arrangements were made by Mr. Albert Walker, the Deputy Ringing Master of the Guild, who is to be congratulated upon the success which attended the function. Ringers were brought together from places as far apart as Newcastle and Plymouth, Shropshire and Essex, and the spirit, characteristic of these meetings—cordiality, good humour and happiness—was revealed in a marked degree. The bells of a number of churches were open for ringing during the day, the centre of gravity being, of course, St. Martin's. It was in the baptistry of the famous old Parish Church, after ringing had ceased, that an informal conference was held. It attracted a considerable number of ringers, the subject for discussion being, 'How can we keep beginners interested in the art?' Alderman J. S. Pritchett presided over the conference, and had two points to present. It was difficult in these days to get beginners for ringing, he said, and perhaps it was a more difficult task to keep them than to catch them. He urged, first of all, that they should give young ringers all the encouragement they possibly could. He had been a ringer for some 58 years, and he remembered many times in his young days going into a belfry when no one had spoken a word to him. He thought that would be impossible nowadays, but they ought always to be ready to give encouragement and advice to their young ringers. The clergy ought also to assist in encouraging them. When young fellows became ringers and frequented the belfry, the Vicar ought to take a kindly interest in them, and let them know that he hoped they would continue to render service to the Church in the capacity of ringers.

Mr. G. Braven, who has got a dozen boys of school-leaving age in his band at Bristol, also urged that the clergy and churchwardens should take as much interest in the belfry as in the chancel, and show the same respect for the ringers as they do for the choir. Some members of his own young band, having visited the well-kept belfry of St. Stephen's, felt that the belfry of St. Luke's was not fit for visitors. They therefore cleaned down the walls and distempred them one Saturday, and on Sunday morning before breakfast two of them scrubbed the belfry floor.

Mr. E. Alex Young said he was afraid some of the older ringers sometimes lost touch with the spirit of youth. They must show young ringers the utmost patience and give them praise whenever they could as well as finding fault when needed. Young men often came to them with more or less enthusiasm, and then drifted away, but although this had been recognised more and more in the last few years, the Exercise had always been up against that difficulty. In the old days they used to say they got only one ringer for every six taught, and he believed it was the same to-day. They would be better off if they recognised the difficulties and made up their minds to tackle them.

Mr. W. A. Cave said his way of encouraging young ringers would be by following the example of the great music societies and teaching them the theory of change ringing right from the start. A blackboard and chalk should be found in all belfries where there are learners, and the instructor should explain how changes are produced, and encourage his pupils to write out on paper, for his inspection at the next practice, as much of it as they had mastered. In this way the instructor would learn something of the possibilities of his pupils and perhaps save himself a lot of time and trouble in teaching those who showed no signs of grasping the theory.

VARIETY, PATIENCE AND TACT NEEDED.

Mr. J. P. Fidler advocated the introduction of more variety. Young ringers should be encouraged to go from one method to another and not stagnate in one groove. Unfortunately, in many cases the ringer in charge of the tower would not bother to do this, especially if he himself had had a trouble to learn. Youngsters to-day wanted change and variety; give them something fresh to work on, and their interest would be maintained. There were many good books of instruction on the market, but very few seemed to buy them; yet these books provided them with the surest steps to progress.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said the position was a very complex one. First of all he thought they must try to create a kind of public opinion in church life in order to alter the outlook of church people on the status of the ringer. Despite all that had been done, church people did not look upon the ringer as he should be looked upon. The ringing press was read by a strictly limited circle, and he thought they ought 'o try to bring in church papers like 'The Guardian' and 'The Church Family Newspaper' to help them, and to create an atmosphere from which the people in church life would realise that ringing was a desirable thing to take up. With regard to the teaching of theory, suggested by Mr. Cave, he thought it was open to question whether one ringer in twenty was able to give that instruction. He thought their best course was to stir up interest among a wider circle than they at present commanded. They wanted a continuity of policy, and they must never be weary of well doing. Their propaganda should be kept up from year to year in order to get an atmosphere in church life favourable to the young ringer.

Mr. J. E. Groves thought the solution of the difficulty lay entirely with the man in charge. In many places they would find the best ringer put in charge of the tower, but it did not follow that he was capable of teaching young ringers. What was required to retain young ringers was patience and tact as well as ability to help them.

Mr. James George emphasised the remarks of Mr. Groves. There were a great many ringers who were not even taught to handle a rope properly, let alone change ringing. They must have competent people in charge if they wanted to get good results.

Mr. C. H. Jennings thought they might do more by trying to interest the students of theological colleges in ringing. Then, when they went out to the churches, they would look upon it as part of their duty to encourage the lads in the parish to learn to ring.

In winding up the conference, the Chairman said the interchange of ideas on a subject such as that was useful and interesting, and he hoped would be very helpful.

THE DINNER.

The dinner was served at the Imperial Hotel, and the company, including a number of ladies, numbered 171. Canon T. Guy Rogers, Rector of Birmingham, presided, and was supported by Mrs. Rogers, Alderman J. S. and Mrs. Pritchett, Rev. C. D. R. Wormald, Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild), Rev. F. J. Cheverton (Rowley Regis), Messrs. T. Kendall (churchwarden of St. Martin's), W. E. Moore, J. W. Tilley, R. J. Heaton, F. Yates, E. A. Young (hon. secretary, Central Council), C. F. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, Mrs. A. Paddon Smith, Mr. Donald Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. Harry Mason. Other representative ringers present were: Messrs. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary, Yorkshire Association), E. W. Marsh (Devon Guild), W. H. Barber (Durham and Newcastle Association), Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cave, Mr. W. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. May, Mr. C. H. Jennings, and a party of over 20 from Bristol, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Smallwood and Mr. A. Ward (Derby), Mr. J. Waghorn (West Ham), Mr. H. Langdon (College Youths, London), Mr. and Mrs. A. Coppock (Nottingham), Mr. W. Walmsley (Macclesfield), Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), Mr. T. R. Dennis (Cambridge), Mr. W. Saunders (Coalbrookdale), Mr. T. King (Bath), Mr. W. Burgar, Mr. S. Palmer (Sheffield), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), Mr. Jos. Johnson (son of the famous old Birmingham ringer) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Tom Russam, and ringers from a large number of towers within a wide radius of Birmingham. After the dinner, the toast of 'The King' was honoured, and a quarter of an hour was spent in which many old friends were able to exchange greetings.

Mr. R. J. Heaton then proposed 'The Church,' to which the Chairman replied in a speech in which he made reference to the revision of the Prayer Book.

Mr. W. Walmsley, as one who knew Henry Johnson in the flesh, was entrusted with the toast of 'The memory of Henry Johnson,' and in a lengthy speech detailed the career and spoke of the characteristics of this great ringer. He presented to St. Martin's Guild two autograph letters of Henry Johnson, which he had been asked to convey to them.

Alderman Pritchett, who, as usual, submitted 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild,' and reviewed the year's work, prefaced his remarks by a touching reference to the late Mr. John Carter and a tribute to the late Mr. Bernard Witchell.—The response to the toast was made by Mr. Albert Walker, who took the opportunity of pointing out to the Rector and churchwardens that the time had arrived when St. Martin's bells would have to be 'soled and heeled.'

The other toasts were 'The Visitors,' proposed by Mr. J. E. Smallwood, and replied to by the Rector of Edgbaston and Mr. P. J. Johnson; 'The Ringing World,' submitted by Mr. W. A. Cave and responded to by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; and 'The Chairman,' felicitously proposed by Alderman Pritchett and acknowledged by Canon Guy Rogers. A report of the speeches will appear next week.

The musical programme was exceedingly enjoyable. St. Martin's Quartette again very kindly gave their services and provided the whole of the vocal items. Their singing was delightful, and every one of their contributions received cordial acknowledgment. They sang 'Music all Powerful,' 'Linden Lea,' 'Two Snails,' and 'The long day closes.' Splendidly played selections on handbells were given by the St. Thomas' handbell party from Bristol, and a course of Siedman Cinques was rung by F. Perrins (Coventry), P. J. Johnson (Leeds), W. H. Barber (Newcastle), J. F. Smallwood (Derby), H. Langdon (London), W. A. Cave (Bristol). Undoubtedly, however, the greatest attraction in the musical programme was the handbell solos of Mrs. A. A. Hughes. The keenest interest was taken in her performance by the large company, who appreciated to the full not only her skilful handling of the two and a half octaves of bells but the artistic rendering of the various pieces. First she played 'Solveig's Song' (Grieg) and 'Beautiful Garden of Roses' (Schmid), and as an encore played Elgar's rousing song, 'Land of Hope and Glory,' and the whole company taking up the refrain. It was, as one speaker subsequently remarked, a never-to-be-forgotten performance.

Many of the visitors stayed over Sunday, when they enjoyed ringing at St. Martin's and other churches, and a party of them had the unexpected pleasure of being shown the wonders of the Birmingham Central Fire Station.

THE LATE MR. JOHN CARTER. REMINISCENCES OF AN OLD FRIEND.

It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of my old friend John Carter, and, after reading the short history of his ringing career, the writer thought a few words about his earlier ringing activities in Birmingham, by one who was intimately acquainted with him at the time, would not be out of place.

It was about 1874 the writer first met Jack, as we called him. He used to come occasionally on Saturday nights to Bishop Ryder's Church, a well-known meeting-place at that time. One would meet there all the noted ringers of that day. After tower bell practice, they would adjourn to a place nearly opposite, kept by a ringer's mother named Smith, where a room was at their disposal, which the writer has seen filled. Among them were some of the ringing giants of the day. The handbells were soon in use, and Jack got some good practice. In fact, not long after, I saw him and J. Bannister ringing courses of Triples 'four in hand.' From about this time onward he also used to attend St. Martin's on Tuesday nights for practice on twelve. In those days the bells began to go anything but well, especially the 11th, so they paid the expenses of a well-known Black Country ringer, W. Hallsworth, to come and tackle it. But as time went on, the writer and Jack with one or two more got further interested in handbell ringing, and we sometimes used to go over to West Bromwich to attempt a peal at a certain place where they sold the refreshments by the pound. As time went on, we used to try first at one place and then another, but without luck. Eventually, however, Jack Carter came to live in Birmingham, so we were together often. Previous to his coming, I remember meeting him one day in Birmingham. He greeted me with, 'Hello, Tum'—he always called me 'Tum.'

'Hello, Jack; what are you doing here?'

'Just after a job,' he replied. 'Can you direct me to Webley's gun factory?'

'Certainly,' said I; and I believe that that day he was successful in his application and remained with the firm of Webley and Scott until he retired. Jack then came to live in Birmingham, and I remember what a typical ringer's wife his first wife was. Always a welcome for ringers. We settled down to hard practice then, and I remember at one house Jack lived in in Hockley district he used to put a light in the window to guide us across some waste land. Eventually luck came our way, and our perseverance was rewarded. We scored our first peal at Jack's house in Heaton Street, Hockley, in the early part of 1882, and then we went all one way, ringing peal after peal.

We had formed a new society in Birmingham previous to this (Birmingham Amalgamated Society), there being no opportunity of young and enthusiastic ringers getting a chance at St. Martin's. The majority there were old and stubborn, and thought they were going to live for ever and did not want any young blood. But time proved otherwise.

About this time, too, some of us, including John Carter, thought we would have one big district association: the first round here. So we formed a deputation, including Jack, and approached the St. Martin's to father the project, but they would have nothing to do with it or us. Despite this rebuff, however, we launched it, and much to the surprise of all it numbered more than 150 members. Alas! both those societies are gone. In those days, there was a little friendly rivalry between Carter and Johnson in the composition line, but Johnson was always helpful to the younger man. One night we rang a peal at Jack's house, Grand sire Caters with certain qualities. The next Tuesday night, at St. Martin's, Jack showed the peal to Johnson. 'Yes, John,' said the old man, 'very good, but if you were to do so and so it would be true.'

Soon after came the crisis with one or two of us and Jack. We were all in the Holt Society, Aston, and when that society and St. Martin's became united it meant the partial break-up of Jack's handbell band, for St. Martin's were after the first peal of Stedman Cinques, and having again become members of St. Martin's by this merging we were bound to be loyal. I was sorry, for this was Jack's great ambition, but still he had a good following of ringers, but the handbell side was practically done. We were always good friends even after we left him, and had some happy times, and he never said anything about us going. You see, we were sort of helpless.

With regard to the ringing machine, I think I can claim to be one of the first to know what he contemplated doing. I lived by Jack 45 years ago, and I have lived by him until his removal to London. I carried a portion of the first attempt in one of my pockets for years, but it went somehow.

I think I will conclude this little account of Jack's early ringing life with an anecdote of him and his machine. When he lived near me, sometimes on a Sunday afternoon when I was resting there would come a ring at the bell. My wife would answer it, and there was Jack. 'Is Tum in?' he would ask. 'Yes, but he is asleep,' was the reply. 'Well, wake him up, and tell him I have got it set now,' for, perhaps, three leads of Treble Twelve or something. So up I had to get and go and listen, which of course meant no more sleep. That, I suppose, was an experience that was my own. But never mind. He was a decent soul, was Jack, and he will be greatly missed by his old friend the writer.

THOMAS RUSSAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday week. The day's proceedings were commenced by the audit, which was held in the Church House at 11 a.m., by Messrs. C. Harrison and R. Harrison, jun., who kindly officiated in place of the duly appointed auditors, Messrs. A. Craven and R. Harrison, sen., who were both prevented by illness from carrying out their duties. A meeting of the general committee was held in the Church House in the afternoon. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. Walker, F. Cryer, H. N. Imeson, E. Barker, J. E. Blakiston and J. W. Addison.

It was decided that the president should give notice of motion, on behalf of the general committee, at the business meeting for an addition to Rule 2, and alteration of No. 1 of the 'Regulations for the Regulations of District Management.'

It was also decided to advise the business meeting to hold a joint meeting with the Lancashire Association if possible during the summer months.

Divine service was held in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., the preacher being the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, Vicar of Neepsend, who kindly took the place of the Archdeacon of Sheffield, who had been summoned to London.

Tea was served in the neighbouring Church House, and was followed by the business meeting. The president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) occupied the chair, and was supported by the principal officers of the association.

The Chairman, in introducing the report of the general committee, called attention to the great loss which the association had sustained during the past year by the deaths of three old and valued members, in the persons of Messrs. G. B. Bolland, of Tong, W. Lomas, of Sheffield, and W. Pearson, of Pontefract. Attention was also called to the fact that the last surviving link with the Snowdon family and the association had been broken by the recent passing away of Mr. Edward Snowdon. During the year, 58 new members had been elected, and 16 had died.

The balance sheet, which was carried on the motion of Mr. C. Harrison, seconded by Mr. R. Harrison, jun., showed a net gain for the year of £10 5s. 1d., and the total worth of the association was shown to be £262 1s. 4d.

The Chairman drew the attention of the meeting to the deaths of two old and valued members, Mr. John Carter, formerly of Birmingham, and Mr. S. Seed, of Sheffield, the members rising in their seats as a last tribute of respect.

The retiring president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) was re-elected without opposition, and he thanked the meeting for their renewed expression of confidence.

The President then gave notice of motion on behalf of the general committee of the following addition to Rule 2: 'If the ringers of a tower outside the county of York desire admission into the association as ordinary members, they shall give notice of such desire at a general meeting of the association, and the matter shall be decided by the vote of the members at the next general meeting. If it be decided to admit such members, they shall become ordinary annual subscribing members of the association, and shall be eligible for all offices, and possess full privileges of membership. Meetings of the association may also be held at such towers, which shall be called affiliated towers.' The President also gave notice of motion of the following alteration to Regulation 1 for the management of districts. After the words 'particular districts,' insert 'or shall be attached to towers affiliated to that district.'

The cordial thanks of the meeting were passed to the respective clergy, for their kindness in granting the use of the noble peal of twelve at the Cathedral, and the fine ring of eight at the neighbouring church of St. Marie, and also to the local company and ladies for arranging and waiting at the tea tables.

In a most interesting reply, Mr. S. F. Palmer called attention to the fact that the fine collection of ringing literature and manuscripts in the Cathedral tower were at the service of any who cared to peruse them, and that the Cathedral company would be only too pleased to do what they could to accommodate anyone living at a distance to have facilities for access to the collection.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the association at Huddersfield on Easter Monday, and also, if possible, to arrange a joint meeting at Halifax in the summer months with the Lancashire Association.

In announcing to the meeting the resignation of the vice-presidency by Mr. F. Willey, owing to failing health, the Chairman thanked Mr. Willey for his many services to the association, and expressed the hope that the days to come would bring renewed health and vigour to an old and honoured friend.

So concluded a most interesting and pleasant meeting, business being tempered by the patient efforts of the Sheffield band to steer visitors through the mysteries of ten and twelve bell ringing until train time called a halt.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.—On Sunday, January 30th, for morning service, 720 Tanner's Pleasure in 28 mins.: S. Helliwell 1, F. Blacketh (first 720 inside) 2, J. Guy 3, F. Jackson (first 720) 4, E. Redshaw 5, J. S. Eastwood (conductor) 6.—Also 240 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor.

COLCHESTER GAINS A PEAL OF SIX.**NEW TREBLE AT ST. LEONARD-AT-THE-HYTHE.**

The new treble bell at St. Leonard's, Colchester, was dedicated at evensong on Thursday, February 17th, by the Lord Bishop of Colchester in the presence of a large congregation, including ringers from the neighbouring parishes, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, and other officers being present. His Lordship, in his address, spoke very highly of the work of the ringers in the diocese, expressing a wish that other branches of church workers would show the same devotion and enthusiasm in their work as did the ringers.

St. Leonard's formerly had a ring of six. The tenor, 18 cwt. was sold in 1820 when the tower was rebuilt. In the summer of last year a new frame for eight was erected, and the fifth of the old ring of six recast and the remaining four bells retuned into a ring of five. It is hoped the two additional trebles to complete the octave will soon be provided. This ring of six is a welcome addition to Colchester, for with its twenty churches, many of them very ancient, save for St. Peter's eight, St. Nicholas' six not hung for ringing, and All Saints' tower, recently certified not safe for ringing, there is no other church with more than two bells.

Immediately after service 720 Bob Minor was rung by: A. Bowell 1, H. T. Pye 2, W. Button 3, E. J. Butler 4, F. Bowell 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6, followed by 360 Cambridge Surprise: A. Fuller 1, G. Rashbrook 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, W. Chalk 4, W. Honeywood 5, W. Duffield 6.

After tea, kindly provided by the Rector, Rev. H. F. V. Carter, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by F. Bowell. A young band, under the instruction of Mr. W. Button, is making good progress. The whole of the work has been carried out successfully by Messrs. Bowell and Son, and the 'go' of the bells is excellent.

It is 112 years since six bells were rung at this church, which is a fine specimen of 14th century work.

NORTHAMPTON'S OLDEST RINGER DEAD.

On Friday, February 11th, the death took place of Mr. J. Freeman, of 14, Great Russell Street, Northampton. Mr. Freeman, who was 82 years of age, learnt to ring at Irthlingborough when a lad, and had been a ringer at St. Giles', Northampton, for a great number of years. He had only rung a few peals, one on the treble, the others with the tenor behind. He was ringing regularly up to about 18 months ago, when he met with an accident. He was knocked down by a motor-car, and he never thoroughly recovered from the effects.

He was borne to rest by some of his fellow ringers: Messrs. F. Wilford, W. Farey, W. Rogers and G. Flavell.

Numerous floral tributes were sent, including one from the Vicar, churchwardens, and his fellow ringers, and as a last tribute of respect a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was rung half-muffled on Tuesday evening by the following: W. Rogers (conductor) 1, F. Wilford 2, H. L. Key 3, J. Metherall 4, H. Blundell 5, W. Farey 6, F. Hopper 7, J. Dove (first quarter-peal) 8, G. Flavell 9, E. James 10.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**LECTURE AT PRESTON BRANCH MEETING.**

A most successful meeting of the Preston Branch was held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Chorley, on Saturday, February 12th, no less than fifty ringers being present from fourteen branch towers, and visitors from the Bolton and Wigan branches.

The bells, which have recently been retuned and rebung with all the latest fittings and improvements, were kept going in various methods from rounds to Cambridge Surprise, from three o'clock to nine, with an interval for tea and the meeting. All who were present were of one opinion, that the work had been well done, and that the tone and 'go' of the bells were all that could be desired. The tenor is 18 cwt. in E.

Tea was served in St. Mary's Hall by members of the Women's Guild, after which Mr. E. R. Martin moved a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for so kindly catering, and for waiting on the party at tea. This was, of course, carried.

The business meeting followed, Mr. E. R. Martin presiding. He said he would like to ask those who had not sent word for tea if they would do so in the future, as it would help to make the catering arrangements more successful.

One new member was elected, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon Crank for the use of the bells and to local men for having all in readiness.

It was also observed that this was the first meeting to be held at this church by the association, and that it would be a pleasure to come again.

Mr. Martin then continued his lecture, which was not completed at the last meeting at Penwortham, on the 'In and out of course' of changes. After going briefly over the ground covered at the last meeting, he went on to give examples of course ends by which a conductor could tell whether a touch or a peal was right or not, and also showing that there were an equal number of in-course and out-of-course changes in any extent in any number of bells.

A vote of thanks to the lecturer closed the meeting, after which further ringing took place, all who had been present during the day having had a pull.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**INSURANCE OF RINGERS.**

A very successful meeting of the South-Western Division was held at Barking on Saturday, February 19th. The bells were available from 3 p.m., and full use was made of them till 4.30 p.m., when those present attended the association service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. S. Hunter, who also gave an inspiring address. Tea and business meeting followed, at which one new honorary, two ringing, and two non-resident life members were elected, and Chigwell selected for the place for next meeting.

A discussion ensued on the question of 'Insurance of Ringers,' and it was ultimately resolved that the matter be referred to the general committee at the annual meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday for discussion.

Hearty votes of thanks were extended to the Vicar for the use of tower and bells and conducting the service, the organist for accompanying the hymns, etc., Mr. G. Faulkner for arranging the meeting, and the Barking band for defraying the extra cost of the tea, also Mr. C. Penn, steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness.

During the afternoon and evening, over 50 members and friends attended from Barking, Romford, Hornchurch, Brentwood, Bentley, Wanstead, Woodford, Loughton, West Tilbury, Orsett, Southgate, Edmonton, Greenwich, and London, and touches in all standard methods from Grandsire to London Surprise were rung, the bells being kept going to 9.30 p.m.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**BRIDGNORTH BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, February 12th, when the bells at both churches were utilised. A short service was held at St. Leonard's, conducted by the Rev. Clark Maxwell, Rector, and assisted by the Rev. J. S. Jobling, of St. Mary's. Tea was partaken of at the Castle Restaurant, and 40 members sat down, among those present being the Rev. Clark Maxwell, Rev. J. S. Jobling, Rev. J. M. Wale, Rev. C. E. Curwin, Rev. J. S. Roper, of Quatt, Rev. Jackson, of Broseley, Rev. A. E. Barrow, of Norfield, Mr. S. E. D. Turner, churchwarden, of St. Mary's.

The Rev. Clark Maxwell occupied the chair at the business meeting, and welcomed the new honorary and ringing members from Quatt and Worfield.

A vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Rev. W. J. Warner, of Broseley, Mr. C. H. Deighton, late churchwarden of St. Leonard's, and Mr. W. J. Meyrick, late churchwarden of St. Mary's, all of whom were honorary members and keenly interested in ringing and ringers generally.

The Secretary presented the report and balance sheet, which were very satisfactory.

Mr. John Overton was re-elected Ringing Master, Mr. Harry Baker was elected hon. secretary in the place of Mr. Walter Hayward (resigned), Mr. G. Case was re-elected hon. auditor, Mr. S. E. D. Turner and Rev. Jackson, of Broseley, were elected hon. members.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring secretary for his past services.

Mr. W. Saunders referred to the loss which the Exercise had sustained by the death of Mr. John Carter, of London, who was greatly interested in Bridgnorth and its ringers, having rung a peal at St. Leonard's and presented the belfry with a marble tablet recording the performance.

Quarterly meetings were arranged to take place at Quatt, Worfield, and Broseley, and a vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.

Ringings followed at both churches till about nine o'clock, all agreeing that the meeting had been a great success.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.**

An afternoon and evening well spent with the five bells at Sutton Bonington marked the meeting of the Loughborough District. The bells, with a tenor being of about 20 cwt., were made good use of in various methods, including Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles. An excellent tea was partaken of in the Temperance Hall, where about twelve members sat down. Smokes and chocolates were handed round afterwards by the generosity of Mr. Oliver Thompson, churchwarden, who was made an honorary member of the association.

The chair was taken by the Rev. Frost, who is blind, and who is taking charge of the parish in the absence of the Rev. F. W. Soames, who has been ill.

Three new ringing members were elected, viz., Percy J. Sutton and Arthur E. Cook, of Kegworth, and George R. Horspool, of Quorn.

This is believed to be the first time the M.C.A. has paid a visit to Sutton Bonington, and the secretary urged each one strongly to support 'The Ringing World,' whereby they might keep in touch with ringing in general.

The next meeting has been fixed for Quorn on March 19th.

The Vicar extended a welcome to the ringers, and hoped it would be one of very many occasions. The bells are an interesting ring. The treble was cast in 1849 by Taylor of Loughborough, 2nd in 1899 by Henry Oldfield of Nottingham, 3rd in 1602 and 4th in 1579 by the same founder, and 5th in 1849 by Taylor of Loughborough.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, February 20th, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal (1,248 changes) of Superlative Surprise Major: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, P. Spice 3, I. Emery 4, J. Bennett 5, W. J. Nudds 6, R. Sanders 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 20th, for evening service at All Saints' Church, 1,264 Bob Major in 45 mins.: H. Harris 1, J. E. Moreton 2, Miss M. V. Godderidge 3, J. Draycott 4, Miss D. E. Lewis 5, H. Wright 6, C. E. Rayson 7, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect for Canon R. Chadwick, M.A., a former Vicar of this parish for 26 years, who was interred the previous day. It was during Canon Chadwick's ministry that the present peal was augmented from three to eight in 1907.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, February 20th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Spencer 1, W. C. Rynn (conductor) 2, E. Bailey 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, J. Lee 5, F. W. Naunton 6. This is a one-part 720, with twelve hobs.—For evening service, 720 Double Court: E. Chatten 1, J. L. Naunton 2, W. C. Bunn 3, E. Bailey 4, J. Spencer 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Sunday, February 20th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor with tenor covering: R. R. Lewis 1, W. Tandy 2, T. Impey 3, M. Smith (conductor) 4, R. W. Burrows 5, H. Impey 6, R. Higham tenor. First 720 by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Sunday, February 20th, for evening service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: J. E. Scott 1, J. Gray 2, E. Gosden 3, G. Dix 4, J. Robertson 5, E. Hern (conductor) 6, J. George 7, A. Skeoch 8. Longest length by ringers of 2 and 5.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, February 20th, for evening service, 1,344 Bob Major in 50 mins.: *D. Ovington 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, *Miss Phoebe Upsher 3, J. E. Miller 4, J. E. Nash 5, J. Armstrong 6, N. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, W. Pickworth 8. *First quarter-peal of Bob Major.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday, February 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: J. Overton 1, H. Baker 2, W. Hayward 3, G. Oliver (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, B. Head 5, W. Overton (conductor) 6, H. Overton 7, E. Foxall 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Overton, who was 75 on the 15th inst.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, February 20th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Caters in 45 mins.: C. H. Kippin 1, L. Bance 2, F. Jennings 3, J. Trappitt 4, G. Jennings 5, A. J. Trappitt 6, C. W. Roberts 7, F. E. Darby 8, D. Cooper (conductor) 9, J. Avery 10.

LONDON.—At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, by members of the local Guild, on Sunday, February 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: W. W. Stevens 1, F. J. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 4, J. Martin 5, S. Penfold 6, F. Smith 7, H. Hills 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

LUTTERWORTH.—On Sunday, February 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from Taylor's six part, in 44 mins.: J. Timson 1, P. J. Rourke 2, A. E. Barlow 3, A. J. Ross 4, F. G. Herbert 5, E. W. Tipler (conductor) 6, W. Williams 7, F. Perry 8. First quarter-peal for treble and tenor ringers. Rung to mark the occasion of Mr. Ross being elected a church officer.

BERMINGHAM.—On Sunday, January 30th, for evening service at Bishop Ryder's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: G. E. Large 1, J. Neale 2, J. George 3, A. Walker (conductor) 4, M. J. Morris 5, F. Price 6, T. H. Reeves 7, W. T. Froggatt 8.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the year was held at West Retford on Saturday week. Notwithstanding the raw cold and wet weather, there was a splendid attendance of ringers from Anston, Blyth, Workson, Wheatley, Gainsborough, Sutton-on-Trent, East Markham, Ordsall, Mansfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield, and Mr. J. L. Blagg, organist of West Retford, who had made every arrangement for the convenience and comfort of the visitors.

The Rev. G. E. Summers (Rector of West Retford) kindly placed the bells at the disposal of ringers from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., and after tea, which was held at Cooke's Cafe, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, very generously opened the Ordsall tower to give every ringer a chance and lessen the waiting period. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: At West Retford, Bob Minor, Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; at Ordsall, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent, Oxford and Cambridge Surprise.

At the business meeting which was held in the belfry at West Retford, presided over by Mr. Fred Hargreaves, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector, with Mr. Revell, of Ordsall, acting as secretary, the following new members were duly elected: Mr. R. Hall, of Sutton-on-Trent, and Mr. B. Stockdale, of East Markham.

The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks in March, the hon. secretary to arrange the date.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. G. E. Summers for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Hargreaves for presiding over the meeting.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT.**

A quarterly meeting was held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday, February 12th, about 30 members attending from Aberavon, Baglan, Neath, Cadroxton, Morriston, Gorseinon, Sketty, Llanstephan, with the local band. The bells (eight) were set going soon after 3 p.m., the members later attending service, the Guild's form being conducted by the Rev. Barton, curate of St. Mary's, who afterwards took the ringers to Thomas' Cafe in High Street, where a splendid tea had been provided by the Rev. Canon C. W. Wilson, Vicar of St. Mary's.

The business meeting was held, the Rev. Canon Griffith Thomas, of Morriston, an hon. member of the Guild, presiding.

In view of the annual meeting being held at Llanstephan on July 16th, it was decided to miss the June quarterly meeting, and Cadroxton was the place fixed upon for the next quarterly meeting to be held the first Saturday in September.

Four new ringing members and three honorary members were elected.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. Canon Wilson for the use of the bells, also for the tea, to the Rev. Barton for conducting the service and for his presence at tea, to the organist, and to the Rev. Canon Griffiths Thomas for presiding.

The tower was again visited, and ringing until 8.30 p.m. brought to a close a very pleasant meeting.

MR. HENRY HUTTON'S 100 PEALS.

The following is the list of 100 peals rung by Mr. Henry Hutton, of Holy Trinity Society, Guildford, completed by a peal of Guildford Surprise Major last week: Grandsire Triples 12, Stedman Triples 23, Stedman Caters 5, Bob Minor 1, Treble Bob Minor 1, Bob Major 10, Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 12, Superlative Surprise Major 11, Cambridge Surprise Major 6, Bristol Surprise Major 3, Norfolk Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 10, Guildford Surprise Major 3; total 100.

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NOTICES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available after 12.30 p.m. Tea at Barker's Restaurant at 4.30. Evening song at 6.30.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—J. P. Hyett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available: St. Nicholas' (6) 2.30 to 4.15, All Saints' (8) 2.30 to 4.15, Cathedral (10) 6.30 to 8.30. Service, All Saints', 4.30 p.m. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.15 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells ready at 3.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea at the Swan Hotel. Business meeting to be held afterwards. All ringers invited.—A. C. Kay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Rector). Business meeting afterwards.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions for the year are now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Broadclyst on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Sowton, Honiton Clyst, Pinhoe and Poltimore towers also open. Tea 1s.—Further particulars from T. J. Stokes, 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Next quarterly meeting at Freshwater on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., provided by the Rector in the Parish Hall. Business meeting after tea.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ockbrook on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (6) at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome.—Chas. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Barwell on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 3.45. Tea provided at 4.30 prompt. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Pre-Lent Meeting will be held at Lanchester, Co. Durham, on Saturday, February 26th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. and tea at 5 p.m., at the King's Head Hotel. Tea 2/- to members and 2/6 to non-members.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, February 26th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, after service. Subscriptions for 1927 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netley Abbey on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Alexandra Café, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Marlow on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (8) available at 6.30 p.m. Belfry foremen should note that subscriptions for 1927 are now due.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, Feb. 26th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.15. Tea after the service.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree, Essex.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stalbridge (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. E. S. Merriman. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Stalbridge (6), Lydlinch (5), Bishop's Caundle (5).—Rev. R. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Feb. 26th. The bells will be available at 2.45. A good attendance is requested.—Arthur E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Feb. 26th. A good meeting is desired, and all towers in the district are requested to send at least one representative.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45. Tea in St. Mary's Hall. A cordial welcome to all ringers and friends. Please notify me if you are coming.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Timberscombe (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the School Room at 5. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brockenhurst on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, 3, Waterden Place, Christchurch.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Canterbury District will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Cathedral service 3 p.m. Tea at Gaywood's Restaurant, High Street, 4 p.m. Business after tea. The bells of the Cathedral and St. Alphage will be open for ringing. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bassingham (6), Saturday, Feb. 26th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcom, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on March 1st and 29th, St. Magnus' on the 3rd, 17th and 31st, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 8th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, which will be conducted by the President, the Rev. Canon Phelps, Vicar of Dudley. Tea and business meeting afterwards. All those intending being present must send their names to me not later than March 1st.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A special meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at Nottingham. The bells of St. Mary's (10) will be available from 3 p.m., and the meeting will be held in the belfry at 6 p.m. Tea can be obtained nearby at reasonable prices. It is urgently requested that all who possibly can will attend for the election of local officers for the ensuing year.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Helen's, Worcester, on Saturday, March 5th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards in Parish Room.—J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—Owing to recent fire at Alrewas and the necessity for the removal of the bells, the next meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, March 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea at the Meeting Room, 5 o'clock. Will those who require tea (1s. each) let me know early next week?—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at West Lavington on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish Parish Church on Saturday, March 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Meeting at 6. All intending being present for tea please let me know not later than Thursday, March 3rd.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 100th anniversary of Appleton bells will take place on Saturday, March 5th. Tower open from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Warkton (5) on Saturday, March 5th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, March 1st?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Swanbourne on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those attending notify me in good time?—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Ranmoor on Saturday, March 5th. Committee meeting at 4.30. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, at which the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place. Tea, at 1s. per head, to those who advise Mr. Chas. Haynes, 439, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, by March 3rd.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, March 5th. Six bells. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Fenton on Saturday, March 5th. Tea 5.30. Will all who intend to be present please send word to Mr. Sherratt, 68, Church Street, Fenton, not later than Wednesday, March 2nd?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please let me know for tea by Tuesday, March 1st. A good attendance is requested.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

A SPECIAL MEETING will be held at Watford on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me by March 2nd?—W. Bott, Hon. Sec., Guildborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for March: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 6th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 14th and the 28th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 22nd, at 8. Committee meeting Monday, the 21st, at 7.30, at St. Clement's.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly business meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10th, at the Church of St. Martin and All Saints. Bells of St. Ebbe's Church available from 6 p.m. Service at All Saints' Church at 8 p.m., followed by business meeting.—W. Collett, 13, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, March 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. The usual tea arrangements will be made. All are welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to those who notify Mr. A. E. Woodhouse, 104, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale, not later than Tuesday, March 8th. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Glyn Road, Homerton, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.15. Tea at 5.45, at usual charge of 1s.; all who require same must please advise me not later than March 9th. Buses or trams to Median Road, Clapton. Trains to Homerton (L.M.S.). Members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, March 12th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. The bells of St. Mark's, Bath, will be available in the evening from 7 o'clock. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 9th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) at 3. Short Service 4.30. Tea at small charge, in Parish Hall, at 5. All ringers welcome. Please notify me by March 8th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treas., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—David Vincent has removed to 111, Gordon Road, West Bridgford, Notts. Will the secretaries of the following societies please note: Ancient Society College Youths, the Suffolk, Norfolk and Peterborough Guilds, the Essex, Middlesex, Herts, Kent and London County Associations?

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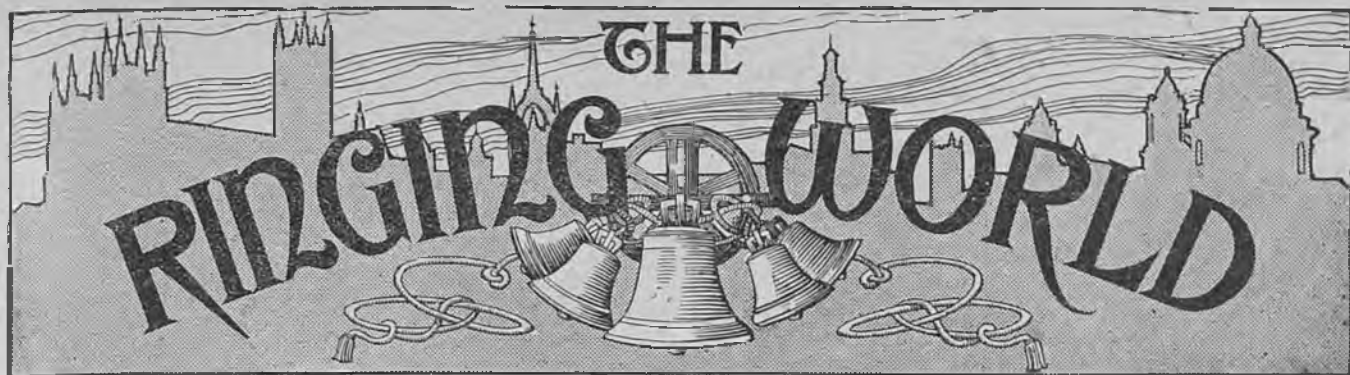
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The suggestion made by a speaker at Birmingham, on the occasion of the recent gathering there, that ringing books should be brought up to date, is one that deserves more than passing attention. There really is something to be desired in this direction, particularly in those books intended for the beginner. In the past the productions have been rather promiscuous, and despite the fairly considerable number of volumes which have appeared in connection with our art, from the 'Tintinnalogia' of nearly three hundred years ago, onwards, most people who have studied the question feel that there is still something lacking. Early authors endeavoured to give their readers in one volume all they knew about change ringing, but much of what they sought to convey was vaguely expressed and little of it was simply explained. Certainly these old books are inadequate to the requirements of modern ideas.

Later writers, who have tried to simplify the instruction have had to limit the scope of the subject dealt with, and elaboration of detail has resulted generally in restricting each volume to one particular method, with the result that the beginner who, for instance, gets hold of 'Ropesight' finds himself with information about nothing but Plain Bob. Now, one of the things which is discountenanced in these days is the ringing of Bob Doubles and Bob Triples, and to that extent 'Ropesight,' excellent as it is in the rudimentary instruction which it supplies, does not meet modern requirements even as a purely elementary treatise. Other books go out to deal exhaustively with all there is to be said about some particular method, with abstruse chapters on theories and proofs, which, of course, are absolutely beyond the comprehension of the beginner. It is well that these things should be available to all who desire to study them, but they do not help the beginner. His anxiety is to be able to grasp half pull ringing, and to go on from method to method by steady and almost imperceptible steps, without being burdened with indigestible treatises on points which, in his early days, he cannot be expected to understand.

In suggesting that ringing books should be brought up to date we do not think the speaker at Birmingham meant that someone should go through existing publications with a blue pencil, or bring editorial scissors and paste into action, but that the time had arrived when the beginner should have at his disposal a lucidly written, carefully planned, and skilfully arranged book which will guide him through the methods by the same easy stages that a schoolboy is led into the science of mathematics. What is wanted is a book which not merely lays down rules, or jumps from Grandsire to Stedman, as if they are

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consecutive steps in the progress of ringing; or from Treble Bob to Superlative as if there were no relation between the methods so far as the ringing of them is concerned. We should like to see a book which devoted itself to instructing the beginner in simple language and taking him from rounds to London Surprise on a plan which would show him each new step in relation to all that had gone before it, in a gradually developing scheme of progression, and leaving out all mention of conducting and composition, which might well be made the subject of a second book written on the same lines. There are one or two men in the Exercise who could write such a book, but it is almost too much to hope that either of them will undertake so big a task. If they did so, however, it would be an invaluable contribution to our art.

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E. HARRY STONELEY	5	THOMAS TAYLOR	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

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LOUGHBOROUGH.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

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JAMES S. HUTCHBY	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY	8
*PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM	4	PERCIVAL PRICE	9
†J. FREDERICK MILNER	5	JOHN GRANT	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. † 50th peal. A birthday compliment to J. Grant. Rung after meeting short for Treble Ten.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D flat.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	HARRY MORGAN	6
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MISS PEYLLIS HARE	3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	8
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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE R. JONES Treble	JOHN HAYES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
HAROLD EDWARDS 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	JAMES GEORGE ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7
JAMES S. HUTCHESBY ... 4	RICHARD GRANT ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
*JOHN W. DAVIES 2	HENRY W. WILDE 6
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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

C. HARRY WEBB Treble	T. HARRY WRIGHT 5
*THOMAS K. DEACON 2	FRED COTTON 6
PERCY A. ALDHAM 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
*GEORGE NEWTON 4	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by WM. HYDE INGLESANT. Conducted by E. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the hallowing of the Cathedral Church of St. Martin, to commemorate the restoration of the diocese of Leicester.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	*FURNES WOODEND 5
MISS M. CLAYTON 2	FRED HINDLE 6
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Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

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*MAY S. TAYLOR 2	*WILLIAM C. G. JINKINS ... 6
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C. CLEVELAND ELLIS ... 4	DAVID STOCKS Tenor

Conducted by C. CLEVELAND ELLIS.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.	Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.
ALBAN DISNEY Treble	HARRY MORGAN 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 7
E. HARRY STONELEY 4	MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

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EVERED J. WALSON 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD 6
EDWARD J. BEER 3	HORACE BELCHER 7
EDWARD HARRIS 4	GEORGE MORRARD Tenor

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SAMUEL EVANS 2	ALBERT CATTERWELL 6
PERCY GRIDLEY 3	CHARLES G. BIXBY 7
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ALBERT FLEET 2	ERNEST HERBERT 6
ARTHUR MARKWELL 3	EDMUND J. HORBS 7
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SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN A. PAYNE Treble	GEORGE T. H. WALKER ... 5
ARTHUR H. MANSFIELD ... 2	*T. HARRY LEWIN ... 6
THOMAS H. PAYNE ... 3	ERNEST F. PAYNE ... 7
FRANK W. PAYNE ... 4	WALTER WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. MANSFIELD.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the hallowing of the Cathedral of the new diocese of Leicester. All the band are local Sunday service ringers.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK AINSLEY Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... 2	JOHN J. LEIGHTON ... 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 7
ROBERT WALKER ... 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Rung to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells to eight, and also as a birthday compliment to R. L. Patterson, and to T. Stephenson, now of Rickmansworth.

NORTHLEACH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN W. SLY Treble	HARRY BARRETT ... 5
JAMES MUSTOE ... 2	WILLIAM CLAYTON ... 6
ROBERT WESTMACOTT ... 3	CHARLES WESTMACOTT ... 7
JOHN C. ACOCK ... 4	JOHN COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WESTMACOTT.

This peal was specially arranged to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Harold Hodson, M.C. All are Sunday service ringers.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

THE REV. H. B. WOOLLEY Treble	CHARLES W. COOK ... 5
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS ... 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 6
ARTHUR J. ABRAMS ... 3	HERBERT FIELDS ... 7
FRANCIS G. CLEAVES ... 4	ALFRED G. RIVERS ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ROBERT ARROWSMITH ... Treble	JOHN BOOTH ... 5
JOSEPH A. COOK ... 2	WILLIAM RIGBY ... 6
WALTER LONGMAN ... 3	GEORGE BIDDOLPH ... 7
THOMAS ARROWSMITH ... 4	ALEC BOOTH ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM RIGBY.

* First peal on eight. Rung for the dedication of the war memorial, which takes the form of a new porch at the church; also in memory of Donald Booth and Thomas Rigby, ringers at the above church, who fell in the war. A. Booth was made a member previous to starting the peal.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, February 13th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Allen 1, W. Crossley 2, A. Miller 3, J. W. Parslow 4, G. Pidwell 5, W. H. Joiner (conductor) 6.

RANMORE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Barnabas.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*MISS JESSIE M. MELVILLE Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5
MISS HILDA MILLS ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
JOHN T. SCOTT ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
JOHN A. COLE ... 4	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal and rung at the first attempt. Mr. A. H. Pulling's 800th peal as conductor.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Wycliffe Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*A. JOHN TIMSON ... Treble	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 5
†ALFRED G. GRANT ... 2	ERNEST W. TIPLER ... 6
NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 3	JOSEPH H. BEALE ... 7
†RICHARD J. JACKSON ... 4	*FREDERICK PERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

* First peal. † First in the method. First as conductor. First attempt in each case. Ringers of treble and tenor were elected members before starting. Rung to celebrate the hallowing of the new diocese of Leicester.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of All Hallows.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*H. W. H. STRICKLAND ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
HENRY A. BARNETT ... 2	CHARLES T. COLES ... 6
WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... 3	WILLIAM PYE ... 7
†JOHN G. NASH ... 4	EBENEZER A. HULL ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples, and first in the method.

BINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM THORPE ... Treble	ERNEST NIDD ... 5
HARRY THORPE ... 2	*ARTHUR WARD ... 6
ARTHUR MACEARS ... 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... 7
*HARRY HAYNES ... 4	*HARRY SQUIRES ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on Arthur Ward's birthday, also as a farewell to Mr. J. Thorpe, brother of the ringers of treble and 2nd bells, who sailed for America on the above date.

CLEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

A. PARKER ... Treble	R. G. WILLIAMS ... 5
T. WYATT ... 2	J. T. DYKE ... 6
L. H. MOORE ... 3	THOMAS F. KING ... 7
W. G. NIPPER ... 4	H. HAWKER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal for the ringers of treble and tenor, who are both members of the newly-formed local band. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. E. Francis, captain of the local band.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRED HINDLE Treble	WILLIAM H. HUNTER... .. 5
JAMES HARRISON... .. 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON... .. 6
THOMAS WILSON... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
RENNIE HARTLEY 4	JOHN BROWN... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal of Stedman on bells. R. Hartley's 50th peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Six Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 11008 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	GEORGE GILBERT 5
JOHN WHEADON 2	HENRY T. WILSON 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	FRED. J. CUNNINGHAM, JUN. 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

MELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble	RONALD G. BECK... .. 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 2	REGINALD F. BECK 6
ERIC C. WADMAN 3	GILBERT H. HARDING 7
FRED A. COWARD... .. 4	WILLIAM KEATS Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two each of Canterbury Pleasure
and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 4
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 2	CECIL NICE 5
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BLOFIELD, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents.

Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

*ROBERT BARBER... .. Treble	*ROBERT W. BARBER... .. 4
*ERNEST E. GEDGE 2	ERNEST V. BLAKE 5
HANBURY F. CARTER ... 3	F. NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by F. N. GOLDEN.

* First peal. These were nominated as candidates for election previous to starting the peal.

BOURTON-ON-THE-HILL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

P.S. E. ASTON Treble	J. GARDNER... .. 4
W. COLEMAN 2	W. LARGE 5
C. GRIMES 3	*A. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

* First peal.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RICHARD DAVIS Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 2	FRED A. COWARD... .. 5
WILLIAM COOMBS 3	EDGAR COOK... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED A. COWARD.

First peal and first attempt by ringers of treble (aged 15), third (aged 16), and tenor, who belong to the local company, and who have only recently commenced ringing. First peal as conductor.

WOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK CHERITT... .. Treble	PHILIP BLAKE 4
HERBERT J. ELDERD 2	BERTRAM TUBE 5
FREDERICK TUBE... .. 3	FREDERICK BARKER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK BARKER.

Ringers of treble, 3, 4, 5 and tenor belong to Finchley band, and H. J. Eldred hails from Barnet.

KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

W. L. JONES... .. Treble	W. H. JAINE... .. 4
CHRIS. LAW 2	F. A. JAINE 5
J. GREEN 3	J. JONES... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

This peal was rung as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. D. Hammond, for many years sexton of the above tower, who passed away at the ripe old age of 90, and was interred in the Parish Churchyard on the Sunday previous.

BURWARTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JAMES J. PRICE Treble	WILLIAM MAPP 4
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 2	GEORGE RANDLE... .. 5
JAMES P. HYETT 3	ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal and proposed a member before starting. The conductor was elected a life member in the tower. The ringers were afterwards invited to an excellent tea at the Vicarage, by the kindness of the Rev. Parker.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 20, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALAN BROMLEY Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
GEORGE BURT 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Lambert, sen. First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band, also on the bells. First peal on the bells since they were returned and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

DEVIZES.—On Wednesday, February 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: E. G. Swift 1, S. Sutton 2, W. A. Swift (conductor) 3, G. England 4, C. D. Heginbotham 5, S. Hillier 6; and at St. James' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Hillier 1, S. Sutton 2, W. A. Swift (conductor) 3, E. G. Swift 4, C. D. Heginbotham 5, F. Green 6.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

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

Being 720 Single Court and two 720's each Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Double Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*A. E. CLAYFIELD Treble	†H. V. ROWLEY 4
*E. POLLEN 2	†W. H. J. HOOTON 5
†K. R. GILLIVER 3	A. E. ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. E. ROWLEY.

* First peal. † First in four methods. Rung to celebrate the hallowing of the new diocese of Leicester. All the ringers taking part are Sunday service ringers.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (THE BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Woodbine, two 720's of Oxford and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALBERT HOWARD Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 4
*FRANK HAYES 2	HARRY HOWARD 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal inside.

DUSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's.

PERCY AMOS Treble	*ERNEST SIBLEY 4
GEORGE PARKER 2	JOHN DOVE 5
*ALFRED PICKFORD 3	THOMAS WISE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

GREAT BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.) in G.

WILLIAM DAVIES Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 4
RICHARD C. INGRAM 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
FRED PRICE 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band, on the bells and by the Guild. Messrs. M. J. Morris and G. F. Swann have now completed the circle of Cambridge on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

SHAUGH PRIOR, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD-THE-KING-AND-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEORGE GODARD Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS 4
JAMES E. LILLEY 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5
†ROBERT J. BALDREY 3	JOSEPH WOODLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal on the bells.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

At Shepshed, Leicestershire, on Saturday, February 12th, a peal board, kindly given by Mr. C. G. Harriman, churchwarden, and an esteemed tradesman of the town, was unveiled, the dedication service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. E. K. Llewellyn.

In celebration of the event a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: H. Lacy 1, G. Butler 2, J. Saddington 3, H. Kirby 4, W. Thorley 5, E. Beadsmoor 6, W. Fern (conductor) 7, T. Hill 8.

HARTPUR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN 4
WILLIAM H. HARRIS 2	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS 5
JESSE GILLET 3	JOHN AUSTIN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Ex-Sergt. J. Williams' 100th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

AT 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPILERS, 5003 CHANGES;

FRED HODGSON 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON 5-6
WILLIAM BARTON 3-4	JOHN AMBLER 7-8
H. STANLEY ROBINSON 9-10.	

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	*HARRY MORGAN 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Triples in hand.

DEVON GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Exeter Branch took place at Broadclyst, on Saturday, in very inclement weather. The bells of Broadclyst (eight), Sowton (eight), Honiton Clist (eight), Pinhoe (six), and Poltimore (six), were rung by members of the Exeter, East Devon and South-West Devon branches. A very hearty service at Broadclyst, conducted by Rev. T. E. McCormick, was attended by 61 members. An excellent address, in which it was pointed out that bellringers had a three-fold mission of calling to worship, expressing sympathy with the bereaved, and joy with the wedded, was listened to with attention. The Vicar also remarked that at a parish in Somerset from which he came the beautiful tenor bell bore the unique inscription, 'Hark, how I call; prepare your heart to come to the house of God and the Kingdom of His Son.'

Tea and a business meeting followed, at which the opinion was expressed that the attendance would have been larger if the day had been finer. The re-opening of Alphington bells, near Exeter, had also attracted some members.

Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung at Broadclyst, and it is hoped the meeting will induce the local ringers to become members of the Guild. In the evening, some members proceeded to Bradninch and others to Alphington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

A meeting of the Newbury branch was held at Beedon on Saturday, February 19th, when 27 members were present from Bucklebury, Newbury, Shaw, East Isley, Peasemore, Yattendon, Brightwalton, Tilehurst, Abingdon, and the local band. The service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. L. H. Coles), who gave a very interesting address. Tea was served at the Vicarage by Mrs. L. H. Coles. Among those present were the Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch) and Mr. H. W. Curtis (hon. secretary and treasurer). The Chairman referred to the death of the Rev. C. L. Jeayes, of Peasemore, an hon. member of the Guild, all standing for a few moments as a token of respect.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. L. H. Coles for his address, also the organist (Mrs. W. Wells), and Mrs. L. H. Coles for providing the tea. Mr. G. Caldwell and Mrs. A. E. Lock, of Abingdon, then played several tunes on the handbells, which were much appreciated by all.

A move was then made to the tower for further ringing, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor being rung during the afternoon and evening.

THE NEW LEICESTER DIOCESE.

In the official programme of the hallowing of the diocese of Leicester and its Cathedral the hope was expressed that wherever possible the event would be celebrated by the ringing of the bells in the belfries of the diocese. Many peals and touches have, in consequence, been rung.

At Belgrave, Leicester, on Monday, February 21st, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: L. G. Pratt (first quarter-peal) 1, W. A. Skinner 2, H. W. Martin (first quarter-peal inside) 3, A. Disner 4, H. Morgan 5, J. Pole 6, R. Borrow (conductor) 7, J. A. Bishop 8. This was specially arranged and rung in honour of the hallowing of the restored Leicester diocese, February 21st to 28th. The ringer of the 5th belongs to the Cathedral band; the remainder are members of the local band.

On Monday, February 21st, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, in honour of the hallowing of the Leicester diocese, 1,260 Grandsire Triples by: (1. Humphries 1, T. Bent 2, A. Ballard 3, W. Tanser 4, E. Morris (conductor) 5, R. Grant 6, G. S. Morris 7, J. Grant 8.

At the Church of the Holy Saviour, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: S. W. Chapman 1, J. S. Needham 2, L. H. Whitehead 3, W. P. Whitehead (conductor) 4, E. H. Bagworth 5, H. Bell 6, A. Briggs 7, R. S. Bagworth 8.

**THE LATE REV. C. E. MATTHEWS, R.D.
HIS WAR SERVICE RECALLED.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wonder if it is known generally that the late Rev. C. E. Matthews served overseas with H.M. Forces during the Great War? It was during his days as Vicar of Titchfield, when I was learning to ring, that we used to visit his tower weekly for practices, and, as beginners, we were always welcomed by his very genial smile. The Great War came upon us like a thunderbolt, and ringing was forgotten when we took up fighting. Having got a bad 'packet' on the French Front, and passing the various field hospitals, I found myself at Hazebrouck in 1915, with a leg that looked like being amputated, till a visit from the padre, our late vice-president, started further negotiations, and it is due to his handling of the doctors on my behalf that I am fortunate enough to have two legs to-day. I lay there some ten days until moved to England in a pretty bad state, but always cheered by the visits of the padre, his kindly smile, and talks on ringing and better times to come. When fit to travel, it was he again who saw me off on the journey to England, to meet again after the war at our Winchester Guild meetings. What a debt I owe to him!

MILITARY MEDALLIST.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**BRISTOL BRANCH MEETING.**

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch took place at Warmley on Saturday last. The weather conditions were about as bad as have been experienced at these meetings for a long time, and prevented many from being present. Those who braved the elements were members from St. Matthew's, St. Stephen's and St. Werburgh's, Bristol; Mangotsfield, Marshfield and Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes). The Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Say) was at the church to meet the visitors. The bells were rung half-muffled out of respect for the sexton of Warmley (Mr. J. Hann), who was also an old ringer. He passed away on the previous Thursday.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and was fully choral. The Vicar, in welcoming the association to Warmley, said it was the first church with which he had been connected since his ordination at which there was a peal of bells. He had been to six other churches, and he was pleased at last to have a peal.

Tea followed in the schoolroom, at which 26 sat down, including the Vicar, Mr. Brain (the organist), and Mr. Heginbotham.

Mr. J. G. Jefferies, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. Gould, acted as chairman, and proposed a vote of condolence to the family of the late Mr. J. Hann, which was passed by the members standing. He also proposed a vote of sympathy to the district chairman, whose daughter was lying dangerously ill, and the secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Hann and Mr. J. Gould.

Mr. Heginbotham, who was entrusted with the vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and choir, said he never remembered hearing a brighter service than he had that afternoon. They certainly wanted more such services.—The Vicar, replying, said they had looked forward to this meeting, and regretted the inclement weather. He wished the branch to come again in the summer, preferably about the second week in September, and the secretary promised to arrange a bye meeting.—The Secretary moved a vote of thanks to Mr. C. Harnell and his happy band of ringers for making such excellent arrangements, also to the ladies for looking after their comfort.

Another visit was then paid to the belfry, and ringing maintained until 8.30 p.m.

FREE RIDE FOR BELLRINGING.

Mr. Charles Ralph, one of three Otley (Yorkshire) men who had been bellringers for 64 years, has died, aged 76. When the railway from Arthington to Otley was opened in 1865 he rang in a peal in celebration and received in payment 1s. 6d. and a free train ride.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A week or two previous to their peal of Cinques at High Wycombe on the 15th inst., the band rang 3 hrs. and 7 mins., and had to 'stand' on account of the tenor bell being 'off colour.'

William Allen, a native of Chipping Norton, was buried at Slough on February 8th, in his 89th year. He moved to Slough some 70 years ago, and was one of the first team of bellringers when the ring of six were erected in 1855. The local members of St. Mary's tower gave him a muffled 'farewell touch' on the new octave.

A beginner asks us a question on the musical properties of the course end: How many times the '6th behind the 9th' comes up in a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus? Great Nicholas! what next!

The actual room in a public-house at Birmingham may be visited to-day in which the late Henry Johnson was overheard to remark that he thought the late John Carter 'would hardly ever make a ringer, but this was more than 40 years ago.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by the Yorkshire Association was rung at Drighlington on March 4th, 1899. Of the band, only two remain—Mr. J. Thackray, of Armley, and Mr. Charles Pratt, of Calverley. George Bolland was one of the band.

The first peal on the bells of St. Giles', Camberwell, was a 5,003 Grandsire Caters on March 5th, 1845. It was composed and conducted by John Cox. The bells are to be reopened, after restoration, next Tuesday.

A peal of '5,040 Double Bob Royal Ten In' was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on March 7th, 1791. It was called by William Doubleday Crofts, the Nottingham solicitor, and required two men on the 9th and two on the tenor. They had to work for some of their peals in those days.

A hundred and ninety years ago next Tuesday, 12,603 Grandsire Caters was rung at Norwich. Tuesday is also the 120th anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Stepney. This was performed by the Junior Cumberlands on March 8th, 1807.

On March 7th, either 1741 or 1742, a peal of 'Five Thousand and Forty of Richmond Triples' was rung by the Richmond Society, at Richmond, Surrey. Can any reader tell us what this method was? Was it a locally composed peal of Grandsire? William Walker, who rang the 7th to that peal, rang the 6th to a peal of Grandsire Triples 25 years later.

Mr. John H. Cheesman has rung in all sorts of long lengths from 5,000 upwards, and last Saturday added another among the 'thousands' by going over the 11,000 mark in Double Norwich. We believe he has now rung in peals of 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 thousand, as well as the 17,000 at Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NO SECRETARY FOR CANTERBURY AND DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Canterbury on Saturday last. There was no special service for ringers, but a good number of members attended the regular evensong at the Cathedral at 3 p.m. Over 60 afterwards sat down to tea at Gaywood's Restaurant, High Street, the towers represented being Dover, Lynginge, Elham, Faversham, Osprings, Headcorn, St. Nicholas, Herne, Littlebourne, Wickhambreaux, besides local ringers. Mr. S. H. Green from Tunbridge Wells was also present, and, later on, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Allen (Rochester) were found in the Cathedral belfry.

At the business meeting one honorary and ten practising members were elected. The two representatives on the Central Committee, Messrs. Harrison Smith and F. G. Brett, were re-elected, but no one was found to undertake the duties of district secretary.

The affairs of the district had been grossly neglected during the past year, and the subscriptions for 1926 had not been paid in. Possibly this fact may have acted as a deterrent, but that everyone should have fought shy of the office showed a sad lack of enterprise. It was decided to hold a meeting at Ash in the summer, at St. Lawrence in the autumn, and the annual meeting next January or February at Elham.

The Cathedral bells and the St. Alphege six were kept going until late in the evening.

THE FIRST PEAL AT FARNWORTH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I notice in 'The Ringing World' of February 18th the report of a peal of Minor being rung at Farnworth, Widnes, Lanes, and is stated to be the first true peal on the bells. I wish to state that a peal was rung at the same church by a band of ringers from St. Paul's, Warrington, on Saturday, July 23rd, 1898, being a true and complete peal of Minor in seven different methods, and was supposed to be the first peal on the bells. It contained the following methods: Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Grandsire, Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob, and was published in 'Bell News' of the following week. Of course, that is many years ago, and the present band of ringers may not know about it, or may have overlooked it. I must assure them that it was a good and well-struck peal, as St. Paul's company at that time were noted for their striking abilities.—Yours,

W. BRAMMER,

One of the Band.

Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

ST. MARTIN'S BELLS.

Among those who sent apologies for absence from the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham, on Saturday week, were Alderman Sir Percival Bower (ex-Lord Mayor of Birmingham), who had been knighted by the King on the preceding Thursday, and was detained in London by the illness of his wife; Mr. Richard Wassell, director of music, Birmingham City Police, who had promised to act as accompanist, but was laid up with influenza; Mr. Albert Parsons (Old Hill), who everyone regretted was seriously ill; Mr. Bassano, Mr. Pryce Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary, Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mrs. Wilkins (Bristol), Mr. Tom Miller, and Mr. John Austin (Gloucester). Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the College Youths) sent a telegram of good wishes, and Mr. W. H. Barber conveyed a letter of greeting from Mr. C. L. Routledge, of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

The toast of 'The King' having been submitted from the chair, 'The Church and State' was proposed by Mr. R. J. Heaton, who, in an interesting speech, referred to alliance between the two, and explained how by the adoption of the banners of the patron saints of the three countries of England, Scotland and Ireland, the Union Jack, typifying the strength of the nation, had been built up.

The Rector of Birmingham (Canon T. Guy Rogers), who was in the chair, replied to the toast. He referred to the close relations which, through the centuries, had existed between the Church and State, the Church which represented the spiritual side of national life having exercised its beneficial influence upon the civic, or material, side. Canon Rogers went on to allude to the revision of the Prayer Book, referring to some of the changes that had been made. He pointed out that the use of the new Prayer Book was not compulsory. It gave churchpeople a liberty which they had not enjoyed before, and he would have liked to see it made even more human than it is. The trouble was that the people who revised it were so occupied with theological questions that they, so desirous of seeing that the theology was sound, forgot to use human and simple language in all things. They wanted the Prayer Book to be a real help to them in their services; they wanted to make it so loved by the people that it would be preserved for many a long day, not only in documents and books, but in the hearts of the people (applause). In conclusion, Canon Rogers said he was proud to be chairman on that occasion; he was proud to be connected with St. Martin's Guild. He hoped as long as he was Rector of St. Martin's that he would remain closely identified with that historic and ancient Guild (applause).

'THE MEMORY.'

To Mr. W. Walsley, of Macclesfield, was entrusted the toast of 'The memory of the late Henry Johnson.' Why, he asked, did ringers meet year by year to do honour to Henry Johnson? It was not only because he had a master mind, and produced some very remarkable compositions; not only for his willingness to help others; not only for his geniality of soul; not only for his successful effort to leave the change-ringing world better than he found it, but more because he was, first and last, a gentleman. Proceeding, Mr. Walsley referred to the origin of those gatherings. Henry Johnson took part in a record peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, a peal of 9,238 on his birthday in 1881. He was then 72. On his next birthday, February 28th, 1882, another peal of Stedman Cinques was rung, after which a party of 25 sat down to a dinner at the Dog and Partridge. This was the origin of the birthday dinners which were held yearly until his death. Subsequently, they were continued with the object of honouring his memory. He (Mr. Walsley) met Mr. Johnson two or three times, but from his very earliest days as a ringer the story of this remarkable old man's achievements had been to him a source of admiration and wonder. Those gatherings not only served to keep green the memory of one of the greatest members of the Exercise, but served a very useful purpose in enabling ringers from all parts to gather round the festive board, to meet old friends and to make new ones. Other ringing centres had taken up the idea, notably Bristol, Yorkshire and Nottingham, and now they had had introduced, in connection with them, at the suggestion of Mr. Walker, conferences at which they might discuss matters of vital importance to the art of ringing. Mr. Walsley went on to refer to various outstanding events in Johnson's life and to the friendship which he had with Mr. E. Matthews, of Macclesfield. The two often corresponded, and Mr. Walsley said he desired to present to St. Martin's Guild two autograph letters written by Henry Johnson to Mr. Matthews. Henry Johnson, he added, was a man of many talents; he did not bury them but rather used them to help others. He gave of his best to all who appealed to him. No one was more diligent than he, no one more ready to impart to others the results of his labours. He wielded a quiet and powerful influence for good; he probed the mysteries of an intricate science, not for his own glorification, but for the benefit of others. He never coveted other people's compositions, but was contented with his own discoveries. He was just, fair and upright; he won for himself the respect of everyone with whom he came in contact—in a word, he was a gentleman.

The toast was drunk in silence.

THE LATE MR. JOHN CARTER.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett submitted 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' and gave his customary survey of the past year.

He alluded to the fact that he was described on the toast list as a man 'of cheerful yesterdays.' He thought he could claim credit to being cheerful as a general rule; he said, but when he commenced his remarks, as was his custom on that occasion, with reference to those who were not there that night, who had been with them on previous occasions, who were dear to them when they were there, and whose memory would remain dear to them still, he must confess to a feeling of sadness for the moment. Within the last few weeks it had pleased the Master Ruler of the universe to withdraw from the ringing firmament a bright particular star in John Carter, to shine, they all believed, with greater splendour in a brighter sphere. Since the death of Henry Johnson, that Guild and the Exercise in general had suffered no greater loss. His career, his great abilities, his industry, his character had been ably and fully commented upon in 'The Ringing World,' and he would not repeat anything they had all read in that paper, but he would like to make this one remark: Considering the opportunities that he had in life, the little education he had, and the fact that he went to work at the age of 12, John Carter's achievements were little short of marvellous. He (the speaker) knew him not only as a ringer but he knew him as a workman, and he knew his employers intimately. He believed that the large fortune that his employers made was largely due to the inventions which Mr. Carter placed at their disposal, and in that he resembled many clever workmen who had not the means to run their inventions themselves. He believed that if Mr. Carter had had the opportunities and the capital to put his own inventions on the market, he might have been a millionaire. Would they, however, have respected him any more for that? He thought not. They respected him for the man they knew him to be, the kind-hearted, genial, helpful friend that they always found him; and their admiration for him and for his genius and his achievements could not have been greater in whatever station of life he had been placed. It was three years or more since he was at one of those gatherings, and those last three years had been years of suffering patiently borne. His last message given to Mr. Young—who was with them that night—was to give his love to all his friends, and everyone in that room knew him at a friend. One star, continued Alderman Pritchett, differeth from another in magnitude. While John Carter was a star of first magnitude, there were other bright stars in the universe, and they had lost one only that week in their departed friend and fellow ringer, Bernard Witchell. When he (the speaker) began ringing with St. Martin's Guild, Bernard Witchell was one of the band; a splendid ringer, always ready to take part in a peal to oblige anyone. After his recent operation he had begun again, although in the weakest possible state of health, to busy himself in ringing matters and arrange peals, and it might be due to some extent to his unwise resumption of these activities that his end came quickly at the last in rapidly developing pneumonia. The Guild had lost two other members. Mr. F. J. Cope for fifty years rang in the belfry of Lichfield Cathedral. That period was not without precedent, but it was a long time. Last, but not least, he would like to mention the loss which they had sustained by the death of Mr. Isaac G. Shade, whose tragic death in a motor accident at the age of 74 they all deplored. He was glad to know that through the exertions of Mr. Goldsmith and 'The Ringing World' Mr. Shade's handbells realised so large a sum for his poor sister.

ST. MARTIN'S BELLS NEED REHANGING.

Proceeding, Alderman Pritchett said the past year had not been a very successful one, in a sense, for the Guild. The peals had been very few—only one in St. Martin's tower—and the attendance on practice nights had been small, and had got smaller. The reason was that the bells badly wanted rehangng (hear, hear). The people's warden represented the men who had the money, and he regretted he was not there that evening, but the Rector's warden was with them and would doubtless take heed. He had no doubt they had had warnings before, and he (the speaker) only wanted to emphasise them (laughter). They had with them the Vicar of Edgbaston. Last year they impressed on him the necessity of augmenting the bells at Edgbaston, and he was pleased to see that it was to be done, and Edgbaston was to have a peal of bells worthy of that wealthy and aristocratic neighbourhood. Although not much had been done at St. Martin's, a great many eight-bell peals had been rung, and in that branch of ringing progress had been made. He would like to congratulate the ringers of that neighbourhood on the augmentation of the peal at King's Norton from eight to ten (applause), through the generosity of Mr. Frank Yates, who took the warmest interest in all matters in connection with the ringers and bells. He hoped Mr. Yates would have many years to listen to the beautiful peal which he had so generously provided (applause). Alderman Pritchett went on to mention that they had with them that night Mr. Joseph Johnson, a son of Henry Johnson, who was present at that dinner for the 39th time, and Mr. Thomas Russan, whom they were very glad to see after his severe illness (applause). The absence of their most energetic and enthusiastic secretary, Mr. Paddon Smith, they did not deplore, because they knew that he had gone to India for his own good. Mr. Smith told him before he went that he hoped to come back with orders that would enable his firm to employ another thousand men (applause). If he did so, he would be a benefactor to that district (applause). In conclusion, Alderman Pritchett referred to the rest of the quotation against his name on the toast list, in which he was described as a man of 'confident to-morrows.' He did claim credit for this, he said, that he was confident of to-morrow as regards St.

Martin's Guild (hear, hear). It was steadily progressing. They lost old and beloved members, but for every one they lost two stepped into their places, and so he was certain it would continue. He would like to associate the prosperity of the Guild in the past, and that continued prosperity which he was convinced would attend them in the future, with the name of his Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker. What better proof could he have given them of his abilities than the fact that he had so admirably stepped into Mr. Smith's shoes and organised that large gathering of ringers in such a splendid manner (applause).

BIG RESTORATION SCHEME REQUIRED.

Mr. Albert Walker, who was received with applause, said that the work which he had been called upon to do in connection with that gathering enabled one to realise the immense amount of work which fell on anyone who organised a dinner of that kind. Whatever he had done, however, was rewarded by the large gathering that evening. With regard to the bells of St. Martin's, there was no doubt they had got to be 'soled and heeled.' It might be that the bells would have to be scrapped and recast. They wanted at St. Martin's a good peal of bells. They had a good peal, but as the times advanced they must admit there was room for improvement. There were now few, if any, old organs in the country—they were all scrapped, and, if need be, they must scrap their old bells and put in new ones, so long as it was proved that the new bells would be an improvement. There could be no question, however, that the bells at St. Martin's ought really to come right out and be properly rehung with any other necessary repairs, and he hoped the bells would take their turn for restoration with other schemes in their proper order (applause). If this were done, they might hope to get more ringers, but the bells could not be rung by beginners to-day—they 'go' too heavily.

The Rector said St. Martin's had a reputation for doing its duty, and he did not think they need be alarmed about the claims of the bells being overlooked. His churchwarden on his left would support him in saying that St. Martin's did try to live up to its responsibilities (Mr. Kendall: Hear, hear). On the following day, the Rector's wardens would celebrate his 78th birthday (applause), and he (the Rector) did not think he would resign until he had seen the bells put in order. So far as the people's warden was concerned, all he could say was that it had been remarked that the two were like the Siamese twins—what one thinks the other thinks (applause).

THE VISITORS.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood, in proposing 'The Visitors,' expressed the gratification of the members of St. Martin's Guild at the presence of such a representative gathering. Among the clergy present was Canon Blofield, Vicar of Edgbaston, who had taken the hint dropped to him at the last dinner and had decided to have a peal of bells in his church worthy of the neighbourhood (applause). They had representative ringers there from places as far apart as Newcastle and Plymouth, and the Guild, he could assure them, did appreciate their presence. They had with them the secretary of the Central Council, and among the Guilds and associations represented were the Durham and Newcastle, the College Youths, the Staffordshire, the Yorkshire, the Midland Counties, the Bath and Wells, the Gloucester and Bristol, which sent 21 representatives, the Devon Guild, Worcestershire, Surrey, Kent, Shropshire, Essex, and other associations. He was sorry he had not been able to attend the informal conference. The Exercise appeared to be just beginning to realise the importance of encouraging young ringers. If he might offer a few suggestions he would say this, that the first thing to do was to provide them with bells they could ring on and not pull their hearts out. Then they needed a little more toleration on the part of leading ringers, who were sometimes apt to get too impatient with learners. They also required better organisation at their ringing meetings, and their ringing text books should be brought up to date. This latter might provide work for the Central Council.

Canon Blofield, who first responded, said the new peal of bells for Edgbaston was to be cast during the following week. Continuing, he said there was no gathering which he went to in the year which he enjoyed more fully and thoroughly than that dinner, although he could not describe exactly why. He thought it must be because he felt he was one with them all. That evening had been especially pleasurable, for he would never forget Mrs. Hughes' handbell ringing. With regard to the subject of their conference that day, it was no compliment to the old ones to find, as they gave up, that there was no one left to take their place. He hoped they might be all 'confident to-morrows' as well as 'cheerful yesterdays,' and would look forward to a still more successful time in the future for the cause of bell-ringing and St. Martin's Guild.

Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. sec., Yorkshire Association) also replied and spoke of the pleasure which it gave all the visitors to be associated with St. Martin's Guild in honouring the memory of a man like Henry Johnson. There seemed to be, continued the speaker, some feeling of trepidation as to what the future held for ringing, but while they had officials with enthusiasm, such as marked their presiding Ringing Master (Alderman Pritchett) and Mr. Albert Walker, who had so ably stepped into the breach in the absence of the secretary, they need have no fear. Mr. Johnson made an amusing reference to the alleged preparations being made for a peal by a band each less than 5ft. 3in. in height and more than 18 stone in weight, and said, amid laughter, that with men prepared to go to such lengths as this, there were no

bounds to the possibilities they might achieve. He could say from personal experience that St. Martin's Guild always extended unflinching courtesy to visitors. They thanked the Guild very heartily for the expression of goodwill conveyed in the toast. He could assure them the visitors felt it an honour to be allowed to pay what little tribute they could to the great names which had been associated with St. Martin's Guild (applause).

Mr. W. A. Cave proposed 'The Ringing World,' in a kindly speech, in which he referred to the fact that the Editor discharged a difficult task in a most impartial manner.—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded to the toast, and referred to the much wider publicity which ringers and ringing were now receiving through the frequent notices which they received in the London and provincial Press and as the result of broadcasting. This publicity was, he said, entirely changing the view of many people in regard to bell-ringing, and it was important that ringers should at all times give of their best in order to create and maintain a good impression.

Alderman Pritchett, in a happy speech, proposed the health of 'The Chairman,' and the Rector having briefly replied, the proceedings closed with thanks to those who had contributed to the programme and to Mr. Woodhall who had acted as accompanist in the absence of Mr. Richard Wassell.

The enjoyable evening terminated with the National Anthem.

DEATH OF MR. J. G. BUCHANAN.

A FOUNDER OF THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

We regret to record the death of Mr. J. G. Buchanan, of Hereford, one of the founders in 1886 of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. He was always keenly interested in its affairs, and was hon. secretary in 1892 and 1893, and Master from 1894 to 1924. He lived formerly at Clun, where he introduced half-pull ringing, and his funeral took place there on February 19th.

After the funeral, several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung on half-muffled bells, with 6-8 covering, on account of meeting short for Triples: F. A. Watkins 1, Rev. H. J. Scott 3, G. W. Roberts 4, E. H. Menditt (Clunbury) 5, W. Griffiths 6, W. Mead (conductor) 7, G. Long 8.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A DIFFICULT YEAR.

The Doncaster and District Society's annual meeting was held at Doncaster on Saturday, January 22nd, when eleven towers were represented. The service was held in the Forman Chapel, and was conducted by the Rev. A. D. Clarke, Rector of Warnsworth, in the unavoidable absence of Archdeacon Sandford and the Rev. T. B. Powell. Suitable hymns were sung, the musical accompaniment being provided by Miss N. Spibey, a member of the society.

The Rev. A. D. Clarke gave an appropriate address, taking as his text 'Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called' (Eph. iv. 1). He eulogised the good work which ringers often did as churchwardens and church officials. Although the ringers were unseen, and in many cases unknown, he said, yet their work was appreciated, not only by those who came to church but also by countless others who were unable to do so.

At the business meeting which was held in the belfry, the secretary (Mr. Harold Walker) presented the annual report, which was considered very satisfactory and adopted. It stated that the past year had been a very difficult one for the society in many respects. Owing to the industrial unsettlement, the attendance of members at meetings of the society had suffered considerably, but they looked forward to better and happier times, and improved gatherings, in the near future. The joint meeting at Whiston with the Yorkshire Association, the Sheffield District Society, and the Barnsley and District Society was a success in every detail. It was hoped to make a joint meeting an annual event, to take place in June of each year.

The number of peals rung during the year was ten, which was a record for the society, for only eleven peals were rung in the previous five years of the society's existence. The peal of Double Norwich at Whiston was the first in this method to be rung by the society. Many of the peals rung during the first year were due to the energy and enthusiasm of Mr. J. E. Cawser, of Tickhill. A performance worthy of mention was a half-peal of Minor rung at Sprotborough on Armistice Day, by Sprotborough and Conisborough ringers.

The Hatfield Church Bells Restoration Fund had received a severe setback owing to the industrial situation. A sum of nearly £400 had already been raised with the object of recasting and rehanging the peal of eight bells, and it was very likely that the work will be put in hand during the coming year.

After fifteen months, the report added, 'we are now able to ring the bells of Doncaster Parish Church, the tower of which has been thoroughly repaired, at a cost of nearly £2,000. The bells were rung for the first time in fifteen months on Christmas Eve, and the music of them was much appreciated by the public. The tower will now be open for practice on every Saturday evening, with the exception of the last Saturday in each month.'

Mr. Harold Walker was re-elected as honorary secretary for another three years. Archdeacon Sandford is the president of the society, Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster) is the vice-president, Mr. G. Clark (Arksley) Ringing Master, and Mr. H. Woodhouse, J.P. (Bentley), the hon. treasurer.

PRESENTATION TO MR. J. NEVARD.

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEARS' SERVICE TO RINGING.

The high esteem and respect felt by members of the Essex Association and friends for Mr. W. J. Nevard, churchwarden of Great Bentley and Master of the North-Eastern District, was evinced at Colchester on Saturday, February 19th, when he was the recipient of a handsome, engraved silver cup, the gift of his brother ringers. Twenty-six towers were represented among the fifty members present. After a united practice at St. Peter's Church, the company had tea in St. Peter's Parish Room. The large gathering here included the Bishop of Colchester, the Vicar of St. Peter's (Rev. C. E. Cardo), Messrs. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), R. W. Stannard, Colchester district secretary, N. Division), F. Claydon, Earl's Colne (District Master, N.E. Division), W. J. Elliot (Kelvedon), D. Elliot (Assington), W. Duffield and H. T. Pye (Colchester), and J. Runter (Springfield). Mr. J. J. Gofton (Whitley Bay) wrote regretting his inability to be present, and sent birthday greetings, and Mr. W. H. Fussell was prevented from attendance owing to his recent accident.

The Master, who presided, said he regretted Mr. W. Keeble's absence, as he was greatly instrumental in bringing about the presentation and gathering. He read a letter from Mr. Keeble, wherein it stated that he had received no refusal, either verbally or in writing, to his appeal, and thanked Mr. L. W. Wiffen (Braintree), Mr. F. Claydon (Earl's Colne), Mr. E. Andrews (Therington), Mr. R. W. Stannard (Colchester), and Mr. W. Miller (Leytonstone) for their kind and able assistance. Mr. Keeble was, however, a victim of the 'flu' epidemic. This presentation, he said, was well deserved, for Mr. Nevard had done much for ringing for upwards of 50 years, had been District Master for many years, and had represented his association on the Central Council, which he had attended very regularly for a long period. Mr. Nevard was also a keen and enthusiastic peal ringer, and although he had recently celebrated his 71st birthday, he was still good for one, two or even three peals a day (hear, hear and laughter). Mr. Nevard was a devout churchman and very fine host, and few ringers had visited Bentley without enjoying his hospitality. That was why Mrs. Nevard's name was associated with the presentation.

The Bishop of Colchester, making the presentation, thanked the ringers for their hearty reception, and said he had in Mr. Nevard one of his oldest friends. He congratulated him upon his splendid record as a ringer, not only in Essex, as Mr. Nevard had rung in over 600 towers (applause). In fact, he didn't know where he had not rung (laughter). There was nothing that gave a man more satisfaction, after years of active work, than to receive some token of the affection, appreciation and regard from his brother ringers. The Bishop then handed to Mr. Nevard the cup, which was engraved: 'Presented to Mr. William J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, upon his 71st birthday, by fellow ringers of the Essex Association at Colchester, February 7th, 1927, in recognition of his service to the art of change ringing for upwards of 50 years.'

Mr. Nevard, who was completely taken by surprise, said he had rung a good many Surprise peals, but this surprise beat them all (laughter). All he had done was for the sheer love of the art. He knew of nothing more interesting than to see the fine old cathedrals, abbeys and churches and ring the bells placed in them. He had rung in 130 towers in Essex and over 100 in Suffolk. In fact, he had rung in every county in England, and he had also rung in Ireland. In all, he had rung in 603 towers, and belonged to 25 societies and associations (applause). He once rang three peals in one day (applause). He very much appreciated the spirit that had prompted Mr. Keeble and his many friends who had been instrumental in arranging for this handsome gift, and he and Mrs. Nevard would ever hold it in grateful remembrance.

Mr. Nevard was accorded musical honours, and Mr. W. Duffield, thanking the Vicar for the frequent use of the bells and the Parish Room, joined in the testimony to Mr. Nevard. The youthful ringer, he said, should take a lesson from the life of Mr. Nevard and be encouraged by his remarkable record.

The Vicar suitably responded; and Mr. Stannard, who is to be complimented on the admirable arrangements of the day, thanked the Bishop.

The meeting expressed a sincere wish that Mr. Keeble would have a speedy recovery, and the Master was requested to write a letter to him to that effect.

OLD PENDLETON RINGER'S DEATH.

Pendleton has lost one of its oldest ringers in the person of Mr. Joseph Winterbottom. He had been a ringer about 40 years, ringing his first peal in 1893. He joined in several first peals in the method for the association, his complete score being 46.

The funeral took place on February 24th, his brother ringers acting as bearers. The first part of the service was at St. Thomas' Church, and the interment at St. John's, Pendlebury, St. Thomas' yard being full. The Rev. S. Proudfoot, Vicar, officiated. The bells were muffled for service on Sunday, and a peal was attempted after the funeral, but was lost after two hours.

The deceased leaves a widow and son and daughter to mourn their loss. One son was killed in the war.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORKTOWN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Yorktown District was held at Pirbright on Saturday. The weather was very wet, but that did not discourage members and friends from attending from Aldershot, Chertsey, Weybridge and Worplesdon, as well as the local band. Several touches were rung on the six bells before the service, which was conducted by the Rev. H. S. Kelsey, Vicar of Pirbright, who gave an interesting address on bells. Mr. S. Argyle, A.R.C.O., of Knaphill, a friend of the late Rev. C. E. Matthews, presided at the organ. The members then adjourned to tea, which had been arranged by Mr. D. Cheeseman at Pirbright Hall. The Vicar occupied the chair for the business meeting which followed.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting and of the special meeting held at Bagshot in connection with the proposed division of the Guild were read and confirmed.—Mr. S. G. Armstrong gave an excellent report upon the proceedings at the Central Committee meeting held at Winchester.

One new member was elected.

A vote of thanks, proposed by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. B. Hessey) and seconded by Mr. H. J. Chaffey, was passed to the Vicar for the kind way he had received the district and for his interesting address.—The Vicar said he was very pleased to meet them, and hoped they would come again when the weather was more settled.

Ringing was again indulged in. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Canterbury, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT NETLEY.

Despite the very unfavourable weather conditions on Saturday last, a successful meeting was held at Netley Abbey, when ringers and friends numbering 37 were present from Fareham, Hambledon, Havant, North Stoneham, Netley, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Ringwood, Southampton, Swanmore, together with the Master (Mr. G. Williams). Owing to illness, the Vicar could not attend and conduct the service, but wished the meeting every success.

The members made good use of the bells until 5 p.m., when they adjourned to the Alexandra Cafe for the tea and business meeting.

At the outset the Chairman referred to the lamented death of the vice-president, the Rev. C. E. Matthews, who was formerly Vicar of Titchfield, and a keen member of the district, and the members stood in silence for a few moments.

Apologies for absence were read from the Vicar, the general secretary and also Bramshott and Wickham.—Two full members and ten probationers (including nine ladies from Hambledon) were elected. It was very gratifying to see no less than six of the Hambledon ladies present at the meeting, and they rang their first rounds on eight bells very creditably.

The Central Committee representatives gave a resume of the committee meeting held at Winchester on the previous Saturday, when several important matters affecting the division of the Guild were discussed and recommendations made, including the formation of a 'Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Association.'

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hambledon on May 21st next, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, the members wishing him a speedy recovery.

A further visit was then made to the tower until about 8 p.m. During the afternoon and evening, various touches were rung in methods which included Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Christchurch District was held at Brockenhurst on Saturday, February 26th, when, in spite of the inclement weather, 21 members attended from Bournemouth (St. Peter's), Brockenhurst, Christchurch, Lyndhurst, Lymington, Sopley and North Stoneham.

At the business meeting, Mr. Armstrong was elected chairman, and spoke of the great loss sustained by the Guild by the death of the Rev. C. E. Matthews. Respect was shown by the members standing in silence in the usual way.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Fordingbridge, subject to the restoration work at present being carried out to the bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co. being completed. Failing that tower, Lymington was selected, and due notice of this meeting will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Good practice was held in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Minor.

It may be mentioned that Brockenhurst possesses the lightest ringing peal in Hants, the tenor being only 4½ cwt.

WELCOME TO NEW RECTOR.

At the Parish Church, Richmond, Yorks, on Friday, February 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: T. Luna 1, T. Walton 2, S. Thorpe 3, J. Frenchum 4, J. Kinchin 5, R. Todd 6, G. Holmes (conductor) 7, W. Downall 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. A. M. Sullivan, who arrived on the above date. It is the longest length by an entirely local band, all being Sunday service ringers.

ST. HELENS BELLS DEDICATED.

CENTURY-OLD PEAL OF TEN FIND NEW HOME.

The Church of St. Helen, St. Helens, Lancs., has now a fine peal of ten bells, which were dedicated on Wednesday, February 23rd. The bells themselves have a peculiar and interesting history. They were cast in 1829 by Thomas Mears, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London, for the Church of St. Peter, Liverpool, and were first rung on Sunday, April 11th, 1830. They replaced a peal of eight, tenor 21 cwt., cast by Abraham Rudhall the first, the four heavier ones in 1707, and the four smaller ones in 1724.

The tenor of the present peal of ten is 4ft. 5in. in diameter, weighs 22½ cwt. net, and has a deep C note. Its original weight, with cannons and clapper staple, was 24½ cwt. The inscription on the bell is:

May all whom I shall summon to the grave,
The blessing of a well-spent life receive.

The Revd. Jonathan Brooks, A.M., and Augustus Campbell, A.M.,
Rectors of Liverpool.

William Peatt Bushby, Esq., Wilfrid Troutbeck, Esq., Church-wardens, 1829.

The Revs. J. Brooks and A. Campbell were the last of the 'joint Rectors' of Liverpool, and were instituted in the year the bells were cast.

St. Peter's, Liverpool, was demolished a few years ago, and the bells were sent to Loughborough for storage, pending the settlement of a new home for them. Eventually they were given to the new Church of St. Helen, St. Helens, and they then undertook their third journey, this time to return to their birthplace, the Whitechapel Foundry (Mears and Stainbank), London. Here they were cleaned by the sand-blast process and tuned. Their final journey was to St. Helens, where they have been hung in a massive teak frame, this material having been considered the most suitable for this district where ironwork does not enjoy a long and happy life.

The most modern principles have been adopted in the fittings. The bells swing on ball bearings, and the rollers also run on similar bearings, with lubricators attached. The clappers are fitted with specially bushed tops, with lubricators. The bell frame is bolted down to a reinforced concrete floor. The bells, when set, are several feet below the louvres, and the sound in the immediate vicinity of the tower is well softened.

All present at the opening ceremony were delighted with the tone and 'go' of the bells and their even clappering. The cleaning and tuning has effected a great improvement, and the bells now make a beautiful peal of ten.

It should be mentioned that in the first place the back eight only were to be hung, but representations made by the Lancashire Association against splitting the peal resulted in the complete ring being placed in the tower.

The dedication was performed by Canon Dwelly, of Liverpool, in the presence of a crowded congregation. Many were unable to gain admission to the church, and hundreds of people remained outside waiting to hear the bells for the first time. The St. Helens 'Reporter,' describing the scene, says: 'Somehow, the new association of those bells and their dedication to the new church left as deep an impression on the mind as did the consecration of the building. There was something magnetic about the thoughts of hearing the bells rung for the first time; it was not idle curiosity or casual speculation that drew so many people from their homes that night. The fascination that a peal of bells holds for the human mind is strong in itself, but the additional charm of the old bells of St. Peter's being installed in the new church of St. Helen—standing grander and more majestic than the sanctuary it replaced, made Wednesday's ceremony one that will live long in memory.'

The service was impressive, and in an inspiring address Canon Dwelly sketched the history of bells and drew lessons from their messages, in the course of which he said there was no period in English history which told a richer story than the period when the bells fulfilled almost every possible office of the corporate mind.

After the dedicatory prayers, the bells were rung in a few rounds, and at the conclusion of the service an opening touch of Grandsire Caters were rung by: J. Rigby 1, J. W. Hesketh 2, J. H. Hesketh 3, G. Saint 4, W. Bagley 5, R. Huxton 6, J. W. Hall (conductor) 7, S. Cadwallender 8, P. Bagley 9, P. Shaw 10. Others who took part in the ringing were Messrs. J. Gardner (Aughton) and G. Fisher (Liverpool), who rang on the bells on the last occasion they were rung in St. Peter's tower, 23 years ago, and also at Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. Messrs. P. M. Cave and G. R. Newton (Liverpool), Booth, Grounds and Taylor (Standish), F. Ancough (Widnes), and J. Parr (Ormskirk) also shared in the ringing, and Mr. J. B. Tyler represented the founders, Mr. A. A. Hughes being confined to his home with a chill.

RUISLIP.—On Sunday evening, February 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins.: P. Thrift 1, W. Bunce 2, H. Ive 3, G. M. Kirby (conductor) 4, T. Collins 5, H. Woodman 6. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, February 6th, 720 Bob Minor (half-muffled): *G. Nichols 1, A. Manktelow 2, W. Seager 3, R. Ockwell 4, W. J. Walker (conductor) 5, Geo. Gilbert 6. * First 720.—On Thursday, February 10th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Nichols 1, A. R. Ockwell 5, A. Manktelow 4, C. Belsey 5, W. J. Walker 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, Geo. Howland 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Sunday evening, February 27th, at the Church of St. Etheldreda, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Cull 1, S. Cull 2, O. Ellingham 3, R. E. Richardson 4, L. Shepherd 5, A. R. Lawrence 6, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 7, J. G. Dunham 8.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, February 27th, at Emmanuel Church, for special service, 720 Bob Minor (six singles, nine bobs): M. J. Baldry 1, J. E. Lilley 2, H. Tippett 3, A. T. Kentfield 4, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 5, W. Richards 6.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Sunday evening, February 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Smith (conductor) 1, H. Hawkes 2, W. Hollamby 3, Miss A. Cottee (first quarter-peal) 4, E. King 5, W. Rawlings 6, F. Terry 7, W. Meek 8.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, February 27th, for evensong, 720 Doubles, being two six-scores each of Grandsire, Oxford Singles and Plain Bob: E. Haynes (first attempt for a 720) 1, J. Harper 2, K. Willers 3, H. Wilson 4, A. Wilson (conductor) 5.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, February 27th, at St. Leonard's Church, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Harcastle 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, E. E. Bish 3, J. W. Chapman 4, J. L. Watkins 5, C. W. Roberts 6, L. Attwater (conductor) 7, W. E. G. Hewson 8.

BARNES.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, February 27th, for evening service, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples in 42 mins.: A. Culmer 1, H. Barrett 2, W. C. Stacey 3, F. Skevington (conductor) 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, R. Mackill 7, P. Stratton 8.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, February 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: P. Norton 1, H. Belcher 2, E. V. Beadle 3, W. H. Hollier 4, H. W. Lidbetter 5, R. Thompson (conductor) 6, H. A. Folkard 7, A. Harding 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Herbert A. Harding.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' on Sunday, February 27th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. P. Roe 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, W. Dickinson 4, E. A. Hull 5, J. G. Nash 6, H. Ellis 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, on Sunday, February 27th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 43 mins.: H. C. Taylor 1, F. J. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrots 3, W. W. Stevens 4, J. Martin 5, H. Hills 6, F. Smith (first quarter in the method as conductor) 7, S. Penfold 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, February 27th, for the evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: C. R. Millway 1, A. Binfield 2, J. Eagles 3, H. J. Saunders 4, H. Whitehead 5, S. Binfield 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8.

GREAT STANMORE.—On Sunday, February 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: F. Hill 1, G. A. Hughes, sen., 2, R. Wilkinson 3, J. H. Edwards 4, G. Cheshire 5, G. A. Hughes, jun., 6, C. Dyke (conductor) 7, F. Hawkins 8.

LAVERNHAM.—On Sunday evening, February 20th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. A. Turner 1, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 2, F. A. Poulson 3, F. L. Leeks 4, W. R. J. Poulson 5, F. P. Mortlock 6, M. T. Symonds 7, A. Symonds 8. Birthday compliment to M. T. Symonds.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On February 20th, before the evening service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering, in 47 mins., by the local band: E. Walker 1, G. A. Webley 2, J. Pearce 3, T. Clark 4, E. Hughes 5, F. Wheeler 6, H. Taylor (conductor) 7, J. Beasley 8.

POLKINGHAM.—For evensong, on Sunday, February 20th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Lindsey 1, A. King (first 720 Plain Bob) 2, H. Maroon 3, W. Wilson 4, J. Musson 5, C. T. H. Bradley (first 720 as conductor) 6.

MERTSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, February 20th, for evening service at St. Katherine's, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 40 mins.: A. Woods 1, C. Hilton 2, B. Wells 3, J. Batters 4, H. Woods 5, C. Killick (conductor) 6. This is the first quarter-peal of Minor by the local band, who are all regular service ringers at St. Katherine's.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 20th, for evening service, 1,152 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 42 mins.: H. Hill 1, P. Dudley 2, R. Boulton 3, Miss E. Foulk 4, H. Letts 5, J. Patchett 6, G. Warrington (conductor) 7, S. Dawson 8.

EXETER.—At St. David's, on Sunday, February 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: W. Howe 1, A. G. Gooding 2, J. A. Tapley 3, J. Dunster 4, F. Murphy 5, W. Reeks (conductor) 6, G. Betts 7, W. Bedford 8. All the above are gardeners, and the above is the first touch as such. Composition taken from 'Clavis.'

BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.

In St. Stephen's belfry, Hampstead, on Sunday, February 13th, 120 Grandsire Doubles on handbells: R. P. Hunt 1-2, B. F. Farnery 3-4, S. C. Reeve-Flaxman 5-6, E. Aylett 7-8, R. Hudson (conductor) 9-10, A. J. Carter 11-12. First 120 as conductor. Rung, as was usual some years ago at Grundisburgh, each couple acting as one bell. This procedure is helpful in learning to ring double handed, and in acquiring the beat and getting some of the enjoyment of twelve-bell ringing.

A very youthful ringer rang his first 720 at Thorington on February 2nd, when 720 Plain Bob was brought round by: L. Gladwin (first 720, aged 11 years) 1, P. Almond 2, J. Bowell 3, W. J. Nevard 4, G. A. Andrews (conductor) 5, S. Davey 6.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS VISIT OXFORD.

I now come to the extracts from Hearne's Diary, to which I referred a short time ago. The first recounts a visit the College Youths paid to Oxford in 1733. That was a time of great activity and progress in ringing. Although only eighteen years had elapsed since the Norwich Scholars rang the first peal in any method, all over the country there were bands attempting and ringing peals in several methods and on all numbers up to Cinques. In London alone there were no fewer than five societies of skilled ringers—the Union Scholars, the London Scholars, the City Scholars, the Eastern Scholars, and the College Youths. Every one of these had done some performance which made ringing history.

One of the College Youths was a Mr. Skelton. He was a man socially in a better position than the majority of his fellows, a graduate of Oxford University, who held the office of Registrar to the Bishop of London, and was a proctor in the Court of Arches, that is, a lawyer who practised in the ecclesiastical courts. Most likely he had learned ringing at Oxford, and in his undergraduate days had, like Anthony Wood, 'plucked at them' for recreation. In London, among the College Youths, he became an excellent ringer, and probably conceived the idea of taking a band of London ringers to visit his University city, and show the local men what good ringing could be like.

In the early days of George II.'s reign a journey from London to Oxford was no small undertaking. The roads were bad, and highwaymen not unknown. Railways were as yet a hundred years in the future, and even stage coaches were not general. If you were a wealthy aristocrat you would travel in your carriage with a retinue of servants. If you were well to do you would ride horseback. The rest, and that means the great majority of men, had to walk on their two feet and take what luck they could in the shape of an occasional lift by some waggon going to and from the villages on the way. In after years there grew up, somehow or other, a tradition that the College Youths of this period were an aristocratic and wealthy lot of men. There is an account published in a paper, which has frequently been quoted, which recounts how a peal of Bob Maximus was rung at Fleet Street, how the street was thronged by gentry who had come to listen, and how, after it was finished, all the twelve ringers went home each in his own carriage. On the face of it the thing does not seem very probable. One or two of the band, Geary, for instance, were very likely in good social circumstances, but I do not believe a little bit in the carriages.

At any rate, Hardman, the tobacconist, the one man in the band about whose ordinary life we know something, though he was at different times in his life pretty well to do, was certainly no aristocrat, and almost certainly never had a carriage. And even if he had, as he lived only a stone's throw from the church, he would scarcely have used it to cross the street. London then was very much smaller than it is now, and all the ringers probably lived at an easy walking distance from the towers at which they rang.

Anyhow, there were no carriages when they went to Oxford. I do not suppose Geary was in that band, but Benjamin Annable, who rang the tenor in the St. Bride's

peal, was; and he and the rest of his band walked the whole way. If you have to walk a long distance there is no better time to do it than Whitsuntide, when the days are long and the weather generally fine and bright, and when English country is at its very best. It seems they did the whole 54 miles on that Whit-Sunday. They must have started pretty early, and it was a very tired and foot-sore band that crossed Magdalen bridge into the High Street late that evening. Skelton had ridden down horseback the day before, no doubt to see all was ready for them and to make final arrangements. The intention was to ring a peal at each of the three principal college towers, Christ Church, Magdalen and New College. They do not seem to have attempted one at Merton. Perhaps the bells were not in good enough ringing order. The local men gave them a cordial welcome, and during the Monday, when they were resting after their long journey, rang some touches at Christ Church and Magdalen in their honour. The London men did not ring a peal. Four attempts they made, and all came to nothing, but the fault was not the ringers; broken gudgeons and bad ropes were the cause.

TWICKENHAM.—On Monday evening, February 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples as a birthday compliment to G. Bradford and V. E. Beadle: Miss Kathleen Bradford (first quarter and first attempt) 1. R. G. Ilsley 2. V. E. Beadle 3. W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4. E. A. Morris 5. D. H. Brown 6. J. A. Trollope 7. G. Bradford 8. A peal was arranged, but owing to the fog the band arrived too late.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on March 29th, St. Magnus' on the 17th and 31st, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 8th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frod-ingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, which will be conducted by the President, the Rev. Canon Phelps, Vicar of Dudley. Tea and business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A special meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at Nottingham. The bells of St. Mary's (10) will be available from 3 p.m., and the meeting will be held in the belfry at 6 p.m. Tea can be obtained nearby at reasonable prices. It is urgently requested that all who possibly can will attend for the election of local officers for the ensuing year.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—Owing to recent fire at Alrewas and the necessity for the removal of the bells, the next meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, March 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea at the Meeting Room, 5 o'clock.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at West Lavington on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish Parish Church on Saturday, March 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Meeting at 6.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Swanbourne on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those attending notify me in good time?—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Ranmoor on Saturday, March 5th. Committee meeting at 4.30. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, at which the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, March 5th. Six bells. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested. — Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 109th anniversary of Appleton bells will take place on Saturday, March 5th. Tower open from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Warkton (5) on Saturday, March 5th. Usual arrangements. — H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for March: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 6th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 14th and the 28th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 22nd, at 8. Committee meeting Monday, the 21st, at 7.30, at St. Clement's.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

ST. GILES', CAMBERWELL, SOCIETY.—The re-dedication of bells is on Tuesday, March 8th, by the Bishop of Southwark. Service commences at 8 p.m., to which all ringers are invited.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly business meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10th, at the Church of St. Martin and All Saints. Bells of St. Ebbe's Church available from 6 p.m. Service at All Saints' Church at 8 p.m., followed by business meeting.—W. Collett, 13, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, March 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. The usual tea arrangements will be made. All are welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to those who notify Mr. A. E. Woodhouse, 104, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale, not later than Tuesday, March 8th. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Glyn Road, Homerton, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.15. Tea at 5.45, at usual charge of 1s.; all who require same must please advise me not later than March 9th. Buses or trams to Median Road, Clapton. Trains to Homerton (L.M.S.). Members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, March 12th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at South Kirby on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided for those who apply to Mr. A. E. Harrison, 74, Mill Lane, South Kirby, near Pontefract, before March 9th.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. The bells of St. Mark's, Bath, will be available in the evening from 7 o'clock. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 9th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) at 3. Short Service 4.30. Tea at small charge, in Parish Hall, at 5. All ringers welcome. Please notify me by March 8th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treas., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Hyde Road, Gorton, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells at liberty 3 o'clock till 7.15 p.m. Meeting after. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 4.30. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kissingbury on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Important. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 8th? —T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Short service at 5 o'clock.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. —The annual meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be served in the Mission Room at 5 p.m. at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head. Applications for same to be made to Mr. R. B. Smith, Vicar Lane, Howden, not later than Wednesday, March 16th. Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions for current year are now due.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

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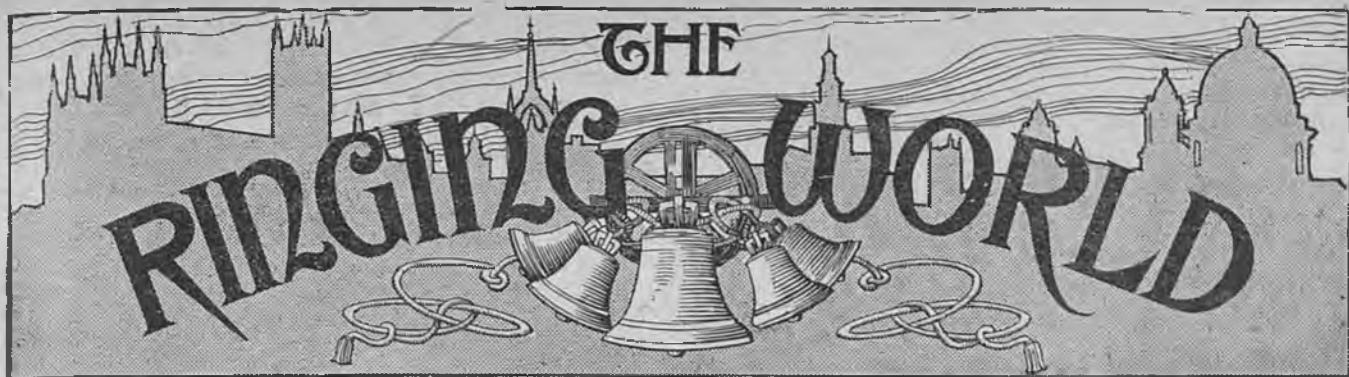
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Conducted by J. S. EASTWOOD.

* First peal. First peal of Major on the bells and for the ringer of the 3rd. First attempt for a peal as conductor. J. Thackray rang in the first peal of Minor on these bells in 1895.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT HELLIWELL Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY 5
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WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	JOHN R. BREARLEY 7
ARTHUR PANTHER 4	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. R. BREARLEY.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 5th the extent in 5th's, and 4th and 6th their extent in 6th's, without 2nd or 3rd in 6th's. The peal was specially arranged for Messrs. Panther and Gill, of Wath, whose first peal in the method it was. Also in honour of the wedding of Mr. Joseph E. Sykes, brother-in-law of the conductor, which took place the same day. Tenor ringer's 50th peal.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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WILLIAM BERRY 2	TOM A. OGDEN 6
THOMAS K. DRIVER 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
JOHN SMITH 4	WILLIAM HARDMAN Tenor

This peal was rung by Middleton ringers in honour of Dr. Parsons, Rector of Birch-in-Rusholme, who on January 25th last was consecrated Bishop of Middleton, a previous attempt on that date at Middleton having failed. The ringers wish to thank the Bishop for the use of the bells, and also the Birch ringers for having everything ready for them.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

PERCY GLEDSTONE Treble	HARRY BARNES 5
*JAMES MCCLUSKY 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE 6
*STANLEY SHEPPARD 3	FREDERICK G. LEWIS 7
OLIVER GREATHEAD 4	ARNOLD HILL Tenor

Composed by H. TUCKER. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* First peal of Major and in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. Mansfield and Miss E. Owlett, which took place at the above church earlier in the day, and as a compliment to the mother of the ringer of the 5th on the 71st anniversary of her birthday.

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At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 3½ cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5
JOHN BASS 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
SAMUEL GROVE 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
JOSEPH E. SYKES 4	JOSEPH PIGOTT Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*HENRY MARGERINSON ... Treble	THOMAS CALDERBANK ... 5
WILLIAM ILSLEY 2	JAMES HARRISON 6
MISS MAY CLAYTON 3	JOHN MOULDING 7
GEORGE HOOPER 4	JOHN BROWN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

* First peal. † First of Major. Rung to celebrate the enthronement of the Rev. Percy Mark Herbert, M.A., D.D., as the first Bishop of Blackburn. First peal of Major on the bells by a local company, the bells having been installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1887. First peal in the method as conductor.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES BROCKLEHURST ... Treble	*WILLIAM MILLER 5
THOS. CHAMBERS 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
FRED CHAMBERS 3	FRED BRADLEY 7
HERBERT CHAMBERS 4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the enthronement and as a welcome to the Right Rev. Percy Mark Herbert, D.D., the first Lord Bishop of Blackburn.

BANBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BANBURY AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

RICHARD W. BORROWS ... Treble	MAURICE SMITH 5
ROBERT R. LEWIS 2	*HERBERT IMPEY 6
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*THOMAS IMPEY 4	ROBERT HIGHAM Tenor

Conducted by JOHN SIMONS.

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(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

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At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*THOMAS H. CULVER ... Treble	BERTIE ALDRIDGE 5
WILLIAM E. JUDD 2	LESTER L. GRAY 6
JAMES A. HALES 3	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 7
THOMAS WYATT 4	*CYRIL E. PALMER Tenor

Conducted by W. E. JUDD.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor.

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On Saturday, March 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
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At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST J. GOATER ... Treble	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ... 5
JOHN B. HESSEY 2	WILLIAM C. PARKER ... 6
*EDWIN BURLEY 3	SIDNEY G. ARMSTRONG ... 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	GEORGE HAIN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal on an inside bell. † First peal. The treble and tenor ringers were proposed members of the above Guild before starting.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	HARRY F. HOLDING ... 5
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	HARRY WOODWARD ... 7
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

*ROBERT BARKER ... Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 5
ALFRED BARNES 2	WILLIAM CRABTREE ... 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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

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THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. TEAGUE ... Treble	*PHILIP J. HITCHENS ... 5
*ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 6
FREDERICK G. VILES ... 3	*WILLIAM H. SOUTHARD ... 7
ALBERT F. KNIGHT 4	*BERTIE PASCOE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. All except the conductor reside in the Diocese of Truro, this being the first peal any resident members have taken part in since 1911.

CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—On February 20th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins.: W. Rigby 1, J. Wildblood 2, T. Harpin 3, W. Longman 4, T. Arrowsmith 5, G. Widdulph (first 720 as conductor) 6, G. Stonechewer tenor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to T. Arrowsmith, after meeting short for a quarter-peal of Stedman.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS PATTIE CLARKE ... 1 <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
*OSWALD J. HUNT ... 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 7
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method.

PRESTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary, PKNWORTHAM.

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 1 <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
JOHN R. TAYLOR ... 2	CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... 6
JOHN WILKINSON ... 3	JAMES MARTIN ... 7
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EVERSHOLT, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CYRIL SINFIELD ... 1 <i>Treble</i>	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 4
WILLIAM JAMES ... 2	ALBERT FLEET ... 5
WILLIAM PEACOCK ... 3	HORACE H. SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HORACE H. SMITH.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob by all.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Oswald.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 1 <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK C. AMOS ... 4
*G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 2	WILLIAM DEAN ... 5
THOMAS BIRCH ... 3	JOHN COOKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. COOKE.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble is only 12 years of age.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Parish Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, rung alternately and each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*FREDERICK M. MITCHELL <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE MORRAD ... 4
CYRIL M. MITCHELL ... 2	HARRY ARGENT ... 5
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 3	JOHN BURLES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN BURLES.

* 33rd peal on these bells and first on the treble, thus completing the circle. † First peal on a 'bob' bell, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday peal to Thomas, second son of the conductor.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

L. ROBBUCK ... 1 <i>Treble</i>	D. SMITH ... 4
H. COOPER ... 2	M. PERRY ... 5
H. CHANT ... 3	J. T. WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. T. WHITE.

This is the first peal and first attempt by all, who are Sunday service ringers at this church, also first peal rung on these bells. The tenor was cast in 1613. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. H. S. P. Coster, late Vicar of St. Mary's, Bloemfontein, South Africa.

POWNSHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, February 27, 1927, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS PRATT ... 1 <i>Treble</i>	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 4
DAVID HORNE ... 2	CHARLES CAMM ... 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 3	GEORGE JORDAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

BRINDLE, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 28, 1927, in Three Hours.

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHARLES R. POWER ... 1 <i>Treble</i>	*ARTHUR HATCH ... 4
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 2	JOHN R. STOTT ... 5
FRED BLACKLIDGE ... 3	WILLIAM FOWLER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

* First peal. Rung on the enthronement of Bishop Herbert, of Blackburn.

RISHTON, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*RICHARD AYERTON ... 1 <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR LORD ... 4
ALBERT YATES ... 2	JOHN HIRST ... 5
JACK BEATTY ... 3	FRED READ ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRED READ.

* First peal. First in the method for ringer of 3rd, who comes from Accrington. The rest are local ringers. None of the above are 20 years of age. Rung for the enthronement of the Bishop of Blackburn.

WESTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores with ten different callings, and one 240 Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

JOHN LYE ... 1 <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 4
MISS NORA G. WILLIAMS ... 2	GEORGE CROSS ... 5
FRANK MERRETT ... 3	GEORGE BRAVER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CROCKER.

Rung as a birthday peal to Joseph Stagg, who for forty years has been a ringer in the above tower.

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STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*THOMAS R. SHARMAN Treble	ALFRED MOULD 4
GEORGE FREEBRY 2	WILLIAM LANCASTER 5
†REGINALD BOULTON 3	JACK BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBRY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's.

PERCY AMOS Treble	JOHN R. MAIN 4
GEORGE PARKER 2	HARRY PETTIT 5
JOHN KING 3	THOMAS WISE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

ST. ERME, CORNWALL.

THE TREURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Hermes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

*JOHN SEDGELEY Treble	ALBERT F. KNIGHT 4
WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 3	BERTIE PASCOE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, February 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of Charles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings.

*THOMAS G. MYERS 1-2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 3-4
*WARREN S. HORNERBROOK 5-6	

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Umpire: ALFRED T. WESTCOTT.

* First peal 'in hand.'

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Ash Wednesday, March 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

In Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 1-2	S. H. WOOD (MAGDALENE) 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (SELWYN) 3-4	*REV. R. WOOLLEY (CAIUS) 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's). Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

* First peal.

ST. ALBANS.—On Monday, February 28th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: T. Hull (conductor) 1, F. Spicer 2, H. G. Lightfoot 3, T. Gardner 4, J. Porter 5, B. Swinson 6, F. Kirk 7, H. Lucas (Bridgwater, Somerset, first quarter-peal) 8.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to reply to the note of Mr. Cave's recent letter? He says 'I have complained as to the use of blue pencil.' I was not aware of this complaint, as I merely told him that it had been used, and that my letter did not convey all I wished it to. He also says my letter to him contained nothing of value. I might say it contained all I intended it to, and that was what he asked for, viz., the particulars of the Variation of Haley's and the date of peal. What more does he want? I must say that he has rightly guessed that of the peals I sent the first is known as Tipler's Variation of Haley's, but considering that he has had the figures of the peal, together with 'R.W.' peal card, by his side for three weeks, it is a marvellous piece of deduction. But where the 'Washbrook' comes about, I fail to see, as he has already admitted that neither Haley's nor Brook's on the six single plan had been rung or published, and I have always been led to believe the ringing or publishing decides the issue. As for the transposition he talks about, a transposition is another version of the original, so that settles that. Mr. Cave says that his notes are simply to prove that there is no such thing as Dexter's Variation, and that he has done so, but I am not so certain as yet about it. Although a member of M.C.A., I have not reports for 1912 and 1913, so cannot compare peals 2197 and 2284 to see what F. H. D. has done to the latter when compared with the former, and if my information is correct he can go back farther still.—Yours truly,
E. W. TIPLER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cave is right, but still a few years out. The peal in question was first rung at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on February 13th, 1890, conducted by Mr. Washbrook. When a lad, I well remember hearing him state that he had called 'Thurstans' peal without extras or omits, using six singles, two the reverse of two, and two to connect the two halves.—Yours,

FRANK SMITH.

Hampstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.

A successful meeting was held at Measham on Saturday, March 5th. In spite of inclement weather, upwards of twenty members and friends were present from Ashby, Burton, Market Bosworth, Overseale, Netherscale, Appleby Magna and Tamworth.

The Parish Church bells were well utilised during the afternoon in various methods, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Kent Treble Bob Major, whilst after tea handbell ringing was indulged in.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. R. King) welcomed the ringers, and on behalf of all present Mr. J. H. Swinfield suitably replied.

A short business meeting was held after tea, at which it was decided that the next meeting should be held at Repton if possible, or otherwise at St. Paul's, Burton. It was also decided that the meeting at Alreowas, which had been unavoidably cancelled, should be held later, when the repairs necessitated by the recent belfry fire had been completed.—Two new ringing members were elected, both from Appleby Magna.

LONDON BOB TRIPLES.

5,040 BY ALBERT J. PITMAN, PORT TALBOT.

234567	235476
342675 . 3	762435 . 4
563427 . 2	467235 . 5
635274 . 3	524673 . 2
746235 . 4	365247 . 2
247635 . 5	1473265 . 4
642735 . 5	364527 . 1
236574 . 1	643275 . 3
1452367 . 2	246375 . 5
264735 . 1	532467 . 2
432576 . 1	435267 . 5

Repeat five times, omitting call marked † in 2nd, 4th and 6th parts. Repeat five times, omitting call marked † in 8th, 10th and 12th parts.

Holt's Bob Single at 6th and 12th part ends.
First rung at Bridgend, Glam., on March 5th, 1927, conducted by Charles H. Perry.

A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

At Churchkirk, Lancashire, on Monday, February 14th, 1,264 Bob Major. A. Chadwick 1, W. Aaron 2, J. Woods 3, Miss E. Shaw 4, J. Parr 5, J. Hirst 6, F. Read 7, L. J. Williams (conductor) 8. Specially rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Williams, the conductor's mother, on attaining the age of 60 years.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.—On Saturday, March 5th, at St. Nicolas', 1,248 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Dumper 1, H. Badger 2, G. Williams 3, F. A. Burnett 4, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 5, W. T. Tucker 6, W. E. Cheater 7, F. Blondell 8.

AN EDINBURGH CELEBRATION.

A PEAL AND PRESENTATIONS AT ST. CUTHBERT'S.

As recorded in our last issue, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, on February 19th, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the fine ring of eight bells (by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough), the gift to the church of the late Mrs. General Anderson. The peal was well struck throughout, and afforded considerable satisfaction in that three of the ringers scored their first peal in any method, and one scored her first peal of Grandsire. Two of the band, it will have been observed, were ladies. St. Cuthbert's Society can boast of four lady members, and too much praise can scarcely be bestowed on them for the immense interest they take in the work of the bellry. It is seldom, if ever, they miss a practice or attendance on Sundays for two services, and sometimes three, and they are always willing to take their share in forming a band to bring on beginners, which, as all know who have any experience of teaching change ringing, is a very important matter.

Following the peal, a sumptuous tea was provided in the Church Hall, and a pleasant evening ensued, at which all the members of the St. Cuthbert's Society were present, with the addition of Mr. W. B. Sampson, representing St. Mary's Cathedral, and Miss Brown and Mr. Lawson, representing St. James' Episcopal Church, Leith. The thanks of the society are specially due to the church officer and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Macdonald, for the trouble they took on this occasion.

The main object of this meeting, however, was not only to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the bells but to acknowledge the completion of 25 years of valuable service by Mr. William C. S. Heathcote, the esteemed instructor and conductor of the St. Cuthbert's Society. Change ringing in Scotland does not enjoy the same popularity as it does south of the Tweed. Open practices are almost unknown, recruits are few in number, and peals have to be attempted very sparingly. It says a lot, therefore, for Mr. Heathcote that, in spite of all these difficulties, he has kept up the interest in change ringing that he has done during his 25 years at St. Cuthbert's.

In the course of the evening, Mr. Ellis was asked to act as the mouth-piece of Mr. Heathcote's fellow ringers and friends, and to express to him their appreciation of his untiring energy, exceptional patience and skill as an instructor. Mr. Ellis said that the society felt that they could not let an occasion like that pass without asking Mr. Heathcote to accept some tribute of the affection and esteem in which he was held by all who had had the pleasure of being associated with him. The suggestion to make Mr. Heathcote a presentation was taken up with the utmost enthusiasm, and subscriptions were willingly given. Those who had long ceased to have connection with St. Cuthbert's contributed, and the value of their contributions was enhanced by the letters received, all of which testified to the pleasure it gave them to be parties to the project and to the admiration held for Mr. Heathcote.

Mr. Ellis, on behalf of the subscribers, then handed to Mr. Heathcote a gold hunting watch, suitably inscribed, with a gold chain and a St. Cuthbert's cross attached also in gold. He said that if the beat of the watch proved as true to time as the beat of affection in the hearts of the subscribers, Mr. Heathcote would have no cause to complain.

Other members also spoke, including the only two now remaining of the original band formed in 1902, viz., Mr. Adam and Mr. Stocks.

Mr. Heathcote, on rising to reply, was greeted with much applause and the singing of 'He's a jolly good fellow.' He feelingly and suitably responded to the remarks that had been made.

On Wednesday evening, February 23rd, the annual dinner of the society was held in the Caledonian Station Hotel. Ladies and gentlemen to the number of about 100 were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Fulton occupied the chair. The organist, Mr. Cowie, presided at the piano, and songs were rendered by ladies and gentlemen of the choir. A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung by five members of the society, including two of the ladies.

The toast of 'The Donor of the Bells,' which was drunk in silence, was entrusted to the Rev. Dr. Maclean, senior minister of St. Cuthbert's, who had just returned from Australia.

'The Society of Change Ringers' was proposed by the Rev. Mr. Macleod, colleague to Dr. Maclean, and responded to by the secretary, Mr. Henry Mann.

The toast of 'The Church of Scotland' was eloquently proposed by Dr. Lyn, and replied to by the Rev. Dr. Maclean.

The Chairman, in a few well-chosen words, on behalf of the Kirk Session of St. Cuthbert's and with every expression of appreciation and goodwill, asked Mr. Heathcote's acceptance of a cheque for £25.—Mr. Heathcote, who was somewhat overwhelmed by being made the recipient of such a gift, spoke of the pleasure he had always had in his work as instructor to the Society of Change Ringers. He returned sincere and grateful thanks for the manner in which his services had been recognised by all concerned.

BISHOP'S ENTHRONEMENT.

To celebrate the enthronement of the Bishop of Blackburn, on Monday, February 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, in 45 mins.: H. Wormwell 1, H. Entwistle 2, W. Stephenson 3, F. Bentley 4, W. Robinson 5, R. Hartley 6, W. Hunter (conductor) 7. The longest length in the method by ringers of 4 and 5. Owing to sickness, this was rung without a covering holl.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

RANMOOR BELLS RESTORATION SCHEME.

Despite the unsettled state of the weather, about 50 members visited Ranmoor, on Saturday, March 5th, the towers represented being: Barnsley, Chesterfield, Dore, Handsworth, Killamash, Norton, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints', St. Marie's, Treeton and Wortley, backed up by a strong contingent of the local company. The peal of eight bells are not in very good going order, consequently it was not surprising that the majority of attempts to bring touches round came to grief, though it was gratifying to land a course of London Surprise.

The Vicar, Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls (a ringing member of the Society), conducted the service in the magnificent church, and gave a most interesting address which was commendable for its brevity.

Tea was provided in the local schoolroom with the usual thoroughness characteristic of the Ranmoor company, where the ringers were joined by the organist and the two churchwardens.

The business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, was opened by a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, after which the minutes of last year's annual meeting were passed 'as read.'

The balance sheet was presented, and showed a clear gain of £2 0s. 7d. on the year's working, which, together with the capital in the bank, indicated the society's worth at December 31st last to be £10 3s. 1d.

An extempore report for the year 1926 was given by the secretary (Mr. Colin Harrison), who took the opportunity to eulogise the services which the late Mr. Sam Thomas had rendered to the local company and the Sheffield District Society, and expressed the hope that the Vicar and his colleagues would in the near future take some steps to improving the condition of St. John's bells as a memorial to Mr. Thomas. Twenty-two peals had been rung during the year, which represented an increase of 7 over 1925, the methods ranging from Minor to Cinques, and including Grandsire, Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich, Norfolk Surprise, Cambridge Surprise Major and Royal, New Cambridge, Yorkshire and London Surprise Major. The peal book was entered up to date, and the society had no outstanding financial liabilities whatever.

The whole of the officers and members of committees were re-elected with the exception of the president, Mr. Arthur Craven expressing the desire to retire on the grounds of indifferent health and other calls upon his time. Mr. J. P. Tarlton, of North Wingfield, was therefore unanimously elected to this honoured post for the ensuing year.

In replying to the vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company, the Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls said that they fully appreciated the remarks of the secretary with regard to the condition of their bells. He agreed that their rehauling, etc., would be a fitting memorial to the late Mr. Sam Thomas, and the local Church Council were unanimous in their opinion regarding the welfare of the bells and their ringers. They had already received two tenders from leading bellfounders for carrying out the intended work, which approximated to £700, but owing to the bad times through which we were passing, and the heavy drain which the diocesan fund made upon their resources (their quota to this fund was £400 annually), they did not think that the moment which they could call opportune had arrived to carry out an ambitious scheme.—Mr. Tindall, churchwarden, associated himself and his colleague with what the Vicar had said, and assured the gathering that the matter would not be shelved; they were only waiting for financial conditions to improve, so that, when they made their appeal for funds, they would be assured of a successful response.

Although the service, tea and business meeting occupied the best part of 2½ hours, members considered the time well spent in having the assurance that the Vicar and his colleagues were with them in their desire to perpetuate the memory of Sam Thomas in a lasting and much-hoped-for manner.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A well attended meeting of the Rosendale Branch was held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, February 26th. Ringing was indulged in from 3 o'clock to 5.30, when an adjournment was made to the Boar's Head, to partake of 'hot pot' kindly provided by the Rector, and to which ample justice was done.

Afterwards, a meeting was held, the Rector, the Rev. G. E. Knapps Fisher, occupying the chair. It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Saviour's, Bacup, the date to be arranged. Two new members were elected, and Mr. J. H. Banks proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his hospitality. This was seconded by Mr. Tom Rollerson, and the Rector responded. Thanks were also given to Mr. and Mrs. Cowell, the host and hostess, for providing such an excellent repast, to the Rector and wardens for use of bells, and to the local ringers for having all in order.

Every tower in the branch was represented, with one visitor, Mr. H. Davenport, of Todmorden, a total of 37 altogether.

After the meeting, an adjournment was made to the tower, where ringing was indulged in up to a late hour, and during the afternoon and evening Bob Minor, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and other methods were rung. This proved one of the best meetings held in the district for a considerable time.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, KILBURN.**ANOTHER LONDON PEAL IN FIRST-RATE ORDER.**

The bells of this church were cast by Vanaerschodt, of Louvain, in 1898, and were originally so hung that they were obliged to be rung with clappers striking the wrong side in order to be heard at all. Even so, clear strike notes were unattainable, and the trebles were much overpowered. Last August the timber frame, which was not designed to take the stress of the bells when rung, was removed, and the bells were sent to Loughborough. Messrs. Taylor have now re-erected them in a cast-iron frame carried by steel girders. One of the bells has been recast, but the remainder, which have the angular lips characteristic of continental bells, have been tuned, and Messrs. Taylor have provided entirely new fittings, including ball bearings for the gudgeons and pulleys and force-feed lubricators for the bearings of the clappers. The clock chimes have been altered, so as to produce correct Cambridge chimes, with an octave interval between the chimes and the hour bell.

The bells were rerung for the first time for evensong on February 23rd, the eve of the Feast of the Dedication of the church, when, after rounds had been rung by a local band, 420 Stedman Triples was rung by: E. M. Atkins (conductor) 1, J. A. Trollope 2, C. T. Coles 3, Miss E. K. Parker 4, G. M. Kilby 5, R. Holloway 6, G. Fletcher 7, Rev. M. C. Edgar 8. Afterwards touches of Double Norwich, Kent and Grand-sire were rung. On the following evening, 180 Bob Minor was rung by the following local band: W. Ball 1, Rev. M. C. Edgar 2, G. Margetts 3, Mrs. F. A. Atkins 4, A. Gardner 5, E. M. Atkins 6, R. Gilbert 7, H. L. Jones 8.

The bells will normally be rung on Sundays 10.15-11 and 5.45-6.30 (except in evening of first Sunday in the month), and on Thursdays 8.9.30, when any visitors will be welcome. They are not to be rung, however, during the last fortnight of Lent.

MR. W. J. NEVARD'S THANKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank most heartily all kind subscribers for their handsome and unexpected gift of a cup presented to me at Colchester in celebration of my 50 years' ringing, and particularly those who, for various reasons, were unable to be present at the presentation by the Lord Bishop of Colchester.—Yours, etc.,

W. J. NEVARD.

The Myrtles, Great Bentley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.**

A quarterly meeting of this district was held at Freshwater on Saturday, February 26th, when, owing to illness amongst island ringers, there was a poor attendance of members. Arrangements had been made by the Rector for the bells to be half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. C. E. Matthews, vice-president of the Guild, and ringing commenced with the whole pull and stand rung 63 times. Prior to the service, 360 Bob Minor was rung: A. Long (Carisbrooke) 1, Mr. H. Barton (conductor) 2, Dr. J. B. Williamson (Ventnor) 3, F. Taylor (Carisbrooke) 4, B. J. Snow 5, A. R. Ward (Ryde) 6. The Rector, who conducted the service, made special reference to the passing of the late Rev. C. E. Matthews, who was a lover of bells, a friend of the ringers, and an ardent worker in promoting the interest of the art and in all Guild matters.

Both of the hymns in the Guild's form of service, written by the deceased, were sung, and at the close of the service the organist, Mr. J. H. G. Ives, played the 'Dead March.'

The members were entertained at the Parish Hall by the Rector and Mrs. Coombes to a sumptuous tea; and at the short business meeting following, over which the Rector presided, it was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Brading on Saturday, May 28th, also a combined practice meeting at Carisbrooke on Saturday, April 30th.—The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. E. H. Coombes and Mrs. Coombes for their kind hospitality, also to Mr. Ives, the organist, for his service. Further ringing on handbells and the church bells was then indulged in.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Ashford District was held at Appledore on February 26th, but the attendance was not up to the usual average, only 17 members being present, representing Ashford, Frittenden, Hythe, Lydd, Stone, Tenterden, Willesborough, and the local band. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. O. Scott), and tea was partaken of at the Swan Hotel, kindly provided by the secretary.

The Vicar, having another engagement, gave a few words of welcome before leaving at the business meeting which followed. Mr. A. J. Battin was voted to the chair. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Rolvenden on May 21st.

Six new members were then elected, and the secretary gave a brief report of the committee meeting held at Maidstone in November.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. G. Johnson, who had things ready, concluded the business, and a return was made to the tower, where the bells were kept going till 8.30.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., Whitechurch, Salop, have just erected a new striking clock at Grinshill Church, Salop. They have also in hand a new striking clock for Tisbury Church, Wilts.

A writer in a London daily the other day referred to the 'tortures of the church bell,' and said that as the members of 14 other denominations can assemble without the clanging bell it is not necessary for the remainder.

He evidently overlooked the fact that most of the members of the other 14 denominations take their time from the church bell. Their services usually commence at the same hours, and the church bell, although provided by someone else, answers their purpose as well. They might not admit it, but—well, it is so.

We have had to wait until 1927 for the first peal of London Bob Triples. It was rung at Bridgend, Glamorganshire, on Saturday last, conducted by C. H. Perry. This method, which is quite interesting to ring, is given in C.C.C. of Methods as No. 5, but for some reason it is not named there.

The most interesting anniversary which falls next week, and one which ought to be duly celebrated, is the bicentenary of the first peal at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. It was a 6,006 Grandsire Cinques, rung by the London Scholars on March 14th, 1727. It was one of the only three peals known to have been rung by the society.

The church had been consecrated on October 26th, 1726, and it is thought to be not unlikely that the society had its headquarters at St. Martin's. On the day following the London Scholars' successful peal, the College Youths had the use of the bells, and, going one better in regard to length, rang 6,314 Grandsire Cinques, which was called by Benjamin Annable.

These peals are outstanding events in the early history of ringing, and the 200th anniversary ought not to pass without suitable recognition.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to recast the existing peal of five at Ropley, Hants, and add a treble. The peal of six will be rehanging in a new frame with new fittings throughout.

The first peal of Treble Bob Maximus was rung at Southwark on March 12th, 1758, by the College Youths.

Ninety years ago next Monday a peal of 10,133 Grandsire Caters was rung at Christ Church, Bristol.

Wednesday is the 160th anniversary of a peal of 10,080 Bob Major, rung at Debenham. This peal was excellently completed in six hours and one minute, a performance never before accomplished by eight men without assistance to ye great bells.

The first peal of Violet Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Peter's, Huddersfield, on March 16th, 1865.

Birthday greetings to Mr. Challis F. Winney, who was born at Nayland, Suffolk, on March 17th, 1858.

The 'Shrewsbury Chronicle' last week quoted the following from its issue of Saturday, March 1st, 1777: 'On Tuesday last was rung, at St. Mary's Church, in this town, by the Society of Change Ringers, the quarter-peal of Bob Major, containing 10,080 changes, in 5 hours and 56 minutes. To those who know the strict attention necessary to be supported by every person engaged in such an undertaking, during so long a period, this performance must appear very extraordinary; and what adds to the merit of the performers is their completing it at the first attempt.'

The ringer of the 7th in the 11,008 Double Norwich Major at Erith, on February 26th, was F. J. Cullam, not Cunningham. The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Pulford on February 5th was Albert J. Hughes, not James Swindley, as published.

A well-known figure in Yorkshire ringing circles has passed away in the person of Mr. Thomas Henry Haigh, of the York Minster Society, who died last week at the age of 74 years.

The Lord Mayor of London having kindly placed a room at the disposal of the Central Council for their Whitsuntide gathering, the meeting will be held at the Mansion House. This, we believe, will be the first time a Council meeting has been held 'in the City.'

'RUNG FOR THE FIRST TIME.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I may be thought awfully particular, but very frequently footnotes to peals state: 'This composition is now rung for the first time.' Now, without any reference of files of peals in various methods, how can one be certain that this assertion is correct, especially in Cambridge Royal, in which true peals are somewhat more limited than in other methods?

It is to be hoped that this subject will be on the agenda at the next Central Council meeting, and something definite decided on.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Edward Young of Thornham, by the loss of his wife, who died on February 23rd at the age of 61. After the funeral on Monday, Feb. 28th, the bells were rung, with half-muffled clappers, to touches in various methods by Messrs. Berry, Blaxwell, Lockwood, Moss, Nunn, Poppy and Steggalls.

PROPOSED NEW PEAL OF 12 FOR KENSINGTON.

OVER £100 COLLECTED AT GUILD'S DINNER.

The annual dinner of the St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, took place at the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening, February 28th. The visitors present were: The Vicar, the Rev. E. Marling Roberts, Rev. R. C. L. Williams, D.S.O. (chaplain to the Guild), Rev. H. H. Low, Rural Dean, Rev. S. A. Spackman, Mr. T. Groombridge (Master), Mr. W. J. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the College Youths), Mr. R. A. Daniell, Mr. E. Brown, Mrs. Wilkins, Bristol (hon. member), and the churchwardens, Mr. R. Carter (hon. treasurer of the Guild) and Mr. H. V. Kenyon. Letters regretting their inability to attend were received from Dr. Forrest Brown, sometime Bishop of Bristol (a resident of the parish and 93 years of age), Rev. R. F. R. Routh (a former member of the Guild), Capt. Fielding (church secretary), Mr. Shuttleworth (organist), Mr. A. B. Bennett, Mr. J. A. Dart, and Mr. W. H. Fussell. The unfortunate accident that befell Mr. Fussell not only prevented him from being present at the dinner but prevented him from making up to date the peal book of the Guild. This book, which is usually open to inspection at the dinner, was therefore not on view this year. Hopes were expressed that Mr. Fussell would speedily recover.

The proposal to take down the existing ring of ten bells (tenor 32 cwt.) and replace them by a slightly heavier ring of twelve, was brought up again at this dinner, the scheme having been in abeyance since 1913. Mr. Brown was the first to offer a donation, and Mr. Carter, who has done such great work for the Guild, immediately took up the cause, contributing a very handsome donation himself. Well over £100 was collected from those present at the dinner. An appeal is to be made for funds in order that the work may be put in hand as soon as possible.

The toast of 'The King' was proposed by the Vicar; 'The Church' was submitted by Mr. Smith and responded to by the Vicar; Mr. R. A. Daniell proposed 'The Guild,' and this was responded to by Mr. Garrard, who gave a report of the year's working. He reported that 11 quarter-peals and two peals of Stedman Caters had been rung.

The Vicar then specially thanked Mr. Garrard for his great work in the belfry.

The next toast was 'The Visitors,' proposed by Mr. Selby and responded to by the Rev. S. A. Spackman, the Rev. H. H. Low, and Mr. Cockerill. The health of 'The Hon. Treasurer' (Mr. Carter) was proposed by Mr. Sadler, and Mr. Carter responded amidst cheers from all present. During the past year, Mr. Carter has made numerous gifts to the Guild, among which is a new clock in the belfry.

After the toast list, songs and recitations were given by Mr. Daniell, Rev. R. C. L. Williams, Mr. Harris and Mr. Miles.

A course of Stedman Cinques and a course of Grandsire Caters were rung, the following taking part: Messrs. Daniell, Cockerill, Winney, Miles, Judd, Groombridge and Roberts. The evening terminated with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

A useful meeting was held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, February 26th, members attending from Redbourn, Apsley End, King's Langley, Berkhamsted, Tring, Harpenden and the local band. The bells, available from 3 p.m., were made full use of in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Little Bob. Double Norwich was attempted, but would not materialise.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very appropriate address as well as interesting information about the bells of that tower. Afterwards, the whole company adjourned to St. Mary's Hall, where the Vicar had made ample preparations for a goodly company.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar (unanimously voted to the chair) cordially welcomed the ringers to Hemel Hempstead and offered apologies for the absence of Mrs. Robson and the churchwarden, but handed rounded cigarettes from the latter, in lieu of his presence that afternoon.

Two new members were elected, Mr. E. J. Wynn (Hemel Hempstead) and Mr. Robert Bruce (Apsley), and the election of Mr. C. W. Roberts prior to a peal was ratified.

The next meeting was arranged for Northchurch, the date to be left with the Rector and the secretary. The quarterly peal attempt was also left with the secretary.

The next combined practice was fixed for King's Langley, on Tuesday, March 8th, at 7.30 p.m. It was unanimously agreed that the secretary write to the Berkhamsted Parochial Council, drawing their attention to the condition of the 5th and 6th bells, and respectfully asking if they might suggest that this matter be one of the chief objects of improvement in the parish this year.

The Redbourn band, present at the meeting, were congratulated on having had four of their members included in a peal on their own bells.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his generosity in providing tea, for allowing the use of the bells, and for the interesting address he gave.

A course each of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor in hand concluded this part of the programme. The ringers then adjourned for more tower ringing. Had the weather been at all kind, the meeting would have been one of the largest ever held in the Western District.

THE INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your editorial in 'The Ringing World' of March 4th is good as far as it goes, but it does not touch the root of the matter. There certainly is need for an overhaul of the many instruction books in change ringing. I have most of these, from 'Grandsire Simply Explained' to Troyte and the whole Snowdon series, and though I believe I am endowed with an average amount of brain power, I must confess I have found them of very little value to me as a beginner. For so ancient an art the literature of change ringing is disgraceful. There does not appear to be a single writer on the subject who is able to express himself in explicit and grammatical English, and every authority seems to vie with every other in making confusion worse confounded. As for any ability to teach, it does not appear to exist at all in any writer on the subject.

There remains, then (I am thinking of the absolute beginner), only one way of learning the art, and that is by practical instruction in the belfry, but there is a great difference between the practical ringer and the efficient teacher. After seeing the methods adopted in about a dozen towers in different parts of the country, I have found only three or four instructors who have any teaching ability at all. I have watched three experts trying to teach a beginner at the same time. No. 1 told him to 'Make third's and go out back'; No. 2, 'Lead and hunt up'; No. 3, 'Go behind in the compass of four and get back in the compass of three,' while the ringer himself was mentally following what another expert had taught him, 'Lead, lead, 1-2, 1-2, lead, lead, 5-3-1-2-5-3,' etc. Now, sir, what value is there in instruction of this sort? Its certain result is that a novice, who has been kept up to rounds and call changes, gets 'fed up' and drops out after a few lessons of this sort in change ringing. I own that the experts have always been ready to teach me what they know, and many a time I have wished that they wouldn't!

There is such unholy haste to get young ringers on to plain courses, 60's and 120's, that there is no time for real instruction. Does anybody expect that a child who has just learnt to count 10 will be put straight on to the working of intricate problems with a schoolmaster shouting at him to tell him what figures to put down next? No, he must learn his tables and his four elementary rules. I have seldom seen any systematic teaching of the four rules of change ringing—counting the place, hunting, dodging and placemaking—but the novice is taken by the neck straight from his counting rounds and flung into the problems of Grandsire or Minor. It is of no use for the pundits to deplore the decline of the art while they make no effort really to teach the novice.

What is needed is a standardised system of instruction, the use of exactly the same terms, always bearing the same meaning, and the instruction of the instructors. It would be an excellent idea for the central authority to draw up a book of formal, systematic and progressive instruction which the various Guilds could adopt for the use of their ringers. The Guild could even arrange 'refresher courses' for the captains of belfries, so that they would be taught how to put their knowledge into a form that would be assimilated by their bands.

'The Ringing World' itself is much to blame for the present state of affairs, as it does little or nothing for the learner. Of what use to gardening would a horticultural journal be that confined its activities to the recording of the weights of the biggest marrows grown in the country and the occasional analysis of a chemical manure? 'The Ringing World' does little more than this for ringers.

If the central authority cannot adopt the idea of systematising the instruction in change ringing, why cannot 'The Ringing World' step in and do so? Then this journal would become a living force in the Exercise and not remain what it now is—the mere tombstone of a declining art.—Yours truly,

J. P. ARMSTRONG.

The School House,
Brockenhurst, Hants.

[Surely our correspondent's apportionment of blame to 'The Ringing World' for the state of affairs of which he complains is as much unwarranted as would be similar strictures on a horticultural journal for the failure of a potato crop through the incapacity of a so-called 'gardener.' That some form of systematised instruction in our art is necessary, we agree, but even in schools teaching is not done through a newspaper—schoolmasters and textbooks are employed.—Ed. 'R.W.']

BELLS AND GUIDE BOOKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the guide and touring books issued by the railway companies, town councils, and travel bureaux, one generally finds a description of the churches in the various places treated in these books.

Often the architecture, the style of the tower, the interior, and the organ are described in detail, but rarely are the bells mentioned.

Could not something be done to remedy this state of things, as surely the bells are just as much a part of the church as a carved oak lectern?

Besides, reference to the bells would tend to keep alive the public's interest in them, and possibly induce some wealthy tourist to have his own neglected parish church bells put in order on his return home.—Yours faithfully,

'OBSERVER.'

NEW TOWER AND BELLS AT CRESWELL.

A PERFECT PEAL FROM LOUGHBOROUGH.

Creswell, a mining village on the borders of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, and situated in the Dukeries, three miles from Welbeck Abbey, the seat of the Duke of Portland, has just completed its Parish Church by the addition of a tower and ring of eight bells, and set the seal to one of the most successful schemes of parochial co-operation ever undertaken in a comparatively small town.

Some 13 or 14 years ago, Mr. S. Evans, J.P., Mr. John Eyre, the late Mr. Reuben Davies, and Mr. J. T. Blagg, agreed to subscribe £100 each to the proposed scheme. Through many reasons, including, of course, the Great War, the scheme was not proceeded with until the advent of the present Vicar (the Rev. W. Kay, D.S.O., M.C., M.A.), who immediately took the matter in hand, and has since worked with unflinching energy to realise its maturity. The serious work commenced in October, 1922, and since then all kinds of efforts have been made in aid of the scheme by the various sections of the church. Bazaars, dances, whist drives, etc., have been held in galore in order to augment the funds, but the most outstanding fact is that the parishioners themselves, including people of other denominations, decided by a canvass of the village, to support the scheme in its entirety. As a result of this canvass, no less than 1,231 people made weekly contributions to the effort. Altogether, the building of the tower and bells will cost a little over £4,000, of which about £3,667 has already been subscribed, and, judging from the support the scheme has already received, the balance will be forthcoming in a very short time.

The tower itself is a work of art, and congratulations must be showered upon the people who have been responsible for its erection. It is built in a late decorated style, with handmade brick, together with Weldon stone dressings, while the woodwork (doors, etc.) is of oak. The carvings in the tower (carried out by Messrs. A. H. Borrowdale and Sons, monumental sculptors, of London and Workson), comprise 18 ornamental bosses, eight of which are symbolic emblems. Those on the north and south sides represent the four evangelists, viz., Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The remaining ones on the tower are in the form of gargoyles, while those over the West doorway are ornamental floral bosses from the architects' design.

The bells, which come from the Loughborough Foundry, are 'harmonically' perfect, being tuned on the Taylor 'true harmonic' system, by which each bell is made absolutely true in itself, and also in perfect accord with the other bells. All the latest improvements in hanging and in the fittings have been introduced, including ball bearings. The new hollow box section cast iron headstocks, which have now replaced the wooden type, do not require screwing up and adjusting as did the old ones, and the improved design of clapper joints is of a vastly superior type. The Creswell bells are hung in a new strong and massive iron framework, designed specially for them, the frame being supported by stout steel girders, well-braced and bolted together, the ends of which are grouted into the tower walls, and, in addition to supporting the frame, are thereby a source of strength to the tower. The tenor is 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

The bells are a very fine ring of eight, and great credit is due to Messrs. Taylor and Co., as the whole job is really as near perfection as possible.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:

Tenor.—'For the Honour of God this peal was hung in 1926 by the Parishioners.' W. Kay, D.S.O., M.C., M.A., Vicar; J. W. Eadson, J. W. Shacklock, Churchwardens.

7th.—'To the Glory of God in loving memory of Hannah Blagg and Ann Ellis. The gift of John Thomas and Sarah Ann Blagg, 1926.'

6th.—'To the Glory of God in memory of Father, Mother and Brothers. The gift of John Eyre.'

5th.—'To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Reuben Davies. The gift of his Wife and Children, 1926.'

4th.—'To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Skinner (born 1825, died 1911) and Emily Skinner (born 1835, died 1913). This Bell was presented by their daughter, Ann Day, 1926.'

3rd.—'Day by Day we magnify Thee.'

2nd.—'We praise Thee; we bless Thee; we glorify Thee.'

Treble.—'To the Honour of our blessed Lord Jesus. The Children's Bell.'

The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Southwell (Dr. Heywood) on Saturday, February 26th, and the event aroused great pleasure and interest among the parishioners. The village was a scene of animation long before the time of the service, and the famous Creswell Colliery prize band, anxious to take their part in the day's proceedings, led the procession of Boys' Brigade, which formed a guard of honour to their graces the Duke and Duchess of Portland, who attended. The church was crowded to excess, hundreds having to be content to remain outside, anxiously waiting to hear their bells. The service, which commenced at 2.45 p.m., was conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, and many clergy from neighbouring parishes. The lower and bells were dedicated by the Bishop, and, while he with the clergy and choir returned to the chancel, the newly-formed band of Creswell ringers rang rounds for a few minutes. They did this exceptionally well, so well, indeed, that several older ringers could scarcely believe that they had not been helped.

The Bishop gave an address, in which he referred to the part which the bells played in the Christian life, and spoke, incidentally, of the practical interest in ringing in that county which had been taken in the past by his cousin, the late Sir Arthur Heywood.

After the service, the Bolsover ringers rang a four-course touch of Double Norwich, after which the bells were open to visiting ringers, and touches and courses were rung in the following methods: Kens Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, Superlative, Cambridge, Norfolk, London, Original Major, Duke of York and Bob Major, several of the Creswell ringers taking part in the latter.

A public tea was provided, to which 450 sat down, and about thirty ringers were invited. Congratulatory speeches were made by, among others, the Duke and Duchess of Portland, and the architect for the tower (Mr. Lewis Ambler, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., of Temple Chambers, London), representatives of the builders (Messrs. Vallance and Son, of Mansfield), and Mr. Pryce Taylor, representing the founders, were present.

The bells were kept going until 8.45 p.m., and arrangements were made for a band to stay overnight to ring for Sunday service. The methods rung for service were: Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Yorkshire, London and Bristol. It is to be hoped the Creswell band will make headway after so brilliant a beginning. They have everything in their favour—beautiful bells, a good ringing room and an interested Vicar.

RICKMANSWORTH BELLS TO BE AUGMENTED.

TWO TREBLES TO MAKE A RING OF TEN.

The second annual dinner of the Rickmansworth Society took place on Tuesday evening, March 1st. Proceedings commenced by ringing from 6.30 till 8 o'clock, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples being rung, and every touch brought round in good style. The company, 18 in all, then sat down to an excellent repast at the Red Spider tea-rooms, where the inner man was well attended to by the genial proprietor, Mr. Willard. The company included the Vicar (the Rev. Newton), Major F. Hinton and Mr. Clubb (churchwardens), Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn, Messrs. F. Brinklow and H. Hodgetts (Oxhey), M. F. R. Hibbert and C. H. Horton (Bushey), and Mr. S. H. Hoare (Watford).

Two toasts were proposed by Capt. Freeborn, viz., 'The Vicar and Churchwardens,' to which all three gentlemen responded, and 'The Visitors.' In proposing the latter toast, Mr. Freeborn alluded to a remark of Mr. Clubb, as to his ignorance of the art of change ringing, and said that in every trade or hobby the outsider could understand something about it, except in ringing. He said that all their ringing visitors that evening were expert men, and extended to them the thanks of the local band for their presence. He mentioned that the fund for the proposed two new bells would be opened shortly, and asked for the visitors co-operation in their towers.

Mr. Horton replied, and said that when he received the courteous invitation to be present he made haste to accept, knowing he was on a good thing. He alluded to the good attendances at the Herts Association district meetings, and thanked all present for their loyal support. He promised the support of the visitors to the scheme for making the Rickmansworth peal into ten, saying that such a peal was needed on that side of Hertfordshire.

At the close, Mr. Foster, the hon. secretary of the band, proposed a vote of thanks to Capt. Freeborn for the keen interest he takes in the local company. The company dispersed at 10 p.m., everyone agreeing that the evening had been most enjoyable.

YOUNG RINGERS DISCOURAGED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me space to fall in line with your correspondent, Mr. James H. Hales, who writes in your issue of February 4th. Mr. Hales gives an incident of a church in London where the ringers were paid for festivals. He goes on to say that a year ago he had a band of very keen young fellows who took a great interest in the art. At the time of these festivals they were ousted by some elderly and more experienced men, who, after collecting the few shillings due to them, vanished and did not appear again until the next pay-day, and thus offended and put an end to a very promising band. Putting aside the money point of view, this is exactly what is happening here and in many other places to-day. Only a few days ago I witnessed a similar incident in a steeple where a peal of eight have just undergone recasting and rehangings, and were to be rung for the first time since their return, for testing purposes. Instead of the ringers of the church, who are also chiefly young men, ringing them themselves, they, likewise, were ousted by a lot of elderly and more experienced men, who only put in an appearance when there is something special on, or when they want a peal. Consequently, what happened? Likewise, the local men turned away downhearted. It is nothing but these selfish shabby tricks that prevent young fellows taking the proper interest in ringing. There is that sex, who, when they become aged and experienced, especially if they hold some office, are inclined to be rather humphious and like to show their authority. From my experience, young fellows will not put up with this kind of thing nowadays. Where a thing is voluntary, there should be every encouragement, not punishment, given to those who volunteer. As your correspondent says, one often sees the question put in 'The Ringing World,' 'How can we keep young fellows interested in the art?' There are many eager and willing to be taught, I for one, but it is the selfishness of a certain number that keeps them away. Such, at any rate, is the opinion of

PERCY AMOS.

47, Overstone Road, Northampton.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting will be held in London on Whit Tuesday, June 7th next, of which particulars will appear later. Will secretaries of the affiliated Guilds and associations please note that their subscriptions became due on January 1st last; and please supply the names and addresses of all representatives.

155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

E. A. YOUNG.

CHEAP RAILWAY TRAVELLING FACILITIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you please publish the enclosed letters, by which the Exercise will gather that certain negotiations are pending in respect to the above, but so far, I fear, with little success.

May I ask those ringers who think they would care to avail themselves of the opportunity of a Sunday to Wednesday ticket to London at Whitsuntide, to please advise me of their names and numbers, as it will be necessary for me to have the vouchers printed, so that they can be issued by me in a proper and formal manner. It is obvious that unless taken up by a fairly large number it will not be worth while proceeding with at all.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG,
Hon. Sec.

Railway Clearing House,
Seymour Street, Euston Square,
London, N.W.1,
March 2nd, 1927.

BELLRINGERS' ASSOCIATIONS' ANNUAL MEETING.

BELLRINGERS' ASSOCIATIONS' PERIODICAL MEETINGS.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your letter of January 25th last, and to your call with Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge at this office on the 8th ultimo, I have pleasure in informing you that the railway companies in Great Britain (except the Metropolitan, Metropolitan District and London Electric Railway Companies) have agreed to issue tickets at the ordinary single fare and one-third for the double journey, fractions of 5d. reckoned as 3d., minimum adult fare 1s., to persons travelling to attend the annual meeting of the bellringers' associations this year. Vouchers (to be printed by you in similar form to specimen attached), duly filled in, and signed personally by you, must be surrendered at the booking offices by the persons in whose favour the forms are issued. The cheap rail tickets will be available from the day before to the day after the meeting, and, in order that the various railway companies may be advised, I shall be glad if you will kindly advise me the place and actual dates of the meeting. (Sunday is a dies non).

I am desirous to add that if the total number of passengers who avail themselves of this facility falls below 200, the concession will not be repeated next year.

With regard to your application for a similar concession to be granted for the periodical meetings of bellringers' associations, the railway companies regret they cannot see their way to accede to your request.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) P. H. PRICE.

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5th March, 1927.

BELLRINGERS' ASSOCIATIONS' ANNUAL MEETING.

BELLRINGERS' ASSOCIATIONS' PERIODICAL MEETINGS.

Dear Sir,—I am obliged by your letter of the 2nd inst., and for your good offices in putting our case in the proper quarter. I observe that the railway companies mentioned are prepared to grant cheap travelling facilities for our annual meeting only, and that if the total number of passengers availing themselves of this facility falls below 200 it will not be repeated next year.

The meeting this year is in London, and by the courtesy of the Lord Mayor will be held in the Mansion House on Whit Tuesday, commencing at 9.45 a.m.

As our total number of elected representatives is only some 120, of which possibly a few might care to bring interested parties other than representatives with them, of course there is little likelihood of the 200 tickets being sold. But I take it that it is deemed desirable that the concession should be tried, in which I agree, for it might form the basis of further negotiations at a subsequent time.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) E. ALEX. YOUNG,

Hon. Sec.

P. H. Price, Esq.,
Railway Clearing House.

THE NEW LEICESTER DIOCESE.

The Sunday service band of All Saints', Wigston Magna, rang in honour of the hallowing of Leicester Cathedral on Monday, February 21st, 1,536 Kent Treble Bob: A. Pacey 1, W. Brown 2, W. Humberstone 3, A. Chamberlain 4, H. Carter 5, G. Deacon 6, J. Carter (longest touch of Treble Bob as conductor) 7, F. Lloyd 8. This was the longest touch of Treble Bob by ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 6.

ROMERTON.—At the Church of St. Paul, Glyn Road, on Tuesday, February 22nd, for practice, a plain course of Bob Minor: A. W. Clark 1, J. Ward 2, J. A. Hales 3, H. Jeffreys 4, E. Dymont 5, J. Waugh 6. First plain course by ringers of 1, 2, 4, 5, who are members of the local band. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Clarke (conductor) 1, J. Ward 2, G. W. T. Briggs (first 120 inside) 3, G. Ventris 4, E. Dymont 5, J. Waugh 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

MOTION FOR LOWER ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION DEFEATED.

There was a representative attendance of members of the Elton Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Spalding on Saturday, February 26th, when the annual meeting of the branch was held. About 50 sat down to tea, and at the business meeting there were present representatives of the following towers: Bicker, Butterwick, Deeping St. Nicholas, Donington, Folkingham, Fleet, Long Sutton, Lutton, Holbeach, Market Deeping, Moulton, Peterborough, Pinchbeck, Spalding and Surfleet.

The meeting was presided over by the Rev. H. Law James, M.A., Vicar of Surfleet, the Ringing Master of the Guild, who apologised for the absence of the Rev. B. G. Nicholas, Vicar of Spalding, who was unable to be present owing to being occupied in visiting the many sick in the town. He also regretted that, unfortunately, there could be no ringing that day at the Parish Church, as was the usual custom at their annual meetings, on account of sickness in the neighbourhood. Other peals of bells in the immediate neighbourhood, however, were available, and some ringers had already that afternoon rung at Fulney.

The following were elected officers for 1927: President, Rev. G. H. Clarke (Vicar of Bicker); vice-presidents, Rev. B. G. Nicholas, Spalding; Canon Hutchinson, Holbeach; Rev. H. Law James, Surfleet; Rev. E. Creswell Gee, Pinchbeck; Rev. T. G. Dovitt, Fleet; and Mr. G. W. Hensman, Pinchbeck: hon. secretary, Mr. G. Ladd, Pinchbeck: hon. treasurer, Mr. R. Smith, Spalding; hon. auditors, Mr. Rupert Richardson, Surfleet, and Mr. J. T. Brown, Spalding.

Mr. P. Bray, Lutton, was elected a ringing member.

A resolution that the subscription of ringing members be lowered, and that no expenses be allowed to members attending meetings, was practically unanimously defeated.

For the next places of meeting, the following were decided: Bicker (Saturday in Whitsun week), Holbeach (July 23rd), and Surfleet (October 8th), and secretaries of other branches are asked to note these dates.

The treasurer presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £30 8s. 5d. Everyone agreed that this was most satisfactory.

On the proposition of Mr. R. Richardson, it was decided to make a collection at the close of the meeting, there being no special ringers' service that day. The collection amounted to £1, and will be devoted to the belfry repairs fund.

On the conclusion of the meeting, those not partaking in ringing were invited to attend evensong at the Parish Church. A party was made up to visit Surfleet, where they enjoyed ringing on the peal of ten.

LINCOLN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

The Lincoln District held the first of their meetings for the current session at Bassingham on Saturday, February 26th. The meeting was successful, and ringers were present from Lincoln, Gainsborough, Blunkney, Branston, Washingborough, Collingham, and the local tower. The bells, a recently augmented peal of six, were set in motion early in the afternoon, and the local ringers, a very enthusiastic band, were given every opportunity of acquiring the art of change ringing.

A service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. T. I. Pocock. An excellent tea was served in the adjoining schoolroom, and the ringers found it difficult to avoid a 'change course' among the exquisite dainties before 'stand' was called.

A business meeting followed, over which the Rector presided. Letters were read by the secretary (Mr. H. Maroon) concerning the Eagle ringers, who had been asked to join the Guild, and it was decided that a representative body should visit this tower, and the secretary was asked to arrange accordingly.

Comprehensive were the thanks accorded to the Rector, members of the choir, the organist, and also the caterers.

Prior to the close of the meeting, the Rev. Pocock was complimented upon his excellent address, which, while being both interesting and instructive, was not so much in common with many other ringers' service addresses, and the resultant change was greatly appreciated.

Handbell ringing was indulged in vigorously in the following methods: Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal. An attempt at a course of Treble Ten evidently presented some difficulty, as the band were unable to complete the distance in this instance. Ringing on the tower bells continued until nine o'clock, and by that time a good variety of methods had been rung, including Grandsire and Sledman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge and London Surprise.

Experience goes a long way, so the saying goes, and the experience of one ringer during the ringing of Oxford Bob resulted in a jocular comment being made when 'stand' was called. It appears that he did not hear the 'bob' portion of the method's term, and, of course, following the 'go next' he experienced difficulty in traversing his bell in Treble Bob style. The 'go' of the bells was excellent, and the easy swinging treble seemed to be a little too spirited on the hack stroke for some of the 'plain bearing' ringers. The bells were lowered about nine o'clock, and the chiming apparatus was manipulated to the tune of 'Now the day is over,' a most appropriate conclusion for the day.

TUSHINGHAM, CHESHIRE.—On March 3rd, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: S. Jones 1, J. W. Clarke 2, G. Jones 3, E. V. Rodenhurst 4, J. Morgan 5, A. E. Richards (conductor) 6.

BOW BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Can you obtain and give us any correct information as to what really is the matter with the bells and steeple of St. Mary-le-Bow? One report states that the fabric of the steeple is unsafe; another that the fittings of the bells are out of order; while another goes so far as to say that the noble tenor is cracked.

I am sure that most of the readers of 'The Ringing World' would be glad to have a correct report on this matter.

A good many repairs and additions to the steeple and bells have been made since the church was rebuilt by Wren, after the Great Fire of 1666.

In the 'Gentleman's Magazine' for November, 1822, it is stated that after the rebuilding of the church, 'the steeple was prepared for twelve bells, but that only eight were hung there.' These bells, I believe, were cast by John and Christopher Hodson. In 1738, the tenor, being cracked, was recast by Richard Phelps and Thomas Lester jointly. Phelps died in the same year, and the Whitechapel foundry was then carried on by Thomas Lester alone, who afterwards took Thomas Pack into partnership with him. The present tenor is the one mentioned above. The account in the 'Gentleman's Magazine' goes on to say that 'the tenor bell is the completest in Europe, but that the other seven are very much inferior, and by no means suitable to the said tenor.'

At this time it was proposed to recast the front seven bells and to add two trebles to make a peal of ten. The steeple was accordingly examined by Dance and Chambers, the two ablest architects of the day, who reported, 'that such additional weight, nor any weight that can be put upon it, will have any greater effect than the number of bells now placed there.' Accordingly nine new bells were cast from the old front seven with additional metal by Lester and Pack, thus forming a peal of ten, with the old tenor retained. They were rung for the first time on June 4th, 1762.

The steeple was again repaired under the direction of Mr. George Gwilt in 1819, when the belfry was surrounded by strong iron braces, both internally and in the masonry itself, the ashlar or external face being cut through to admit the same, space being left to admit of the expansion of the metal, the weight of these braces being about six tons. A record of this last repair is engraved upon the waist of the eighth bell as follows: 'These chain ties of cast iron were applied for the security of this tower, September, 1819. George Gwilt, Archt.' When the work was finished, the bells were rung for trial, and a subsequent examination of the steeple proved that everything was satisfactory. Several other repairs have since then been carried out.

In 1881, the peal was augmented to twelve by the addition of two trebles, cast by Mears and Stainbank, and about twenty years ago extensive work in the way of rehangng was carried out by the same firm, since which time several notable peals have been rung upon them.

Probably many of your readers will remember that I gave an account of these bells, with the full inscriptions on them all in your issue of December 26th, 1913, also what few particulars I was able to glean concerning the old bells before the Fire of 1666.—Yours, etc., J. R. JERRAM.

[There is no truth in the statement that the tenor bell is cracked, but it is believed that two of the others are, and may have to be recast. The whole peal require rehangng. As to the fabric of the tower, this shows some signs of that decay which in the course of years affects London buildings, but there is nothing radically wrong with the structure.—Ed. 'R.W.']

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable and well-attended bye-meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association took place at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, on Saturday, February 26th. Proceedings opened with a touch of Grandsire Triples. It was really funny to watch the antics of some of the members, for the bells require very careful handling; as the Master of the association is fond of saying, 'If you can ring at Whitechapel, you can ring anywhere.' Despite this, however, some excellent touches were rung. At five o'clock the company adjourned to the church, where the Rector, the Rev. J. O. Mayo (a very old and esteemed friend of the association) conducted a short service. The absence of the organist gave the members the opportunity to display their 'basso profundis,' and by the end of the service the Rector was quite convinced that the belfry's gain was the choir's loss.

About 30 members and friends sat down to tea, which the Rector had kindly provided. There being no business meeting, the handbells were brought into use, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Bob Major being successfully accomplished.

The District Master, Mr. L. Gray, moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness, to which the Rector replied in suitable terms.

At eight o'clock a move was made to the tower and the bells were kept busy for an hour.

A BIRTHDAY TOUCH.

On Sunday, February 6th, the Leeds Parish Church ringers rang seven courses of Stedman Cinques on the tower bells in honour of Mr. Harry Brains, who reached his 70th birthday. He was the recipient of the good wishes of the ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, March 6th, for morning service, 720 Norfolk Surprise Minor: J. Spencer 1, W. C. Bunn (conductor) 2, E. Bailey 3, G. Lee 4, A. J. L. Naunton 5, F. W. Naunton 6.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, March 6th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. A. Turner 1, M. T. Symonds 2, V. Johnson (Glensford) 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, A. Symonds 5, W. Walters 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, T. E. Slater (Glensford) 8.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, March 6th, for 3 p.m. evensong, 720 Doubles, 2 six-scores each of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Oxford Singles: D. Freestone (first attempt for 720) 1, J. Harper 2, R. Jordan (first 720 of Doubles inside) 3, K. Willers 4, A. Wilson (conductor) 5.—In the evening, in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Ely to hold a Confirmation, 720 Grandsire Doubles, three variations of Mr. L. Morris' arrangement: J. Harper 1, K. Willers (conductor) 2, R. Jordan 3, A. Wilson 4, F. Haynes 5.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 6th, for evening service, at St. Giles' Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Thornley 1, R. H. Cox 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, W. R. Drage 5, H. Turner (conductor) 6.

OXHEY.—On Sunday, February 13th, for morning service, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major in 44 mins.: P. Bishop (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Hodgetts 2, S. Hoare 3, A. W. Dix 4, F. W. Elliott 5, C. Leman 6, W. Hodgetts 7, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 8.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.—On Sunday, February 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: W. Waterhouse 1, J. S. Eastwood 2, S. Helliwell 3, P. Blacketh 4, J. Guy 5, F. Jackson 6, E. Redshaw 7, J. W. T. Holgate (conductor) 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, February 13th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Robinson 1, F. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES.—On Sunday, February 6th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, 720 London Surprise Minor: Miss K. Simpson 1, F. Newton 2, B. Newton 3, T. Newton (conductor) 4, W. Newton 5, W. Newton 6.—For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss K. Simpson 1, T. Newton 2, B. Newton 3, F. Newton 4, W. Newton (conductor) 5, W. Simpson 6.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): A. Manning (conductor) 1, F. Clark 2, R. March 3, W. Hector 4, J. Chester 5, W. Wallington 6, Frank Wallington 7, Fred Wallington 8. All are Sunday service ringers. This quarter-peal was rung at the 9th attempt.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE.—On Sunday, February 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 42 mins.: H. Male 1, J. Price 2, J. Randle 3, G. Breeze 4, J. P. Hyett 5, W. H. Price 6. First quarter inside for J. Price and J. Randle. First quarter for W. H. Price.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, February 6th, for evensong at the Church of St. Margaret, a quarter-peal (1,260) of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: J. Stanford 1, G. Branch 2, J. Cook 3, W. Hooker 4, P. Charman 5, W. Pettifer 6, Wal. Charman (conductor) 7, Alb. Charman 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT ENTERTAINED AT WITHAM.

A meeting of the Northern District was held on Saturday week at the ancient Church of St. Nicholas, Witham, which dates from the year 1530. Members were present representing the following twenty parishes, viz.: Earls Colne, Braintree, Rayne, Stebbing, Great Bentley, Wormingford, Maldon, Dunmow, Sible Hedingham, Great Bardfield, Greenstead Green, Black Notley, Great Yeldham, Chelmsford, Witham, Wethersfield, Terling, Little Waltham, Feering and Ardleigh. The usual Ringers' Office was said in the church by the Rev. N. Hagger, who also gave a very interesting and helpful address.

At the close of the service, the ringers adjourned to the Church House, where a bountiful tea had been provided for them, through the generosity of Miss Eyre, sister of the late general secretary of the association, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre. The Rev. N. Hagger occupied the chair, and a company of 47 was present.

The usual business meeting was presided over by the District Master, Mr. Frank Claydon, who was supported by the Master of the association, Mr. C. H. Howard, Mr. W. J. Nevard (Master of the North-Eastern District) and Mr. L. W. Wiffen.

Three new members were elected, including Mr. J. P. Fidler as a life member.

It was decided that, subject to the approval of the authorities, the next meeting be held at Felstead, and, failing that, at Stebbing.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded, on the proposition of Mr. C. H. Howard, to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells, the Rev. N. Hagger for taking the service and for his helpful address, also to the organist. Mr. Howard also moved a very hearty vote of thanks to Miss Eyre for her kindness and generosity in providing the tea, and this was carried with acclamation.

During the afternoon and evening, touches were rung in the tower in most of the standard methods, and the thanks of those present are due to Mr. Andrew Evers for his splendid arrangements both for the ringing and the tea.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

We will let Hearne tell the tale in his own words:—

Thursday, May 24th, 1733—On Whit-Sunday last (May 13th) came to Oxford on foot fifteen ringers from London, and the day before came on horseback, one Mr. Skelton, about 14 or 15 years ago, a Commoner of Queen's College, Oxford, and an excellent ringer, and at this time Register to the Bishop of London (Gibson) and a proctor in the Arches. The next day being Monday, May 14th, the Oxford ringers gave them a short peal at Magdalen College, as they did in the evening a short one at Christ Church, the Londoners laying still that day that they might refresh themselves after the fatigues of their journey. On Wednesday, May 16th, they began to ring at Christ Church in the morning a quarter or more before twelve, and they rang till two most incomparably well, when the gudgeons being bad, the biggest bell (that is the tenth) fell down, but not through the loft, otherwise they proposed to have rung 5,040 changes.

Wednesday, May 16th, in the evening, they rang upon the eight bells at Magdalen College, but two or three ropes breaking, they could not proceed above half an hour.

On Thursday, May 17th, they began to ring at New College, proposing to ring the said number of changes, viz., 5,040, there. They began a little before twelve, and rang about three-quarters of an hour, when one of the ropes broke, and so they were stopped. Afterwards they dined at Weers beyond Friar Bacon's Study, and some (if not all) of them, stepping over to Ifley, they rang the six bells there (viz., 700 changes upon them).

The next day being Friday, May 18th, they were resolved to ring the above mentioned number of 5,040 changes upon New College ten bells, as they had begun to do before. Accordingly, they began a little before twelve, and rang full two hours in the morning, wanting two minutes, when the ropes broke, and put a stop to the peal, for which all were very sorry, as they were at the fall of the great bell at Christ Church. For their ringing at both places, as elsewhere, was most surprisingly fine, without the least fault from beginning to end, such as never was before in Oxford, and 'tis a scandal that the bells should not be in good order. Saturday, May the 19th, they went out of town.

Tuesday, July 9th, 1734.—Anno 1733 came out in London, a little book in 12's, being the third edition of *Campanalogia* or the Art of Ringing. One Annables is now putting out a new edition of the same book, which 'tis said will be the best of its kind that ever was printed on that subject. The said Annables is one of the London ringers that rang at Oxford at Whitsuntide in 1733. He rang the ninth bell, and is judged to understand ringing as well if not better than any man in the world.

On Tuesday, May 22nd, the great bell at Christ Church was got up again, and in the evening the Oxford men rang all ten, and endeavoured to imitate the Londoners, but they were soon out, and made poor of it in comparison with the others.

Hearne does not give the names of the ringers, nor the conductor, nor the method they rang. It is pretty certain, however, that Grandsire Caters was rung. As we shall see later, it was soon after this much practised at Oxford, and it was a method to which Annable had given much attention. He was the first man who dis-

covered the musical qualities of the Tittum position. In the older compositions the big bells were mixed up without much regard for the musical effect.

The little book mentioned as published in 1734 was one of the editions of '*Campanalogia*' by J. D. and C. M. The advance of ringing was so rapid that it was out of date at the time it appeared, and it was natural that Benjamin Annable, who was himself the leading authority on the art, should have thought of issuing a book of his own. Unfortunately, he never carried out his intention. It could hardly fail to have been a very valuable and interesting book. In the British Museum there is a manuscript of his which is evidently a draft of part of this book. It contains a large number of six-bell methods carefully written in an excellent handwriting. It has also a good many notes of eight-bell ringing, but these are much more roughly written, and evidently he did not get so far as to begin to arrange this part. Or, if he did, it is now lost.

Hearne's opinion of Annable's abilities as a ringer were shared by all his contemporaries. No man has ever occupied a more commanding position in the Exercise than he did. It was his abilities, his energy and his genius as a leader that gave the College Youths the position they held for so many years.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on March 29th, St. Magnus' on the 17th and 31st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, March 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. The usual tea arrangements will be made. All are welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Glyn Road, Homerton, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.15. Tea at 5.45, at usual charge of 1s.; Buses or trams to Median Road, Clapton. Trains to Homerton (L.M.S.). Members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, March 12th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at South Kirby on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. The bells of St. Mark's, Bath, will be available in the evening from 7 o'clock.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kislisbury on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Important.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 4.30. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) at 3. Short Service 4.30. Tea at small charge, in Parish Hall, at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treas., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Hyde Road, Gorton, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells at liberty 3 o'clock till 7.15 p.m. Meeting after. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Short service at 5 o'clock.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be served in the Mission Room at 5 p.m. at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head. Applications for same to be made to Mr. R. B. Smith, Vicar Lane, Howden, not later than Wednesday, March 16th. Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions for current year are now due.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Nomination meeting.—The next meeting will be held at Armley on March 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) will be arranged for all who notify me by March 16th.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All ringers and friends invited.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. Tea and meeting after service. Will those requiring tea (1s. each) please notify Mr. J. Garth, 391, Handsworth Road, Sheffield, by Wednesday, March 16th? Subscriptions for 1927 now due. Further particulars have been sent by circular to local secretaries.—F. Clark, 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Slinfold on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at the King's Head at 5 o'clock. Will all those intending being present kindly advise by March 15th?—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Ham Road, Worthing.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Please notify me by Tuesday, March 13th, if requiring tea.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Stowmarket on March 19th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea 4.30 to those sending word by March 16th.—B. Chilvers, Hon. Dis. Sec., Cotton, Stowmarket.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on March 19th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. A short service will be conducted by the Vicar at 5 o'clock. Tea and business meeting, opposite the church, at 5.30. All friends will be welcomed. Kindly note subscriptions are now due.—W. H. Lawrence Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ansdell R.C. Church (8 bells) on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road N.S., Blackpool.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dodford (6) on Saturday, March 19th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, March 15th?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at March on Saturday, March 26th. Short service at 4.30. Tea, for those who notify me, in the Church Room at 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting.—H. W. Giddings, Dis. Sec., 101, Elwyn Road, March.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne on Saturday, March 26th. Bells: All Saints' (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Service at the Parish Church (St. Mary's) at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. The bells at St. Saviour's will be available from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Will all "brother strings" kindly note that W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O., has moved to 18, Forty Acres Road, Canterbury? Available for peals, etc., in Easter week and after.

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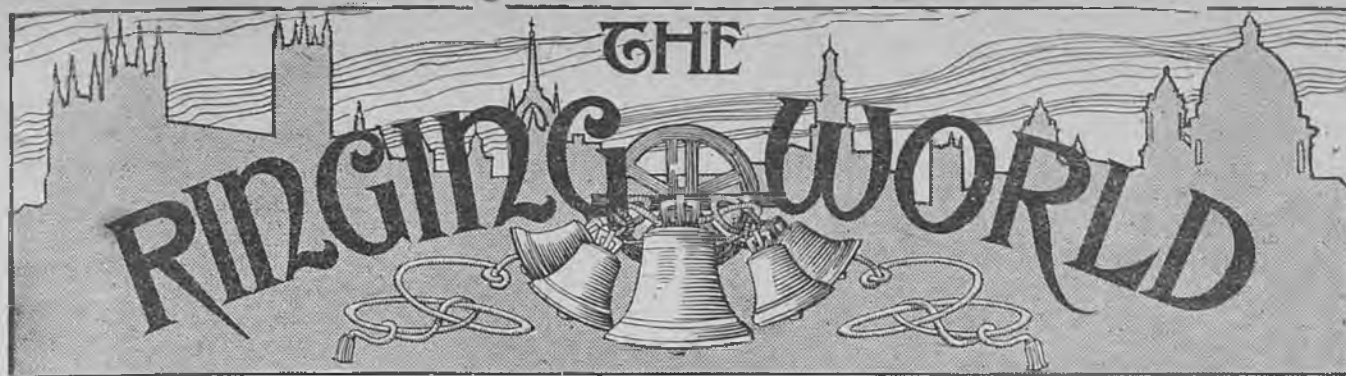
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A writer in the recently published 'Surprise Methods' makes the following statement in regard to 'music' in change ringing: 'With the tenor turned in, if we can bring ourselves squarely, honestly and impartially to face the question, it is difficult to see how we can fairly use the epithet "musical" in any true sense of the word. Certainly some rows are less unmusical than others. But this is not saying much. The only salvation of even-bell ringing is an absolutely even beat, with punctilious keeping of leads. Otherwise, all rhythm is gone, and no one can tell where the rows begin or end. No. The writer at least is fain to confess that real "music" is conspicuous by its absence in even-bell ringing.' On the question of striking everyone will agree; on the question of 'music' most ringers, we think, will violently disagree. It is true that ringers who seldom ring even-bell methods often see no beauty in the rhythm of ringing with the tenor-in, but those who are accustomed to even-bell ringing can find a great deal of music in it. The indictment of even-bell ringing from the 'musical' standpoint will not, of course, perturb the Exercise, but those who appreciate Major ringing will rub their eyes to read the opinion that 'a row ending in 8, 2 is no worse than a row ending in 8 followed by any other bell, and in the row before and after it, if we have 2, 8, the tenor is last, the row is a musical one, and it matters not which bell is in 7th's.' This, surely, is diametrically opposed to all present conceptions, for if there is one thing which is aimed at by modern composers and demanded by conductors it is peals without the second with the tenor.

Another point on the subject, mentioned in this new volume, with which modern ideas are not altogether in accord, is that Cambridge Surprise is a 'hopelessly unmusical method.' This was the opinion expressed by the late Sir Arthur Heywood, but the condemnation of Cambridge on this score and on the more serious ground of its irregular construction, has had no effect on the practice of the method. Cambridge has supplanted Superlative in popular esteem, and, we think, for more than one reason; not only is the 'work' more varied, and therefore more interesting, but it is realised that the music is not so abominable after all, in comparison with the sister method. There are very few peals of Superlative in which the 2nd is less with the tenor than in the 5,056 of Cambridge, and we are rather surprised that the old prejudices against Cambridge should have been expressed without modification in a work published at this period.

Although having no connection with the 'music' of a method, there is in the new book considerable condemna-

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tion also for a structural feature which is described as 'backhanders,' meaning places made at back and hand, instead of hand and back strokes. To the purist London Surprise may be structurally 'lamentable' by reason of 'backhanders,' but this form of place making does not affect the interest in the ringing; and without it we should have no method like Bristol, which, in the opinion of experts, is capable of producing more 'musical' changes in a peal than any other method in the Surprise class. There is a little difficulty in 'Surprise Methods' in ascertaining whose views one is reading on these subjects, but they are hardly compatible with the opinions held to-day by most of the experienced practical ringers accustomed to even-bell ringing.

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JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
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Composed by T. T. GORTON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First attempt for a peal on 12 bells.

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(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

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Tenor 40 cwt.

*COLIN HARRISON Treble	†SIDNEY F. PALMER 7
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ALBERT H. WARD 4	HAROLD NAYLOR 10
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 5	HAYDN THORPE 11
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6	JOHN THORPE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

JAMES PAGETT Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 6
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Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Pryce Taylor, also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Grant, wife of the ringer of the tenor. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. P. Taylor, who, at the conclusion of peal, entertained them to supper. The ringer of the treble hails from Derby, 2nd, 4th, 5th and tenor Leicester, 3rd from Gainsborough, 6th Haslemere, 7th and 8th Loughborough, and 9th from Nottingham.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWZ Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
*GEORGE H. SHUKER... .. 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
FRANK BENNETT 3	HERBERT MARKWELL 8
KEITH HART 4	ALFRED J. TURNER 9
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5	JOHN DEARLOVE... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

* First peal of Treble Ten.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt.

*S. JONES Treble	*A. RIDYARD... .. 6
H. WILSON 2	W. C. BRIDGFORD 7
B. THORP 3	R. RAVENSCROFT, JUN. ... 8
W. E. SAUNDERS 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 9
S. HOLT 5	R. F. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. RIDYARD.

* First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The conductor's 50th peal. The tenor man was re-elected a member of the Lanes Association before starting, he being a former member of the Manchester police band at the Town Hall. This was the second attempt for the peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK E. DARBY... .. Treble	ALFRED J. BOLL 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 2	DANIEL COOPER... .. 7
ALFRED J. TRAFFITT 3	*FRANK E. CORKE 8
MISS FREDA E. ORR 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 9
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Royal. Quickest peal of Royal upon the bells.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	FRANK ROLLINGS 6
GEORGE BASFORD 2	*HARRY PETTITT 7
FRED HOPPER 3	THOMAS R. HENSHER 8
WALTER SEAR 4	HARRY SEAR 9
CHARLES W. BIRD 5	ALFRED MONK Tenor

Composed by E. P. HAYWARD. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Mr. F. Hopper has twice rung each bell in this tower through a peal, and is the first to do so.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew, Clifton.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. WILKINS Treble	H. B. BURT 5
*A. E. PARKER 2	J. R. JONES 6
W. H. THOMAS 3	R. CLARK 7
*W. H. PARKER 4	L. TANNER Tenor

Conducted by R. CLARK.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. Thomas and L. Tanner.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

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On Monday, March 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*CYRIL MATHERS Treble	ERNEST STITCH 5
CYRIL LAKE 2	FREDERICK E. STONE 6
WALTER NORTON 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
G. WILLIAM HOLLIS... .. 4	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal and first attempt. A birthday peal for the ringer of 4th. Thanks are due to the tenor ringer who volunteered at the last moment.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Wandsworth.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble	ERNEST E. BISH 5
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THOMAS J. HOLLOWAY ... 3	WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 7
HARRY R. PASSMORE 4	WILLIAM G. GRAY Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

CHESTER.

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On Monday, March 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls.

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Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
HENRY W. WILDE 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
JOHN HAYES 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

A. J. Hughes' 150th peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(St. Mary's Society, Beddington.)

On Wednesday, March 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

*FRANK JENNINGS Treble	ALFRED J. TRAFFITT 5
*EDWARD G. TALBOT 2	FRANK E. DARBY... .. 6
ALFRED ARNOLD... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
*JOHN F. GALYER 4	JOHN AVERY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as coming-of-age compliments to two members of the local society, viz., Frank E. Darby and Thos. G. Bannister.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

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At the Church of St. Mary.

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*ALBERT HANCOX Treble	EDGAR BENNETT... .. 5
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CYRIL BENNETT... .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
†FRANK TOFFREY 4	WILLIAM H. THORNE... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples. Rung, by the local band, with the bells muffled as a tribute of sincere respect for the late Mr. F. Webb, a ringer at this tower for the last forty years, during the last fifteen of which he was foreman, and who was laid to rest on this date.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Wednesday, March 9th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Jordan 1, H. Watts 2, T. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, W. T. Prior 5, T. Watts 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, J. Prior 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
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WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

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CHARLES R. BELTON 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7
*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 4	†W. ARTHUR SKINNER ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* 25th peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal in the method and first attempt.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Cathedral.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.)

*ARNOLD TALBOT Treble	FREDERICK HINDLE 5
WILLIAM BRIGGS 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
JOHN SANDERSON 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON 7
THOMAS WILSON 4	JOHN LOFTHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILSON.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the enthronement of, and as a welcome to, the Right Rev. Percy Mark Herbert, M.A., D.D., the first Lord Bishop of Blackburn.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*THOMAS DAVISON Treble	WILLIAM C. WEST 5
ERNEST TROMAN 2	WILLIAM BOLWELL 6
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 3	SIDNEY HILLIER 7
JESSE FRANCIS 4	FRED LAMBETH Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. BARKER. Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. William Hulbert, secretary of the local band, who passed away, after a long illness, on the previous day.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF CILDFOOD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE ELLIS Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 5
*OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	*WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
JOHN A. COLE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

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

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST LANDON Treble	THOMAS HILDITCH 5
ROBERT G. LEWIS 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 6
THOMAS HURD 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by W. HUD-ON.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

This peal was first rung at Lane End, Staffs, which is better known now as Longton, and was rung on these bells on May 13th, 1816, conducted by the composer. This is also the first peal of Major rung on the bells since that date, and also the first peal since 1908. It was rung as a farewell and birthday peal for Frank Rose, a ringing member of Stoke-on-Trent tower, who sailed for Bombay on the previous day, also as a birthday peal for the treble ringer.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

ERNEST COTSFORTH Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 6
*JOHN E. BIBBY 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
†JOHN WILKINSON 4	*EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* 100th peal together. † 100th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells. It is 23 years since Mr. P. J. Johnson rang a peal of London.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble	JESSE ELDRIDGE 5
†ARTHUR MARTIN 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
*THOMAS GOODCHILD ... 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ARTHUR MARTIN.

* First peal of Superlative. † First peal of Superlative as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. William Walker (a ringer at the above church for over 30 years) to Miss L. Woodley, which took place at Newbury the same day.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK TUCKER Treble	GEORGE POUND 5
J. L. HARRIS 2	WILLIAM SLOMAN 6
FREDERICK LEASON 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
J. A. AMOS 4	WILLIAM J. DAY Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK LEASON.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal by the ringer of the 6th. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. JOINER ... Treble	JOHN L. WATKINS 5
PERCY E. JONES 2	ALBERT CALVER 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... 7
EDGAR HANCOX 4	*JAMES H. LUCAS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

* First peal of Stedman. This peal was arranged for Messrs. Hancock, Jones and Lucas, of Uxbridge, who were elected members of the above association.

OTLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY FOSTER Treble	WILLIAM E. ASH 5
JOSEPH BROADLEY 2	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 3	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 7
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH ... 4	ARTHUR TROTTER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Charles Ralph, for over 60 years a ringer at this church.

HANLEY CASTLE.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Tuesday, February 15th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Halford (first 720) 1, F. Hawkes 2, J. Rowlett 3, F. Lawrence 4, C. Allen 5, J. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*HARRY F. HOLDING Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
HENRY W. WILDE 2	JOHN HAYES 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	ROBERT SPERRING 7
JAMES H. RIDING 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

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

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	A. F. MARTIN STEWART 5
HARRY BADGER 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 3	FRANK BLONDELL 7
WILLIAM E. CHEATER 4	ERNEST J. WHITFIELD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Parish Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*V. SYKES Treble	S. STOTT 5
J. LBS 2	H. BARLOW 6
S. M. BUTTERWORTH 3	R. GREENWOOD 7
F. LAWTON 4	C. H. MARSLAND Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by R. GREENWOOD.

* First peal in method. Rung as a compliment to the new Vicar, Rev. E. R. Mackintosh, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Lees.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT Treble	CHARLES MASON 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	*HAROLD KENT 6
THOMAS BETTISON 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
EDWARD ROBBINS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN FLINT

* First peal in the method.

NORTHWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR BAIRSTOW Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
WILLIAM AMBLER 2	JOE GREENWOOD 6
VERNEY BAIRSTOW 3	JOHN AMBLER 7
THOMAS SENIOR 4	ALBERT JAGGER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

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

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

ERNEST HAWKINS Treble	GEORGE ORCHARD 4
REUBEN GUY 2	P. SGT. GEORGE HASTINGS 5
LESLIE BARRY 3	RALPH HAZELL Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 240's of A. J. Pitman's arrangement, five 240's of L. C. Morris' arrangement, and 18 original six-scores. Tenor 11½ cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	JOSEPH SLADE 4
*FRANK BOULSTRIDGE 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD 3	PERCY GRICE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

* First peal inside. First peal as conductor.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

FRANK LEWIN Treble	†FRED PENN 4
MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD 2	JOHN LEWIN 5
*C. EDWARD BERRIDGE 3	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal and first attempt. All the ringers with the exception of the conductor belong to the local band.

HANDBELL PEAL.

COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At 45, ENGLETON ROAD, RADFORD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK E. PERVIN 1-2	*JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4	HUBERT G. SUMMERS 7-8
JOHN TAYLOR 9-10	

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* 100th peal. A birthday compliment to F. E. Pervin.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR SPLICED.

5,056 ON A NEW PLAN.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456	(1)	M.	(2)	W.	(3)	H.
52643	Kt.	2	2	Ox.	2	
43625		1	2	Kt.	2	
24563	Ox.	2	2	Kt.	2	
32654	Ox.	2	1		2	
54326		1	Kt.	2	Ox.	2
53264	Kt.	2	2		1	
64235		1	2	Ox.	2	
35246		1	2	Kt.	2	
64523		1		Ox.	1	
26345		2	2	Kt.	2	
42536	Ox.	2	2	Kt.	2	
36524		1	2	Ox.	2	
23456	Kt.	2	2	Ox.	2	

This composition contains 2,528 changes of each method, having the method changed 18 times in the peal and at least once in every course. Start Oxford, change to Kent at first lead-end (treble in 1-2). Change back to Oxford lead-end after last bob Wrong, and so on as shown in the calling. In the fifth course the method is changed to Kent at the lead-end after the bob Middle.

RINGERS' RALLY AT CROYDON.

All secretaries of county associations, diocesan guilds, and ringing associations are invited to send me as soon as possible the numbers of those who intend to accept the invitation to Croydon Foundry on Saturday, April 2nd, to inspect the world's largest carillon (53 bells, the largest weighing 10 tons) for the Canadian Houses of Parliament, Ottawa; the carillon of 35 bells for Princetown University, U.S.A.; the recast bells for Coventry Cathedral; sundry ringing peals, etc.

Ringing at Croydon Parish Church and St. Peter's, Croydon, during the afternoon.

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Croydon.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting was held at South Kirby on Saturday, March 12th, when the following towers were represented: Barnsley, Darton, Darfield, Arkey, Ackworth, Cawthorne, Crofton, Sandal, Felkirk, Wath, and a good muster of the local company. The bells were ringing with slight intervals from 3 p.m. to 8.40 p.m. in a great variety of Minor methods. Tea was kindly provided at the Rose and Crown Inn in a very welcome manner, and was duly appreciated and enjoyed by the visitors.

The business meeting was held in the belfry, Mr. J. W. Moxon, president, being in the chair. Two new members, Messrs. George Dean and Robert Webster, were elected, and it was decided to join in a combined meeting in June with the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association, Sheffield and District Society, and Barnsley and District Association.

The next monthly meeting is to be held at Penistone.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Rev. F. G. Greenstreet, Vicar, also churchwardens and members of local company.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bishop's Lavington on Saturday, March 5th. Unfortunately the weather was very wet and, in consequence, the attendance was small. The usual Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. Sexty. Tea was provided in the Bishop's Lavington Sports Club Hall, to which 19 sat down.

After tea, a short business meeting was held, the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, presiding.

With reference to South Wrexall bells, the Chairman stated he had sent a letter to the local papers, and had heard nothing further about the matter.

The Chairman also brought forward the advisability of having a representative of the Guild on the Bishop's Advisory Committee, in the event of any alterations or repairs being done to the bells in the diocese.—A discussion followed, but no vote was taken on the matter.

Mr. S. J. Hector, Trowbridge, suggested the advisability of arranging for combined practices on the ten bells at Trowbridge.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. S. J. Hector, it was decided for the secretary to write a letter of congratulation to Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes, a former secretary of the branch, and now one of the vice-presidents, on the occasion of his diamond wedding, which was March 2nd.

The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from the secretary of the All Cannings Bells Restoration Committee thanking the branch for the subscription sent, also one from the Rev. S. M. Davys, Vicar of Urchfont, and Rural Dean, stating he had decided to give a collection once a year for the funds of the branch, and also to hold a service for ringers at Urchfont once during the year.

On the motion of the Chairman, the Vicar was thanked for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also the organist. The Rev. P. Sexty, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the branch to Bishop's Lavington, and also expressed regret that the local ringers were prevented from coming to the meeting in consequence of illness and other causes. He said how much he appreciated the work the bell-ringers did for the church, who, although they were not seen at their work, like the choir who appeared in their robes, yet their services were none the less real. He hoped the branch would soon hold another meeting there.

Ringers present included Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton (hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), and members from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Potterne, Trowbridge, Bratton, Rowde, Holt, Bishop's Lavington, Market Lavington, Erelstone, Bradford-on-Avon and Bromham.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Bishop's Lavington Church is a beautiful and interesting building, and includes work of the late twelfth and the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. The Dauntsey Chapel is built on the south aisle, and the Beckett Chapel on the south side of the chancel. The bells are a light ring of six and were cast by James Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts. in 1810.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Timberscombe recently, when nearly 70 members were present. The towers represented were: Minehead, Dunster, Carhampton, Old Cleeve, Porlock, Selworthy, Wootton Courtenay, Exford, Withypool, Winsford, Exton, Dulverton, and Timberscombe. The clergy present were the Rev. T. S. Dawson, Carhampton (chairman of the branch), H. H. Bell (Timberscombe), A. P. Lance (Wootton Courtenay), R. A. W. Newman (Withypool), H. P. Boulton (Exton), and J. C. L. Isard (Minehead).

Several of the members on their arrival found their way to the belfry chamber, and touches were rung on the eight bells. Ringing continued until 4.15 p.m., when the customary service was held in the church. It was conducted by Mr. Bell, and the choir were present. Lady Constance Ryder presided at the organ, the Rev. T. S. Dawson read the lesson, and the address was given by the Rev. R. A. W. Newman.

Tea, kindly provided by the Parochial Church Council, was served in the schoolroom, and afterwards the chairman of the branch expressed on behalf of the members their appreciation of the hospitality accorded them, of the excellent tea, and of the kindness of the ladies who had attended upon them, and moved a vote of thanks to this effect, which was seconded and carried with hearty applause.—The Rev. H. H. Bell, responding on behalf of the ladies and Church Council, voiced the pleasure which they at Timberscombe felt that the ringers should have come there for their annual meeting, especially now that they had their full octave of bells, of which they felt very proud. Referring to the address which Mr. Newman had given at the service, Mr. Bell said he had given them a very high ideal of what ringers should be. They could help very much to build up church life in the parish.

Before entering upon the business meeting, the company spent a few pleasant minutes listening to a very capable performance on a peal of handbells by Mr. A. Bryant, a young member of the Old Cleeve band, and, as was evident, a keen enthusiast in this respect. He rang first a course of Bob Triples, which elicited a storm of applause and some warm words of appreciation from Mr. G. Stacey (hon. secretary of the branch) and Mr. Bell. As an encore, he rang a course of Bob Major, and his tapping performance again brought another hearty round of applause.

The first business of the annual meeting, over which Mr. Dawson presided, was to receive the annual report and accounts for 1926. The annual report, which Mr. Stacey read, stated that there had been an average attendance of 50 members at the four meetings held during the year. Thanks were due to the clergy and the Church Councils of the places visited, viz., Dunster, Selworthy, Exford, and Dulverton, for the welcome extended and for providing teas free. The branch had made thirty new performing members and two honorary members, bringing the total membership for the deanery up to 190 (applause). Several members were falling behind with their subscriptions, and unless they paid up there would be a reduction of members for another year. 'We have to congratulate Timberscombe,' continued the report, 'on their having added two new trebles, making an octave of the peal, also Old Cleeve band on their ringing their first peal of Triples with the aid of a conductor only.' The report concluded with a word of regret at the loss, through departure from the district, of the Rev. H. G. McTaggart, Rector of Monksilver.

The statement of accounts showed receipts totalling £7 19s., of which £6 was transmitted to the diocesan secretary.

On the motion of Mr. G. Atkins (Minehead), seconded by Mr. H. Holloway (Dulverton), the report and accounts were passed.

The Rev. T. S. Dawson was re-elected chairman, and Mr. G. Stacey hon. secretary, both being heartily thanked for their services to the branch.

Mr. W. A. Hawkins was reappointed hon. auditor, and Mr. W. Hoyle, who has done excellent work in teaching bands on Exmoor, was elected Ringing Master, Mr. J. Farmer offering to retire in his favour.

Mr. H. Phillips (Timberscombe) was re-elected representative to the Diocesan Committee.

Several new members were proposed and elected, viz., Rev. A. P. Lance (honorary), and Messrs. E. Calloway (Monksilver), H. Perry, T. Powell, W. Sawyer (Exford), Gregory and Crookford (Wootton Courtenay), G. French (Dulverton), W. Bowden and F. Milton (Withypool), J. Summerhayes (Dunster), T. Elford and E. Hooper (Timberscombe), and J. Foster (Porlock) as ordinary members.

Minehead was selected for next meeting. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Timberscombe, the Parochial Church Council, organist, and the blower at the service, Mr. Newman for his address, the ladies who helped with the tea, and everyone who had helped to make the meeting so successful.—Hearty applause endorsed the thanks, which Mr. Bell acknowledged. Thanks were also accorded to the chairman and the retiring officers, and afterwards there was further ringing, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major being brought round.

BEGINNERS IN DEVON.

At Bradninch, Devon, on Friday, March 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Elworthy 1, B. Grater 2, F. W. Glanville 3, E. C. Edwards 4, R. Harris 5, C. Thresher 6. The ringers of 1st and 2nd belong Tiverton, the rest are members of the newly-formed local band, who have only been studying change ringing during the last six months.

ENCOURAGEMENT (?) OF LEARNERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I, too, can agree with the remarks of Mr. James H. Hales and Mr. Percy Amos in recent issues of 'The Ringing World.'

In South-West Middlesex there are certain ringers whose sole idea of ringing is to visit periodically certain towers for quarter-peals on Sundays and peals on week-days. All they require on these visitations is apparently a local man to ring the treble and another the tenor, but on practice nights (if a practice is held at all) these ringers are conspicuous by their absence. How, then, I ask, can such ringers be said to be promoting the art?

Progress, in my humble opinion, should be judged by the capabilities of local bands as a whole, but in looking round this corner of Middlesex what do we find performed by the locals for Sunday service? As far as I can ascertain it is more or less as follows: Sunbury, Hampton Keltam, Staines (St. Mary's), Uxbridge, Harmondsworth, Harlington, Norwood Green, Isleworth, Brentford and Chiswick, all ring call changes or have no ringing at all; Twickenham, Grandsire Doubles or call changes; Staines (St. Peter's) and Hounslow, Grandsire Triples; Heston, Stedman; Acton and Ealing (St. Mary's), Kent Treble Bob; Hillingdon, Grandsire Caters.

There is evidently much room for improvement, both in quality and quantity of ringing, and I would suggest to our association that we had much less quarter-peal 'stunting' and a little more interest taken in the practices at the various towers. Even for Sunday service ringing, learners might be helped to struggle with the inside work if the older ringers would only attend the belfries regularly and put their backs into the teaching.

'ROBERT SINGLE.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR CHURCH BELLS REHUNG.

The peal of five bells in the tower of Holy Trinity Church, Barrow-upon-Soar, Leicestershire, has just been rehung by John Taylor and Co., and last Thursday the peal was informally reopened. A few ringers from Loughborough met the local band in the tower, and several well-struck six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman were rung, everyone being delighted with the ease with which the bells go.

The tenor bell is 14 cwt., and the peal is now hung on modern principles, with hall bearings, and the local ringers were amazed at the wonderful difference between the old heavy going and the present smooth-running peal, as the bells can now almost be rung by a silk cord.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Swanbourne on Saturday, March 5th, but owing to the inclement weather the attendance was very poor and very much below the usual average of the meetings of this branch. The object of visiting Swanbourne was to get the tower into union with the branch. The local ringers met the members and also attended a short service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. C. Forrest, R.D.). Tea had been provided for rather more than those that attended, so a little deficit had to be made up.

After tea was over, the Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) explained the object of visiting Swanbourne, and regretted that owing to the weather so small a number was present, but he hoped that the local ringers would become members of the Oxford Guild, as it was essential that interest should be maintained from the ringers' point of view, and that they should support the ringing organisations.

The Vicar said that he was pleased to welcome the North Bucks Branch to Swanbourne, and promised to assist all he could. He said that he would become an honorary member that day.—The local ringers present agreed to become members, after having a meeting with a view to taking up change ringing. The Secretary promised that he would assist them all he could after their tower had come into union with the branch.

The ringing was not by any means up to the usual standard owing to the shortage of members, but good work was done amongst the local men, and several were put through 120 Grandsire Doubles, which left a favourable impression, and facilitated the object for which the meeting was held. A very welcome, but unexpected, visitor in the person of Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, appeared on the scene, and thereby enabled one or two more touches of Bob Major to be accomplished. The Secretary proposed the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, ringers and persons responsible for the catering, which brought an interesting meeting to a close.

LONDON SURPRISE BY DEVON GUILD.

On Thursday, February 3rd, 720 London Surprise Minor was rung at Stoke Damerel Church by members of the South West District Branch of the Devon Guild, conducted by W. G. Hiscott (first 720 of London as conductor).—On Thursday, March 10th, 720 London Surprise Minor: E. W. Marsh 1, W. Wonnacott 2, H. Tippet 3, W. Rundle (conductor) 4, W. G. Hiscott 5, T. Myers 6. First 720 of London as conductor by W. Rundle.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are supplying a chime of ten bells (tenor 7 cwt.) for St. James' Church, Selby, to commemorate the diamond jubilee of the church, 1867-1927.

The rededication of the restored ring of ten bells at St. Giles', Camberwell, last week, was marked by extraordinary scenes of enthusiasm on the part of the parishioners. The great church, which seats 1,700 people, was crowded to excess, and hundreds remained outside to hear the bells.

The officials of the London County Association took part in the procession, in which the Mayor and Corporation of Camberwell, and various parochial organisations also took part. The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Southwark.

The bells have been rehung in entirely new fittings by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

It was unfortunate that services at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields prevented the celebration last Monday of the two hundredth anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

On March 22nd, 1734, a peal of 6,876 Grandsire Caters was rung at New College, Oxford. On the same day, in 1802, the Royal Cumberlands rang a peal of 7,104 Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise was rung at Brighton on March 22nd, 1901.

Ninety years ago next Wednesday Elijah Roberts 'tapped' his great length of 19,440 changes of Treble Bob Maximus, beginning at nineteen minutes past four in the morning and finishing at four minutes past five in the afternoon.

The first recorded peal of Reverse Bob Major was rung at Harrietsham, Kent, on March 23rd, 1751, conducted by James Barham.

On the same date in 1783, 5,020 Old Double Caters, 'being the first peal ever rung in that method,' was achieved at Fulham by the College Youths, who on March 24th, 1784, rang 5,160 Double Twelve-in at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

Apocryphal a peal rung at Wortley in honour of a certain interesting event, it wasn't dear old Uncle Joe who has got hung in an 'iron frame' and tuned on 'Simpleton's principle.' Oh, no; but he sends hearty congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life to his namesake. May he complete the 'Sixty Course-ends,' is Uncle's wish for him.

Saturday, March 19th, is the Feast of St. Joseph, and we wonder if it will be so for eight of them at 'Brum.'

In the report of the handbell peal of Bob Major rung by the Cambridge University Guild on Ash Wednesday, and reported last week, for Rev. R. Woolley (Caius) read R. v. d. R. Woolley (Caius).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT AT HOMERTON.

A meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday last at St. Paul's, Glyn Road, Homerton, which church has a light peal of six bells, perched high up in a tower built almost entirely of wood, right over the centre of the main building. Although the attendance was not up to the usual average, some good practice was obtained, and several of the local ringers took part in touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor.

A short service was held at 5.15, when the Rector (Rev. G. Andrews) gave an interesting address on bells and their origin.

After tea, the usual business meeting, presided over by Mr. F. A. Milne, was held, at which five members were elected, including four of the Homerton band.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), in proposing their election, welcomed them into the association, saying that it was a pleasure to find them renewing their allegiance to the society, of which the Homerton band had once before been an important part. He hoped they would be loyal members, and find that the association would be a great help to them.

The Hon. Secretary announced that the annual general meeting would be held at All Saints', Poplar, on April 23rd, also that he had received a letter from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who invited the members to a ringers' rally at the Croydon Foundry on April 2nd to celebrate the completion of the greatest set of bells in the world—the carillon for the Victory Tower of the Canadian Houses of Parliament at Ottawa. Particulars would be sent to all towers, and he hoped that members would advise him as quickly as possible of their acceptance of the invitation.

The tower was again visited, and more good practice was obtained, the ringing during the day including touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

INSTRUCTION BOOKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your leading article in 'The Ringing World' of the 4th inst., re instruction book for beginners, would it be possible for the Central Council to get out a book of this sort, the cost of production being subscribed for by the different Guilds and associations, and then supplied at cost price to those who require them?—Yours faithfully,

B. COOK.

Bratton, Wilts.

"SURPRISE METHODS."**THE COMPLETION OF THE SNOWDON SERIES.**

The publication of 'Surprise Methods,' which we have recently noted in these columns, completes the work begun by Jasper W. Snowden fifty years ago. It has been a long time to wait, and, useful as the book will be to students, we are afraid that it has lost some, at least, of its value by the long delay. The Minor methods, to which the first part of the book is devoted, have been anticipated by the Central Council's collection, which exhausts the field of six-bell ringing, and the Major is limited to the four popular methods, with the addition of Ipswich as an alternative to Cambridge, which, although fully discussed, is condemned root and branch.

The subject throughout is dealt with in an interesting and instructive manner, as one would expect from such able writers as the late Mr. William Snowden and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. The former continued and amplified the earlier writings and notes by his lamented brother, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who did so much in regard to 'Grandsire' and 'Stedman,' has, at the request of Mrs. Snowden, carried the work to a conclusion.

Apart from the instructions for ringing the methods themselves, there are skeleton diagrams of all the methods dealt with, instructive chapters on proof, and interesting facts of history with tabulated lists of the known peals of London and Cambridge rung up to the year 1900 and of Superlative up to the year 1893. After these dates, the peals rung became so numerous that it was impossible to detail them, and, as they are recorded in the columns of the ringing press, there was no need; but we think it rather a pity space was not found to record the progressive lengths in the methods, up to the date of the publication of the book, as was done with other methods in the series. The result is that we have no mention of the eight and nine thousands of Superlative, the fourteen thousand of London, and the thirteen and fifteen thousands of Bristol. Curiously, the 12,896 of Cambridge in 1923 is recorded and the composition is given, so that there can have been no objection to dealing with the other methods in the same way on the ground of the limited scope of the book. If another edition is printed, probably this omission will be remedied.

The compositions which are given are mainly historical, and, in view of the vast choice which is now open to conductors in all the methods except Cambridge, this was perhaps a wise line to take, for a selection of modern peals would have been either unrepresentative or too large for practical use. The new publication will be welcomed by all ringers who desire to study the Surprise methods, for it brings together in one volume instructive and valuable information about a number of methods which have not hitherto been extensively dealt with in this manner.

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APPLETON ANNIVERSARY.**THE BELLS REHUNG.**

The 109th anniversary of the completion of a ring of six bells in the Appleton Tower was held this year on Saturday, March 5th. The tower now holds ten bells, as all the world knows, and visitors from various parts enjoyed some good ringing on them during the day.

The firm of White, which was responsible for hanging the bells originally, has recently carried out some skilful work in the tower, with the result that the bells now go better than perhaps they have ever gone. In this connection it is interesting to note that the ninth bell is still on the same bearings on which it has swung for over a hundred years.

Mr. Holfield, the senior member of the band, has also renewed the appearance of the ringing room and of the many and interesting peal record boards.

The company present sat down to a good dinner at the Thatched Tavern (so called because it never was thatched) at 4.30.

In response to the toast of 'The Appleton Society of Change Ringers,' proposed by the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), Mr. Holfield mentioned that Appleton owed its first ring of six to the lord of the manor, who by this gift sought to propitiate the angry villagers for having deprived them of much of their common land.

The feature of the evening's entertainment was, as usual, the tune ringing on 'Appleton horn' handbells by the five brothers White, also 'Appleton horn.' Altogether, it was one of the most enjoyable of many such 'March the Fourth days.'

BEGINNERS' QUARTER PEALS.

At Christ Church, Dore, Sheffield, on Sunday, February 27th, for matins, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Miss Marjorie Holmes 1, Miss Jessie Davenport 2, Miss Molly Davenport 3, A. S. Robinson 4, W. Bingham 5, N. Short 6, R. E. Johnson 7, J. E. Lewis Cockey (conductor) 8.—For evensong, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Marjorie Holmes 1, Miss Jessie Davenport 2, A. S. Robinson 3, Miss Molly Davenport 4, W. Bingham 5, N. Short (conductor) 6, J. E. Lewis Cockey 7, R. E. Johnson 8. First two quarter-peals by Miss Marjorie Holmes (age 13). First two quarter-peals on an inside bell by Miss Jessie Davenport (age 14). First quarter-peal on the tenor by Ronald E. Johnson (age 16).

FORTY YEARS ON.**A REMINISCENCE.**

It may not be known by many of the younger generation of ringers that a great record was set up at the Goose and Gridiron, a then famous establishment in St. Paul's Churchyard, London, on Friday, March 11th, 1887, when Holt's Original was rung non-conducted in 2 hours 39 mins. by the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths:

John Christopher Mitchell	1-2
Walter H. L. Buckingham	3-4
Challis F. Winney	5-6
George T. McLaughlin	7-8

Umpires, Messrs. William Baron and George Wild, of the Royal Cumberland Society, Messrs. John W. Rowbotham and Frederick T. Gover of the College Youths.

The footnote says: 'The striking was faultless throughout, and the peal was rung without conducting, no signal being given during the performance and in the presence of competent judges, who pronounced it a masterpiece of intellectual ringing. This is the second non-conducted peal rung in hand.'

The first was Brooks' Variation of Stedman Triples on March 11th, 1854, in 2 hours 41 mins., by the following members of the St. James' Society:

John Cox	1-2
William Coater	3-4
Henry W. Haley	5-6
Matthew A. Wood	7-8

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of Holt's Original, a most enjoyable evening was spent on Friday, March 11th last, when Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, at their Streatham home, right royally entertained Messrs. Buckingham, Winney, Rowbotham, Newton and Cockerill.

After a sumptuous meal, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Caters were rung on handbells, interspersed with conversation on bygone topics.

As the guests were leaving, hopes were expressed by the worthy host and hostess that a similar gathering may celebrate the jubilee.

RAILWAY CO. PRESENT A PEAL BOARD.**UNVEILING AT SHILDON.**

On Saturday, March 12th, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. John's Church, Shildon, Durham, the occasion being the unveiling of a peal board, which had been erected in the belfry to commemorate a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung for the centenary of the railway, on July 4th, 1925, the ringers being all in the service of the L.N.E.R.

There was a good number of ringers present from Darlington, Stockton, Bishop Auckland, and members of the local band, and a number of ladies who take an interest in church work (including the belfry) were also present. The Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Watts), in an interesting address, referred to the use of bells; firstly, the miniature bells worn on the garments of priests in the ancient times; secondly, the handbells; and, thirdly, the large bells hung in the tower, showing that the bell for ages has been used as a call to service.

Mr. W. Kirkup, an official of the L.N.E.R., then unveiled the peal board, and the dedication of the board and new furnishings to the belfry was performed by the Vicar. During the afternoon and evening, touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung.

The new furnishings include linoleum and centre carpet, both of beautiful design, which gives the spacious and previously well-kept belfry a vastly superior appearance. The cost has been defrayed by a lady church worker. The peal board was given by the L.N.E.R. Company.

ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

St. Sidwell's (Exeter) Society were entertained to supper at the Church Institute by the Rector (Rev. H. Lanyon Owen), on Shrove Tuesday. The company included the Rev. L. G. Rees (curate), Messrs. Helier and Yeo, churchwardens, E. Shepherd and C. Panter, ex-churchwardens, and Mr. Laxton, chairman of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild.

After an excellent repast and 'The King' honoured, the Rector expressed his great pleasure in being with his ringers again, and hoped as long as he was Rector to continue this annual social evening and to join them on their summer outing.—Returning thanks, Mr. E. Shepherd said the ringers were very loyal to their church, and by their diligence had become one of the leading bands in the city and county.

Songs were rendered by the Rector, Messrs. Helier and Hunt, a course on the handbells by Messrs. How, Richardson, Drake and Shepherd, and a humorous reading by Mr. Yeo.

The Rector presented to the Society a curious old handbell, inscribed 'Manor of St. Sidwell, 1824,' and hoped they would keep it in the belfry, which Mr. Richardson acknowledged and promised to keep as an interesting relic.—Mr. Shepherd considered this bell was used when the fairs were held in Sidwell Street over a century ago.

A toast to 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. Laxton replied, and the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' concluded a delightful and harmonious evening.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

PROSPEROUS CONDITION.

The annual meeting of Dudley and District Guild on March 5th drew a large assembly of ringers to St. Thomas' Church. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon A. H. Phelps). He based an excellent address on the words 'And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers.' These strange words, he said, referred to one of those towers which used to be built when the vine was cultivated, so that a man could go up and see what was going on in the vineyard, and detect any trespassing or stealing. This lodge or tower was a picture of many of the towers in which the bells were rung. How many lonely towers there were in the area of their own association! Neltherton Church tower was lonely and isolated. The church was lodged on the top of a hill, and it could be seen from miles around standing up above everything else. Sedgley, King's Norton, and other towers in the area might be described as being lonely—like 'lodges in gardens of cucumbers.' The towers themselves were often very lonely and shut up from the rest of the church. The tower of Worcester Cathedral appeared almost like a separate church, and towers like St. Thomas' had to be approached from the outside. In one sense, the life of the ringers must be a lonely one while in their towers, because they were cut off from the rest of the building. There must be times when they felt that they were a part by themselves. They, however, must remember that they were parts of one large whole ministering to the whole body of the church, and serving God and their fellow-creatures. Their life in the tower was part of the spiritual life which they were living in their own way, each of them working for the glory of God, yet with a unity which could not fail to have gratifying results. Very heartily he welcomed them that afternoon in the old mother church, and hoped they would go away with new aspiration for their future efforts.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting was held in one of St. Thomas' schoolrooms. The president of the Guild (Canon A. H. Phelps) occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. Harry Mason and Mr. Hugh Watson (vice-presidents) and the officials of the Guild.

After a substantial tea, provided by funds subscribed by members of St. Thomas' congregation, and admirably served by a contingent of ladies, the hon. secretary (Mr. Herbert Sheppard) presented a report of last year's activities. He said the membership had increased, and financially the Guild was still in a prosperous condition, the balance on hand in February last being £10 4s. 3½d., compared with £7 16s. 5½d. in the corresponding month last year.

Mr. Mason congratulated the officials and the members on the very favourable report and balance sheet, and these were afterwards unanimously adopted.

Canon Phelps was again appointed president.

The vice-presidents were re-elected, and the Vicar of Rowley added to the existing number.

At this point Canon Phelps had to vacate the chair to keep another appointment, and was succeeded by Mr. Mason, who proposed that Canon Phelps be accorded a vote of thanks. He (Mr. Mason) for many years had been coming to meetings at Dudley, and could assure them the members of the Guild always had a very hearty reception from Canon Phelps, whose smiling face it was always a pleasure to see. Canon Phelps had not only conducted services in the church, but did everything he could to make their meetings a success.—The proposition was unanimously carried, and Canon Phelps appropriately acknowledged it.

Mr. J. Goodman, jun., was re-elected Ringing Master, Messrs. F. Evans (Sedgley) and T. Justice (Bilston) hon. auditors, and Mr. S. J. Hughes hon. treasurer and Central Council representative. Mr. H. Sheppard was re-elected hon. secretary.

Mr. Sheppard expressed appreciation of the continued confidence of the members, and the business ended with a vote of thanks to all who had in any way contributed to the success and enjoyability of the proceedings.

OVER SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

Death has recently claimed one who for 62 years gave of his best in the cause of ringing. The passing of Mr. Frederick Hancock, of Eckington, Derbyshire, leaves a gap which will be hard to fill. Learning to ring at the age of 17, he acquired a reputation for being always at his post, and early, thus setting an example worthy of all men, particularly ringers, who depend so much on each other.

Though his ringing capabilities were chiefly confined to the treble, he was a safe man in that position. The records he leaves behind show that he spared neither time nor pains in following the art. It was not until two years ago, when his wife died, that it became noticeable that he was breaking up, and his bereavement certainly left its mark upon him. It was not, however, until October, 1926, that he failed to appear at his post in the belfry, for while he could just hobble and walk, with one hand on the wall, he continued to make his appearance. His nerve and sight then failed him; the old hero was compelled at last to hand over his charge to others, in the hope that they would keep the old bells ringing.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Thursday, March 10th, 720 London Surprise: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goacher (first 720 in the method) 4, G. Steele 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6.

INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. J. P. Armstrong's letter in your issue of the 11th inst., following your editorial, is also 'good as far as it goes,' but it does not go far enough.

There is only one place to learn the practical side of ringing, and that is in the tower, and instructors, as a rule, are fairly good, practically. Given ropesight, there is no more (to a ringing aspirant) in learning elementary change ringing than in a child learning his 'ten-times table'—parrotwise; he does what he is told to do.

To continue Mr. Armstrong's analogy, it is not sufficient to teach the child to know 'twice ten are twenty.' Show him that, given two piles of ten, when counted straight through make twenty, and his application of common sense will help him to discover what three piles of ten are equal to. Interest him in the reason why, and if he keeps he will go on. Granted, he must be taught how to count onwards first, and here is your 'practice.'

Generally speaking, instructors are not good, theoretically. As an instance, the recent articles published on 'splicing,' where it was assumed that a man is ignorant of the method of tracing the path of a bell through the course, from the figures of the first lead, a detailed explanation being given, immediately to be followed with the lead-ends of a 720, without a word of explanation as to how these were arrived at. Either the former was unnecessary, or the latter a sad omission.

Mr. Armstrong's strictures on 'The Ringing World,' again are good 'as far as they go,' but how far? The editorial comment is pertinent, but (please forgive me) beside the point; instruction of the amateur is required, and not the practical gardener, which, rightly, he contends is hardly the work of a newspaper.

We must not lose sight of the Editor's point of view. He must cater for everybody—the more for the majority of his subscribers, the less for the minority (space for number). If more peal-space sends up his circulation, then he is justified in increasing it. He is unable to please everybody, and, naturally, the majority win.

Having attained the maximum for the majority, he turns to the minority, and here is our opportunity. Divided into two classes, who is more likely to buy 'The Ringing World' to learn? The round ringer in his desire to ring Doubles, or the change ringer in his desire to know why? Of the two, unquestionably the latter; but the Editor must have some grounds for supposing that this class of subscriber will be pleased with his innovation. Convince him of this, and he will do it quickly enough. It is up to you—you thousands of ringers who cannot prick out a touch by the lead-ends—to write to the Editor and tell him so. Give him a chance to know what you want, and what you will support, and he will get it all right. Tell him that you want something simpler than the books—that you cannot fully understand them, and he will give it to you. I happen to know that he likes the suggestion, but naturally he must be sure of his ground, because popular space has got to give way.

Believe me, this epistle is no effort at 'whitewash' on the part of a friend of the Editor, and if published will emphasise his candour in publishing Mr. Armstrong's letter; it is penned by a bitter opponent of 'bigger circulation, better results,' for I am a firm believer in 'better results bring bigger circulation'; but justice is justice. Give the Editor a lead, tell him what you want (it will only cost 1½d.), and if the demand warrants it you will get it; but you must all demand.

The Editor has already reviewed some articles by the writer on the above lines, and, rightly, has judged them to be unsuitable; it is difficult to make the written word simple enough. Proof positive that he is interested in the beginner. It may be that one day more will be submitted and published, and this is the sole reason for the anonymous signature, the criticisms being written in the honest endeavour for betterment.

It is the 'learners' job to prove that such articles would be welcomed, and the ventilation of the views of the gentlemen who have recently discussed these matters in conference would encourage the learners to 'demand' such articles by letter and then to buy the paper to support such an innovation.

Space used in such a discussion is no waste, Mr. Editor, and I offer no apology.

MINORMANIA.

LOST SENSE OF PROPORTION.

Dear Sir,—While quite agreeing with your correspondent, J. P. Armstrong, that some standardised system of instruction is necessary, I must say that he seems to lose all sense of proportion or fairness when blaming 'The Ringing World' for the lack of this, and the last paragraph of his letter amounts almost to an insult, as you have always gone out of your way (to a certain extent) to forward the interests of the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

W. RUMSEY.

Debenham.

TENBY.—On Thursday, March 3rd, to mark the occasion of the enthronement of the Bishop of St. David's, the ringers of St. Mary's rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: Rev. F. A. Oswell (first attempt in Triples) 1, T. Yeomans (first attempt on inside bell) 2, Geo. Jenkins 3, Wm. Jenkins 4, J. John 5, H. Jenkins 6, T. W. Griffiths (conductor) 7, J. Williams 8. All are usual Sunday ringers.

DEATH OF VETERAN YORK RINGER. FIFTY YEARS AT THE MINSTER.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the death has taken place of Mr. Thomas Henry Haigh, who for 53 years was a bellringer and for more than half a century was connected with York Minster. Mr. Haigh, who was 74 years of age, obtained a grounding in the art at Clifton Church, and joined the Minster Company in 1875. Here he came under the influence of the late Mr. W. B. Howard, who did so much during his long life to help youthful ringers.

There were many good ringers at the Minster in those days, and Mr. Haigh rapidly made progress. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1885, and retained his membership for the remainder of his life. On March 2nd, 1875, he became a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and rang with them in London. He was also for many years a member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and had a lot of friends among the ringers of North Yorkshire.

His record of peals as shown in the 1924-25 report of the Yorkshire Association is 45, and of some of these he was the conductor. These included peals at York, Selby, Beverley, Hull, Knaresborough, Darlington, Newcastle and Scarborough.

Mr. Haigh took part in the last peal rung at St. Martin's, Coney Street, on October 9th, 1888. He was one of the band that rang the last peal at Selby Abbey (September 8th, 1906) before the bells were destroyed in the great fire in the following October; he took part in the first peal on the new ring at Eserick, on April 24th, 1926; and he conducted the last peal rung at York Minster (Grandsire Caters, 5,129 changes) on November 9th, 1892.

In his earlier days at York Minster Mr. Haigh used to ring at the heavy end, but latterly most of his ringing had been done on the treble, but wherever his position, his work was always good. No one was more pleased than he when it became known that the Minster bells were to be re-hung and tuned, and it was surely an unkind trick of fate that the only time he should be able to ring on them after their restoration was on the dedication day, August 28th, 1926 (he rang the treble at the opening), as he was taken ill a few days later, and had never been able to visit the tower since.

The Exercise is the poorer for his passing, and the sympathy of ringers up and down the country will be extended to his relatives.

The funeral took place on Saturday, March 5th, the first part of the service being held in the Minster Choir and being largely attended, for Mr. Haigh was well known throughout the city.

The clergy who took part were the Very Rev. the Dean of York (Dr. Lionel Ford), Canon C. C. Bell and the Rev. H. Spence (chamberlain). Mr. Spence read the committal sentences at York Cemetery. The coffin was met at the south door by the clergy, who were preceded by the cross-bearer.

The chief mourners were Mrs. T. Haigh (widow), Mr. and Mrs. H. Haigh (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. T. Haigh (son), Mr. and Mrs. A. Haigh, Mr. J. Haigh, Miss Minnie Haigh (niece), Mr. W. Haigh, Mr. and Mrs. R. Haigh, Messrs. C. and T. Haigh (nephews), Mr. and Mrs. Leadley, Mrs. Baker (niece), and Miss Snaith.

The York Minster Society were represented by Mr. G. Horner (secretary), Mr. A. Horner, Mr. W. Fountain, and Mr. H. N. Imeson, and the following members acted as bearers:—Mr. T. Hodgson, Mr. S. Steele, Mr. A. C. Fearnley, Mrs. T. F. Earnshaw, Mr. E. Rickitt and Mr. G. Worth. Representing the Yorkshire Association were Mr. Percy Johnson (Leeds), secretary, and Mr. L. Woodcock (Morton). The York Cricket and Bowling Club, the Burton Lane Club and Institute, of which Mr. Haigh was a life member, were also represented, and there was a large attendance of sympathetic friends.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by: E. Rickitt 1-2, A. C. Fearnley 3-4, T. F. Earnshaw 5-6, and H. N. Imeson 7-8.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Monday, March 7th, at St. Alkmund's Church, Derby, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 50 mins. with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to a tribute of respect to the late Mr. E. Coates, a highly esteemed member of the church, whose funeral took place earlier in the day: H. K. Waterfield 1, A. Mould 2, R. Boulton 3, G. Freebrey (conductor) 4, J. Bailey 5, G. H. Robinson, sen., 6, P. H. Tate 7, G. Robinson, jun., 8.

At Wingham, Kent, on Sunday, March 6th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor with 7-8 covering: H. Chandler 1, H. Bates 2, H. Smith 3, L. Honess 4, J. Sharp 5, F. Fairbread (conductor) 6, L. Levey 7, A. Scarff 8. First 720 by treble (aged 14 years) and 2nd ringers. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Rev. J. M. Fox, a former Vicar of the parish, who was interred in the churchyard the previous day.

At Fulbourn, Cambs, on Thursday, February 24th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob (1,440 changes), with 7th bell covering: E. Webb 1, Charles Hall 2, John Giddens 3, Joseph Page 4, Arthur Page 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6, J. Stanley 7. Rung on the occasion of the funeral of George David Bridge, who had been a ringer for over 25 years with the Fulbourn band, with the bells fully muffled.

At Southwell Cathedral, on Friday, January 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Clulow 1, G. E. Padgett 2, G. E. Foster 3, F. Pickard 4, H. F. Clulow 5, E. Foster 6, A. J. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, W. D. Shortrose 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. S. Gould, senior curate at the Minster, who was interred that day.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The pre-Lent meeting was held at Lanchester in beautiful weather. The committee meeting was held at the King's Head Hotel, presided over by the president (Mr. C. L. Routledge).

Messrs. Routledge, Payne, and Ferry were elected to act as committee to revise the rules and submit them at the annual meeting. It was proposed that the date of the annual meeting be altered to bring it to more genial weather. This will also be brought up at the annual meeting.

Tea was afterwards held at the same place, the president presiding, supported by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Heatherington), the hon. secretary, hon. treasurer, the vice-president for the Western District and others, 21 sitting down.

There was no business to transact, but after the toast to 'The King,' a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for helping in the arrangements for tea, to which the Vicar responded. Touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells.

The tower was then visited again. The ringing on the tower bells varied from Bob Doubles (with some locals taking part) to London Surprise Minor, and was kept going from about 3 to 8 p.m.

The following towers were represented: Durham Cathedral and St. Oswald's, St. Ignatius', Sunderland, Newcastle Cathedral and St. George's, Gosforth, Tanfield, Winklaton, St. John's, Newcastle, Chester-le-Street, Houghton-le-Spring and Gateshead. Some 32 or 33 ringers (including the locals) took part in the ringing.

The hon. secretary has received a very kind invitation from Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, for any members of the association to visit Greydon for a ringers' rally on Saturday, April 2nd, to hear and inspect the carillon for the Victory Tower at Ottawa. The carillon consists of 53 bells, total weight 53 tons, weight of tenor (or bass bell) 10 tons. Mr. Ferry will be pleased to furnish full particulars to any of the members of the association who are able to accept the invitation if they will communicate with him at 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

A PILGRIMAGE AND AN 'APPRECIATION.'

An excursion was arranged by the Supporters' Club of the Plymouth team early in the year for the match between Plymouth Argyle and Coventry City at Coventry. The date was February 19th, 1927. The 'Henry Johnson' Commemoration Dinner to be held before Lent, and generally in February. Would the fates be kind, and the dinner and football match coincide? The notice of the dinner in 'The Ringing World' was eagerly awaited, and you can imagine the joy when February 19th was the date selected.

On Friday night, February 18th, four eager ringers left Plymouth at 11.40 p.m. Coventry was reached at 7.10 a.m. on the 19th. After a vain and fruitless search to get some breakfast (the excursionists had filled every available cafe which happened to be open), we left for Birmingham. On account of a fog, this trip of 18 miles took 1 hour 20 minutes. We soon found the Cobden Cafe and some breakfast. Outside the cafe at 11.30 we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Walker and Mr. James George, who had arranged for several ringers to meet us Plymouthians.

St. Chad's was the first tower, and Stedman and Double Norwich were rung, the latter a treat for the visitors, as we get very few opportunities to ring this musical method. The pleasure of ringing a fairly long touch was therefore much appreciated. Then came Bishop Ryder's, with Stedman and Kent Treble Bob. Mr. J. George is Ringing Master here, and it is easy to see that he is very proud of being in charge of such a nice peal and such a well-kept ringing chamber. After lunch, St. John's, Deritend, was visited—more Double Norwich. By this time it was nearly 3 p.m., and one of the chief events of the day was due. As St. John's and St. Martin's are close together, you may be sure we were waiting on the top line at St. Martin's for the opening of that tower. Here we had the pleasure of ringing our first touch of Stedman Cinques, and we sincerely thank those ringers who gave us the opportunity to do so. We then rushed off to St. Phillip's and managed to get a ring on the ten at that tower, back again to St. Martin's in time for the very interesting discussion, 'How to keep beginners interested in ringing.' Some very able suggestions were brought forward, and it is to be hoped that this subject will be brought to the front wherever ringers meet. It was now 'dinner time,' and 'The Ringing World' has told its readers how well the whole affair was managed. Everything went as clockwork, and reflects great credit upon Mr. Walker and his helpers. It is a very good plan when bells require attention to get the Vicar and his wardens to attend such a function as this, as I am sure the appealing speeches of Alderman J. S. Pritchett and Mr. A. Walker will eventually secure for St. Martin's the attention that peal requires. It would be a splendid thing, too, if Mrs. A. Hughes could broadcast some handbell selections, not that broadcasting could do her justice, but her playing was certainly a revelation of the beautiful music which can be got from handbells. At 11 p.m. we took train back to Coventry, and at 12.40 a.m. we left for Plymouth, arriving at 7.30 a.m. Sunday morning—four very tired but happy ringers, two nights out of bed, had travelled roughly 500 miles, but it was worth it all. We appreciate very much the kindness of the ringers who made our trip such a success. The day will stand out as a 'red letter' one for us.

'PLYMOUTH HOF.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BARNES.—On Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples in 42 mins.: H. Folkard 1, H. Belcher 2, W. C. Stacey 3, H. Cook 4, C. Hunt 5, F. Skerington (conductor) 6, R. Thompson (first quarter in the method) 7, P. Stratton 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, March 13th, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Hardcastle 1, C. W. Roberts 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, E. E. Bish 4, L. Attwater 5, J. W. Chapman 6, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 7, W. E. G. Hewson 8.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, March 13th, for evensong at St. Nicholas Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins. with 4-6-8 covering: W. H. Adkins, jun., 1, C. Poole 2, E. W. Smith 3, T. Thorn 4, E. Crocker 5, C. Osgood 6, H. W. Curtis 7, J. Pemberton 8. Conducted first half by E. W. Smith, and second half by H. W. Curtis. First quarter-peal for J. Pemberton. Also rung as a farewell to T. Thorn and J. Pemberton, who are leaving the town, the former for Canada, and the latter for Wales.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary Abbots, for evensong on Sunday, March 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 50 mins.: W. E. Judd (conductor) 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, R. E. Sadler 3, C. F. Winney 4, G. W. Frayne 5, H. Waklam 6, G. C. Rice 7, E. G. Garrard 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, March 13th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Thomas & Becket, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins.: F. A. Burnett 1, J. H. Cassidy (first quarter) 2, Mrs. F. A. Burnett 3, P. Giles 4, L. P. Cook 5, F. W. Burnett (first quarter as conductor) 6, H. L. Aitken 7, C. S. Shepherd 8.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 6th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Cooper, sen., 1, J. Cooper, jun., 2, G. Tilley 3, W. Mortimore 4, G. Martin 5, R. Darvill (conductor) 6. First 720 Cambridge Minor by the local band.

BOSTON.—For morning service, on Sunday, March 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Lewis 1, H. G. Lewis (first quarter-peal) 2, C. S. Bird 3, W. Lewis 4, C. I. Edwards 5, E. R. Gladman 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, W. Godfrey 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 6th, for evening service at St. Andrew's, Holborn, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: E. Brett 1, C. Choquet 2, John Lee 3, R. Green 4, L. Gray 5, A. C. Darnell 6, J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 7, E. R. Garrard 8.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Sunday, February 27th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: G. Halksworth 1, H. Fairham (Selby) 2, J. Holmes 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Newsome 5, W. Lloyd 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, H. Boldwin 8.

HILLINGDON.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, February 27th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: F. W. Goodfellow 1, W. H. Joiner 2, M. Stacey 3, P. E. Jones 4, A. Fulwell 5, E. Hancox (conductor) 6, J. J. Pratt 7, W. Honor 8.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, February 6th, for morning service, 1,344 of Cambridge Surprise Major in 44 mins.: E. Bowley (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, H. Hodgetts 2, S. Hoare 3, A. W. Dix 4, F. W. Elliott 5, C. Leman 6, W. Hodgetts 7, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 8.

OXHEY, HERTS.—For morning service, on February 6th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,344 changes) in 44 mins.: *E. Bowley 1, H. Hodgetts 2, S. Hoare 3, A. W. Dix 4, F. W. Elliott 5, C. Leman 6, W. Hodgetts 7, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 8. —For morning service, Sunday, February 13th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,544 changes) in 44 mins.: *P. Bishop 1, H. Hodgetts 2, S. Hoare 3, A. W. Dix 4, F. W. Elliott 5, C. Leman 6, W. Hodgetts 7, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal of Major. —For morning service, Sunday, March 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 39½ mins.: E. Bowley 1, W. Hodgetts 2, P. Bishop 3, H. Hodgetts 4, T. Norris 5, C. Leman 6, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 7, A. W. Dix 8.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 23rd, for morning service at the Church of St. James, 720 Grandsire Doubles, being three 240's of Mr. L. W. C. Morris' arrangement: L. H. Powell 1, C. Jaine 2, J. Green 3, F. A. Jaine (conductor) 4, W. H. Jaine 5, W. E. Brookes 5. —For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Minor (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Green 1, W. H. Jaine 2, C. Jaine 3, J. Fox 4, A. Owens 5, F. A. Jaine (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Minor on the bells, and by all except conductor.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 16th, for evening service at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, 1,239 Stedman Caters: F. W. Chorley 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. C. Moye 3, J. Waugh (first quarter-peal on ten bells) 4, C. F. Winney 5, W. Berry 6, J. Milner 7, W. Rogers 8, J. R. Gammon 9, L. Bayliss 10. —On Sunday, January 23rd, after evening service at St. Clement Danes', Strand, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Chorley 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, J. Milner 3, S. C. Moye 4, C. F. Winney 5, L. Hills 6, J. R. Gammon 7, H. Taylor 8. —On Sunday, January 30th, for evening service at St. Andrew's, Wells Street Marylebone, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. F. Winney 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, H. Dyas 3, J. Waugh 4, J. Bennett 5, J. Milner 6, W. Rogers 7, J. R. Gammon 8.

LYE, STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, January 16th, at Christ Church for evening service, 1,260 Bob Minor in 41 mins.: W. Smith 1, G. Smith 2, H. Smith 3, C. W. Cooper 4, V. Beasley 5, B. Chance 6, A. Boxley (conductor) 7, S. J. Pearson 8. First touch by ringer of treble and first as conductor. All are members of the local band and regular Sunday service ringers, with the exception of Mr. C. W. Cooper, who kindly filled the gap at the last moment.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

AN EXPLANATION.

Sir,—My attention has been called to the fact that in my recent article I misstated the number of false course ends to Superlative. I ought, of course, to have said: 'The two false course ends together with rounds form a group of three, and are probably so on account of the three steps of the cycle or the three reciprocal cycles.' I regret the error, and am annoyed that I made it.

There may be many who do not understand the full meaning of my article, so I would like to add the following: Each method, especially Treble Bob, has two sorts of shunt. First, those which move the position of the treble only in C.O., and consequently determine the lead head. Secondly, those which alter the positions of bells other than the treble, and having, in the aggregate, no effect on the lead head. The latter may be called additional shunts and are necessary in Treble Bob to prevent repetition of rows. It is essential that the additional shunts should be neutralised in the lead or occur in Q sets, otherwise Plain Bob lead heads could not possibly occur. It, therefore, follows that the additional shunts must have groups of related places or shunts. Each method has its characteristic grouping.

To extend any method, one of the fundamental laws is that the characteristic grouping of the additional shunts of the original must be repeated. As a rule this is either impossible altogether or easy to accomplish, once it has been found. Very occasionally the characteristic grouping has several forms of expression. An outstanding example of this is the Stedman blocks of Bristol Surprise. No amount of argument can prove which of the many forms is correct.

The real difficulty of extension occurs when we have internal shunts with the Treble fixing the lead head. In this case also no amount of argument can decide how many must be used in the extension or, in the event of having only the same number as the original, the positions they should occupy. This is the reason why extensions of methods like Double Norwich and Bristol differ with each, shall I say, 'expert.' The reason why Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Yorkshire Surprise cause no argument is due to the absence of internal shunts with the treble and the more or less fortunate hitting on the correct grouping of the additional shunts where such exist. Superlative, now that I have shown the characteristic grouping of the additional shunts, will be allowed in the near future to have the correct Maximus, as Mr. Geo. Baker gave it a few weeks ago.—Yours truly,

W. TAYLOR.

7,104 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY GEORGE LEWIS, OF ECCLESFIELD.

	23456	M	B	W	H
58342	1		2	2	
53482			1	2	
64352			2	2	
32546	1		1	2	
23645	2			2	
46325			2	2	
35264	2	—	2	2	
32654			1	2	
54263	2	—		2	
65432			—	2	
52436	1			2	
54326	1	—	2	2	
45623	2			2	
46253	1	—	2	2	
53624	2			2	
56234	1	—	2	2	
64235	2	—	1	2	
32465				2	
65243	2	—		2	
23456	1		1	2	

By using the alternative calling in the 7th course (1M 1W 2H) the peal is reduced to 7,040. Contains the 60 course ends. Reeves' five-part peal of 6,880 has been the greatest length on this plan until this peal was composed.

Rung at Ecclesfield, Yorks, on February 19th, 1927, conducted by A. Knights.

BEACONSFIELD.—On Tuesday, February 15th, for men's service, 832 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. W. Harrison 1, Miss Moss (conductor) 2, C. C. Mayne 3, F. Corke 4, J. Blackmore 5, J. Batling 6, H. Wingrove 7, R. Buckland 8. Longest length in the method as conductor. —On Saturday, February 5th, at 10, Burkes Parade, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells: H. Wingrove 1-2, Miss Moss 3-4, C. Mayne (conductor) 5-6, F. Corke 7-8. Longest length on hand by all.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE.—On Thursday, March 3rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 46 mins., taken from J. S. Wilde's 5,280: L. Clough 1, J. Fernley, jun., 2, J. Fernley, sen., 3, H. Langley 4, W. Fernley 5, W. W. Walstencroft 6, T. Wilde (conductor) 7, J. W. Hartley 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

FAMOUS COMPOSITION BY OXFORD RINGER.

Years before the visit of Annable and his men, there were good ringers and good ringing at Oxford, but the first peal in the city had yet to be rung. The attempts and the failure of the Londoners were a spur to local ambition, and three days after Annable was gone the tenor at Christ Church was rehung and a peal of Grand-sire Caters started for. But success was not for the Oxford men at that time. 'They were soon out,' Hearne tells us, 'and made poor of it in comparison with the others.' Failure did not dishearten them; they picked out their best men and began to practise in earnest. All of them were townsmen, but it is evidence of the interest taken in ringing by University men that their coach was Mr. Stone, a fellow of Wadham College.

Mr. Stone shares the distinction of being the first ringing parson of whom we have any account with Dr. Mason, who at this same time was ringing at Cambridge. We knew nothing about him except that he was a good ringer, as he would have to be to coach a ten-bell band. The conductor was John Vicars or Vickers, second butler at New College.

In later years this man and his doings were completely forgotten by the Exercise, and yet he fairly earned a definite and honourable place in the history of our art. He was a good ringer, a good conductor, though, as we shall see, he had one lamentable lapse, and a composer of more than usual ability. Hearne, who was a keen critic of ringing matters and by no means prone to distribute praise promiscuously, said of him that 'he is very ingenious in the art of ringing, and is excellent in calling the bobs and managing the music of ringing. I think he is one of the very best in England.'

The peal they attempted and the ones they afterwards rang would be pretty certain to be his composition. What they were like, whether in the tittums, which Annable had recently introduced, or on the older plan of hunts, we do not know—the figures are all lost. But we have evidence from quite another source that Vicars was really a man to be ranked with the early leading composers; for he has the great distinction of being the first man, or at any rate probably the first man, to produce a peal of Grand-sire Triples with ordinary bobs and singles.

At this time, as I have just said, Dr. Mason was ringing at Cambridge. He was a man who was not only interested in practical ringing, but who also collected compositions. Some of his manuscripts still remain in the library of Downing College, and among them are preserved the figures of Garthon's peal and also Vicars' peal. Readers of Jasper Snowdon's history of Grand-sire Triples will remember the description he gives of Mason's MSS. and these two peals. I will quote a short paragraph relating to Vicars' peal. 'This peal is of the greatest interest, and is really a remarkable one; where it came from and who Vicars, the composer, was, unfortunately, there are no means of ascertaining from these volumes, but it is such a wonderful improvement on Garthon's peal and so much better than the one by the unknown author which first appeared in the "Clavis" that it is strange, since it is a true peal, that it should so easily have been forgotten. In Vicars' peal we have what I think there is every reason to believe is the earliest or one of the earliest peals produced by ordinary bobs and singles only.'

And we may add that, not only is it the earliest, but it is the best of all the three-lead-course peals, only Taylor's composition equalling it in the symmetry of the arrangement of the singles.

If there were an earlier peal it would be Annable's, which London tradition erroneously stated was the first in the method. That peal is supposed to have been composed between 1737 and 1739, and it seems likely that Vicars' was earlier. There is no trace of its having been rung in early days, and apart from Dr. Mason's MSS. no reference to it anywhere.

As Mr. Snowdon says, there is nothing in the MSS. to say who Vicars was, and there is no direct evidence that he was the Oxford man. But there can hardly be any reasonable doubt about it. It is not likely that there would be two distinguished composers of the same rather uncommon name living in the early eighteenth century, one of whom left absolutely no trace of his doings.

There was a James Vickers, a member of the Union Scholars, who rang the fifth to the first performance of Holt's Original at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in 1751; but, apart from the fact that he was rather later, he is not at all likely to be the composer. There is no evidence that he was more than a practical ringer. If he had produced the peal the London men would have known of it, and probably it would have been included in the 'Clavis.'

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on March 29th, St. Magnus' on the 31st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Short service at 5 o'clock.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be served in the Mission Room at 5 p.m. at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions for current year are now due.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All ringers and friends invited.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. Tea and meeting after service. Subscriptions for 1927 now due. Further particulars have been sent by circular to local secretaries.—F. Clark, 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Slinfold on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at the King's Head at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Ham Road, Worthing.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on March 19th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. A short service will be conducted by the Vicar at 5 o'clock. Tea and business meeting, opposite the church, at 5.30. All friends will be welcomed. Kindly note subscriptions are now due.—W. H. Lawrence Dis. Sec., Little Mundon, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ansdell R.C. Church (8 bells) on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road N.S., Blackpool.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available at Kirkby from 3.30 to 5 p.m., and at Peckleton from 5 to 7 p.m. Tea provided at Kirkby Mallory at 5 p.m. Business meeting at Peckleton at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Hitcham (6 bells) on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available from 6 to 9 p.m. Branch annual meeting, Saturday, April 30th. Please note date.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bingley on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. A. J. Hopewell, 14, Percy Street, Bingley, not later than first post Thursday, March 24th.—F. Hutchinson, District Secretary.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A committee meeting will be held Saturday, March 26th, at Witham's Cafe, 5 p.m.—C. D. Potter, Secretary, 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Lenton on Saturday, March 26th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at North Bradley on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) ready 2.30. Service, 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions are now due.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Adwick-le-Trent on Saturday, March 25th. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. Burkitt, 68, Laural Terrace, Skellow, before the 24th. A committee meeting will be held to arrange the Cup Competition, to which all towers in the district are asked to send a representative.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Quorn on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock onwards. Tea at 5 o'clock followed by business meeting. All ringers and friends invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The second monthly meeting will be held at Wirksworth on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome.—Charles Draper, Local Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at March on Saturday, March 26th. Short service at 4.30. Tea, for those who notify me, in the Church Room at 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting.—H. W. Giddings, Dis. Sec., 101, Elwyn Road, March.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne on Saturday, March 26th. Bells: 'All Saints' (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Service at the Parish Church (St. Mary's) at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. The bells at St. Saviour's will be available from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's (City), Bristol, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly notify by 23rd inst.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, New Fenlake, Bedford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please advise me.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

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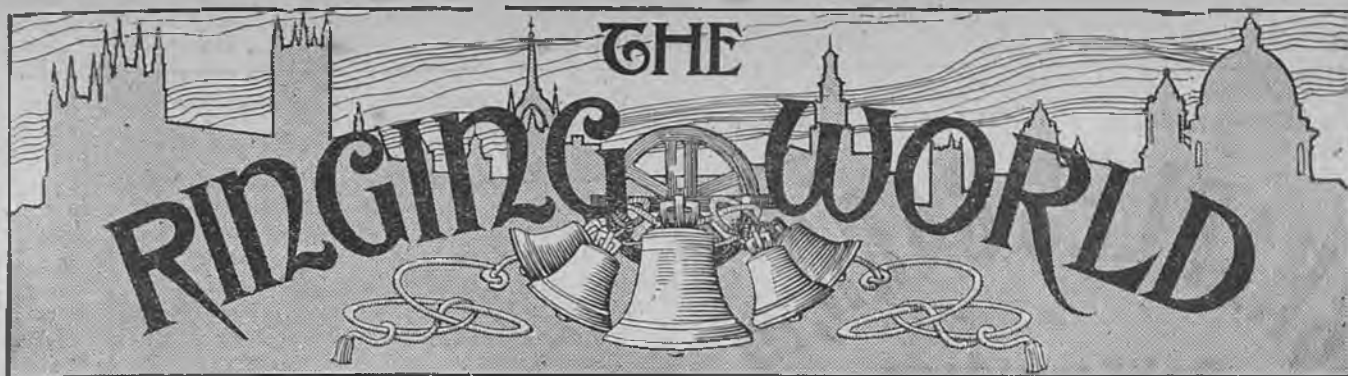
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Our recent article on books for beginners has had a development which we hardly expected. The attack which has been made upon 'The Ringing World' for being 'much to blame for the existing state of affairs' was, we felt, unwarranted, and we said so, and this week our correspondent, because only one short letter has been published taking him to task for his accusation, pats himself on the back and jumps to the conclusion, apparently, that everyone else agrees with him. For our part he may enjoy whatever satisfaction such a conclusion may give him, but we desire to point out one or two reasons why it is not possible to make a paper like 'The Ringing World' largely a text book of instruction for beginners.

In the first place, it is a journal which is intended to give ringers news of the happenings in the Exercise, to place on record the noteworthy performances, and to bring to notice any new developments in the art. It has always been and still is ready to give what help it can to those anxious to learn, but it cannot be repeatedly telling beginners how to ring Grandsire Doubles, or what not. For information of this kind young ringers must go to the text books and to their instructors. What kind of a course, for instance, would our critic expect us to give? We may know where it should begin; but where should it end? To be logical, it should show the way from rounds to the Surprise stage; or, at any rate, as far as Stedman and Treble Bob. But here comes the difficulty. Begin a series of articles this week; and three months hence there would have come into the Exercise another group of beginners to whom the then current instruction would be useless, because it would be too far advanced. To meet the criticism of our correspondent we should then have to begin another series to meet the needs of the newest recruits, and so the thing, to be consistent, would have to go on ad infinitum, and the paper would become merely an instruction sheet. No, elementary instruction must be gained from other sources. As far as we are able we have published articles to increase the education of the ringer; we have given one series of elementary articles on ringing; more than one on conducting; we have printed numerous papers on composing and others elucidating various points in the theory of the sciences. For the encouragement of beginners we have opened our columns for the publication of 'first' touches, however short their length, but this opportunity has not been taken advantage of to anything like the extent we imagined it would be.

If the claim is to be upheld that it is the duty of 'The Ringing World' to instruct the beginner, it is equally its duty to instruct the more advanced ringer, and yet, while

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a great deal of what the tyro ought to know can be found in text books, when we publish for the information and education of the advanced members of the Exercise new arguments and material, we are often accused of wasting space on 'experts' that might be more profitably employed, by saying again what is, for instance, already said in 'Ropesight' or 'Troyte,' or by informing the world at large that somebody has rung another six-score of Doubles. In order, however, that the learner may have his chance of becoming interested, we are arranging to publish a series of articles suggested by 'Minormania' in our last issue. It will treat of the very beginnings of the theory of change ringing as viewed by an average ringer and the subject will be dealt with in a simple manner. We hope it will be studied with profit by all who are on the fringe of the art, and especially by those who think their interests have been neglected.

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*R. DAVIES 3	S. RIDGWAY 7
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Conducted by J. HALLETT.

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A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,

Tenor 20 cwt.

*RONALD H. BULLEN Treble	WILLIAM NUDDS 5
*MISS ELSIE CHAPMAN 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First in the method. This peal was arranged in honour of the induction of the Rev. J. A. S. Bullock, as Rector of St. Peter's, Cornhill, on the above date, he having been a ringer and curate at St. Botolph's for many years.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
FREDERICK A. SALTER 4	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

The above peal was specially arranged for Mr. James George, of Birmingham.

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MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

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Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

*SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... Treble	G. HARRY MYERS 5
†JOHN H. GUYAS 2	*WILLIAM HAMBLYN 6
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3	*ALFRED M. MYERS 7
*ALFRED MITCHELMORE 4	*THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major away from treble.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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At the Church of St. LAURENCE,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*HARRY PARKER Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
*CYRIL VALENTINE 2	FRANCIS BIBBY 6
WILLIAM BIBBY 3	EDWARD JENNINS 7
HENRY C. COLLYER 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

SOWTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER DISTRICT.)

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HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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ALFRED MONKLEY 3	GEORGE BETTS 7
TOM G. BARTLET 4	*WILLIAM SELDON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Stedman.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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At the Church of St. ALKMOND,

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*WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 2	†PERCY DUDLEY 6
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GEORGE FREEBRY 4	*SIDNEY DAWSON Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by GEO. FREEBRY.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

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FRANK FIELDEN 3	JOHN POTTER 7
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* First peal.

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FREDERICK A. BURNETT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY Tenor

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* First peal in the method.

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*NORMAN HARDING Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 5
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WILLIAM WATTS 3	JOHN COOK 7
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Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

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J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	EDGAR C. STACEY 7
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Tenor 14 cwt.

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*H. STANLEY ROBINSON 2	WILLIAM AMBLER 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	JOHN AMBLER 7
ERNEST H. SIMPSON 4	HARRY FOSTER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method on tower bells. † 50th peal.

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FREDERICK W. TURNER 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7
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Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal. † First peal inside.

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JOSEPH E. KREN 2	STEPHEN STRATFORD 6
WILLIAM L. GOFTON 3	ADAM DEAS 7
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FRANK WARRINGTON 2	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 5
*BERRY WAYMAN 3	ARTHUR J. GINN Tenor

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EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. BEAMISH Treble	*CHARLES G. BATES 4
THOMAS W. CHOWN 2	JOHN E. MORETON 5
JAMES H. RAPER 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Challis F. Winney.

WOOTTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

*JESSE R. COTTERILL Treble	*DAVID EDMUNDS 4
FREDERICK SHARPE 2	HARRY P. FLOYD 5
GEORGE H. COX 3	*JOHN BUSHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK SHARPE.

* First peal. The treble ringer hails from Cassington, 2nd from Launton, and the rest from Yarnton.

TAMERTON FOLLITT, DEVON.

THE DEVON GUILD.

On Thursday, March 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. in F natural.

*JOHN H. GLUYAS Treble	*ALFRED T. WESTCOTT 4
JAMES E. LILLEY 2	WARREN S. HORNBERG 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3	THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Minor. Ringers of 1 and 6 from St. Andrew's, 2 and 3 from Emmanuel, 4 and 5 from Charles' Church. First peal of Minor on the bells.

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PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

JAMES TINKER Treble	ARTHUR CHAMPION 4
FRANK BARRACLOUGH... .. 2	JAMES H. SYKES 5
W. WOOLER... .. 3	E. BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by E. BROOKS.

First peal by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th, who, with the exception of the treble ringer, are all eighteen years old. E. Brooks' first peal as conductor. W. Wooler's first peal of Minor. This peal was rung to commemorate the dedication of the recast peal on December 20th, 1924, also as a birthday compliment to the Rev. E. B. Carlton, M.A., Vicar of Penistone.

MAKER, CORNWALL.
THE DEVON GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JULY, MARY AND MACRA,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM J. PHILP Treble	WARREN S. HORN BROOK 4
CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. 2	ROBERT J. BALDREY 5
THOMAS G. MYERS 3	JOSEPH WOODLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. Ringer of 4th from Charles' Church, 3rd from St. Andrew's, the rest from Emmanuel Church, Plymouth. First peal of Minor on the bells.

WITHERLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

Consisting of Stedman, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE THOMPSON Treble	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... .. 3
†ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. 2	FRED COTTON 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Doubles. † First peal. The band desire to thank the Rector for his hospitality after the peal.

SAINTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

Being three 720's of Oxford, two 720's of Plain Bob, and one 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

WALTER LARGE Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
JOHN HALL 2	*JOHN W. PERKINS 5
JOHN C. PERKINS... .. 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

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

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6lb.

*HAROLD G. SMITH Treble	*CHARLES H. PAGE 4
ALBERT CRAWLEY 2	HARRY PARKER 5
HARRY HOWARD 3	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by F. H. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in three methods. F. H. Crawley's first peal as conductor. He has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

LIVERPOOL.—On March 12th, at the Church of St. James, West Derby, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Hughes 1, R. G. Edwards (aged 12) 2, G. R. Edwards 3, J. Martin 4, J. Cooke (conductor) 5, C. I. Davies 6. First 720 in the method for ringers of treble, 2nd and 3rd, and on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

NEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

SIBLE HEDINGHAM.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF L. WISEMAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor, each called differently.

LEWIS WISEMAN 1-2	OLAVE BROYD 3-4
ALBERT CATTERWELL... .. 5-6	

Conducted by O. BROYD.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Weight of tenor, 3 ounces. Diameter, 2½ inches.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS 7-8

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

The conductor's 50th peal in the method. This is the 'lightest' peal ever rung, the total weight of the whole eight bells being 21 ounces only.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT 46, KING EDWARD'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

RONALD W. R. PICTON ... 1-2	HENRY HODGETTS 5-6
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDK. W. BRINKLOW

Umpire: CHARLES LEMAN.

This is thought to be a unique performance, owing to the fact that it is the first peal of any kind by the ringer of 1-2. It is the first peal on handbells by the ringer of 3-4, and it is 17 years since the ringers of 5-6 and 7-8 rang a peal in the method on handbells.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT 26, KIRKMANSHULME LANE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

HAROLD JACKSON... .. 1-2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY 3-4	FREDERICK PAGE 7-8
HARRY CHAPMAN 9-10	

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. PAGE.

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY.

No, it was not St. Joseph's Day all day in Brum, although eight of the 'saints' did toy for a couple of hours with a method blessed with an awkward 'toperculinery' name. Then St. Martin just popped in to leave his card and assert his right to a day or a bit of it. He changed the courses, and St. Joseph's Day was at an end for those eight. St. Werburgh took 'em home in her basket, soothing them with the advice that they should have had two good labourers to carry the hod for them. Perhaps these two said labourers had an idea they would be wanted, as on a former occasion. Who knows? Anyhow, they both turned up; 'twas the same church, too.

YE MANY-COLOURED COATED ONE.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Friday, March 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 56 mins.: G. E. Shallish (conductor) 1, F. Hawkins 2, G. Gilling 3, E. Avery 4, R. Dare 5, T. Browning 6.

NOTES BY THE WAY. RINGING IN OXFORD TWO CENTURIES AGO. BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The attempt to ring the peal of Grandsire Caters aroused great interest in Oxford. Some people declared that the ringers were trying for more than they could do and the peal would never be rung. This, as was natural at the time, led to a wager. They were to be allowed six attempts, and if they could not do it in them, they were to lose their bet. What the amount was we do not know. Actually they rang it at the first attempt, but the peal was by no means faultless. The worst mistake was not caused by any fault of theirs, but by one of the professors breaking in upon them and trying to stop them. Hearne says he heard all but three-quarters of an hour of the peal, and in that time counted fifty-two faults, nine of them bad ones. He was a very careful and acute critic of ringing, and it says much for the quality of the ringing of Annable and his men that he was not able to find a single fault in their attempts.

Here is the extract from Hearne in full:—

'1734.—January 2nd, Wednesday.—Christ Church bells being now in very good order, yesterday some select Oxford ringers rung them all for a wager. They were every man of them townsmen, but had received some considerable instruction from Mr. Stone, M.A., a man in orders, and a good ringer himself, Fellow of Wadham College. The wager was that they could not ring the 5,040 changes, quater or cater changes, upon them. They were to have six trials, and if upon the sixth trial they could not do it they were to loose. Yesterday they began (being the first trial) just at twelve o'clock and finished the whole twenty-seven minutes after three o'clock. This is the first time that this number of changes was ever rung in Oxford, the biggest bell at Christ Church falling down, and the ropes breaking at New College when the Londoners rang at both places lately, otherwise the said Londoners who rang at each place above two hours and never made the least fault would have done it with the greatest ease imaginable. The Oxford ringers yesterday made many mistakes, so that 'twas expected they must have gone over several times. I did not hear them till they had been at it about three-quarters of an hour, but afterwards I heard them quite out till they had done, and I observed fifty-two faults in the ringing, nine of which were very considerable ones. However, take it altogether, 'twas excellent ringing, and they may glory of it. The most considerable fault was occasioned by Dr. Gregory, Regius Professor of Modern History and student of Christ Church, who yesterday broke in upon the ringers, to their great disturbance. The names of the ringers were:

1. Mr. Richard Hearne, a Taylor.
2. Mr. John Vicars, Second Butler of New College.
3. Mr. John George, a Taylor.
4. Mr. Guy Terry, a pot-ash maker in St. Clement's.
5. Mr. Thomas Yates, Second Cook of Magdalen College.
6. Mr. John Broughton, a Barber of St. Peter's-in-the-East.
7. Mr. Richard Smith, a Glover in St. Peter's-in-the-East.
8. Mr. William Barnes, Second Cook of Christchurch.
9. Mr. Arthur Lloyd, of Holywell, Carpenter and Bell Hanger.
10. Mr. Nicholas Benwell, Sexton of Christchurch.'

Having scored their five thousand, the band began to think of a longer length. Four months after the Christ Church peal they attempted 6,876 at New College. One of their number was away, and could not stand in, and his place was taken by a Mr. Brickland, who was not quite up to the necessary standard, and it was through him that they lost it. It shows the interest that Hearne took in the ringing, that, though it was raining hard, he was abroad the whole time carefully listening. Apparently it was better ringing than at Christ Church.

'1734.—May 2nd, Thursday.—Yesterday, an attempt was made upon New College bells of 6,876 changes. They began a quarter before ten in the morning, and rang very well till four minutes after twelve, when Mr. Brickland, a schoolmaster of St. Michael's parish, who rang the fifth bell, missing a stroke, it put a stop to the whole, so that they presently set them, and so sunk the peal, which is pity, for 'twas really very good true ringing, excepting five faults which I observed (for I heard all the time, though 'twas very wet all the while), in that part of the parks which is on the east side of Wadham College, where I was very private; one of which five faults was the treble that was rang by Mr. Richard Hearne, and the other four were faults committed by the above said Mr. Brickland, who 'twas feared by several beforehand would not fully perform his part, but they took him now

because Mr. Broughton (who otherwise should have rang) was out of town, attending as barber in a progress of Magdalen College. Excepting this Broughton and George, the ringers were all the same with those mentioned under January 4th last. Mr. George's hands (he is above fifty years old), being not quite recovered from some blisters he received the last ringing on April 15th last, Mr. Nash, cabinet maker (who came from London, but now lives at Oxford) who is an excellent ringer, supply'd his place and rang the third bell, so they were as follows: Mr. Hearne, the first or treble; Mr. Vicars, the 2nd; Mr. Nash, the 3rd; Mr. Terry, the 4th; Mr. Brickland, the 5th; Mr. Yates, the 6th; Mr. Smith, the 7th; Mr. Barnes, the 8th; Mr. Lloyd, the 9th; Mr. Benwell, the 10th or tenour. Mr. Yates before rang the fifth, and then the sixth was rang by Mr. Broughton, in whose room Mr. Brickland was now taken. When I mentioned afterwards my observations to ye sd. Mr. Smith, he told me that tho' he rung himself yet he minded the faults also himself. Upon which I ask'd him how many there were? He said three before that web stopp'd them. I told him there were just five before that, at which he admired my niceness. They rang in the said two hours and nineteen minutes 3,475 changes, which wanted 3,401 of the number proposed.'

HOW THEY FED THE RECORD BREAKERS.

CHOCOLATES AND BANANAS 120 YEARS AGO!

'The Manchester "Evening Chronicle" recently had an interesting article on the long peal of Superlative at Bolton. For a layman, the writer has kept fairly closely to the facts, and the article will doubtless enlighten many people as to what is involved in a record performance of this kind. One or two points outside the description of the actual peal will, however, doubtless amuse our readers. Here, for instance, is one of the "asides":

'Owing to the possibilities of failure of the human factor, rope breakages, mechanical breakdowns, and the like, only one record attempt of twenty, on the average, is successful.

'Often the human factor causes disappointment. "We were once ringing a short peal of 2hr. 40min. at Bolton Parish Church," another ringer said, "when the mind of one of the ringers became a complete blank, and as we failed to put him right and remind him of the sequences of figures he had to ring to, the peal broke down."

'The man had been reckoning up, as he afterwards confessed, how much money he would draw if Bolton Wanderers won that afternoon!"

'Bell ringing,' the writer also says, and truthfully, 'is a shirt-sleeves hobby, coats and vests usually being discarded,' and he adds: 'In the course of their training for the great record attempt at Bolton, the picked band of eight ringers went through a peal of 5,000 changes almost every week for twelve months—hard work which was preparation of both muscles and mind.

'Horny-handed though ringers usually are, these longest-peal men had to use glycerine for their hands to prevent painful blistering during the uninterrupted run of 7hr. 10min. There was also special diet preparation.

'The highest number of changes possible on eight bells is 40,320, and a peal using this highest-ever number was rung in Kent 120 years ago.

'By adding one bell, however, nine times 40,320—362,880 changes—would be possible, but recognising the alarming possibilities of compound puzzles with nine bells, no one in the ringing world has dared to suggest total-number peals on this scale!

'For the Kent 40,000 changes peal there were, of course, relief ringers, 13 men in all being engaged, and the ringers were fed with chocolates and bananas during their 27 hours' effort.'

A chocolate and banana diet for bellringing, especially 120 years ago, is distinctly good.

LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Twerton-Avon on Saturday, March 12th. Unfortunately, the attendance of members was small, only 11 being present, the local ringers, however, being well represented, and several welcome visitors arriving, a very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent and some good practice obtained.

The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. B. Shephard Walwyn, who, in the course of a short address, said that it gave him great pleasure to welcome the Guild there that day because, although the Twerton bells were frequently in demand for peals there had not been a ringers' meeting held there for many years.

After the service, the ringers adjourned to the Parish Hall, where Mrs. King had prepared an excellent tea, which was much appreciated.

At the business meeting which followed, Mrs. Broome presiding, two new members were elected, viz., Miss Garland and Miss Tillard, of Bathford. Burnham was chosen for the annual meeting to be held in June or July.

At the close of tea, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for taking the service, to Mr. Temple for so kindly making all the necessary arrangements and to Mrs. King and her friends for preparing tea. The thanks of the Guild are also due to the Vicar of St. Mark's and Mr. A. G. Cole for the use of the bells in the evening, and to Miss Orchard, who kindly played for the service in the absence of the organist.

In the evening, St. Mark's, Bath, was visited, and touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Minor were rung.

DEATH OF WALTHAMSTOW RINGERS.**MR. H. T. SCARLETT.**

A well-known Walthamstow ringer, Mr. Hugh T. Scarlett, died on Thursday, March 10th, at the age of 65 years, after a long illness. Better known as Tom Scarlett, he was at one time an active member of the Royal Cumberland Society, and some years ago rang fairly regularly at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Of late years, however, his ringing activities were almost confined to St. Mary's Church, Walthamstow, at which tower, up to about a year ago, he could be found any Sunday or practice night. Early in 1926, he moved to Stroud Green, and being almost continually ill with neuritis, coupled with a general decline in health, his old ringing friends lost sight of him.

In his younger days he was a member of the 2nd Essex Volunteer Battalion, and generally, when away camping at various places, could be relied upon to join in local ringing. One of the earliest recollections of him by the writer was of meeting him at Southover, Lewes, some 20 years ago, when a peal of Stedman Caters was rung during one of the camping periods. Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton, conducted this peal, and Tom rang the tenor. He was also very active between 30 and 40 years ago with Mr. Arthur H. Gardom, and Tom's name appears on a peal board in the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, tower as conductor of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

He was one of the first members of the Middlesex County Association, and his name appears in the membership list in the reports of that society from the first issue until the present day. He was also a member of the Essex, Sussex and London County Associations, and had rung in peals of Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, on most numbers of bells. He had a very keen ear, and was an exceptionally good striker.

The funeral took place at Walthamstow Cemetery on March 15th. The St. Mary's Society sent a beautiful wreath, and the members were represented at the graveside by Messrs. R. Maynard and W. H. Freeman. In the evening, the bells at the Parish Church were rung with half-muffled clappers.

MR. W. J. COAKHAM.

An old member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. William J. Coakham, of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, died on February 23rd, at the age of 76. He was an almost lifelong resident in Walthamstow, and at one time an active member of the St. Mary's Society, although his change-ringing abilities were confined to ringing the treble in a straight hunt. He had, however, rung several peals, including a 'William' peal of Grandsire Caters, which is recorded in the belfry of St. Mary's Church, and which is a novelty in itself, the composer of the peal, the Vicar and the churchwardens, all being 'Williams.' Wil-

liam Coakham was also a noted 'wit,' and at the society's outings and dinners was well to the front with his jokes, and usually supplied a song, 'Ilford Jail.'

He was buried at Walthamstow Cemetery on March 1st. The St. Mary's Society sent a wreath, and the same evening rang the bells with half-muffled clappers.

**COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AT KING'S NORTON.
DONOR OF NEW BELLS ENTERTAINED.**

The members of the St. Nicolas' Guild, King's Norton, met under very happy circumstances on Saturday, March 12th, the occasion being a complimentary dinner, held at the Bull's Head, King's Norton, to their esteemed Ringing Master, Mr. Frank B. Yates. It will be remembered that Mr. Yates was chairman of the committee which carried out the restoration of the old peal of bells, and also that in December last he gave two trebles, making the peal into a ring of ten, and the Guild desired to mark their appreciation of his generosity and popularity in a tangible manner. The party numbered 26, and included members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and a few other friends.

Mr. F. J. Smallwood, of Derby, presided, and an excellent repast, worthy of the occasion, had been provided and was thoroughly enjoyed. After dinner, the company settled down to listen to some good singing by Messrs. W. Dowding, A. S. Downes, H. Withers, and T. Ward. Selections on the handbells were given by Messrs. T. Russam, P. O. Laffin, A. Walker, H. Williams, H. Withers, M. J. Morris and F. Chambers.

The toast of 'Our Guest' was admirably given by the chairman and supported by Mr. P. O. Laffin.

Mr. W. E. Moore (hon. secretary) handed to Mr. Yates a cigarette box, suitably inscribed, with the best thanks and wishes of the Guild.

Mr. Yates thanked the ringers very heartily for the honour done to him. He expressed his gratitude for the useful present, and his great pleasure in holding the office of Ringing Master. He wished the Guild every success in the future, and complimented Mr. P. O. Laffin upon the work he had accomplished in making the King's Norton ringers a really efficient band.

Mr. T. Russam, the Birmingham veteran, delighted the company with his reminiscences of ringing and his earlier associations with the King's Norton tower. He spoke highly of the present status of the St. Nicolas' Guild, and urged them not to spoil their reputation by 'peal snatching.'

Mr. A. Walker submitted the toast of 'The Visitors,' and this was responded to by Mr. A. S. Downes (formerly of Shifnal), who expressed his delight in having spent a very enjoyable evening.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have the order for two treble bells to complete the octave at St. Mark's, Swindon, and it is hoped they will be installed shortly. The existing steel frame is to be repainted and the 3rd bell rehung. Any friends wishing to subscribe to assist the fund (which has been raised wholly by the local band) should send their contributions to S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon (hon. secretary, bell fund).

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are supplying a chime of eight bells (tenor 3 cwt.) to St. John's Church, Clay Hill, Enfield.

The band that rang the peal of Superlative Surprise on handbells at Oxhey last week may well claim it as a unique performance. That a man's first peal should be in a Surprise method is something quite out of the ordinary, and has been accomplished by very few ringers, but that this first peal should be rung in such a method with a pair of handbells is unquestionably unique, and Mr. Picton is heartily to be congratulated, as are the rest of the band, for in any event a Surprise peal 'double handed' is a highly meritorious performance.

The jubilee of the Norfolk Guild (formerly the Norwich Diocesan Association) is to be celebrated this year, and honorary and performing members are invited to luncheon free of charge by the president and committee. The Dean of Norwich will preside, and it is hoped that the Bishop of Norwich and the Lord Mayor of Norwich will attend. It is hoped that all members will do their utmost to be present and help to make the celebration worthy of the occasion.

We frequently read of someone who has 'completed the circle' in a tower, but we doubt if anyone has exceeded Mr. Walter Charman's record at Warnham, Sussex, he having just finished doing this eight times to peals in his own tower. We wonder what is the record number of towers in which a ringer has rung a peal on each bell?

Two days after the peal of 5,160 Double Twelve In at St. Bride's, on March 24th, 1784, the College Youths rang a 6,048 of Real Double Twelve In at St. Saviour's. The figures of the composition are given in the 'Clavis.'

On the day following this peal at Southwark, the Cumberlands rang their 12,000 Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch, which stood as the record in the method for 130 years.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal was rung at Wakefield on March 27th, 1826, and it was a hundred years before another was recorded in this method.

The only peal that was ever completed in that method, is the footnote to a peal of 5,040 'New Double Tripples,' rung at Shoreditch on March 28th, 1750.

Norwich ringers will have the opportunity of celebrating, on April 1st, the 200th anniversary of a noteworthy performance. A remarkable peal was rung by eight persons, called the Quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob, all eight in, or the Union Bob, consisting of 10,080 changes, which they rung in 6 hrs. 28 mins., on the 1st day of April, anno 1727. There was no change alike or bell out of course. The peal was rung by those famous Norwich worthies whose history has recently been so well recounted in our columns by Mr. J. A. Trollope.

It was 35 years ago yesterday since Mrs. George Williams made ringing history by taking a pair of handbells in a peal of Grandsire Triples—the first lady to accomplish this. It was accomplished through the enthusiasm of Messrs. Tom Blackbourne and Goddard, who were staying at Brighton with Mr. and Mrs. Williams, while engaged in rehanging St. Nicholas' bells, and the four used to practice at meal times and in the evenings until the peal was rung.

A FORTHCOMING HANDBOOK.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I ask you if you can find room in your valuable paper to insert a second appeal to all secretaries of ringing bands, etc., to send me report books, or information of all churches they know, so I can complete the handbook of towers which I am preparing. I am anxious to get it into print.

The information I require is: Name of place, county, name of church, number of bells, practice night, weight of tenor. Thanking all those who kindly responded to the first appeal, Yours truly,

SIDNEY H. WIGETMAN.

60a, Fairfield Road,
Bromley, Kent.

QUICK PEALS AT LONG MELFORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the issue of 'The Ringing World' for March 4th, in the footnote to a peal of Bob Major rung in 3hr. 5min. at Long Melford, it was stated that it was the fastest peal rung in the tower. I should like to say it is not the fastest peal rung in that tower, as a 5,024 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on Melford bells on June 21st, 1880, in 3hr. 2min.; on August 1st, 1891, a 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3hr. 4min.; and a peal of Bob Triples was rung on October 10th, 1885, in 3hr. 3min. Also, on February 14th, 1891, a peal of Bob Major was rung in 3hr. 5min. Some of these peals are recorded on tablets in the tower.—Yours truly,

THEODORE E. SLATER.

Hunt's Hill, Glensford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Handsworth on Saturday, and was a most successful gathering in every way: a sunny day, good ringing, a fine service, a good tea, an ideal chairman, keen voting for officers, and an evident desire on everyone's part to further the interest and art of change ringing. An attendance of upwards of 50 was recorded, members being present from Rotherham, Rawmarsh, Doncaster, Arksey, Wath, Barnsley, Wortley, Sheffield (the Cathedral, St. Marie's, All Saints, and Ranmoor), Bolsterstone, Leeds, Dore, Ecclesfield, Killamarsh and Norton.

Ringing in various methods was carried on until 4.30, when a short service was held. The Lord Bishop of Sheffield was the preacher, and his address was very interesting and helpful. Tea was provided in the schools by the local company, and was honoured by the presence of the Bishop and his wife, the Rector and his wife, and the churchwardens.

The business meeting was held immediately after tea, and the Bishop was asked to take the chair, which he kindly consented to do.

Six new members were elected, these being Miss Spiby and Mr. B. Hall (Doncaster), Messrs. E. Cooper (Arksey), L. Gray (Handsworth), W. Ashworth (Wath), and A. Parr (Killamarsh).

Previous to the election of officers, the Chairman referred to the splendid service rendered to the association by Mr. F. Willey, who for 10 years, as vice-president of the Southern Division, had given of his very best, and who had felt compelled by reason of ill-health to resign his position. He was sure the members would desire to place on record their very great appreciation of Mr. Willey's work during the tenure of his office, and at the same time to wish him a very speedy return to normal health again.—Mr. G. Halksworth (Ringing Master) also spoke of his associations with Mr. Willey and the recollections of Mr. Willey's work on behalf of the association, and these were fully endorsed by all present.—Mr. Willey thanked the members for their votes of thanks, and in return thanked the officers who had been associated with him and had given him such excellent support during his term of office.

Mr. G. Lewis (Ecclesfield) and Mr. W. Stubby (All Saints') were nominated for the vacant position of vice-president, and on a vote being taken Mr. Lewis was elected.—The new vice-president, in thanking the members for electing him to that office, said he knew he had a great deal to do to come up to the high standard of the late vice-president, but would do his very best to uphold the dignity of that office.

For the three places on the committee, Messrs. Wooler, Charlesworth, Palmer, Wilson and Watkinson were nominated, and the voting resulted in Messrs. Wooler, Wilson and Watkinson being elected.

Mr. Watkinson (Handsworth) was elected to serve on the general committee.

For the annual joint meeting, to be held in June, Conisborough and Wakefield were nominated, and the voting resulted in Conisborough being selected.

Votes of thanks to the Bishop of Sheffield for his kindness in presiding, and for his address, to the Rector and churchwardens, the local company and the ladies for their services, brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting will be held in London on Whit Tuesday, June 7th next, of which particulars will appear later. Will secretaries of the affiliated Guilds and associations please note that their subscriptions became due on January 1st last; and please supply the names and addresses of all representatives.

E. A. YOUNG.

155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Guild was held at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, May 12th. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and divine service was held in the fine old Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Francis, a thoughtful and practical address being given by the Rev. Riddesdel, Vicar of Bray.

Tea followed in the Memorial Hall, about 30 sitting down, including the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and the Guild secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert).

The Vicar welcomed the branch to the parish, and expressed his pleasure in making himself responsible for the cost of the tea.—The Master thanked the Vicar for his kindness, also the ladies who so ably waited on the members. He also impressed upon those present what their membership of the Guild stood for. 'Something to give, and not something to get,' was what they should aim at.

The Branch Secretary thanked the Rev. Riddesdel for his address, also the young lady who presided at the organ.

The tower was again visited, the methods rung ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

Unfortunately, the chairman of the branch (Canon Coleridge) was unable to be present. The next meeting will be held at Twyford at the end of June.

INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is obviously futile to continue a correspondence in which a letter, written in temperate language with no other object beyond the improvement of the art in which we are all interested, is described as an insult to 'The Ringing World.' Lest there should be two of your readers who so regard my letter, I had better state that I had no such intention. I merely tried to show how 'The Ringing World' could enlarge its sphere of usefulness, increase its circulation and enhance the progress of change ringing.

If that letter from Mr. Rumsey is the strongest you have received in reply to mine, I consider that I have got off very cheaply, as I fully expected a flood of letters telling me to mind by own business. I could have forgiven such letters, as I can understand how annoying it must be to find a fellow who cannot ring even a quarter-peal setting himself up to criticise the work of men who have devoted many years to the progress of the art. The total absence of letters of this character speaks well for the spirit of tolerance and the reasonable frame of mind of the great body of instructors, who, I am sure, would be as glad as myself to see their labours meet with a better reward than they now receive. Your correspondents all agree with me in my main contention, that there is urgent need for improvement in the instruction of beginners, and so does Mr. B. Cook who writes in the same issue. In addition, I have received letters from ringers ranging from the hon. secretary of a great Guild down to the novice who has 'chucked the whole business because I cannot get on with it,' and they all agree with me. As it is undoubtedly the opinion that the reforms I have indicated are necessary, it is up to some authoritative body to get a move on.

Your correspondent 'Minormania' does his best to support me, but he suffers from the drawback of most writers on ringing matters—he finds difficulty in expressing himself. If he had been writing on foot-and-mouth disease or the Chinese question I could have guessed he was a ringer by the way he rambles, and I strongly differ from some of his views. He states that in elementary change ringing the learner should do as he is told to do. Most learners do so, and soon get tired of doing it—they would much prefer to be taught to think so that they might understand the principles of the work. At present there is too much telling and too little understanding. Why should ringing be parrotwise? A child has not learnt his tables if he can only go through them from beginning to end parrotwise. He has learnt them when he can give the results in any order; in other words, when he has been taught to think. The great defect in the present mode of instruction is that ringers are not taught to think and understand. It satisfies most instructors if their learners will do as they are told.

Then comes the suggestion that learners should write to the Editor demanding the insertion of articles of elementary instruction. There is a great obstacle in the way of this. Learners do not read 'The Ringing World.' I have known learners buy one copy to see what it was like, but they do not buy a second, as they can easily see that it is not intended for them. I have heard instructors tell young ringers that 'The Ringing World' is of no use to them, and I have seen four learners in one belfry decline to take away the free copy provided for them with the remark, 'I've had some. That thing's no good for me.' If the Editor waits till he hears from 'the thousands of ringers who cannot prick out a touch from the lead ends,' he will wait in vain. Meanwhile, as long as the paper appeals to the peal merchants, we are to assume that all's right with the Exercise.

In conclusion, may I thank you for your courtesy in inserting my letter? I believe it will achieve its purpose in due time, as there is ample evidence that many people are thinking on the same lines as myself. Perhaps, some day, in spite of the demands upon your space, you may be able to afford a corner where the novice may find encouragement and real instruction.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. ARMSTRONG.

School House, Brockenhurst.

'MUSIC IN MAJOR METHODS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The question raised in your last issue as to whether even-bell ringing is music or not, reminds me of an incident which happened to me many years ago when I was Vicar of Ottery St. Mary. There lived in the parish at that time a doctor who was very musical. He came up to me one day and said, 'I do not like to hear that tenor bell always coming in last when you are ringing changes, for it sometimes brings up to my ear wrong cadences.' I said to him, 'There is a skilled band of ringers coming here next week, who are going to try for a peal with the tenor in the changes. Come and listen to it.'

He did, and told me afterwards that he considered the music in it was far superior to that which we usually rang. The method rung was Double Norwich.

Now this testimony seems to me valuable as showing that to a musical mind even-bell ringing has more music in it than with a covering tenor.

Last night for evening service I took part in a six-score of Boh Minor which was well struck with the leads open, and even a Devon mind afterwards acknowledged that it was pretty music.—Yours faithfully,

Kelly, Devon.

MAITLAND KELLY.

CAMBERWELL BELLS REDEDICATED.

REMARKABLE SCENES.

St. Giles', the parent church of Camberwell, mentioned in Domesday, with its old square tower and ring of eight bells, was destroyed by fire in 1841. The present magnificent building, with its massive central tower and the finest spire in South London, was immediately erected. The old bell metal was recast into a ring of 10 bells (tenor 24½ cwt.), and hung by Messrs. Mears and Co. in 1844.

In 1919, under a new Vicar, the Rev. H. P. Lindsay, a strong local society of change ringers was founded, but the bells through previous inattention became gradually unringable, and ringing on them ceased in 1924. Through the agitation of the local society, the Vicar and Mr. Churchwarden Priest, the Mayor of Camberwell, Councillor F. C. Eaton, started a fund, and eventually Messrs. Taylor and Co. were instructed to carry out the restoration, which included all new fittings, except the oak frame, and right well have they done their work. Thirty-five 1in. 5ft. long tie rods, angle brackets, counter-balance clappers, ball-bearings, and ball-bearing pulley blocks have been put in.

On Tuesday, March 8th, the rededication took place amid scenes unprecedented in the history of the church. Nearly 3,000 people, it is estimated, were in the church, and thousands were outside, unable to gain admission.

The band of the 1st Surrey Rifles assisted in the musical portion of the service, and the ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Southwark. After the opening hymn, the Bishop, the Rev. H. P. Lindsay, Vicar of Camberwell, and the wardens, stood beneath the tower, and Mr. Churchwarden Priest presented the bell ropes to Councillor Eaton (the ex-Mayor, during whose term of office the restoration fund was inaugurated). That gentleman in turn handed them to the Bishop, saying: 'Reverend Father in God, we request you to re-dedicate these bells to the praise and glory of God.' The Bishop said: 'Be pleased, O Heavenly Father, to accept our offering of this work of our hands; bless and hallow these bells that they may continually call together Thy faithful people to praise and worship Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these bells in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.' Handing the ropes to the Vicar, the Bishop continued: 'Receive these bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this church, and take care that they may be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.' The bells were then rung in rounds for one minute. Prayers were offered and a hymn sung.

The Bishop, in his sermon, remarked that they had been taking part that night in a service of the greatest possible interest to those in that parish and district, for that night, after an interval of two years, their bells had once again been rung. The bells contained metal from the old bells which time after time, through the long centuries, had rung out from St. Giles'. They had rung out after such events as the Armada, the return of Charles II., and victories like Trafalgar and Waterloo. Again and again they had been used for conveying good news to the people. Church bells had played a great part in making history. The bells of St. Giles' would once more call them to the worship of God.

During the singing of the hymn 'Saviour, blessed Saviour,' there was a procession round the church, headed by the Bishop, clergy and choir.

The Mayor and aldermen in their robes of office, preceded by the mace bearer and followed by the borough councillors, came next, and after them the ringers, led by the hon. chaplain of the London County Association (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, M.A.). The local ringers, including the Master of the association (Mr. T. H. Taffender), were accompanied by the remainder of the general officers of the association, Messrs. E. A. Young, F. E. Dawe, J. George, A. T. Keighley, T. Wyatt, and assistant ringers Messrs. A. J. Neale, C. F. Winney, W. Berry, etc., the officers wearing their full regalia, badges of office and decorations. Scouts, Wolf Cubs, Guides and Brownies, with their banners, the scholars of the Greencoat Sunday and day schools, the members of the Communicants' Guild, the St. Giles' Missionary Association, Mothers' Union, Parochial Church Council sidesmen, and members of other parish organisations joined in the great procession.

After the 'blessing' the ringers proceeded through the great crowd as fast they could to the belfry, where a long ring of rounds was followed by eight courses of Stedman Caters by the following: W. Berry 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, T. W. Taffender 3, C. F. Winney 4, J. R. Gammon 5, A. J. Neale 6, W. Rogers 7, H. Mance 8, James George 9, F. W. Chorley 10. Mr. H. H. Peters rang the treble to the rounds.

The arrangements for the ringing were admirably made by Messrs. T. H. Taffender, T. W. Taffender and F. W. Chorley. The ringing concluded at 10.10 p.m., and afterwards the ringers partook of refreshments at the Vicarage.

On Sunday, March 13th, for evening service at St. Giles', Camberwell, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 53 mins.: Miss E. E. Chapman 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. C. Mose 3, C. S. Burden 4, T. W. Taffender 5, J. Milner 6, W. Rogers 7, R. Sanders 8, J. R. Gammon 9, F. W. Chorley 10. First quarter-peal on the bells after restoration by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The composition by the late John Carter

was specially composed and attempted to be conducted by him on these bells in February, 1924. It failed through the indifferent go. They were then closed down. Mr. Carter was a member of the local (St. Giles', Camberwell) society.

RINGERS' RALLY AT CROYDON.

THE PROGRAMME.

To celebrate the completion of the greatest set of bells in the world, the carillon for the Victory Tower of the Canadian Houses of Parliament, Ottawa, Mr. C. F. Johnston is arranging a 'ringers' rally' at Croydon on Saturday, April 2nd.

The carillon consists of 53 bells, total weight 53 tons, weight of tenor (or bass bell) 10 tons.

The programme is as follows:

2.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.—Ringers arrive at the works (entrance in Union Road, off Whitehorse Road, West Croydon). Inspection of the carillon for Ottawa; the carillon for Princeton University, U.S.A.; the recast bells for Coventry Cathedral; and sundry ringing peals in course of reconstruction; also the bell foundry tuning machines, giant electric clock for Ottawa, etc., etc.

3.30 p.m.—Recital on the Ottawa carillon.

4.15 p.m.—Ringing at the Parish Church, Croydon (ring of eight, tenor 30 cwt.), and St. Peter's, Croydon (ring of ten, tenor 30 cwt.).

5.15 p.m.—Invitation tea to all guests at the Baths Hall, Scarbrook Road.

6.30 p.m.—Ringing at Parish Church, Croydon, and St. Peter's, Croydon.

8 p.m.—Social and a few concert items (including hand-bell ringing) at the Baths Hall.

It is proposed to organise the departure of parties of ringers, 20 at a time, at quarter-hour intervals, so arranged as to get the peals of the Parish Church and St. Peter's going at the times mentioned.

Mr. Johnston extends a hearty invitation to all members of the various associations and Guilds who would care to visit the foundry, and names should be sent to association secretaries as early as possible, as the numbers may be considerable, involving a corresponding amount of work in organisation.

If any ringers wish to start the day's proceedings earlier than the time-table indicated, the bells of St. Mary's (Beddington) and St. Stephen's (Clapham Park) will be available, as announced in our notice column.

In any incumbents or wardens interested in their ringers or the ringing care to accompany the members, Mr. Johnston will be most pleased to see them.

Secretaries are urged to let Mr. Johnston have definite numbers by Monday next, March 28th.

There are trains from Victoria to East and West Croydon alternatively every ten minutes, and these stations are 15 and ten minutes' walk respectively from the bell foundry (or buses and trams going down Whitehorse Road pass the foundry).

'THE LIGHTEST EVER.'

Having scored the heaviest handbell peal yet rung, with a tenor size 26 in G, and weighing 4lb. 2oz., diameter 9in., certain Leicester 'pealites' desired to score the 'lightest ever.' After several unsuccessful attempts on Mr. Josiah Morris' 'Midgits,' they were dropped for the time being, but coming once more on the scene they met with a successful peal as reported elsewhere. This miniature peal was originally bought with wooden handles and iron clappers, but Mr. Tom Miller, of Birmingham, 'rebung' them with strap handles and bored the clappers, inserting box-wood strikers. The tenor weighs 3oz. and is 2½in. in diameter, while the total weight of the whole eight is but 21 ounces. Thus the single tenor of the 'heavy' peal is over three times the weight of the whole 'light' peal.

BRITH, KENT.—On Sunday, March 13th, for evening service at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: F. Simms 1, S. A. Stagg 2, F. J. Cullum, sen., 3, E. J. Hott 4, L. J. Cullum 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Darke 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, March 6th, 720 Bob Minor: T. Exeter 1, A. C. Gasson 2, A. Laker 3, A. Steele 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday evening, March 6th, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples in 45 mins.: W. W. Bailey 1, T. Bolton 2, J. Herbert 3, E. Cassel (conductor) 4, R. Bullen 5, Chas. Moody 6, W. T. Elson 7, C. F. Edwards 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church for evening service, March 6th, 720 Cambridge: H. Robinson 1, F. Warrington 2, B. Wayman 3, F. Ginn 4, F. G. Gleaves (conductor) 5, A. J. Ginn 6.—On Monday, 720 Minor: R. Thoday (first 720) 1, B. Wayman 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, A. J. Ginn 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, F. Ginn 6.

CHILDWALL.—On Sunday, at All Saints' Church, 720 Bob Minor: John Betley (first 720) 1, E. Gittins 2, F. C. Thomas 3, H. Hancock 4, W. Betley (first 720 as conductor) 5, C. I. Davies 6.

THURSTANS' OR WASHBROOK'S?*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I would like to say that Mr. Smith is hardly correct when he says that Mr. Washbrook first called the disputed peal or variation on February 13th, 1890. He called it at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday, February 15th, 1890. Why do I remember it so well? Because on that day I attained my majority, and rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Giles', Cripple Gate, to commemorate the event. Mr. J. Washbrook and Mr. C. Hounslow came on from Maidenhead, and took part in this peal, which was conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe. I well remember the doubt expressed on the face of the late Mr. James Pettitt when J. W. W., in his unassuming way, said that he had called 'Thurstans', that afternoon without 'extras' or 'omits'. This peal was published simply as Thurstans' Composition.—Yours, etc.,

R. T. HIBBERT.

ORIGINAL IN CONSTRUCTION.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to have to trouble you again, but I must write to point out the ridiculousness of the title 'Tipler's Variation of Haley's', and to do this I must take you back a long way to the days when the 5,040 was produced with the same, practically, three-course blocks as we use to-day, with a special single in each quarter-peal, and it was this special single that was the great objection. Had it been an ordinary single it would still be rung. When Thurstans hit on the idea of extras and omits it was not with the block we know as 'Thurstans', it was with the one we know as Brooks'. We read that Thurstans selected that particular one because it was the best. Had he chosen Brooks' it would have shared the fate of Parker's twelve-part of Grandsire Triples in that the variation would have been rung more often than the original composition.

Now for Thurstans to be able to select a block he must have had several to select from, which proves, to my mind, that all the possible three-course blocks with the sixth doing regular work were known: Thurstans' (A), Haley's (B), Brooks' (C), and the unnamed and condemned (D), before the peal was rung in August, 1842, but probably after he obtained what we know as Brooks' in May, 1842. He knew, and we know, that what could be done with one set could be done with all. Heywood's 'Variation' of Thurstans' is also Heywood's 'Variation' of Brooks', Haley's and the other, and so with all the other so-called 'Variations' (more correctly transpositions). 'Brooks' and 'Haley's' is little more than a name given to a certain set of three courses, and cannot be varied. When Washbrook composed his peal he used the best set; he might have used Brooks' or Haley's instead of Thurstans'. How anyone can call it a variation of Thurstans' Four-part passes my understanding. It is distinctly original in construction, and, had he not composed it, it is safe to say we should never have heard of 'Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' or 'Tipler's Variation of Haley's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part' (to give it its full title), and this correspondence would never have started. I note that Mr. Tipler totally ignores the latter part of my last letter.

W. A. CAVE.

FALSE PEALS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am very sorry to have to say that the peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Gilmorton on Saturday, November 27th, 1926, for the M.C.A., is false, as kindly pointed out by Mr. W. A. Cave in a recent issue.

The peal of 5,019 Stedman Caters, appearing in the M.C.A. report for 1924 (No. 3150) I regret to say is also false.—Yours truly,

W. P. WHITEHEAD.

NEWBURY RINGERS' TRIP.

The Newbury ringers had a half-day trip to Faringdon, Berks, on a recent Saturday. Starting at 2.20 by charabanc, they reached Faringdon at 3.40, and were met by the Faringdon ringers and three others from Swindon. The following Newbury ringers then rang the first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on this fine new peal of eight in 50 mins.: E. Crocker 1, C. Poole 2, C. Pearce 3, W. H. Adkins, sen., 4, S. Quintin 5, E. W. Smith 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, E. Challis 8. Tea was served at the White Hart Hotel, and tunes on the handbells were afterwards rung. The party then returned to the tower and rang several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples with the Faringdon and Swindon ringers. Newbury was reached at 11 p.m., after a very enjoyable trip.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. James' Church, Barlborough, Derbyshire, on Saturday, March 19th, a date touch comprising 1,927 changes, 487 Duke of York, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, was rung in 1hr. 10 mins.: Ernest Sturman (longest length) 1, Horace Hibbard 2, Percy Morris (conductor) 3, Richard Reece 4, William Sturman 5, Philip Hibbard 6. All belong to the local band.

BELLS DEDICATED AT ELKSTONE.**GIFT TO A COTSWOLD PARISH.**

Two bells, cast in 1657 for Elkstone Church, have been retained to form part of an augmented ring at this Gloucestershire church among the Cotswold Hills. They were the treble and tenor of the original set of four, cast by Edward Neale, of Burford, Oxon, the two others having been recast, the second of the ring by Abraham Rudhall in 1719 and the third by Taylor and Co. in 1882. The bells had long been silent, when it was decided to have them restored. A committee was formed to consider the matter, and at the outset it was unanimously decided by the committee to place 'giving' on the very highest plane: to ban all promiscuous methods of raising money, and to rely solely upon voluntary offerings. In face of that decision it was almost startling when, a few weeks later, Sir Ernest and Colonel James Horlick, M.P., came forward and offered to bear the whole cost of the restoration as a memorial to the late Sir James and Lady Horlick, and also to give a new bell in memory of their brother, who gave his life for his country in the Great War.

The work of restoration has been satisfactorily completed, under the advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee by Messrs. T. Bond and Son, of Burford (Edward Neale's successors), who have also cast the new treble bell, to make a peal of five, and put in a new floor. The bells 'go' exceedingly well, and the new treble is a capital 'splice'.

The inscription on the new bell is as follows: 'Great War 1914-1918. Gerald Nolekin Horlick died on Active Service, July 5th, 1918.'

About fifty parishioners and friends came to tea at the Rectory to meet the Bishop before the service, and at a few minutes to six the Bishop, accompanied by his chaplain (the Rev. Alec Robinson), preceded by the Rector and churchwardens, moved in procession towards the church, where a large congregation had assembled. The service, which took the form of shortened evensong, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. S. Tonkinson) and opened with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' At the end of the third collect and after the hymn, 'Thy hand, O God, has guided' had been sung, the Bishop, preceded by the Rector and churchwardens, proceeded to the west end of the church, and standing under the tower dedicated the new treble bell in memory of Gerald Nolekin Horlick; and re-dedicated the other four in memory of his parents, James and Margaret Adelaide Horlick 'in the faith of Christ and to the Glory of God.' The Bishop then recited special prayers, and the bells immediately afterwards burst out into a short joyful peal. The hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' was then sung, and the Bishop, again preceded by the Rector and churchwardens, returned to the chancel. The Bishop preached from Psalm xxvi. 8, 'Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thine honour dwelleth.' During the singing of the last hymn, 'Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven,' a collection was taken for the 'World Call,' which amounted to £9 3s. 1d., and with the Blessing, pronounced by the Bishop, a memorable service came to an end.

At its conclusion, Mr. Albert Wright and other members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, who had very kindly come over from Painswick for the opening ceremony, rang touches on the bells in various methods, which were much appreciated by all who heard them.

The whole of the ringers then adjourned, together with the churchwardens, to the Manor, where an excellent repast had been provided for them by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Hitch, and a happy hour and a half was spent, handbells adding much to the enjoyment.

HONOURING A BISHOP.

The bellringers of Middleton Parish Church paid a visit on Saturday, Feb. 26th, to St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme, to ring a peal in honour of the newly-appointed Bishop of Middleton, who is Rector of that church and parish. They were met by Mr. Hailwood, the custodian of the belfry there, and then proceeded to ring a well-struck peal of Grandsire Triples, which was accomplished in three hours and five minutes. After this, the ringers were met by Rev. Mr. Barnett (curate of St. James'), who apologised for the absence of the Bishop, who had been waiting for the conclusion of the peal, but had had to go away before it was finished owing to a previous engagement.

All then adjourned to the Parish Room, where tea was served through the generosity of the Bishop and St. James' ringers, at the end of which the Rev. Mr. Barnett, Mr. Hailton (churchwarden), and Mr. Burrows (conductor) welcomed the Middleton ringers and congratulated them on their peal. Mr. Hardman, on behalf of the visitors, expressed their appreciation of the welcome and hospitality of the Bishop and Birch friends, and extended an invitation to the Birch ringers to Middleton in the near future.—This was supported by Mr. S. Holt and Mr. P. Ladin. A pleasant evening was spent with newly-made friends.

AFTER 30 YEARS.

The first quarter-peal by a local band at Havant, Hants, for about 30 years was rung on Thursday, March 17th, at St. Faith's Church, when 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Groves' Transposition was brought round in 50 mins.: T. Thorne 1, E. Hedger 2, W. Monk 3, F. Pann 4, W. Gent 5, M. Marshall 6, R. J. Hasted (conductor) 7, S. Parsons 8.

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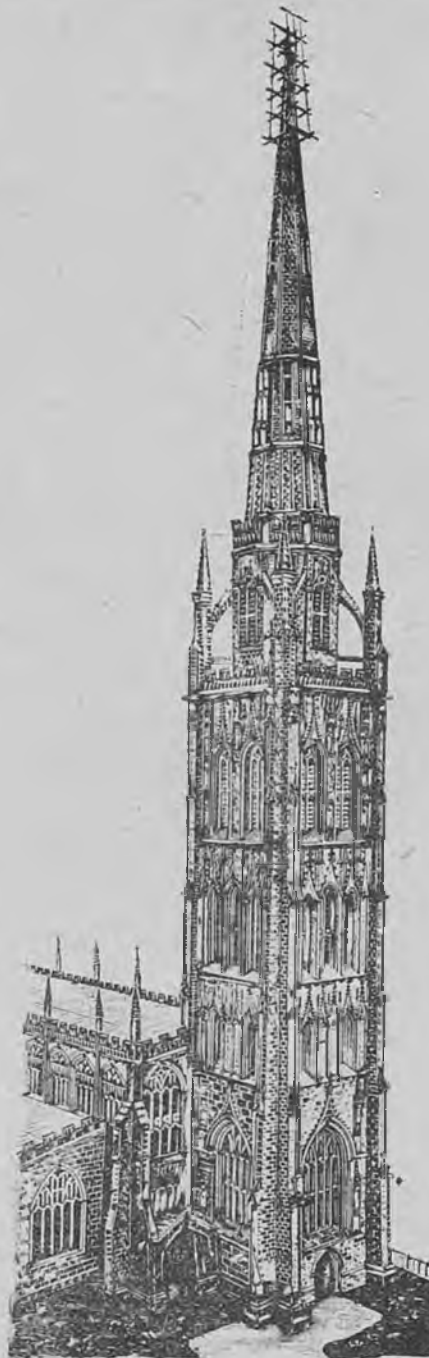
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TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday evening, March 20th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples: E. J. Dobbie 1, G. Kenward 2, S. Taylor 3, W. E. Spice 4, E. H. Spice 5, W. Walker 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, Mrs. E. H. Spice 8.

HILLINGDON WEST.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, March 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: E. D. Kemp 1, E. Hancock 2, J. H. Lucas 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, P. E. Jones 5, R. Carter 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, C. Nicholls 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, March 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 50 mins.: *H. Page 1, *H. Ellis 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Belcher 4, F. Skevington 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, D. Stevens 7, A. Harding 8, J. W. Driver (conductor) 9, G. Block (first quarter of Stedman) 10. * First quarter of Stedman on tower bells. Rung for evening service and as a compliment to J. W. Driver, who completed his 40th year as steeplekeeper and vergier on Sunday, March 6th.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 20th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for service and to celebrate the 73rd birthday of Mr. Smedley, captain of the ringers: A. Mackwell, sen., 1, Lue Palmer (composer and conductor) 2, A. Parsons 3, Sam Smedley, jun., 4, F. Parsons, sen., 5, J. Knott 6, Sam Smedley, sen., 7, H. Stow 8.

WILTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, March 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: A. Evans 1, L. Evans 2, L. Trubshaw 3, E. Trubshaw 4, C. Law (first quarter inside) 5, S. H. Coley 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, A. E. Read 8. Rung to commemorate the ordination as priest of the Rev. K. W. Haworth, B.A., curate of St. Giles', the event taking place that morning at Lichfield Cathedral.

FRYERNING.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, March 13th, before ordination service held by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, after service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: F. Wright 1, L. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, G. Camp 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.—Before evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 360 Kent Treble Bob: F. Wright 1, L. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, G. Camp 4, H. Wright 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.

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PENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, March 13th, for morning service, 720 of London Surprise Minor: D. Hurst 1, F. A. Gilby 2, G. Grove 3, A. B. Corden 4, F. Rowe 5, J. W. Searcy (conductor) 6.—Also for evening service, 720 York Surprise Minor: G. Grove 1, F. Rowe 2, A. B. Corden 3, D. Hurst 4, S. Smith 5, J. W. Searcy (conductor) 6. All the above are Sunday service ringers at St. Martin's Church.

LLANDAFF.—On Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Bailey 1, S. Dawe 2, R. Davies 3, L. Wright 4, F. Rowsell 5, E. Carter 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, E. Coles 8. Arranged for the ringers of third and fifth, who hail from Pontypridd.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday, March 13th, at Christ Church, for matins, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Holmes 1, W. Bingham 2, R. E. Johnson 3, Miss M. Davenport 4, A. S. Robinson 5, N. Short (conductor) 6, J. E. Lewis Cockey 7, E. Davenport 8. First quarter-peal on the tenor by Everard Davenport (age 14).—For evensong, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal (1,264 changes) of Bob Major: Miss M. Holmes 1, J. W. Sykes 2, Miss M. Davenport (conductor) 3, W. Bingham 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, N. Short 6, A. S. Robinson 7, R. E. Johnson 8. First quarter-peal of Major on the tenor by Ronald E. Johnson (age 16).

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RINGERS' RALLY AT CROYDON.—Saturday, April 2nd. Will hon. secretaries of associations kindly notify me not later than Monday, March 28th, the numbers of their members accepting our invitation? Tickets for required numbers will then be forwarded from here to each hon. secretary on Tuesday, March 29th, for distribution. Final programme:—2.30 to 3 p.m.: Arrive at the Bell Foundry. 3.30: Recital on the Ottawa carillon. 4.15: Ringing at the Parish Church, Croydon, and at St. Peter's, Croydon. 5.15: Tea at the Baths Hall, Scarbrook Rd. (off High St. and five minutes' walk from the Parish Church, 10 minutes' from St. Peter's). 7: Ringing again at both churches. 8: Social at the Baths Hall. The following towers will be open from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.: St. Mary's, Beddington (10 bells); St. Stephen's, Clapham Park (8 bells). If any ringers intend visiting either tower will they or captains of bands write direct to Mr. Charles H. Kippen, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, or to Mr. A. T. Smalley, 63, Radbourne Road, Balham, S.W.12, as the case may be?

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on March 29th, St. Magnus' on the 31st.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available at Kirkby from 3.30 to 5 p.m., and at Peckleton from 5 to 7 p.m. Tea provided at Kirkby Mallory at 5 p.m. Business meeting at Peckleton at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Hitcham (6 bells) on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available from 6 to 9 p.m. Branch annual meeting, Saturday, April 30th. Please note date.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bingley on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head.—F. Hutchinson, District Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The second monthly meeting will be held at Wirksworth on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome.—Charles Draper, Local Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at March on Saturday, March 26th. Short service at 4.30. Tea, for those who notify me, in the Church Room at 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting.—H. W. Giddings, Dis. Sec., 101, Elwyn Road, March.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne on Saturday, March 26th. Bells: All Saints' (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Service at the Parish Church (St. Mary's) at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. The bells at St. Saviour's will be available from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. — W. Stapleton, New Fenlake, Bedford.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A committee meeting will be held Saturday, March 26th, at Witham's Cafe, 5 p.m.—C. D. Potter, Secretary, 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Lenton on Saturday, March 26th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch. A monthly meeting will be held at North Bradley on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) ready 2.30. Service, 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions are now due.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Quorn on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock onwards. Tea at 5 o'clock followed by business meeting. All ringers and friends invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please advise me.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — South and West District.—The meeting arranged for Acton on the 12th inst., and postponed owing to illness, will take place on Saturday, April 2nd (Boat Race day). Arrangements as usual. Tower open at 3 p.m.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secretary, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service. A cordial welcome to all. It is essential that those who require tea should let me know by the 30th.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A quarterly meeting and an 8-bell contest will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, at Earlsheaton, Dewsbury. Draw at Park Hotel 2.45 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at 1s. each, to all who send word not later than Monday, March 28th, to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Norton-in-Hales on Saturday, April 2nd. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who intend to be present please notify Mr. D. P. Roberts, The Rectory, Norton-in-Hales, Salop, not later than Wednesday, March 30th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Pitsford on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Important: Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 29th? — T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. — The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Expecting a good attendance. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — Next meeting on Saturday, April 2nd, at South Anston. Corporation bus from Pond Street. Underwood's bus from Hands-worth terminus. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. H. Stenton, South Anston, by March 30th.—C. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, April 2nd. Meet at St. Peter's at 2.30, where bands will be made up for Hebburn Parish Church and for Christ Church. Tea at Co-operative Cafe, Jarrow, at 5. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. R. S. Russell, 54, Jervis St., Hebburn, by March 31st.—Geo. S. Taylor, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading in St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street, on Saturday, April 9th, at 3.15 p.m. Notice of motion should reach the secretary at least ten days before that date.—R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, April 9th. Bells at liberty 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on April 9th (Parish Church bells not available). Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. A. Blogg, Brierfield Cottage, Whittle-le-Woods, not later than Friday, April 8th. — Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—A business meeting and ringers' opening festival will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Saturday, April 9th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, in St. Giles' Hall, at 5.30 p.m. Will those coming to tea kindly let me know before the 6th? — C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. — Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at St. Thomas', South Wigston, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry at 6 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — The annual general meeting will be held at Bromley on Easter Monday, April 18th. Central Council representatives must be elected at this meeting. Nominations of candidates, signed by two members, to be sent to the hon. secretary a fortnight before.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Derby. Bells of St. Andrew's (10), St. Alkmund's (8), St. Luke's (8), St. Peter's (8) available from 10 a.m. Committee meeting in All Saints' Schools 3 p.m. Service at All Saints' Church 4 p.m., at which it is hoped all members will attend. Tea in All Saints' Schools 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Smoking concert at 8 p.m. in King's Café, St. Peter's Street. It is essential that all who desire tea (1s. 6d. per head members, 2s. 6d. non-members) should acquaint Mr. C. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby, and secure tickets not later than April 13th to avoid disappointment. — Ernest Morris, General Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, April 25th, at 8 p.m. Ringing during April as follows:—St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 3rd, at 10 a.m., and Monday, the 25th, at 6.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 19th, at 8. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

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EGHAM, SURREY. — For morning service on March 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: H. Nix (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Worsfold 2, W. Peck (first quarter-peal inside) 3, Mrs. J. Crocker 4, E. Burley 5, J. Crocker 6, S. G. Armstrong (conductor) 7, W. Perrey 8.

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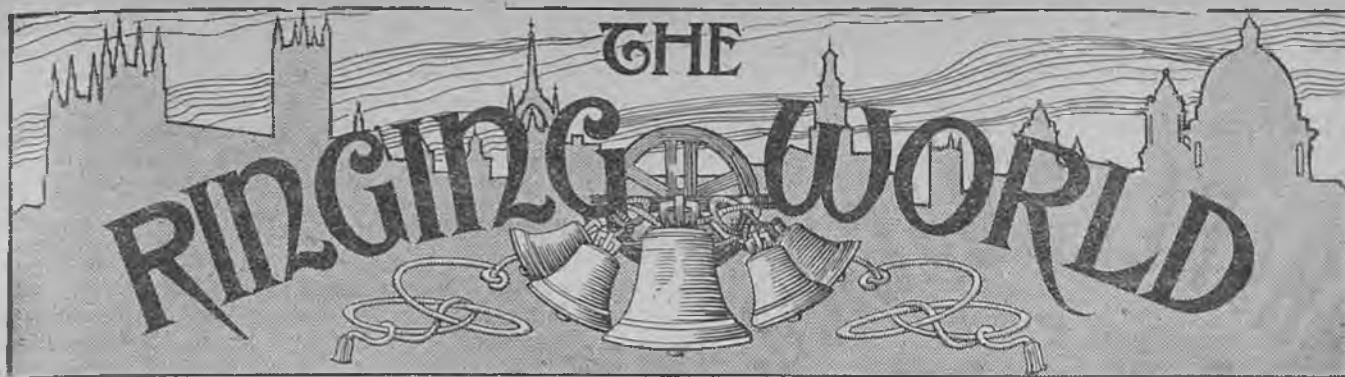
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This, however, is not the only reason for the present state of affairs. The trouble often lies with the unaffiliated ringers themselves. There is an absence of esprit de corps in their constitution. It is frequently apparent in the indifference with which they regard their responsibilities towards the fellow members of their own band or to their church; and it is more manifest still when it comes to their relations with other companies or the parent association for the area. They fail to see that they are personally going to get anything out of joining and because they imagine there is no quid pro quo for their small annual contribution, they will have nothing to do with any diocesan or county organisation. This, of course, is entirely a wrong view to take. There is a great deal to be got out of participation in the activities of a ringing association, not least being the widening circle of friends and the increasing sense of brotherhood which comes from mingling with ringers from other towers, but the spirit in which the question should be approached is what can one put into the cause, and not what is to be got from it. The ringer who puts most into it, will certainly get most out of it, even from the actual ringing point of view, for, as he shows his enthusiasm, so will he find that others will be ready to provide him with opportunities which would never otherwise come his way.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF St. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 8009 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	*RONALD H. BULLEN... .. 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS... .. 2	†CHARLES W. CLARKE 8
THOMAS NEWMAN 3	HARRY SEAR 9
GEORGE A. CARD 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN 10
LEONARD H. BAYBUT 5	JAMES BENNETT... .. 11
*STANLEY W. BAYBUT 6	†GEORGE H. DAYNES 12

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Stedman and first peal of Cinques. † First peal on twelve. ‡ First peal of Stedman Cinques. Ringer of treble from Northampton, 6th from Sawbridgeworth, 8th from Bedford, 9th from Bletchley.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF St. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. HARRIS Treble	JESSE GILBERT 5
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY 2	THOMAS BALDWIN 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	JOHN W. DAVIS 7
GEORGE L. BRUNSDON 4	GEORGE CONDICK... .. 8

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, March 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven-and-a-Half Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF St. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ROBERT S. STRATFORD Treble	ERNEST E. FERRY 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON... .. 2	STEPHEN STRATFORD 6
†HAROLD G. FRAMPTON 3	ADAM DEAS 7
JAMES E. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM L. GOFTON 8

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble, who is only ten years of age, and it is his first attempt for a peal. He is the youngest member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association to score a peal, and was elected a member before starting.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 22, 1927, in Three Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN... .. Treble	WALTER C. MEDLER 5
BENJAMIN HAMMOND 2	JOHN MOY 6
EDWARD HOWES 3	WALTER H. MILLER 7
GEORGE BAILEY 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 8

Composed by G. I. INDOFF.

Conducted by W. B. DUNCAN.

First peal of Major by ringer of 3rd, and first in the method by ringers of 5th and 7th. First peal of Major as conductor.

BISPHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART.

JAMES ASHTON Treble	JOSEPH JACKSON 5
GEORGE PARKINSON 2	C. NORMAN SHARPLES ... 5
RICHARD BENSON 3	CHARLES SHARPLES 7
ARTHUR PARKINSON 4	RICHARD PORTER Tenor

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

First peal of Bob Triples by all. Also first on the bells, and supposed to be first by Fylde Branch. The first six ringers are all under 21 years of age. First peal by treble and tenor ringers.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 2	FREDERICK J. ROOPE ... 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4	TOWNSEND ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, March 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
JOSEPH E. SYKES 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 6
FRED PRICE 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Bernard W. Witchell, Ringing Master of St. Thomas' Abbey Church, Eddington.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

"JOHN S. MORLEY Treble	CECIL NICE 5
ALFRED J. BULL 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
BERNARD WELLS 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 4	GEORGE ELLIS Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Major.

ODDFELLOWS' PEAL.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

I.O.O.F., MANCHESTER UNITY.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

BRO. HARRY FRANCE, P.P.G.M., Leyland District Treble	
BRO. FRED RIGBY, 'Peace and Plenty,' No. 1208 2	
BRO. FRED BLACKLIDGE, do. do. 3	
BRO. J. R. TAYLOR, P.G., 'Philanthropic,' No. 1693 4	
BRO. F. G. BRADLEY, Prov. G.M. Chorley District 5	
BRO. FRED. HARWOOD, P.G., 'Useful Friend,' No. 921 6	
BRO. ALFRED BLOGG, 'Loyal Star,' No. 75 7	
BRO. WILLIAM TAYLOR, N.G., 'Philanthropic,' No. 1693 Tenor	

Composed by BRO. EDWIN TIMBRELL, P.G., 'Queen Adelaide,' No. 471

Conducted by BRO. W. TAYLOR.

Rung to celebrate the appointment of Bro. Bradley, of the 'Loyal Star' Lodge, as Prov. Grand Master of the Chorley District.

CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HAROLD G. SMITH Treble	GEORGE W. BIDDLEPH ... 5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 2	*FRANK BARNARD 6
HARRY PARKER 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
THOMAS W. ARROWSMITH ... 4	†REGINALD HARPER Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY ENTWISTLE Treble	FRED HINDLE 5
RENNIE HARTLEY 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON 6
WILLIAM HUNTER 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
THOMAS WILSON 4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal of Stedman in the tower.

ENVELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN BEAMS Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
*C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal of Surprise on an inside bell.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
EDWARD WEBSTER 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 6
SIDNEY JAMES 3	JOHN POTTER 7
FRED ABBOTT 4	ERNEST CUTSFORTH Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

HENRY J. TUCKER Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
REGINALD BROWN 3	FRANK BLONDELL 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

First peal of London on the bells.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHALL'S F. WINNEY Treble	ARTHUR MARTIN 5
FRANK BOREHAM 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 6
CHARLES J. CHOOET 3	ERNEST BRITT 7
ARTHUR J. HOING 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

LLANDUDNO, CARNARVONSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS BARROW... .. Treble	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 5
ROBERT FARLIE 2	ALLAN FAIRLIE 6
EDWARD LODGE 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES 7
JAMES H. MIDWINTER ... 4	THOMAS LOWE Tenor

Conducted by A. J. HUGHES.

Ringers of the 4th and 5th from Bangor, of 7th from Rhyl, remainder local. A substantial repast was afterwards kindly provided by the local ringers. The Rector was in the chair, and cordially invited the visitors to come again soon.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN WILKINSON... .. Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT... .. 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS 2	JAMES MARTIN 6
JOHN BOOTH... .. 3	* JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 4	EDWARD CADNCE... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WILKINSON

* First peal in the method. First peal of Oxford on the bells. Also first peal on the bells after their rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
ARTHUR CUTMORE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
FRANK CORKE 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur Cutmore on his 66th birthday.

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

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
ALFRED HACKETT 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 4	JOHN SMITH Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst was proposed a life member of the above association previous to starting. This was the conductor's 450th peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING ... Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 5
BENJAMIN GOUGH 2	† CYRIL WINWOOD 6
* FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
REUBEN HALL 4	ALFRED ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal in the method on an inside bell. The conductor, who is a member of the local band, has now called Holt's Original from each of the above bells, and also rung the sixth through it in a strictly 'silent' peal.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE FREEBREY ... Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 5
ALFRED MOULD 2	JACK BAILEY... .. 6
REGINALD BOULTON ... 3	GEORGE WARRINGTON ... 7
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON (No. 1.) Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

This variation is rung for the first time, and contains 202 singles with no bobs. It is the second peal so rung.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.).

RICHARD EVANS ... Treble	FRANK J. BAILEY... .. 5
CHARLES H. PERRY 2	ERNEST COOMBS 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
SIDNEY DAWE 4	ALBERT J. PITMAN Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

First peal of Major on the bells. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL... .. 6
CHARLES MASON 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
* HAROLD KENT 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

PETER BOARDMAN ... Treble	BENJAMIN TREVITT 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	FREDERICK J. HANDCOCK... 6
HERBERT LUDKIN 3	WALTER HUGHES 7
JOHN A. CALLAND 4	* JAMES GARDNER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

* First peal in the method away from treble. Arranged and rung as a welcome peal to the new Rector, the Rev. C. Ernest Procter.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON... .. 4
ARTHUR COOK 2	JAMES BAILEY 5
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

Specialty arranged and rung for Mr. Golden, of Northrepps, Norfolk, who was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

HIGHOLERE, HANTS.—On Friday, March 25th, after Confirmation service, 720 Bob Minor: L. Robbins 1, R. Scott 2, F. Knapp 3, Rev. L. J. Best 4, H. Balaam (conductor) 5, R. Rex 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Best, who is leaving the district for Shedfield, Hants; also his first 720.

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

On Tuesday, March 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, called differently Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HALFORD Treble	†FRANK LAWRENCE 4
ERNEST GIBBS 2	†JOSEPH LAWRENCE 5
†JOHN ROWLATT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal (aged 15). † First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor away from the treble.

PYCHLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*GEORGE MIDDLETON... .. Treble	FREDERICK RANDALL 3
*SYDNEY MUNTON 2	RONALD COLEMAN 4

REGINALD WILLIAMSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WILLIAMSON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BICKLEIGH, DEVON.
THE DEVON GUILD.

On Friday, March 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. Treble	WARREN S. HORNBRONK 4
*GEORGE GODARD 2	ALFRED T. WESTCOTT 5
THOMAS G. MYERS 3	†GEORGE MARSHALL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal on a working bell. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. Ringers of 4th and 5th belong to Charles' Church, 3rd and 6th to St. Andrew's, treble to Emmanuel and 2nd to Bickleigh.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

CYRIL M. MITCHELL Treble	GEORGE MORRAD 4
*EDWARD J. BEER 2	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL... .. 5
JOHN BURLS 3	†FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal of Minor. † 150th peal and 50th as conductor. Arranged and rung as a birthday peal for the Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A. One of the local band could not attend, and the ringers' thanks are due to the ringer of the 2nd who took the vacant rope at the last moment.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES NUNN Treble	DAVID WHITING 4
ALBERT G. HARRISON... .. 2	DEREK LOCKWOOD 5
F. NOLAN GOLDEN 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Nunn, who was 73 on the previous day. Also Messrs. Golden and Harrison's 20th peal.

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GREAT WOLFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

P. S. ERNEST ASTON Treble	NORMAN BRYON 4
CECIL GRIMES 2	WALTER LARGE 5
JESSE GARDNER 3	FRED JONES Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT 25, KIRKMANSBULME LANE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	*ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4	†HARRY CHAPMAN 7-8

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* 50th peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Major in hand.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF BISHOP RYDER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKERS' TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE F. SWANN 1-2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4	JAMES GEORGE 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT 6, BROOKHILL COTTAGES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

YOXFORD BELLS REDEDICATED.

The six bells at Yoxford, Suffolk, were rededicated on March 6th by the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. These bells had been silent for a great number of years owing to their very unsafe state. The old framework has been strengthened with iron braces and now timber added where necessary. The bells have been entirely rehung with new and modern fittings, consisting of steel headstocks and plain bearings. The work has been carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, bell founder, of Ipswich. The cost of the work has been defrayed by the balance of a fete held on Whit Monday, 1926.

The service of dedication was well attended by ringers from Leiston, Saxmundham, Halesworth, Wenham, Reydon, Peasenhall, Ipswich, Great Bentley, Mistley, Wrentham and Kelsale. Judging by remarks passed, the 'go' leaves nothing to be desired, and the tower now contains a peal worthy of a visit.

An appeal was made during the service for funds to pay for an instructor to the newly-formed band, and resulted in £7 5s. being raised at once. This was due to the great interest taken by the Vicar (Rev. C. H. Raven).

Immediately after service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by Alfred Bowell 1, Fredk. Lambert (Halesworth) 2, Fredk. Bowell 3, Arthur Tooke (Halesworth) 4, Charles Howard (Halesworth) 5, Wm. J. Nevard (Great Bentley, Essex) 6.

The same firm also has work in hand for Fyfield (Essex), Hothfield (Kent), Egerton (Kent), and Sudbury (Suffolk), and have just completed the rehanging of the six bells at Wainfleet, Lincs.

WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE AND YORKSHIRE RELISH.

At Crowle, Worcestershire, on Saturday, March 26th, a quarter-peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major (1,280 changes): C. Tansell 1, W. Niblett 2, S. T. Holt (conductor) 3, R. G. Knowles 4, W. Ranford 5, W. Lewis 6, J. J. Jefferies 7, C. Camm 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all.

NOTES BY THE WAY. OLD OXFORD RINGERS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Mr. V. Bennett, the treasurer of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers, has very kindly sent me an account of the first peal rung in the City taken from the society's peal book. It states definitely, what I surmised from Thomas Hearne's account, that the peal was 'produced and called' by John Vicars. Mr. Bennett points out a discrepancy in the dates. Hearne says the peal was rung on January 1st, 1734; the peal book says it was rung on January 1st, 1733, which would, of course, be before Annable's visit at Whitsuntide in that year. Hearne, I think, was right, for the entry in his diary is dated the day following, and the peal book probably, as in the case of most old peal books, was not written till a few years later. A good deal of confusion, too, exists as to the dates of events in the early eighteenth century, owing to the fact that the year then legally began on the 25th of March and not on the 1st of January. It is quite clear that it was the visit of the College Youths which stirred up ringing in Oxford, just as their equally famous visit to Cambridge in 1657 brought Fabian Stedman into touch with the Exercise at large.

After the failure on May 1st, the band postponed their attempt for the six thousand till the autumn. October the 4th was the anniversary of the death of William of Wykeham, the famous statesman and Bishop of Winchester, who founded New College, and as it was a ringing day, it was a very suitable date for the attempt. Mr. Buckland, the schoolmaster, who was responsible for the previous failure, was dropped, and the best band available was got together. But things went awry. First Richard Hearne, the tailor (no relation of Thomas Hearne, the diarist), who usually rang the treble, would not start, and the band had to be rearranged. And then, sad to say, when they met, three of the best men were 'much in liquor.'

Perhaps that had something to do with Richard Hearne's refusal to ring. The three offenders were Lloyd, Barnes, and, worst of all, John Vicars, the conductor. In those days of heavy drinking to take a drop too much was no great matter. It might happen to anybody; there was plenty of it among the dons and heads of the University. But on such an occasion, as Hearne said, 'they ought to have been sober, and, indeed, there cannot be any true ringing but by persons that come perfectly sober.'

Lloyd, at the ninth, was too drunk to strike his bell, and, of course, that upset the compass. Before they had rung two courses Vicars missed a bob. Still they went on. Whether they forced up the correct course end does not appear. At 600 changes they had a bad muddle, then another at 1,100, another at 1,400, then a second missed bob, till at last they got into a hopeless tangle, and the attempt came to an inglorious end at the 2,714th change. They made a second attempt, but that also failed after 650 changes.

Altogether it was a pretty disgraceful exhibition. Hearne was quite ashamed of them, and so, too, were they of themselves, for they did their utmost to keep quiet who it was that had made the blunders. But Hearne was a genius for finding out details, and he very soon got to know all that happened inside the tower. However, as he thought it 'not to their credit to have their names mentioned, so neither was it for the honour of

William of Wickham to discover who the persons were who performed so lamely on the day he died,' he expressed his intention of suppressing the names and also the cause of the trouble.

But before long the band displeased him in a matter upon which he felt strongly, and to punish them he put down all the details. I should rather like to know how he knew that the bobs were missed. It was not till some time after that he got to know what did happen in the tower, but he records the omission of one bob on the day after the attempt was made. He had a keen ear, and was a very careful listener, and, perhaps, this is the first account we have of the calling of a peal being taken down outside the tower.

'1734. September 28 Saturday 4 Kal. Oct. Yesterday being the obit of William of Wickham and the festival of St. Comas and Damianus, some of the Oxford ringers agreed to ring at New College proposing to ring 6,876 Cator changes upon the ten bells there. They designed to have begun at eleven in the morning, but 'twas near twelve before they begun for they had rang only two hundred changes when the clock struck twelve. They had so many gross faults that 'tis not worth while to particularise them all, only thus much may be noted that a bob was missed being called before they had got two hundred, and that they strangely blundered a little after they had rang 600, and so again after they had rang 1,100, and so after 1,400 and 1,900; and at length when they had rang 2,714 (which wanted 4,162 of the whole) they were quite out, it being then three-quarters after one. Then they set the bells and soon after began and rang 650, and made an end at very near half hour after two, so that the whole both times were 3,364 changes in two hours and nineteen minutes. I was very apprehensive yesterday when they first began that they would not perform their task, the compass being too wide and the person who rang the ninth bell making a bad step even at first. Though 'twas so wet, I heard them all the time, walking for that purpose up and down the parks on the east side of Wadham College. Had they finished the peal and done it well I should have taken care to transmit in print (in one of my books that I print at the Theater) the names of the several ringers to posterity, 6,876 changes having never as yet at one time been rung in Oxford. But, as the performance was bad (considering the character each ringer bore for his skill in the art of ringing) as it will not be for their credit to have their names mentioned so neither will it be for the honour of William of Wickham to discover who the persons were that perform'd so lamely on the day he died, which day ought to be observed with all possible decorum and the ringing should be then as clear and true as can be, for which reason I shall pass over (what might be further observed) in silence.'

DIPLOMAS FOR RINGERS?

To the Editor.

Sir,—As a young ringer I am naturally interested in the discussion of 'How can we keep young men interested in the art?' Now that the Central Council meeting is so near at hand, may I make a suggestion to them for discussion at their meeting?

I suggest that they issue diplomas, to be awarded to ringers ringing their first peal in the various stages of our art, say, one for plain methods, one for Treble Bob, and one for Surprise. The Council should surely, Sir, be able to issue a diploma worthy of any frame, and the cost, which should be small, could be charged to the applicant. Perhaps some enterprising member of the Council will bring this matter forward at the meeting.—Yours truly,

F. NEALE.

Bicester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD NORTH BRADLEY WANTS MORE BELLS.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at North Bradley on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m., and at 4.40 p.m. the Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. F. A. Poulter, M.A., the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham. Tea followed, after which a short business meeting was held. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presided, and gave a short account of the business transacted at the Guild Committee meeting which he attended on March 15th, at Salisbury.

Two new members were elected from Holt, and it was proposed to hold the next gathering of the branch, which is a quarterly meeting, at Melksham, on Saturday, April 30th.

An application was received for a grant from the Guild funds towards the restoration of Market Lavington bells, and it was decided to forward the application to the secretary for the annual meeting of the Guild.

Mr. P. Harding, correspondent of the North Bradley ringers, expressed the thanks of the ringers at North Bradley for the assistance they had received from the branch, especially to Messrs. C. Andrews, J. Francis, S. J. Hector and W. Baxter for coming over from Trowbridge to help them.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the branch to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also to the organist.

The Vicar, in reply, said he was pleased to have the meeting there, and how keen the ringers were since they had learnt change ringing. They had lost one or two of the older ringers who had found it difficult, but others had taken their place. He remarked how nice it would be for them to have two more bells. They had put in a new organ, and perhaps it would be possible to put in the other bells some day. He hoped the branch would soon hold another meeting there.

Mr. Bartlett, the organist, expressed his pleasure at assisting in the service for the ringers. In his younger days, he said, he was a ringer at Westbury, and so he was pleased to do anything to help.

Ringers, including Mr. J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton), Miss N. Williams (Bath), and Mr. H. Baker (Gainsborough), were present from Devizes (St. John and St. Mary), North Bradley, Westbury, Trowbridge, Bratton, Hilperton, Rowde, Zeals, St. Martin, and Holt. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening. The ten bells at Trowbridge Parish Church were also available in the evening.

The Church at North Bradley, which is dedicated to St. Nicholas, is a very beautiful building, and contains on the north side a beau-

tiful chapel erected over the tomb of Emma, the mother of John Stafford, Archbishop of Canterbury. The inscription on the tomb is in Latin, and the following is a translation:

'Here lieth Lady Emma, mother of the Venerable father and lord, Lord John Stafford, by the grace of God, Archbishop of Canterbury, who died on the fifth day of the month of September, in the year of our Lord, fourteen hundred and forty-six. On whose soul may God have mercy. Amen.'

She died at the Priory of the Holy Trinity, Canterbury; and was buried here by her son.

Sir Humphrey Stafford, father of John Stafford, lived at Southwick Court (which is in the parish of North Bradley), died October 31st, 1413, and was buried at Abbotsbury, Dorset. John Stafford, born in 1387, made LL.D. at Oxford 1413, Prebendary of Wells Cathedral the same year; Dean of Wells and Keeper of the Privy Seal, etc., by Henry V.; Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1425; made Lord Chancellor by Henry VI., 1432; Archbishop of Canterbury, 1443; died at Maidstone and buried in Canterbury Cathedral, 1452.

Before the dissolution of the monasteries, North Bradley was attached to the monastic church at Edington, Wilts. The bells are a nice ring of six (tenor 14 cwt.). They were rehung by Messrs. Meares and Staunbank in 1893 at the cost of £160.

ST. BLAISE SURPRISE MAJOR.

At Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, on Sunday, March 27th, for even song, by the Holy Trinity Society, 960 St. Blaise Surprise Major in 37 mins.: W. E. Jelley 1, C. N. Burdock 2, J. T. Scott 3, H. Hutton 4, W. J. Robinson 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Staere 7, A. H. Pulling (composer and conductor) 8.

This is a new method, the author of which is the Rev. E. Bankes James, and the name given to it is that of the Patron Saint of Guildford, who is commemorated in the calendar on February 3rd.

RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

The death occurred on Sunday, March 6th, of Mrs. Tullett, wife of the captain of the East Grinstead, Sussex, ringers. The funeral took place on Saturday, March 12th, and in the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 52 mins.: L. W. Payne 1, G. Lambert 2, T. M. Potter 3, G. Tizzard 4, G. Hewitt 5, N. E. Hope 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. W. Chesson 8. Much sympathy has been expressed with the bereaved husband.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Under his will, all the ringing books of the late Rev. C. E. Matthews will go to the Winchester Diocesan Guild, of which he was successively hon. secretary, Master and vice-president.

Congratulations to young Robert Stratford, of Whitley Bay, who has rung his first peal at the very early age of ten years.

When things go wrong with the exterior of a steeple or spire, there is usually a great saving of cost if the repairs can be done without the erection of expensive scaffolding. Church authorities will, therefore, be glad to know of a competent firm of steeplejacks. The advertisement of Messrs. E. Mossop and Sons, of Smethwick, will be found in this issue.

Two hundred years ago to-day, as we recalled in our last issue, 'a remarkable peal was rung . . . called the Quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob all eight in, or the Union Bob, consisting of 10,080 changes,' in 6 hours 28 minutes, at St. Michael's Coslany, Norwich.

'Although the record affirms that "there was no change alike or bell out of course," yet I think it improbable,' wrote Jasper Snowden in 'Treble Bob,' 'considering the very little knowledge then acquired concerning the proof requisite for such peals, that this one could be true, unless, indeed, a conjecture of Mr. Hubbard's with regard to this peal could be established.'

Hubbard's conjecture was that it may have been the peal having sixth-place bobs at the part ends, given in Shipway's work as the composition of J. Tobbs, of Leeds. But there is nothing but surmise to connect the two.

Another noteworthy old peal was rung on this day one hundred and fifty years ago, when the College Youths scored 8,000 Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark.

On April 2nd, 1888, 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Goddenham, and a similar length of Oxford at Ufford on April 7th, 1894. On April 3rd, 1899, 15,072 Double Norwich was rung at Erith.

April 5th in the anniversary of 10,097 Grandsire Caters rung at Shrewsbury in 1808.

The first non-conducted peal of Minor in seven methods was rung at Batley, Yorks, sixty years ago next Wednesday.

The famous 40,320 of Bob Major was begun at Leeds on April 7th, 1761, and finished on the following day.

The first peal of Court Bob Royal, composed and conducted by George Gross, sen., was rung at Shoreditch by the Cumberland youths on April 7th, 1801, and a peal board remains to 'hand to posterity the unparalleled abilities displayed in the performance.'

Thomas Tolladay conducted the first peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Dunstan's-in-the-West, in the City of London, where the bells are now seldom if ever rung, on April 1st, 1834.

The Rev. T. Lewis Jones, the veteran president of the North Wales Association, has just recovered from a serious illness.

A bad attack of influenza has left Mr. W. T. Peglar, Master of the North Wales Association, quite deaf. It is hoped that this may be only temporary. Mr. Peglar is still on the sick list.

The handbell peal at Bishop Ryder's Church on Saturday, and recorded elsewhere, was rung after the 'Masons' had met short for Cambridge, 'Ye many-coloured coated one' failing to turn up.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES.

I desire to remind members of the various committees of the Council of the necessity of appointing a convener wherever necessary, and also either publishing or sending me their annual report some time between Easter and Whitsuntide.

E. ALEX. YOUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

COLDSTREAMERS, ATTENTION!

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am very anxious to get into touch with fellow ringers who have served, or are now serving, with the Coldstream Guards. It is a task I have been asked to undertake.

Will all ringers who are Coldstreamers kindly communicate with me, therefore, giving their rank and number, and the stage they have reached in the art of ringing?—Yours truly,

F. ALLEWAY.

13, Athelstone Road,
Wealdstone, Harrow, Middlesex.

SIXTY COURSE-ENDS OF TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Allow me, through your columns, to offer my hearty congratulations to Mr. Geo. Lewis on the achievement of his 60 course-ends peal of Treble Bob Major. Such peals may seem quite an ordinary thing to look at, but how many composers can show one? Mr. Lewis' peal will take some beating for the number of changes in a twenty-course composition.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

TO-MORROW'S GREAT RALLY AT CROYDON.

WORLD'S GREATEST CARILLON ON VIEW.

What promises to be the largest gathering of ringers that has ever taken place will assemble at Croydon to-morrow in response to the invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who are promoting the great rally to enable the ringers of England to see a collection of bell work unparalleled in the previous history of the craft.

The principal object is the inspection of the world's greatest carillon, which has just been completed for the Canadian Houses of Parliament at Ottawa, and which is to be erected in the magnificent tower illustrated in Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's advt. on our front page. This carillon, complete with all its massive framework, will be the central attraction, and visitors will have the opportunity of listening to a recital upon it.

In addition, there will be on view the carillon for Princeton University, U.S.A., the recast bells for Coventry Cathedral, and sundry ringing peals in course of reconstruction; also the bell foundry timing machines, the giant electric clock for Ottawa, etc.

There will be opportunities for ringing at Croydon Parish Church and St. Peter's, both in the afternoon and evening, and all visitors will be entertained to the tea at the Baths Hall, Scarbrook Road, at 5.15 p.m. A social will also be held in the same hall at 8 p.m.

The Bishop of Sheffield and Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council) are among those who hope to be present, and nearly a thousand visitors are expected.

A few particulars about the great carillon for Ottawa will be of interest.

The carillon consists of 53 bells, extending through 41 chromatic octaves from the 10-ton Bourdon, 'low E,' to the top treble, 'high A.'

It is practically a 'sister carillon' to the one installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston a little over a year ago in Park Avenue Baptist Church, except that the Ottawa bells are heavier (the New York Bourdon weighs 9½ tons).

The whole carillon has also been carefully tuned on the Simpson five-tone principle to the scale of equal temperament, so that the performer can modulate from one key to any other without offending the ear. Before Bach invented the 'Scale of Equal Temperament' over 200 years ago, it was impossible to attain this result in ordinary music, and until the last few years this refinement was unknown to the bell world. The carillon has also been tuned absolutely to international pitch, which is in general use for ordinary musical instruments and modern concert practice in both hemispheres.

The total weight of the bells is 53 tons, and the weight of the steel framework and fittings is about 22 tons, so that the total installation weighs approximately 75 tons. The ten-ton Bourdon bell will be the second largest individual bell in Canada, and the third largest on the American continent. The inscription on the Bourdon bell is in English on one side and in French on the other; and round the top of the bell a continuous design of maple leaves has been moulded.

A world's record has been achieved in the time taken to construct the carillon. From the date when all the details were settled, all 53 bells with the necessary machinery have been finished in 18 months.

An elaborate 'practice clavier' is being supplied, with tuned bars and resonators and having a keyboard exactly similar to that of the carillon clavier (or console), so that the carillonneur can learn fresh pieces without annoying the neighbours. A more important use of the 'practice clavier' is to enable pupils to learn the rudiments of playing and acquire a certain amount of proficiency, particularly in pedal work, before playing on the lower instrument is permitted.

The great electric clock has been connected up with the four 'quarter bells' and the Bourdon, so as to chime the Westminster quarters and strike the hours during the demonstrations at the works.

The clock mechanism is divided into three separate units, the 'going train' driving the hands of the four 15ft. 9in. diameter clock faces, while the 'striking train' and 'quarter train' are placed fifty feet below under the bells. The old-fashioned clock weights are dispensed with, and in their place powerful electric motors lift and release the enormous hammers.

Shortly after Easter the carillon will be shipped to Canada, so as to be inaugurated on Dominion Day, July 1st. A temporary steel tower has been constructed adjacent to the Victory Tower to facilitate the hoisting of the bells and negotiating them through one of the sides of the tower at a high level.

The actual height of the tower is just under 300ft., and the bells will be approximately 200ft. above ground level. The situation is possibly the finest in existence for the purposes of carillon music.

The fourth-quarter bell, weighing 2½ tons, is the one of which the Prime Minister of Canada, accompanied by the High Commissioner, witnessed the casting last October, and the whole project is being followed in detail with the keenest interest by Mr. McKenzie King.

DEPTFORD.—At St. Nicholas', on Saturday, March 26th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, a quarter-peal: R. Steers (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Merritt (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 2, J. Hurrell 3, F. Cobey 4, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 5, A. J. Ford 6, C. Elliott (first quarter-peal) 7, C. Davis (first quarter-peal) 8. All the above, except Messrs. Hurrell and Cobey, are Sunday service ringers.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Last June, after we had rung the second peal of Superlative Surprise Royal, I wrote some account of the method, and since that time several people have denied that it is Superlative because it does not agree with their particular theories.

Now I have been studying methods, their construction and extension for over 30 years. The collection of Minor and Plain Major methods were first compiled by me. I have also a very large number of Treble Bob methods ready to make another selection from in the future, and your readers must have noticed that in dealing with Superlative I advanced no theory.

I purposely abstained from advancing a theory because I know that methods have been extended in the past in various ways. Some extensions are simply theoretical, e.g., Double Norwich; some are purely practical, e.g., London Surprise; some are both theoretical and practical, e.g., Bob and Grandsire.

Now change ringing is not only a science, but it is also a practical art, and I wonder if our friends who object to Superlative Royal on theoretical grounds realise what the consequence of their action would be if the Exercise let them have their way.

Stedman Doubles was invented by Fabian Stedman; someone extended it to Triples, Caters and Cinques; and these extensions are practical, and by no stretch of the imagination can they be justified on theoretical grounds.

London Surprise Minor is a very old method; someone extended it to Major, and the Major is a practical extension of the Minor, but in strict theory it is a different method.

Double Norwich Major and Maximus were made from the Royal, and in theory they are the same method, but in practice they are very different.

If the first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal has not yet been rung, the first peal of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, and the first peal of London Surprise Major have also never been rung, and I am quite sure that the Exercise will never agree to that.

Facts remain the same, theories change, and we cannot have all the work of the past upset to agree with some passing theory.

The first peal of Superlative Royal was rung at Wakefield a century ago, and if a peal of Maximus is to be rung the method must agree with the Major and the Royal.

There was some excuse years ago for ringing Grandsire on even numbers and Kent and Oxford on 9 and 11 bells, but it would only be a disgrace to-day for a band of ringers to ring the method published in 'The Ringing World' as Superlative Maximus some weeks ago, in face of the Wakefield peal of Royal, and in disregard of all musical qualities.—Yours, etc.,

H. LAW JAMES.

THE OTHER VIEW.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Many of your readers may never have heard the history of Copernicus and Galileo. The first-named died in 1543, but his treatise on the revolution of the celestial orbs was not published until after his death because he was diffident of its reception.

Galileo, who was born in 1564, by his researches became convinced of the truth of the Copernican system, but the monks of those days would not listen to or have anything to do with Galileo; in fact, he was persecuted by the Inquisition, and the last nine years of his life was made a hell upon earth for him.

Galileo died in 1642, the year that Newton was born; the discovery of the laws of gravitation by the latter settled the question of the movement of the celestial orbs for ever.

Nature and all her works lay hid in night;

God said, let Newton be—and all was light.

Just as the 'powers that were,' in earlier days, refused to accept the truth, so to-day the 'powers that be' refuse to accept a truth that can be proved mathematically, i.e., that Shipway's so-called Superlative Royal is not a true extension of Superlative Major.

It has been pointed out many times that Cambridge Surprise is a double method on all numbers except for two single places behind when the treble is not in that position; if these two single places are added, then 'Cambridge' has no longer regular lead heads.

What is true of 'Cambridge' is true of innumerable methods, and Superlative Major (like Cambridge Minor), when extended as a double method to the higher numbers, is one of these.—Yours faithfully,

OWEN KAY.

[By a strange coincidence, the two letters appearing above arrived at the same time.—Ed. 'R.W.']

PEAL BOARD DEDICATED.

In the belfry at Ospringe (Kent) Parish Church, on Tuesday evening, March 22nd, a peal board was unveiled and dedicated by the Vicar, Rev. C. E. Hodges. The board, which is the gift of Mr. A. H. Whiting, is of oak and commemorates a peal of Grandsire Triples which was rung on November 6th last by a band of whom half were local ringers. The Vicar conducted a short dedication service, and also gave an address and thanked Mr. Whiting for his gift.

INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I regret that my letter should have rambled; I had hoped, in my ignorance, that I was following a train of cold logic.

However, I stand corrected; but Mr. Armstrong would do well to read the written word, no matter how badly done. In my letter, I can find no suggestion that a learner 'should' do as he is told; to my mind, the rambling conveys the desire to end this state of affairs. I stated that the learner 'does' do so, and I will elaborate; he does only what he is told to do, the more is the pity. Moreover, he does it parrotwise, and in no other way.

Unless your correspondent should take unto himself unmerited credit regarding the decision in your Editorial, I would state that I had no intention of 'supporting' him in the literal sense, having 'followed' his train of thought two years ago, with this difference, that something was done, even so little. Via a local band and a district meeting, the question was brought before the general meeting of our association, with the result that some indication was forthcoming of what was generally desired, and some small good was done. My personal effort for betterment did not mature, but the effort was there.

Perhaps his numerous correspondents will bestir themselves and their associations in like manner. If the 'secretaries of great Guilds' and other officials would devote more time and thought to this subject, something useful might be attained; and here is the opportunity for your correspondent and his friends to 'follow our train of action,' and to help the 'move on.' No matter what be the result of their labours, something will have been attempted.

In conclusion, may I, too, ramble from the point at issue in an attempt to guess your correspondent's name and address, had they not been given? Judging strictly by (1) his modest retirement, (2) the general tone of gentle courtesy, and (3) the painful rectitude of his many conceptions of the literal, my effort would have read: (1) 'Mr. I. Amit,' (2) 'The Eight Bells,' and (3) 'Bright 'Un.'

I would apologise for the necessity of still signing

MINORMANIA.

A BLUNT REPLY TO MR. ARMSTRONG.

Dear Sir,—It will, no doubt, be obviously futile on my part to ask you to realise that I have before me as I write your issues of March 11th and 25th. I had, many years ago, alas! St. Anno Domini will have his day, your very first issue, in the Frisian Islands that were, and when I perused that 'very first' I believed that a new era had dawned for ringing. I shouted, in broad Yorkshire, not Frisian, 'At last is St. Campanus come into his own.' But I spoke, as your last issue plainly shows, far too early, for if your issues of March 11th and 25th are to be believed, 'tis only in this glorious month, dedicated to hares, by the way, the Messiah of beginners arrived, and, above all, 'tis in Hunts (noted for hogs, I believe), that he has eventuated. I have read his letters. Oh, yes, Sir, I've not missed one punctuation mark. I love such metal—the real Damascene (no, don't substitute O B for that second A, Sir). I think that John P. must really be 'American,' for he sure does want the hull airth for threepence. And, Sir, unless I mistake me very much, he, and only the likes of he, gets it in the neck, thrown in big lumps; for on page 191 of your issue of March 25th, 1927, I note that 'Change Ringing,' by Charles A. W. Troyte, is advertised; 'Bob Minor and Major Simply Explained,' by I. and M. Broome, of Bath; and on page 192 of the same issue—sorry, Sir, I was going to say we have, but I should say John P. has, for it is plainly to be seen that you publish the journal for John P.; any left over are handed over to his official almoner to dispense or disburse to us other deserving cases—the Jasper Snowden Series and the Central Council Series. And on page 188 of the said issue we have a beautiful chromograph of a place where they juggle with girlers, carillons, and a few match stalks right on top of the sky line. Well, Sir, Mr. John P. wants something useful in the way of instruction for those with tender understandings (not feet). People understand in their heads sometimes, as well as their feet, though I admit that good feet are necessary to good ringers, and should be included in all the latest up-to-date ringers' outfits along with Troyte's and a marlinspike. Well, sir, I trust you will forward to good Mr. John P. along with my compliments, copies of your pages 191, 192, and 188. He will find more good solid instruction for beginners than you could publish in your pages in the next decade. I doubt if you could get all that is contained in those books published before John P. has gone to his rest. At the rate of two columns per week it sure would take a decent time to get through those books, and I rather doubt if John P. could assimilate more than two columns per seven days of real good instruction like 'Troyte' contains. That is, if I am to judge by his two letters. I know you will publish mine because it is no more vapid than those of John P.

And now, John P., what do you really want? If you want your ringing done for you and left at the door with your copy of the 'Mail' and the matutinal sterilised, just say so, and some of us will be happy to oblige. You certainly don't seem to ask for anything in your letter that isn't thrown at you in big lumps in 'The Ringing World' week by week. Instruction! Why, it oozes out of every line. If you think you could put a paper on the market that is a greater help to beginners than the 'R.W.,' just hop right to it, and we (no, Sir, that's wrong; make it we plus eye strikers) will buy it. If you can't run a paper, Mr. John P., send us a few real good articles

on instruction, and don't forget that not a few of us know lumps more about instruction than you do. I have steered a matter of two hundred colts through their first peal, and I shan't be content to see any sob stuff from the pen of one who, in his two 'modest' epistles, has demanded so much. I don't quite see eye to eye with the Editor of this 'R.W.' on all subjects. We get out the copper coal scuttle and dustbin lid and have 100 up with King Billium the Axtieth's cues near every time we meet, so just see to it, Mr. John P., that those articles of instruction are—better than any that have yet appeared in the 'R.W.' up to date. I note that you can't ring a quarter-peal, Mr. John P., so you have sure got a busy job on to teach a lot of us. And now, Sir, just impress on Mr. John P. that the 'R.W.' as a paper, is what Mr. John P. described it as, viz., the 'tombstone' of a declining art. It is essentially to record what has been done in the Exercise; it is a record of that which many tyros have accomplished and wish placed on record that 'those who run may read.' John Brown rings his first 720. So good; let the world know it. Bill Timmings rings his first 'Gannie Gunter.' Then it must be inflicted on John P., this and to other. Someone foists a new and ambidexterous version of Ardschoke Triples on us, and in the pages of the 'R.W.' it is sent to the British Museum, and there it lies, like Hearn's Diary at Oxford, for all who come hereafter to delve into its pages and cull learning. Yes, Sir, don't, on your life, stuff your pages with kindergarten material which we can buy for a few coppers so ably expounded by Messrs. Broome. Don't give us any fables like 'Alice in Wonderland'; we get that in Snowden's 'Ropesight.' Just point out to all incumbents who have a ring of bells in their steeple that no one ever heard of the choir boys having to purchase their own psalters. Why the ringers should have to purchase their own music in 999 cases out of a thousand, gets me guessing. The whole of the Exercise is what it makes itself.

Mr. John P. evidently does not realise that the ringing Exercise is self-supporting, and receives no benefit or instruction from outside. Outsiders, however clever they may be, can never be of assistance to ringers, therefore the acme of perfection in ringing can only be what the most perfect ringers make it, and I should imagine that, as in any other science, the greatest savants are not the best instructors, as the gift of imparting knowledge is not vouchsafed to the majority. Very few scholars in a class learning Euclid would be able to clean the cobwebs off the 'Asses' Bridge' to the average schoolboy comprehension. The majority merely thunder it at the class and gasp with amazement that the light of immediate comprehension has not dawned on each boy's face. Pedagogue knows it, and why it is so. He can't put himself back thirty years, nor the boy's mind forward thirty years. Could he do so—well, sir, and that could be done, such letters as John P.'s would never have been written.

Now, good Sir, you whom I have known no long, as scapegoat, as purveyor of logic, compositions, history, god and bad, you've published my peals, my vapourings, my many pilgrimages, now that you have acquired a new calling I trust that you will live long enough, and at the long last, as chief monumental mason of our Exercise, write week by week some portion of the 'memento mori' of mine own declining art. Just tell John P. that, in ringing of all things, the good don't die young. Had it been so, I should not survive to-day, but I don't want the moon to play with for 3d. per week. If John P. wants it, just tell him if he climbs up among those match stalks on the top of page 188 of your issue of date March 25th, 1927, he will be just about as near Elysium as he can get—if he just shuts his eyes and walks about.—Sincerely yours (and his),

JOSEPH E. SYKES THE GREATER.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ONE HUNDRED TOWERS WITH NO MEMBERS.

Two meetings have been held lately, one at Ufford on February 12th, another at Stowmarket on March 19th. Both were well attended, and there was a large amount of good ringing.

Just before the former meeting, a peal board was unveiled in Ufford tower to commemorate the ringing of the 'Charles' peal there on July 4th, 1924. The lettering is cut in gold on a slab of beautiful dove marble, on a black marble base. The work was done by Mr. Chas. Mee, one of the founders of the Guild, and the cost was shared between him and several other donors.

At the meeting, the Secretary pointed out that there were 50 towers where there were fewer members than bells, and the Guild lost by them not compounding; while there were over 100 towers where there were bells but no members.

5,088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY T. B. WORSLEY.

23456 M B W H

52364	—	2	2
63254		2	2
62534		1	2
63425	2	1	1
25346	1	2	2

Twice repeated.

In this peal, the 2nd never dodges with the tenor.

First rung at St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, on March 26th, 1927.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

In the annual report of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association for the year 1926, the membership is shown as 1,042, an increase of 58. Appreciation is expressed of the work of the branch secretaries. In one or two branches, it is stated, increased membership had been looked forward to, but in these, as in other branches, there were many towers not included in the list of members. With regard to these, the executive committee is particularly anxious to assist, and will readily do so if approached. There are, approximately, 200 churches with bells in the two dioceses, so that they should enter upon a campaign at once to bring more of these into the association.

The balance sheet showed a gain on the year's working of £10 5s. 5d., but the committee would like to see a more general response to the Hefry Repair Fund, and members are asked to bear this in mind in 1927.

The peal performances for 1926 were 18 less than in 1925, and totalled 40. Restorations and augmentations carried out during the year were very encouraging.

BRISTOL BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at St. Michael's (City), Bristol, on Saturday last. The attendance of members did not come up to expectation, but representatives attended from St. Michael's, St. Stephen's, St. Philip's, and St. Werburgh's, Bristol, Almondsbury, Henbury, Mangotsfield, Olveston and Stoke Bishop.

Ringling commenced at 3 p.m., and touches in the standard methods were rung up to 4.30 by the mixed bands. The service, which was of a very bright character, was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. S. Hazeldine, and was fully choral. He also gave an instructive address. An adjournment was then made to the new Parish Hall, where an excellent tea was awaiting the members and friends, provided by that excellent church worker and lady bellringer, Miss E. Smith, who had spared no time and trouble to ensure the comfort of all. A company of 35 sat down.

The short business meeting followed, the chairman (Mr. J. Gould) presiding, supported by the Rector and Mr. Gregory (churchwarden).

Messrs. A. White (Almondsbury) and W. Cook (Henbury) were elected performing members. The question of securing a conveyance for the next (quarterly) meeting, to be held at Marshfield on April 30th, was discussed, and it was left in the hands of the hon. secretary to arrange for a motor.

The invitation at the ringers' rally, on Saturday next at Croydon, by Mr. C. Johnston, was discussed, and the secretary was asked to thank Mr. Johnston for this kind offer.

Mr. C. Harding proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, the Parish Hall, and taking the service, also to Miss Smith and her lady helpers for providing such a bountiful tea.

The votes in both instances were carried with acclamation, and the Rector, in responding, welcomed the association to his parish. It made a pleasant change, he said. He took great interest in his ringers, and either he or his curate visited the tower every Sunday. He apologised for the absence of his other churchwarden through illness.

Hearty votes of thanks were also given to the organist and choir for their valuable service. The tower was again visited, and ringing maintained until 8 p.m.

The notice of the next (quarterly) meeting at Marshfield will in due course be given in 'The Ringing World,' and a record attendance is looked for.

THE LATE MR. FREDERICK WEBB.

There has been recorded elsewhere in these columns a muffled peal rung at Kidlington, Oxon, on Thursday, March 10th, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Frederick Webb, who was laid to rest on that day. He had not been in his usual health since August last, but it was only shortly before he died that his condition gave cause for grave anxiety.

Frederick Webb was the last of a fine trio of church-bell ringers and loyal Oxford Guild members, all of Kidlington, the other two being William Bennett and Harry Judge. Twenty-five years ago they were to the fore in all ringing matters in that part of the Oxford Diocese, besides being the backbone of the Kidlington band.

At the same time the firm of Webb and Bennett were doing some good work as bell hangers in many parts of the country, and it was of course on the Kidlington bells as hung by them that the seventeen thousand of Double Norwich was rung. For many years, Mr. Webb served on the committee of the Oxford Guild, and was as regular and as helpful in his attendance there as he was at the meetings of the Witney and Woodstock Deaneys Branch. A man to be relied on, whose words were few and sincere, and whose actions were the outcome of an honest desire to do good. May he rest in peace.

C. W. O. J.

HOME FROM CANADA.

At the Parish Church, Harpenden, on March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Day 1, R. Jarman 2, R. Coburn 3, H. Burgess 4, R. Newson 5, W. Simmons 6, B. Jarman (conductor) 7, S. Barnes 8. Rung as a compliment to H. Burgess, who was home on holiday from Canada. Longest touch rung by W. Simmons.

SUDBURY VETERAN'S DEATH.

Sudbury, Suffolk, ringers, together with some friends, met at All Saints' Church on Saturday afternoon to pay a last tribute to one of the old company, Mr. W. Griggs, who passed away at the advanced age of 87 years, and was buried at the cemetery earlier in the afternoon.

The deceased was the oldest surviving member of the company that flourished in the eighties under the able conductorship of the late Chas. Sillitoe. Unfortunately the only other surviving member of that company, Mr. M. Sylvester, was unable, owing to ill health, to take part in the ringing, although he was present at the funeral service.

Two short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled, those taking part being Messrs. A. Scott, C. Clark, G. Tatum, W. Heard, W. Lee, S. Gridley, L. Allington and G. W. Dixon, also T. Chianey (Melford), J. King (Polstead), and D. H. Elliott (Assington) conductor.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.**

A most enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent by the Loughborough District at Quorn on Saturday, when 14 members joined quite a number of young local ringers, who consequently obtained some excellent practice on their eight bells. The Rev. H. E. Runsey, who presided at the meeting, gave the ringers a most hearty welcome, and said he was most pleased to do all he could to help to further the brotherhood which existed between ringers.

Methods indulged in were Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples.

The next meeting was fixed at Prestwold, but, in case the bells cannot be obtained, Wymwold was chosen as a substitute.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Slinfold on Saturday, March 19th. A good number of members and friends attended from Heene, West Tarring, Billingshurst, Warnham, Lower Beeding, Shipley, Merstham, Horsham, Chertsey, Rudgwick and the local band. The six bells were kept going till five o'clock, when tea was partaken of at the King's Head Inn, where the ringers were met and welcomed by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Hebbington).

At the business meeting, with the Rector presiding, the following members were elected: C. E. Smith (Godalming), W. Hooker (Warnham), A. Parker (Stokingfield), C. Denyer (Horsham), Chas. Smart and P. Knight (Pulborough), W. Tickner and E. Tickner (Itchingfield), J. T. Dyke (Othelcompton), and W. Robinson (Guildford).

Mr. A. W. Groves was re-elected as secretary, Messrs. Lindup, Doick and T. Adams were elected on the general committee, and Messrs. Charman, Burdfield and Burtenshaw as the committee of advice. Horsham was proposed for the next quarterly meeting in May.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for presiding and granting the use of the bells. The members then again visited the helfry for further ringing.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting was held at Howden on Saturday, March 19th, and was attended by upwards of some 40 members, representing the towers at Beverley, Eastington, Hemmingbrough, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet, York, and the local tower, the beautiful spring-like day adding no little to the enjoyment of the proceedings.

The peal of eight (tenor 26½ cwt.) was, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. A. Waring, M.A.), available during the day, and various touches were rung in the standard methods. Owing to an urgent engagement of the Vicar, the service which was originally arranged for 4 p.m. had to be unfortunately abandoned.

An excellent tea was provided in the Mission Room, followed by the business meeting at the same premises. The chair was taken by the Vicar, supported by the vice-president (Mr. F. Cryer, Selby). The Chairman, in his opening remarks, extended a very hearty welcome to the association, and commented that it was six years since the association's last visit to Howden.

Two new members were elected—Mr. H. Kneeshaw, of Market Weighton, and Mr. S. Kinnman, of Holy Trinity, Hull.

The next quarterly meeting was arranged to be held at Market Weighton in June, by kind invitation of the Rector.

The Exercise is the poorer by the death of two old ringers, which occurred during the last month—Mr. H. Jenkins, aged 82, of All Saints', Hull, and Mr. T. H. Haigh, aged 74, of York Minster, and to their relatives the members extended their deepest sympathy.

The retiring officers, Mr. F. Cryer, Selby (vice-chairman), and Messrs. A. Walker, sen. (Pontefract), W. Gibson (Beverley) and J. Drake (Goole), committeemen, were re-elected for three years. Mr. J. H. Howell, Hull (general committeeman), intimated his desire to resign, and Mr. F. W. Dale, Hull, was elected in his stead.

On the motion of the vice-president, a unanimous and hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Howden for the use of the bells, also to the ladies for serving the tea, and Mr. R. B. Smith and the local ringers for their excellent arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, March 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Canterbury Pleasure Major in 48 mins.: J. Stanford 1, J. Cook 2, W. Hooker 3, W. Pettifer 4, J. Branch 5, P. Charman 6, W. Stanford 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8.

FRYBURNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 20th, before evensong, 720 Ipswich Surprise and 240 Grandsire Doubles: L. Camp 1, G. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, E. Litch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.—On Tuesday evening, March 22nd, before Confirmation service, held by the Lord Bishop of Barking, 720 York Surprise; after service, 720 London Surprise: L. Camp 1, E. Litch 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, G. Camp 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 20th, at St. Giles' Church, for evening service, 720 Ipswich Surprise: R. H. Cox 1, W. Thornley 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, W. R. Drage 5, H. Turner (conductor) 6.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Sunday, March 20th, for evensong, 720 Double Court: S. Began 1, R. Scott 2, T. Lock 3, R. Rex 4, J. Scott 5, H. Balaam (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday evening, March 13th, in 22 mins., 720 Cambridge Surprise (21 hobs): C. M. Mitchell 1, E. J. Beer 2, F. A. Mitchell 3, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, J. Burtles 5, G. Morrad 6. The ringers of the 2nd is from Gravesend tower.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—For evensong on Sunday, February 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. H. E. Stubbs 1, E. Cartwright 2, D. Collins 3, J. Grundy 4, J. Saddington 5, W. Smith 6, E. Reader (conductor), 7, J. Hutchby 8.

WAINFLEET BELLS REHUNG.

On Friday evening the Old Leake ringers paid a visit to St. Mary's Church, Wainfleet, to try the bells which have just been rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. Owing to a breakdown with his motorcycle, Mr. G. W. Houghton arrived late, and Mr. H. Wellham (Ipswich) kindly took his place, and a well-struck 720 Rob Minor was rung: Percy Lakin 1, Miss Elsie Lakin 2, J. W. Lakin, sen., 3, J. Phillips 4, H. Wellham 5, J. W. Lakin, jun. (conductor) 6. Mr. G. W. Houghton arrived later, and further ringing was done, the methods being Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Cambridge, and the local band took part in Bob Doubles.

The bells, which are a nice ring of six (tenor about 12 cwt.), have been rehung with all new fittings, and the 'go' of them is all that can be desired. The only fault is the noise in the ringing chamber, which it is hoped will be remedied by bringing the ropes to the bottom floor, as it is only about 40 feet from the bells.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild was held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, March 19th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Stonehouse). A special service was held, and the Rector gave a most interesting address on the history of the church. Tea was held in the Parish Hall, 36 members and friends sitting down, the towers represented being Ashford, Charing, Cheriton, Wye, Eastwell, Wickhambreau, Wingham, and some of the local bands.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector, supported by Canon F. J. O. Helmore, Mr. C. W. Everett (the Master), and the hon. secretary (Mr. C. W. Franklin).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sellenge.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. G. J. Youngs, was passed to Canon Helmore and the Rector for the kind way in which they had received the Guild.

The bells at St. Stephen's were kept going until late in the evening.

5,040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

234567

S 762453	2
S 437562	1
624753	2
376524	1
243657	2
762543	1
437256	2
624537	1
S 736452	2
S 527643	2
365427	1
273546	2
652473	1
736245	2
527436	1
365742	2
273465	1
652347	2
S 376452	1
S 423576	1

Repeat eleven times, hob for single at 6th and 12th part ends. First rung at St. Mary's, Aberavon, by the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild on March 7th, 1927, conducted by E. Stinch.

NOTICES.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Acton meeting cancelled, at the request of the Rector, owing to the serious illness of a parishioner near the church. With regret and apologies to members.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please advise me.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service. A cordial welcome to all.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting and an 8-bell contest will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, at Earlsheaton, Dewsbury. Draw at Park Hotel 2.45 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at 1s. each.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Expecting a good attendance. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting on Saturday, April 2nd, at South Anston. Corporation bus from Pond Street. Underwood's bus from Handsworth terminus.—C. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, April 2nd. Meet at St. Peter's at 2.30, where bands will be made up for Hebburn Parish Church and for Christ Church. Tea at Co-operative Cafe, Jarrow, at 5.—Geo. S. Taylor, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading in St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street, on Saturday, April 9th, at 3.15 p.m.—R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 5th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 7th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, St. Magnus' on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, April 9th. Bells at liberty 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on April 9th (Parish Church bells not available). Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—James Grounds, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Guilborough on Saturday, April 9th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by April 6th?—W. Bott, Dis. Hon. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A monthly meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready 1.30; all ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who apply before April 6th to Mr. G. Tinker, Builder, Penistone. All members are requested to enter early for the cup contest to be held at Hoylandswaine in June. Our brother ringers at this tower offer a cordial invitation to our association to make this event more successful than ever. Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, Penistone. — C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. A. Blogg, Brierfield Cottage, Whittle-le-Woods, not later than Friday, April 8th. — Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting and ringers' opening festival will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Saturday, April 9th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, in St. Giles' Hall, at 5.30 p.m. Will those coming to tea kindly let me know before the 6th? —C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at St. Thomas', South Wigston, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting in the bellry at 6 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Easter Monday. Parish Church (8) and Lea (6) bells open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers very welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. H. Baker, 12, Lincoln Street, Gainsborough, by April 11th.—Molly Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held on Easter Monday at Sidmouth. Bells (8) available. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Derby. Bells of St. Andrew's (10), St. Alkmund's (8), St. Luke's (8), St. Peter's (8) available from 10 a.m. Committee meeting in All Saints' Schools 3 p.m. Service at All Saints' Church 4 p.m., at which it is hoped all members will attend. Tea in All Saints' Schools 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Smoking concert at 8 p.m. in King's Café, St. Peter's Street. It is essential that all who desire tea (1s. 6d. per head members, 2s. 6d. non-members) should acquaint Mr. C. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby, and secure tickets not later than April 13th to avoid disappointment. — Ernest Morris, General Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—1877-1927. — The jubilee meeting of the Guild will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 18th. The annual service will take place in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the preacher will be the Venerable the Archdeacon of Norfolk. By kind invitation of the president and committee luncheon will be provided at Snellings, Rampant Horse Street, at 1.30 p.m. Circular letter giving full particulars has been sent to all the district secretaries, leaders of companies and unattached members, who are kindly requested to send in a list of the names of those members accepting the invitation to luncheon. Applications for luncheon tickets must be sent to the general secretary not later than Monday, April 11th, by whom the tickets will be issued. The general business meeting will be held immediately after the luncheon. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. John-de-Sepulchre and All Saints' are kindly placed at the disposal of the members.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 18th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, Dean. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 13th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas' (6), St. Swithin's (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Beddington on Easter Monday, April 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea and business meeting 5.30. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, April 13th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday at St. Mary-le-Tower. Committee meeting in Vestry at 12.15. Service, with address by the Vicar, at 1 p.m. Luncheon at 1.30 at Day's Restaurant, Cornhill, price 2s. 6d., for all those sending me word by the Tuesday previous. Meeting follows. Bells available all day (12); also St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (5), Sproughton (6), Bramford (6).—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Owing to illness, the meeting to be held at Maldon on Easter Monday, will not take place.—P. Timson, Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Huddersfield on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available for ringing: Parish Church (10), Almondbury (8), Longwood (8), Kirkheaton (6). Divine service will be held at Parish Church at 3.45 p.m. Preacher, Vicar of Huddersfield, Rev. Canon A. Baines. Business meeting in Parochial Hall, Springwood Street, at 3 p.m. Tea in same hall at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. All applications for same must be made to Mr. W. Frith, 5, Lufton Road, Birkby, not later than first post Wednesday, April 13th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Bromley, Easter Monday, April 18th. Towers open for ringing: Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul), St. Luke's, Bromley Common, St. George's, Beckenham, Chislehurst (morning only), Hayes (6) (afternoon). Committee meeting in Church Committee Room 12 noon. Service, SS. Peter and Paul, 12.30. Preacher, Rev. H. P. Kennedy Skipton, F.R. Hist. Soc. Dinner in the Old Town Hall 1.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Applications for dinner tickets must be made immediately. Central Council representatives must be elected at this meeting. Nominations of candidates, signed by two members, must be sent to me a fortnight before.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 18th. Service at 12 noon. Luncheon followed by the business meeting at 1 p.m. at the 'Dorothy Cafe.' Ringing at Great St. Mary's (12), St. Andrew's (8), Church of St. Mary and the Martyrs (8), and Old Chesterton (6). Will captains of belfries inform the Secretary of the numbers intending to attend, by Thursday, April 14th?—Rev. R. Copeman, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Huntsham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Will those who hope to attend kindly let me know by Tuesday, April 19th?—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea, 4.30, Parish Room, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Important: Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, April 20th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, April 25th, at 8 p.m. Ringing during April as follows:—St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 3rd, at 10 a.m., and Monday, the 25th, at 6.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 19th, at 8. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

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IRTHLINGBOROUGH.—On Sunday, January 30th, at the Parish Church for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung in 40 mins.: W. Perkins 1, H. Chambers 2, J. R. Main 3, A. Bigley 4, J. King 5, J. T. Ward 6, A. Y. Tyler (conductor) 7, J. J. Mawby 8.

DUDLEY.—On Sunday, January 16th, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: A. Dedicant 1, J. Goodman, jun., 2, J. Goodman, sen., 3, W. Goodman 4, R. Hall 5, S. J. Hughes 6, J. Jagger 7, G. Guest 8. Rung with the bells muffled prior to the memorial service to the late Douglas Pielou, M.P. for the Stourbridge Division of Worcestershire.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, January 9th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, eight courses of Stedman Cinques (1,047 changes): W. White 1, S. Wyatt 2, F. Chedgley 3, E. Lloyd 4, A. Wyatt 5, J. Burge (conductor) 6, W. Lloyd 7, P. Merson 8, J. Fowler 9, F. Sadd 10, E. Wyatt 11, G. Reeves 12. The above touch was rung in honour of Mr. J. Fowler on the 30th anniversary of his appointment as steeplekeeper of St. Mary's.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, January 2nd, at All Saints' Church, Hoole, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles for afternoon service in 45 mins., as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Benyon, wife of J. Benyon, towerkeeper of the above church: E. Barlow 1, G. R. Jones (conductor) 2, W. Westman 3, H. Cousins 4, J. Benyon, jun., 5, A. Milson 6.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 2nd, before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 288 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Wright 1, L. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, G. Camp 5, A. Bradley 6. Woodbine conducted by H. Wright, Oxford by A. Bradley.—Before evensong, 720 New London Pleasure, 360 Cambridge Surprise, 216 Oxford Treble Bob: L. Camp 1, W. Bradley 2, H. Wright 3, G. Camp 4, H. Bradley 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6. C. Harrington rang 3rd to Cambridge. H. and W. Bradley hail from Bloomfield.

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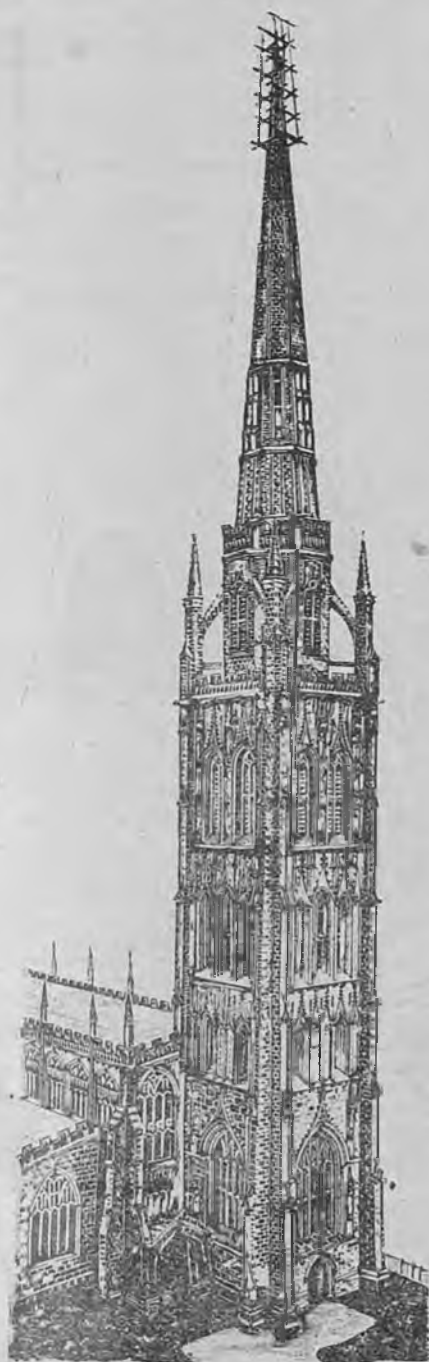
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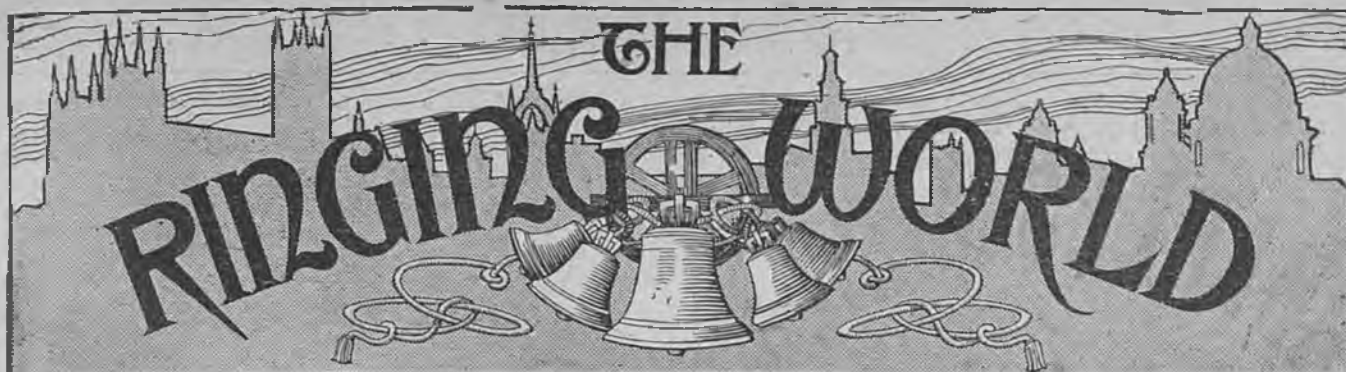
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Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

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SAMUEL WILTSHIRE... 2	WILLIAM BOLWELL ... 6
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On Wednesday, March 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILFRED GRUNDY Treble	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 5
JOHN DENNER 2	GEORGE PINCOTT... .. 6
ERNEST COTSFORTH 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
JOHN POTTER 4	JAMES DENNER Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to Mr. John Welsby, an oldringer at this church.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*PERCY L. BISHOP Treble	*THOMAS H. NORRIS 5
CHARLES N. LEMAN 2	HENRY HODGETTS 6
*EDWIN C. BOWLEY 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE... .. 4	GEORGE A. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

* First peal. The peal was rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Norris, the parents of the ringer of the fifth, who kindly entertained the band afterwards, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S FOUR-PART, No. 5.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	THOMAS K. DEACON 6
MISS KATHLEEN JACKSON ... 3	JAMES PAGITT 7
RICHARD C. BELTON 4	JOHN CURTIS... .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE SWINFELD.

At the conclusion of the peal, the Vicar congratulated the ringers and entertained them to tea afterwards. Miss Jackson was proposed a member in the tower.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. P. WHITEHEAD Treble	*FRANK WALLINGTON... .. 5
C. A. MANNING 2	*WALTER WALLINGTON ... 6
*FRED WALLINGTON 3	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 7
*WILLIAM HECTOR 4	*FRED PEARCEY Tenor

Conducted by C. A. MANNING.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Stedman on these bells since they were opened in 1902.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST JONES Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
*THOMAS HAMMOND 2	HERBERT LUDKIN 6
JOHN WILKINSON 3	THOMAS W. GILMOOR 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT 4	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW.

Conducted by J. WILKINSON.

* 100th peal. This is the first peal of Superlative rung in the city.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEORGE KENWARD Treble	FRANK BELSEY 5
WILLIAM SPICE... .. 2	CHARLES E. NORRIS 6
CHARLES WINNER 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER... .. 7
PHILIP S. SPRINGHAM ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First in the method. First attempt as conductor in the method.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER J. BATTLE Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
HENRY W. WILDE 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. Battle for making arrangements.

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PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SECRETARIES' PEAL.

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*W. I. CLARK, Secretary Furness Branch	Treble
FRED RIGBY, Secretary Preston Branch	2
CHARLES SHARPLES, Secretary Fylde Branch	3
WALTER HUGHES, Secretary Liverpool Branch	4
ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Association Ringing Secretary	5
WILLIAM H. SHUKER, General Secretary	6
WILLIAM HOKAN, Secretary Rochdale Branch	7
JAS. W. GROUNDS, Secretary Wigan Branch	Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Major.

COMPTON GIFFORD, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Three Hours,
At the Church of Emmanuel,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. WILDE'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

WARREN S. HORNBRINK	Treble	*G. HARRY MYERS	5
JAMES E. LILLEY	2	THOMAS G. MYERS	6
*HAROLD M. ASHTON	3	JOSEPH WOODLEY	7
CHARLES R. LILLEY	4	*SIDNEY P. SYMONS	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. Ringers of 1st and 3rd from Charles' Church, 5th and 6th from St. Andrew's, the rest from Emmanuel. Rung in honour of the conductor's silver wedding.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*RICHARD J. STONE	Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	5
GEORGE PULLINGER	2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	6
*FREDERICK A. BURNETT	3	FRANK BLONDELL	7
JOHN A. COLE	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN COOK	Treble	WALTER CHARMAN	5
PETER CHARMAN	2	WILLIAM STANFORD	6
WILLIAM HOOKER	3	JACK BRANCH	7
SIDNEY PAICE	4	ALFRED CHARMAN	Tenor

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE HALKSWORD	Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE	5
GEORGE CLARK	2	HARRY BARNES	6
JAMES MCCLUSKY	3	PERCY GLADSTONE	7
STANLEY SHEPPARD	4	ARNOLD HILL	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the granting of county borough powers to Doncaster on April 1st. It is eighteen years since a peal was rung on these bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM	Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY	6
EDWARD C. GOBEY	3	*WILLIAM H. CLARKE	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	PERCIVAL PRICE	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. A. Salter.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

HERBERT ROBBINS	Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	5
BERNARD DITCHER	2	CHARLES MASON	6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	3	HAROLD KENT	7
EDWARD ROBBINS	4	JOHN FLINT	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WHITMINSTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire, and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

JAMES PERRY	Treble	RALPH HAZELL	4
P. SGT. GEORGE HASTINGS	2	LESLIE BARRY	5
GEORGE ORCHARD	3	THOMAS MARTIN	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of Clarence, Southwark, Canterbury, St. Werburgh, Vale Royal, Crowland, Combermere.

CHARLES PRESTON	Treble	CHARLES BOWEN	4
MISS ALICE PRESTON	2	WILLIAM FRADLEY	5
REG PRESTON	3	HARRY BILLINGS	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BOWEN.

* First peal as conductor. Rung at first attempt. First peal consisting of all 4th's place Delight methods for the association. Rung in honour of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also the 40th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowen, parents of the conductor.

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDEN & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

*JOHN WHITEHEAD	Treble	TOM WILDE	4
†ALFRED FROST	2	†HERBERT W. BRADLEY	5
†JOHN BRIERLEY	3	SYDNEY HOUGH	Tenor

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor away from treble. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer. Treble ringer belongs to local band, 2nd to Didsbury, 3rd and 4th to Hyde, 5th to Glossop, tenor to Knutsford.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.
On Tuesday, March 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 6060 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and 300 of Plain Bob.

BRO. F. J. LAMBERT, SEN., 'Pride of the Green,' 6009	...	...	Treble
BRO. B. LUCK, 'St. Mary,' 5041	...	...	2
BRO. G. FULLER, 'St. Mary,' 5041	...	...	3
BRO. H. J. HAMMOND, 'Weald of Kent,' 5759	...	...	4
BRO. A. H. SMITH, 'St. Mary,' 5041	...	...	5
BRO. A. RELFE, 'St. Mary,' 5041	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by BRO. A. RELFE.

Rung for the diamond jubilee of the local Court, St. Mary, 5041, which was founded on March 29th, 1867. It was also a birthday compliment to Miss Lambert, daughter of the treble ringer, and J. Bassett, one of the local band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES GEORGE	<i>Treble</i>	ERNEST MORRIS	4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	2	W. RICHARD DRAGE	5
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM	3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

This peal was specially arranged for Mr. James George, of Birmingham.

YAXLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, March 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In three methods, being one extent of Bob Minor, two and a half extents of Oxford Treble Bob, and three and a half of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM MUSK	...	...	Treble	F. NOLAN GOLDEN	...	...	4
DAVID WHITING	...	...	2	DERRICK LOCKWOOD	...	...	5
ALBERT G. HARRISON	...	3	WILLIAM STEGGALL	...	...	Tenor	

Conducted by WM. STEGGALL.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANCIS J. SANDERS	...	...	Treble	ALFRED J. BULL	...	...	4
BERNARD WELLS	...	...	2	GEORGE ELLIS	...	...	5
HUGH R. THORPE	...	...	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. H. Beaumont, of Buckland Court, on his 94th birthday.

BICKLEIGH, EAST DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

J. VOWLER	...	...	Treble	W. FAIRCHILD	...	...	4
R. CALLOW	...	...	2	F. J. DAVEY	...	...	5
J. BAKER	...	...	3	C. GOLD	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by F. J. DAVEY.

* First peal with a working bell. First peal of Doubles for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th. First peal on the bells. The ringer of the 5th belong to Exeter, the rest to the local band.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Thursday, March 22nd, two 720's of Bob Minor were rung: A. Stoner 1, T. Exeter (first with a bob bell) 2, C. Holman 3, A. Laker 4, A. E. Gasson 5, A. C. V. Gasson (conductor) 6; and A. Stoner 1, T. Exeter 2, A. C. V. Gasson 3, A. Laker 4, A. E. Gasson 5, C. Holman (conductor) 6.

ASTLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents.

* JAMES H. RAPHER	...	...	Treble	* THOMAS W. CHOWN	...	...	3
ALFRED E. BACON	...	...	2	* CHARLES G. BATES	...	...	4
JOSEPH E. SYKES	...	...	Tenor				

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal on five bells. This was the first peal on these interesting bells, some of which were cast by Newcombe, of Leicester. Mr. Chown has now rung a peal on all numbers of bells from five to twelve inclusive.

GAULBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor reputed 12 cwt. in G.

EDGAR LEWIN	...	...	Treble	J. GEOFFREY GRARY	...	...	4
JOSEPH NORTON	...	...	2	ERNEST MORRIS	...	...	5
A. NORMAN GEARY	...	...	3	ERNEST F. PAYNE	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First complete peal on the bells, which were made six in 1746. The conductor congratulates the band on an excellently struck peal, in spite of the adverse conditions under which it was rung.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

CYRIL POOLEY	...	...	Treble	* EDWARD HOWES	...	...	4
JAMES F. DUFFIELD	...	...	2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	...	...	5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	...	...	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in three methods.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores. Tenor 13 cwt.

* BRINLEY JONES	...	...	Treble	† WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS	...	...	4
† HAWTHORN L. MORRIS	...	...	2	A. A. RACKHAM	...	...	5
ALFRED A. RACKHAM	...	...	3	† WILLIAM T. WEAVER	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by A. A. RACKHAM.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. † First peal on inside bell. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John M. Jones, sexton of the above church for 30 years.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT 7, NOTLEY ROAD, BRAINTREE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

* LEWIS W. WIFFEN	...	...	1-2	† WILLIAM KEEBLE	...	...	5-6
† GEORGE WIFFEN	...	...	3-4	ALBERT WIFFEN	...	...	7-8

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

* 300th peal. † 50th peal. † 500th peal.

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

MORE HISTORY FROM HEARNE'S DIARY.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Ringling is such a self centred, self contained thing that, when we are thinking of the old ringers of one, or two, or three hundred years ago, we have great difficulty in fitting them into their contemporary setting. We think of them as ringers much the same as we are, rarely indeed as men whose life and surroundings, ideas and habits differed so very much and in so many ways from our own. And yet, of course, the bells and the bell ringling played their part in the social and political movement of the various times, and expressed feeling and excitement about causes and persons which are little more than names to us to-day and often not so much.

In 1733 all the bells in England were set ringling because an unpopular Excise Bill was defeated in Parliament. Sir Robert Walpole's sarcastic pun is well known, when a few years later he was, against his better judgment, forced into war with Spain. 'They are ringling their bells now, they will soon be wringing their hands.' In the Hammersmith peal board quoted in these notes on August 21st, 1925, we have another instance of the connection of ringling and popular excitement, and a much more notable one in the change of the name of the London Scholars to that of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, in honour of the victor of Culloden. In the burning question of that day the London Scholars and all London were solid for the Hanoverian King and the Protestant Succession.

It was not so everywhere in England. In the country houses and parsonages the feeling was strong for the exiled Stuarts. Oxford University and town were mainly High Church, High Tory and Jacobite, and no man held those views more forcibly than Thomas Hearne. He hated the revolution of 1689 which put William of Orange on the English throne, he detested the Dissenters and all their ways, and he looked on Low Churchmen as little better than they. In Queen Anne's reign he held a post as deputy librarian at the Bodlian, but he threw it up rather than take the 'wicked oaths' to King George I., whom he still continued to call Duke of Brunswick. There was, of course, a government party in the University—the government controlled the appointment to sufficient official positions to see to that; and so, when the fifth of November came round, they used the date to make a demonstration in favour of Protestantism and King George. Gunpowder Plot celebrations meant something then; the very fact that they still survive in a feeble, futile fashion shows how strong a place they once held in the minds of English people. It was near enough, too, to the date of the anniversary of the landing of William III. at Torbay to be a celebration of Protestantism, Whiggery, Low Churchism and everything else in Church and State that Hearne abhorred. And the leading thing in this celebration was the ringling of the bells.

The appeal that bells made to the popular imagination and their power as expressions of popular sentiment seem to have been far greater in the eighteenth century than now. Bells are still popular and increasingly so, but they can no longer express public feelings as they did once. If, for instance, England broke out into universal bell ringling because, say, the Labour Party was defeated at a General Election, we should think it not only strange, but positively wrong. But that is the sort of thing which

would have happened two hundred years ago. Hearne and the Oxford Tories thought it wrong to ring for the Fifth of November, but if it had been for a political victory on their side they would have found no fault. Strong Churchman and Anglo-Catholic as he was, Hearne saw nothing amiss in ringling church bells for a wager. The ringers' opinions were not so strong as his. They probably thought that if James III. was king *de jure*, George III. was king *de facto*; anyhow, they wanted to make another attempt for the six thousand; and here was the opportunity, with the chance as well of earning a little money.

Hearne was very scornful about their ringling for money, and calls them 'poor mercenary ringers,' and suggests that they sold themselves for 'only fifteen shillings and sixpence a man.' Fifteen shillings and sixpence a head for a day's ringling does not seem very bad pay, even in these days when money is worth very much less than it was then, and I dare say there were many other occasions when there was paid ringling: the Founder's Day at New College, for instance, when they made their last attempt. But Hearne was one of those worthy souls who, when they have any feelings about Church and State affairs, feel far too strongly to have even any pretence of impartiality. Even among the ringers there was some difference of opinion, and three put principle before interest and refused to ring. That gave Brickland, the schoolmaster, another chance, and also made way for a beginner, one Crozier, of whom Hearne speaks very favourably.

The attempt was made at Christ Church, and the ringling appears to have been very good, but after about two thousand changes it came to naught. Hearne was torn between his political opinions and his love of the bells. He persuaded himself that for no reason whatever would he on such a day go and listen to ringling for such a celebration, yet, of course, a man must take a little exercise, and so he 'happened' to go through the White Walk while they were ringling. There he 'happened' to hear people say 'twas excellent ringling,' and so, on his way back, he comes through the cloisters and rather surprised himself by stopping to listen, merely, as he says, to find out if what the people said was correct. Just then they got into the muddle which, in the end, broke them down, and in a quarter of an hour Hearne counted 18 considerable faults to his no small satisfaction, for, however bad the ringling might be, 'twas good enough for the day.'

'1734, Monday, December 2nd.—On the 5th November last some Oxford ringers were resolved to show their zeal for the Government by ringling Cater changes as well as possibly they could upon Christ Church ten bells. They were some of the best ringers, and because they think they merited much by their performance, I shall here specify the names of every one of them, at the same time noting that three excellent ringers, Mr. John George, a Taylor, Mr. Thomas Yates, the second Cook of Magdalen College, and Mr. John Broughton, the Barber, acted much more for their honour and credit, who declined ringling amongst them that day by which these three avoided the censure of being poor mercenary ringers (for the others rang for money), and of giving credit to a downright false notion that the Prince of Orange landed upon the 5th, whereas it was upon the 4th of November, to say nothing of the Powder Plot, which many wise men give out was a meer sham. I happened that day, between three and four o'clock in the afternoon, to go through the White Walk, while the bells were ringling, and I heard several in the Walk say 'twas exceeding good ringling. Coming to the Cloysters, I stood still to listen (which I should not have done on such a day as that, were it not to see whether the character of its being exceeding good ringling were just or not), and in sixteen minutes I discovered eighteen considerable faults, the last six so very considerable that I found they would soon be confounded, as indeed they were, and so gave over, not being able to make clean work; and yet, notwithstanding this, they boast that 'twas extra-

ordinary good ringing, and that they rang two thousand. I cannot say anything to the number of changes nor for the goodness of the ringing before the last quarter of an hour, and how bad that was I have fairly signified, and yet 'twas good enough for the day. I should likewise here remark that the reward of these mercenary ringers was only 15s. 6d. a man, and that one of the ringers was a learner or beginner (as it were) only, viz., Mr. Crozier, a Cork Cutter, and yet so skilful that he may deservedly be reckoned among the best Oxford ringers. The names (what I propose to give) of all these ten ringers were in order just as they rang as follows:

- 1.—Mr. Richard Hearne, a Taylor.
- 2.—Mr. John Vickers, second Butler of New College.
- 3.—Mr. William Crozier, a Cork Cutter.
- 4.—Mr. Guy Terry, a Potash Maker.
- 5.—Mr. Brickland, a Schoolmaster.
- 6.—Mr. Thomas Nash, a Cabinet Maker.
- 7.—Mr. Arthur Lloyd, Carpenter and Bell Hanger.
- 8.—Mr. William Barnes, second Cook of Christ Church.
- 9.—Mr. Richard Smith, a Glover.
- 10.—Mr. Nicholas Benwell, Sexton of Christ Church.

WELCOME TO NEW VICAR.

The induction of the new Vicar of Marshfield, the Rev. C. S. L. Alford, on March 29th, was celebrated by the ringing of a few touches of Triples before service, and afterwards a quarter-peal was rung by the following: C. H. Williams 1, J. H. Beazer 2, H. Woodham 3, E. Lewis 4, P. C. Williams 5, G. Robinson 6, J. G. Jeffries (conductor) 7, and J. H. Williams 8. The Vicar afterwards ascended the tower and congratulated and thanked the ringers for the happy thought which led to the cheerful ringing of the bells.

A SILVER WEDDING PEAL.

A peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Compton Gifford, Devon, on Saturday, celebrated the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Lilley, who were married at St. Paul's Church, Bedford, 25 years ago. The marriage took place on Easter Monday, March 31st, and earlier in the day Mr. Lilley conducted a 'bachelors' peal at Biddingham. The peal on Saturday was the 50th for the Devon Guild by Mr. G. Harry Myers, who was a pioneer of change ringing in Plymouth, and the band included two fathers and two sons.

It was the first peal of Stedman rung on the bells since October 12th, 1907, conducted by Mr. G. N. Price, and in which Mr. C. R. Lilley also took part.

BELLS REHUNG AT GAINFORD, DURHAM.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Gainford, have been away to the Loughborough foundry, where they have been cleaned by the sand-blast process and retuned. They are now back in the tower and rehung in the old frame with entirely new fittings and on ball bearings.

On Saturday, March 5th, ringers from Darlington (Holy Trinity, St. Cuthbert's and St. John's) and All Saints', Hurworth-on-Tees, paid a visit to try them, touches of Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor being rung, and also 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise Minor, and 360 of Cambridge Surprise.

The bells go well, but some difficulty was experienced with the treble and second, through the ropes slipping off the wheels, but this will, doubtless, soon be rectified.

The Vicar of Gainford (the Rev. R. A. Bidwell) kindly entertained the ringers to tea, and they expressed their thanks to him for his kindness, and for a pleasant afternoon. The bells are a nice ring of six, with a tenor of 14 cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A NEW BRANCH TO BE FORMED.

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Chippenham on Saturday, March 19th, with a good attendance from the following towers: Aldbourne, Bath, Chippenham, Chilcompton, Devizes, Marshfield, Mangotsfield, Plymouth, Swindon, Slough, Weston-super-Mare, and Wootton Bassett. The secretary was pleased to see so many visitors from outside the district, including two who took advantage of a football special from Plymouth to come up to Chippenham for a ring and set an example to some of Swindon ringers who cannot attend the meetings when there is a football match at Swindon. Why is it that ringing has to take second place?

The bells of St. Andrew's Church were raised at three p.m., and kept going until a quarter to five, when a service was conducted by the Vicar. Tea at the Waverley Hotel was followed by the business meeting. The Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Wood, was voted to the chair, and the meeting opened with a few moments' silence in memory of Mr. William Hulbert, of the Chippenham band. A discussion took place on the suggested division of the district, and it was unanimously decided to form a Chippenham Branch, with the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Wood) as president of the branch.

Furton was proposed for the April meeting, and St. Mark's, Swindon, for May, to be arranged, if possible, on the day of the dedication of the two new trebles.

This concluded the business, and a return was made to the tower, where Double Norwich, Stedman, and Grandsire were practised.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies has undergone an operation at St. Luke's Hostel, Fitzroy Square, London, and, we are glad to say, is reported to be going on satisfactorily.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, was the preacher at St. Clement Danes' Church on Sunday morning.

A peal of Minor has been rung at Yaxley, Suffolk, made up of one 720 of Bob Minor, two and a half 'extents' of Oxford Treble Bob, and three and a half 'extents' of Kent. Ringers have full liberty to follow their own dictates in these matters, but the Central Council ruling on a peal of Minor is that it should consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, but that the 5,040 may be extended by the addition of one touch of less than 720 changes, with or without extra 720's.

In view of the possibilities which Minor ringing now possesses, it would seem desirable that this ruling should be adhered to, and it only 5,040 changes are rung there should be only true and complete 720's. Splicing provides the opportunity for change of method.

When we get into April we get among the anniversaries of many long peals, for which the Easter holidays are chiefly responsible. Here, for instance, is the list for the ensuing week:

April 8th, 1844.—10,259 Grandsire Caters at Ashton-under-Lyne in 6 hrs. 10 mins.

1912.—12,160 Bristol Surprise Major at Knebworth in 7 hrs. 18 mins.

1922.—13,440 Bob Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry.

April 9th, 1830.—Elijah Roberts tapped 7,536 Kent Treble Bob Maximus in 4 hrs. 51 mins.

April 10th, 1848.—8,448 Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green.

1871.—10,272 Kent Treble Bob Major at Liversedge in 5 hrs. 48 mins.

April 11th, 1888.—13,265 Grandsire Caters at Appleton in 8 hrs. 5 mins.

April 12th, 1909.—18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 12 hrs. 18 mins.

April 13th, 1914.—14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne in 9 hrs. 24 mins.

Mr. James George, who has done such great things at the 'heavy end' of our biggest peals of bells, has now created a record at the light end. Last week he rang the treble at Loughborough Bell Foundry to a peal of Minor, the weight of the tenor being only 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs. Mr. George had previously rung the treble at Lye, Worcestershire, to a peal of Stedman Triples. The tenor there is 3½ cwt., and Mr. George is the first to ring peals on the two lightest bells to be found hung in rings in this country.

His performance at Loughborough shows that despite his 73 years he still has 'touch' as well as stamina, for he handled this tiny bell in the fast ringing (the peal was rung under two hours) splendidly.

The new peal of eight bells at Edgbaston, Birmingham, which have been installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were dedicated by Bishop Hamilton Baines on Sunday. They are a very fine ring.

Mr. Albert Walker, the Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, gave a lecture on 'Campanology,' illustrated by lantern slides and change ringing on handbells, to a large gathering of the Birmingham Association of Mechanical Engineers (of the Council of which he is a member) at Birmingham last Friday evening.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, the genial hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, returns to England next week from his long business tour in India.

RECORD PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well, eight members of the Lancashire Association intend to attempt a record peal of Treble Bob Major (17,824 changes) in the Oxford variation, at the Parish Church of St. Thomas, Heptonstall, Yorks, on Easter Monday, April 18th, starting at 8.30 a.m.

DEATH OF A LANCASHIRE STALWART.

PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING AT WALKDEN.

A well-known Walkden ringer, Mr. John Welsby, passed away on March 26th. Deceased had been in failing health for some time, but his death was rather unexpected, as he was out on March 23rd.

He was the last of the old band who started to ring in 1876, when the peal of six were put in, and he was one of the first to introduce change ringing at Walkden.

He was laid to rest on March 30th, and was carried to the grave by fellow ringers from Walkden, Worsley and Bolton. The Vicar officiated, and the hymn 'Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us,' was sung in church, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by the following: F. Morris (Bolton) 1-2, P. H. Derbyshire (Worsley) 3-4, J. H. Ridyard (Worsley) 5-6, G. Pincock (Bolton) 7-8. A muffled peal was rung at night.

Deceased had rung 71 peals in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

THE GREAT BOURDON BELL FOR CANADA. SOME COMPARATIVE SIZES.

Giant and pigmy well describe the comparative sizes of the great and small bells in the wonderful carillon for Ottawa. The bourdon bell, ten tons in weight, is 100 inches in diameter; the smallest bell of the 53 is 12 lb. in weight and 7 in. in diameter. The weight of the clapper of the bourdon bell, operated from the clavier, is 4½ cwt., and the clock hammer is 5 cwt.



THE TEN-TON BOURDON BELL.
AN IDEA OF ITS SIZE IS GAINED BY COMPARING IT
WITH THE WORKMAN STANDING BY IT.

THE CONCERT.

Among those who contributed to the enjoyment of the company at the concert which took place in connection with the Rally were Miss Norah Nelson, Miss Nora Johnston, Capt. Freeborn, and Mr. Cyril Sindall (vocalists), Mr. Richard Edridge and Mr. George Cooper, who collaborated with violin and piano, and Mr. Cyril Johnston, who performed on a 'drawing room' carillon, in other words, a set of handbells. A touch of Stedman Cinques was rung by a company of College Youths, and other change ringing was done by members of the Surrey Association. At intervals there was dancing to the strains of a synco-pated orchestra, and the evening was a delightful one.

NOTTINGHAM PARTY'S EXPERIENCE.

The Nottingham contingent had an unpleasant experience on the homeward journey. The engine of their train broke a tyre on one of the main driving wheels and became a hopeless cripple. Another engine was procured, but Leicester was reached three hours late. As a result, the connection to Nottingham was missed, and the party had to wait five hours, eventually arriving at Nottingham just in time to get a 'late mark' for Sunday morning ringing. Thanks to the self-denial of one Leicester ringer, who stayed up and procured refreshment, the discomforts of the delay were considerably reduced, but, writes a Nottingham ringer, 'we shall remember Croydon and must be thankful the breakdown was no worse.'

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Owing to Good Friday, 'The Ringing World' will be published a day earlier than usual next week, and will be on sale on Thursday.

All communications intended for that issue must reach us not later than Monday next.

COVENTRY BELLS.

In connection with the rehanging and dedication of the Coventry Cathedral bells on the afternoon of Easter Eve, April 16th, at 3 p.m., the Sub-Dean and churchwardens of the Cathedral will be very glad to welcome any bell-ringers, who are able to attend the service, to tea in St. Mary's Hall at the conclusion of the service. Will those ringers who hope to avail themselves of this hospitality send a post-card to Canon Holland, The Sub-Deaunery, Coventry, not later than Wednesday, April 13th.

In the unavoidable absence of the Bishop, the bells will be dedicated by the Sub-Dean. The Mayor of Coventry will attend the service, and at its close a recital will be given by Mr. Clifford Ball, capitaineur at Bourneville, and Mr. Harry Withers, of Edgbaston.

Ringers intending to stay over the week-end should write to Mr. F. W. Perrins, 45, Engleton Road, Coventry, who will be pleased to make arrangements for their accommodation on receipt of particulars of their requirements. It is hoped to arrange a social hour after the service and tea.

DEATH OF A VETERAN BROMLEY RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Durling, leader and steeplekeeper of SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley. He had been a ringer at this church for the last 48 years, and was steeplekeeper for 38 years. He passed away on Sunday, March 27th, after only a few days' illness, having attended the usual practice on the previous Tuesday. He had been one of the most loyal and conscientious ringers from his early days, always being keen in all ringing matters, whether pertaining to the association, Sunday services or any other occasion and was always anxious for young ringers to have 'a pull.' Always punctual, he was ready to oblige everybody in anything that was in his power. He was, of course, well known in ringing circles, and was respected by all who knew him, and will be greatly missed by the whole district, especially by the ringers of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, who have sustained a grievous loss. The deceased was an excellent ringer in all standard methods, and had rung 146 peals, including the treble to several Surprise peals. He had conducted about 25 peals in the plain methods, and about 70 of his peals were rung in his own tower.

He was a very old member of the Kent County Association, and also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and of the Sussex Association. He was in his 67th year, and was looking keenly forward to Easter Monday, when the Kent County Association will be holding their annual meeting in Bromley for the first time in their history.

THE FUNERAL.

The interment took place on Thursday, March 31st, the first part of the service being held in the Parish Church, the Vicar, Canon Wilson, officiating, assisted by the Rev. James, curate. The lesson was read by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, who happened to be in Bromley on that day arranging matters for the annual meeting on Easter Monday. A large number of parishioners and many ringers were present (apart from the family mourners). The following towers were represented: All the members of SS. Peter and Paul's band, St. Luke's, Bromley Common (Mr. F. Keep), Beckenham (Mr. W. J. Rawlings), Chislehurst (Mr. T. Groombridge and Mr. Cyril Brett-Smith), Lewisham (Mr. C. H. Walker and Mr. H. Warnett, jun.), Bishopsgate (Mr. J. E. Davis), and Mr. W. A. Martin, of Sydenham. The interment took place at Bromley Old Cemetery, the committal service being read by the Vicar, after which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by the following members of the K.C.A.: P. J. Spice 1-2, I. Emery 3-4, C. Brett-Smith 5-6, T. Groombridge, sen., 7-8. The ringers then returned to the tower and rang a half-muffled 4-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins., standing as follows: E. Mounter 1, C. H. Walker 2, G. F. James 3, A. James 4, G. Huxley 5, I. Emery (conductor) 6, T. Groombridge, sen., 7, H. Skinner 8.

On Sunday, March 27th, within an hour or so of his death, the bells were rung half-muffled for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: T. Groombridge, sen., 1, E. Mounter 2, G. F. James 3, A. James 4, I. Emery (conductor) 5, G. Huxley 6, P. J. Spice 7, H. Skinner 8. All those present expressed their sympathy with the widow and family.

Among the many floral tributes were a floral bell from SS. Peter and Paul's band, a cross from St. Luke's, Bromley Common, and a wreath from the vergers and ringers of St. George's, Beckenham.

At Beckenham, on Thursday, March 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. G. Durling: R. Hollamby 1, W. Rawlings 2, F. King 3, F. Scutcher 4, F. Terry 5, G. Wickens 6, W. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Meek 8. First quarter-peal by R. Hollamby.

SUPERLATIVE MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wonder if the Rev. H. Law James has ever examined in detail the Superlative Maximus which he so roundly condemns? I venture to say that, either he has not done so, or else his theories have overborne his judgment, for the more this method is examined, the more it will be found like the Major; in fact, it reproduces in exact detail every point in the Major, and I have no hesitation in saying that it is just as good an extension as Cambridge Maximus is of Cambridge Major.

Now, leaving the theoretical side alone—others can deal with that—I will, with your permission, Mr. Editor, make a few points on the practical side. Mr. Law James makes a great point over the fact that the tenors come home once only in the course—at the long dodge. But is this not so in Major? And I have never yet heard it condemned on this score. This is one point of similarity. Another is that the long dodges front and behind are all done with course bells, as in Major. In Major, all other dodges front and behind are done with secondary course bells (I use this for want of a better term), so they are in Maximus. For instance, the 3rd in Major does long dodges with 2 and 5, and all other dodges with 4 and 7. This is exactly the same in Maximus. In Major, bells on and off treble work dodge together in furthest place; so they do in Maximus. In Major bells leaving places and going to treble work, every bell dodged with is starting its place making; this is so in Maximus. In Major, two dodges are missed between long dodges; so they are in Maximus. But one could go on and give many more points of similarity which can easily be picked out by those who have eyes to see.

Another point: the late Mr. John Carter, no mean authority on method construction, rang the first course of this method on his ringing machine in 1912 and called it Superlative, so the Ipswich company did not have that honour, but they may ring the first peal. They rang for 2 hours 20 minutes in an attempt on Saturday last, and if they do succeed there will be no disgrace about it. The disgrace lies in Mr. Law James miscalling the mongrel method he rang Superlative. —Yours, etc.,

Ipswich.

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

THE DEARTH OF RECRUITS IN SUFFOLK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read your leading article on 'more spade work' and the report of the Suffolk Guild. Probably, when I tell you how things are in this area you will not be surprised at the state of affairs. Here are my experiences. At a supper given to all church workers in Glemsford in 1921, at which I was present, the question of raising a band of ringers for Glemsford was talked over, and it was left at that for some time. I was the only person in Glemsford who knew how to ring at that time, but after a while I was asked by my Stanstead friends, to which company I belonged, to find some youths towards raising a band of ringers. I, with a friend of mine, found some, but as soon as they got a bit handy they were scattered by death and unemployment, so that only two remain. I may also add that this parish has been hard hit by the industrial depression, and has lost one-third of its population since the last census. Think of that! There is no employment for young men in this parish. As soon as they reach the learn-to-ring age they have to go away in search of work. Those competent to teach deeply and seriously regret that things are as they are, and have always to keep on teaching even to get the bells rung at all. However, I have, after four years and after many disappointments and struggles, got a band able to ring Glemsford bells, six in number. This is the only six-bell tower in West Suffolk where there are enough men who live in the parish to ring the bells of the Parish Church. I am now trying to find another one or two so as to be sure of always finding a band, but the task seems almost hopeless. I may also add that this exodus of youths from these rural parishes has now spread to almost every parish in this district, so that it is very difficult to find the right sort of youth to teach. There are also no district meetings of the Suffolk Guild to bring together the old and young ringers, and towers where there are less than eight bells are thought little of. I have related to you my own experiences, so that you can see how things stand. It is not the fault of those competent to teach; it is because the right sort of young man is being driven out of this district by unemployment, and in consequence there is no one to teach. After all that we have done to maintain a change ringing band, I think we should be more credited than blamed. —Yours truly,

THEODORE E. SLATER.

Hunt's Hill, Glemsford, Suffolk.

DIPLOMAS FOR RINGERS?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with deep interest F. Neale's suggestion regarding diplomas. I endorse every word, and think that if this matter were taken up and given careful thought, the inevitable result would tend to inspire young ringers like myself to higher and greater ambitions in the art of bell ringing. Surely, there is some influential ringer who could use such a suggestion to advantage.

BEN ADHEM.

INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I should like to say just a few words in part reply to your correspondent on above subject. Mr. Armstrong was evidently very pleased because there have been only a few replies to his first letter. The reason for this is, most ringers prefer to treat his letter as they would a donkey's kick. I may say this modern Theophilus has yet to find out the true spirit of ringers. It is absurd to expect any weekly journal to be made a text book. Does he expect 'The Ringing World' to have leads or courses of Bob Singles and Grandsire Doubles permanently established therein, in the same way as tables of weights and measures are printed on exercise books? Can we pick up the 'School-master' or any other such papers and regularly find in its pages first standard sums? It is quite out of the question. If some have written agreeing with him that is no criterion of the general feeling, as there are many who have no ideas but just follow somebody or anybody.

With regard to the instruction spoken of, any teacher knows very well teaching is very trying, but if a learner cannot be told without knowing best, there is but one thing to do, for he will never get on. Many of our great men of the past in ringing have been men of little or no schooling, but they have taught well. They did not profess to be educated; and it does not follow that a University man is going to make a ringer any more than a man who does the most humble work. Good luck to 'The Ringing World.'—Yours truly,

JOHN BEAMS.

A STANDARD TEXT BOOK REQUIRED.

Dear Sir,—The correspondence which has previously passed through 'The Ringing World' regarding instructions to learners is a question which might have been raised long ago, and it would seem to come under two headings, lack of clear explanation in what text books are in existence, coupled with the absence of a standard book of instructions—that is, one compiled by, and which has the authority of, the Central Council. Also, not every learner, however, enthusiastic he may be, can afford the various books now in circulation, and which for his guidance it is suggested he should obtain.

I do not think there is much doubt that the methods employed by most instructors are so varied as to rather bewilder the aspirant to ringing honours, but can you blame the instructors when such chaos exists in the published text books, all of which differ in the wording of practically the same instruction.

It would seem, therefore, that the first trouble could be rectified by introducing a remedy for the second, and, surely, the Central Council could not make a better move toward the more efficient teaching of the art than taking up the question without delay, always with the point of cost in view, on something like the lines suggested by Mr. Cook in your issue of March 18th.

Mr. Armstrong's second letter would seem to favour sarcasm rather than straightforward argument. The learner who 'chucked the whole business because he couldn't get on with it' will, I think, never find his name at the end of a peal with the words 'composed and conducted by' in front of it, no matter what instruction or assistance he is given, if he is so easily discouraged. Looking at it from his point of view would make one wonder how our ringers of the past ever learnt the art at all, unless they possessed more than the average amount of brains.—Yours truly,

REX G.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant and successful meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Holloway, on Saturday, March 19th, about 35 members putting in an appearance.

Some excellent touches in most of the standard methods were brought round in the afternoon. After tea at a neighbouring cafe, the business meeting was presided over by the District Master, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Waltham Abbey some time during May.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Turner for having everything in readiness.

After the meeting, several more touches were rung, and the bells were lowered at half-past eight o'clock. The methods were varied, and included Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

5,088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY R. T. LAMBERT.

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FIRST PEAL AT GAULBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**HEROIC BAND CONQUER DIFFICULTIES.**

Like that of its sister church of King's Norton, some half-mile distant (an account of which appeared in these columns on December 10th last), a contemplated peal on the bells at Gaulby, Leicestershire, was fraught with difficulties. The tower and body of the church were rebuilt in 1741 by the bounty of Squire Fortrey, who at the same time gave five bells, adding a sixth in 1748. These still hang in the original frame, and, like all old bells, take the full swing from the canons, necessitating huge wheels and long ropes. The treble wheel is quite as big as that of St. Margaret's, Leicester, 33 cwt. tenor. Most probably these bells would have been rung by the Sherwood Youths, who rang a peal at King's Norton on May 28th, 1776, also by the Leicester Scholars, who also rang a peal there on June 4th, 1816. No complete peal was rung, however, until a band from Billesdon, Ilston, and Norton attempted one last year, and after over three hours' gruelling work lost it in the last six-score owing to the treble rope breaking.

Mr. Joe Norton, of Billesdon, however, was determined to get a peal accomplished, and so, with the help of other Billesdon ringers, wedged, tightened up the frame, spliced old and borrowed ropes, and generally did what he could. Then he invited Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, to come and 'have a go' at what the critics said was 'impossible.' A peal of Minor would be almost doomed before attempted, owing to a huge box-cupboard between the treble and tenor ringers, who never see each other while ringing. Last Saturday, the attempt was made, and successfully carried through to the great satisfaction of everyone concerned. All had to strip for the job as though tackling a herculean task, the treble man with his shirt front open to the waist, and looking as though he meant to 'do or die.' The second man stood among the coal slack and rubbish heap, swinging his rope well in spite of his 'blisters.' The two brothers Geary rang with determination, meaning to do their 'bit,' although the fourth put the 'wind up' owing to the rope coming out of the wheel and sticking up aloft in the first few rounds prior to the actual peal. The hon. secretary, M.C.A., rang the fifth and 'called ye bobbes' with a grim resolution to add another tower to his long list, whilst another of the 'Ernest' band rang the tenor through in fine style, after simply saying 'I'll do it' at the go off. Anyhow, behind him were the freshes of the funeral bier in case of necessity. The lighting accommodation consists of an upright bar fixed in a huge rough stone, with a couple of candles on top. Happily, this was not needed, although the peal finished in semi-darkness. The belfry is on the ground floor, bare bricks in the rough, and littered with all the odds and ends not wanted in the church—the brushes, coal, tins, pans and other rubbish. In spite of all this, an excellent peal was rung, nothing higher than Grandsire Doubles being attempted to make success doubly sure. Afterwards, all the band were entertained to tea by Mr. J. Norton at Billesdon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DIVISION.**

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Bingley on Saturday, March 26th. Upwards of 60 members were present from Denholme, Guiseley, Mirfield, Leeds, Batley, Lightcliffe, Queensbury, Pudsey, Bradford, Keighley, Shipley, Idle, Armley, Bolton, Huddersfield, Lindley, and the local company.

Ringings commenced about 2.30 p.m., and at 4.15 p.m. a short church service was held, at which Canon Garard gave a very helpful address as well as the interesting information of a peal of 8,400 changes rung at Bingley in 1826, consisting of 'thirty-five twelve-score of Minor methods.'

After tea, the business meeting was held in the Church House, Mr. J. Cotterell (vice-president) being in the chair.

Six new members were elected, viz., Miss O. Renton, Miss E. Lawrence (Armley), W. Procter (Denholme), S. Barrett, A. C. Walsh (Guiseley), and J. A. Bowers (St. Chad's).

No new nominations having been received, all the retiring officers were re-elected: J. Cotterell (vice-president), R. W. Jennison, H. Smith and W. Ambler (committee).

There were no invitations for the June meeting, and it was left in the hands of the officers to arrange.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and the address, to the organist, and also to the local company for the arrangements made.—Canon Garard and Mr. Wilson Bartle suitably replied, and the meeting terminated.

Ringings was then further indulged in until 9 p.m.

MR. T. HAMMOND'S 100 PEALS.

Minor 4, Bob Triples 1, Bob Major (on handbells 2) 9, Oxford Bob Triples 1, Grandsire Triples (on handbells 1) 9, Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Triples 16, Stedman Caters 6, Stedman Cinques 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 19, Kent Treble Bob Major 8, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 6, Oxford Treble Bob Maximus 1, Cambridge Surprise Minor 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 7, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, Superlative Surprise Major 8: total 100, rung in 31 towers.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**TRURO BRANCH MEETING.**

A successful meeting of the above was held at Illogan recently, when about 60 members represented the towers of Camborne, Redruth, Perranwell, St. Gluvias, St. Newlyn East, Kenwyn, Truro Cathedral, Gwennap, and Gulval. The Diocesan Ringing Master, Dr. J. Symons, was also present.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Oxland), who also gave an interesting address.

An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers, after which Dr. Symons proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for giving them such a warm welcome, and to the organist and choir for helping with the service.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Wood, who mentioned the good that these meetings were doing in bringing the various bands together and creating an interest generally.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, except for about half an hour in the afternoon, when ringing had to be suspended owing to a funeral taking place. During this period handbells were brought into use, and Grandsire Doubles and Triples were practised and help given to those who are struggling with the first steps of change ringing.

In the evening, members from Gulval, Kenwyn and the Cathedral visited Camborne and rang touches of Grandsire Triples.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Perranwell in June.

A BOY'S FIRST 720.

On March 21st, at the Parish Church, Wormingford, a youthful ringer rang his first 720 of Minor on an inside bell: G. Balls 1, B. Leggett (first 720) 2, E. Leggett 3, W. Leggett 4, W. Chalk (conductor) 5, F. Clarke 6.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Hackney, on March 8th, for practice, 120 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lloyd (first 120) 1, E. J. Jones 2, J. Waugh (conductor) 3, H. C. Alford 4, J. A. Hales 5, L. Dawling 6, L. Farmer 7, G. W. T. Briggs 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

MR. L. W. WIFFEN'S 300 PEALS.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen completed his third century with a handbell peal on April 2nd. This peal was also Mr. William Keeble's 500th.

	Tower Bells.	Handbells.
Bob Triples	1	
Bob Major	4	15
Bob Royal	1	
Bob Maximus	1	
Grandsire Triples	11	3
Grandsire Caters	3	4
Duffield Major	1	
Little St. Lawrence Major	1	
Treble Bob Major	30 (conducted 3)	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	13	
Stedman Triples	25	1
Stedman Caters	15	
Stedman Cinques	15	
Double Norwich Major	47 (conducted 2)	
Double Norwich Royal	2	
Double Norwich Maximus	1	
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major	24	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	4	
Superlative Surprise Major	29	
London Surprise Major	32	
Three Minor Methods	1	
Total	268	32

MR. A. J. HUGHES' 150 PEALS.

The recent peal of London Surprise Major at St. Mary-within-the-Walls' was the 150th peal by Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Rhyl. They are made up as follows: Grandsire Doubles 1, Grandsire Triples 27 (conducted 2), Grandsire Major 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Triples 20 (conducted 2), Stedman Caters 3, Stedman Cinques 1, Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 13, Bob Royal 1, *Kent Treble Bob Major 16 (conducted 1), Kent Treble Bob Royal 6, Spliced Oxford and Kent Major 1, Spliced Oxford and Kent Royal 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Forward Major 1, Forward Maximus 1, Union Triples 1, Minor in three methods 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 27, Superlative Surprise Major 6, Belgrave Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 5, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, New Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Yorkshire Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 6, Bristol Surprise Major 2; total 150 (conducted 4). * Includes longest in Wales.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Wednesday, March 23rd, 720 Bob Minor: A. Kelsall 1, F. Merrills 2, A. Cole 3, D. Smith 4, J. S. White 5, W. Palmer, Badsworth (first 720 as conductor) 6. Arranged for the conductor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MORTON.—At Holy Cross Church, on Sunday, April 3rd, 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins.: *R. C. Mallender 1, F. W. Knowles, sen., 2, *V. Cox 3, *Bd. Wheeler 4, T. E. Mallender 5, F. W. Knowles, jun. (conductor) 6. * First 720.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Mathers 1, F. E. Stone 2, W. Nurton 3, G. W. Hollis 4, E. Stith (conductor) 5, C. Jones (first quarter with a bob bell) 6, A. J. Pitman 7, J. Weatherby 8.

RISHTON.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, April 3rd, 720 Bob Minor: R. Atherton 1, A. Lord 2, A. Hutchison 3, R. Bolderstone 4, R. Hall 5, A. Yates (first 720 as conductor) 6, R. Bentley 7, J. Hirst 8; 8-7 covering.

WEST EALING.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: H. Belcher 1, E. J. Walsom 2, R. Thompson 3, A. Fulwell 4, E. Harriss 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, H. Folkard 7, F. Palmer 8.

LODDON, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for morning service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: Miss V. Beckett 1, A. Corbyn 2, S. Copling 3, T. Beckett 4, R. Warman 5, F. A. Finch (conductor) 6, H. Barrett 7, F. Davey 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday afternoon, April 3rd, for Confirmation service by the Bishop of the Diocese, 1,248 Double Norwich: G. Wilson 1, *R. C. Kersey 2, *H. C. Balls 3, A. Keeble 4, J. M. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, J. G. Rumsey 8. * Longest length in the method.

HOUSLOW.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for morning service, 1,264 Bob Major in 46 mins.: W. Ellingham 1, F. G. Goddard 2, W. Sparrow 3, F. Hawthorne 4, S. G. Armstrong 5, J. Kent 6, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 7, J. Milner 8.

DALSTON.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for evensong at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: W. J. Ellis 1, C. T. Coles (conductor) 2, A. L. Bennett 3, E. J. Butler 4, J. G. Nash 5, G. R. Pye 6, W. Pye 7, E. A. Hull 8. Mr. Bennett is from Buckfastleigh, Devon.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, April 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: A. R. G. Twinn 1, H. H. Chandler 2, J. J. Pratt 3, J. H. Lucas 4, W. Honor 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, C. Nichols 8. Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cateters (1,258 changes) in 49 mins.: R. Warnett (first quarter-peal on ten bells and first attempt) 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, J. W. Jones 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, J. J. Pratt 5, P. Jones 6, E. Hancock (conductor) 7, F. W. Goodfellow 8, W. Honor 9, H. H. Chandler 10. Arranged for Miss Williams, of Bath, and Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church on Sunday, March 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 46 mins.: H. W. H. Strickland 1, H. A. Barnett 2, Miss P. A. Upsher 3, W. I. Ellis 4, C. A. Button 5, J. G. Nash (first quarter-peal of Major as conductor) 6, N. A. Tomlinson 7, E. A. Hull 8.

EAST CROMPTON.—On Sunday, March 27th, for Confirmation service, a date touch of 1,927 changes in 1 hr. 7 mins., being 727 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent, 240 Violet, and 240 Woodbine Treble Bob: C. Thorpe 1, S. Heywood 2, R. H. Byron 3, J. R. Buckley 4, C. Howarth 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6. Longest length and first touch in four methods by ringers of treble and 3rd.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday morning, March 27th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Dowdes 1, W. Evans 2, E. Everett 3, F. Downer 4, W. Duggan 5, J. W. Downes (conductor) 6. Rung half-muffled in token of deep respect for the late Mr. W. Oliver, who was churchwarden and sidesman for many years at this church.

HAVANT.—On Sunday, March 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. by local ringers: T. Thorne 1, E. Hedger 2, W. Monk 3, F. Penn 4, W. Gent 5, M. Marshall 6, R. J. Hasted (conductor) 7, S. Parsons 8.

NOTICES.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading in St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street, on Saturday, April 9th, at 3.15 p.m.—R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, St. Magnus' on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, April 9th. Bells at liberty 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on April 9th (Parish Church bells not available). Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—James Grounds, Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A monthly meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready 1.30. All members are requested to enter early for the cup contest to be held at Hoylandswaine in June. Our brother ringers at this tower offer a cordial invitation to our association to make this event more successful than ever. Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, Penistone. — C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. A. Blogg, Brierfield Cottage, Whittle-le-Woods, not later than Friday, April 8th. — Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting and ringers' opening festival will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Saturday, April 9th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, in St. Giles' Hall, at 5.30 p.m.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at St. Thomas', South Wigston, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry at 6 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Easter Monday. Parish Church (8) and Lea (6) bells open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers very welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. H. Baker, 12, Lincoln Street, Gainsborough, by April 11th.—Molly Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held on Easter Monday at Sidmouth. Bells (8) available. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Derby. Bells of St. Andrew's (10), St. Alkmund's (8), St. Luke's (8), St. Peter's (8) available from 10 a.m. Committee meeting in All Saints' Schools 3 p.m. Service at All Saints' Church 4 p.m., at which it is hoped all members will attend. Preacher will be Rev. H. Boorman, Vicar of St. Luke's. Tea in All Saints' Schools 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Smoking concert at 8 p.m. in King's Café, St. Peter's Street, arranged by Mr. E. E. Bradley (Littleover Handbell Ringers) and Mr. W. H. L. Dodd (vocalists). It is essential that all who desire tea (1s. 6d. per head members, 2s. 6d. non-members) should acquaint Mr. C. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby, and secure tickets not later than April 13th to avoid disappointment. — Ernest Morris, General Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—1877-1927. — The jubilee meeting of the Guild will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 18th. The annual service will take place in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the preacher will be the Venerable the Archdeacon of Norfolk. By kind invitation of the president and committee luncheon will be provided at Snellings, Rampant Horse Street, at 1.30 p.m. Circular letter giving full particulars has been sent to all the district secretaries, leaders of companies and unattached members, who are kindly requested to send in a list of the names of those members accepting the invitation to luncheon. Applications for luncheon tickets must be sent to the general secretary not later than Monday, April 11th, by whom the tickets will be issued. The general business meeting will be held immediately after the luncheon. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. John-de-Sepulchre and All Saints' are kindly placed at the disposal of the members.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 18th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, Dean. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 13th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas' (6), St. Swithin's (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Beddington on Easter Monday, April 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea and business meeting 5.30. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, April 13th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday at St. Mary-le-Tower. Committee meeting in Vestry at 12.15. Service, with address by the Vicar, at 1 p.m. Luncheon at 1.30 at Day's Restaurant, Cornhill, price 2s. 6d., for all those sending me word by the Tuesday previous. Meeting follows. Bells available all day (12); also St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (5), Sproughton (6), Bramford (6).—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Huddersfield on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available for ringing: Parish Church (10), Almondbury (8), Longwood (8), Kirkheaton (6). Divine service will be held at Parish Church at 3.45 p.m. Preacher, Vicar of Huddersfield, Rev. Canon A. Baines. Business meeting in Parochial Hall, Springwood Street, at 3 p.m. Tea in same hall at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. All applications for same must be made to Mr. W. Frith, 5, Lufton Road, Birkby, not later than first post Wednesday, April 13th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Bromley, Easter Monday, April 18th. Towers open for ringing: Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul), St. Luke's, Bromley Common, St. George's, Beckenham, Eltham (8), Chislehurst (morning only), Hayes (6) (afternoon). Committee meeting in Church Committee Room 12 noon. Service, SS. Peter and Paul, 12.30. Preacher, Rev. H. P. Kennedy Skipton, F.R. Hist. Sec. Dinner in the Old Town Hall 1.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Applications for dinner tickets must be made before Tuesday, April 12th.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 18th. Service at 12 noon. Address by the Rev. A. C. Moule. Luncheon followed by the business meeting at 1 p.m. at the 'Dorothy Cafe.' Ringing at Great St. Mary's (12), St. Andrew's (8), Church of St. Mary and the Martyrs (8), and Old Chesterton (6). Will captains of belfries inform the Secretary of the numbers intending to attend, by Thursday, April 14th?—Rev. R. Copeman, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available from 10 a.m. The luncheon, to be followed by the annual business meeting, at the Silver Grill (near St. Paul's) at 1 p.m. Visitors will be heartily welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Meeting on Easter Monday at Worksop. Bells (8) available until 9 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, will be provided in the old Gatehouse, adjoining the church. Will those intending to be present please advise Mr. G. Hardwick, Sparken Cottages, Worksop?—C. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Stockton-on-Tees on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells (10, tenor 27 cwt.) will be available for ringing from and after 10.30 a.m. Lunch will be provided at Spooner's Café, Dovecote Street, at 1 p.m. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. Those intending to be at lunch please notify the secretary not later than Thursday, April 14th, or they will not be provided for. It is hoped that members and friends will make it convenient to attend this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the four towers will be open at 2 p.m. Earlier ringing at the six-bell towers can be had by arrangement with the respective conductors. Service in Cathedral 5 p.m. Address by the Rev. Henry Edwards, Vicar of Watford. Tea in the Abbey Institute 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. A sumptuous tea at a cheap price. Let me know if you can come.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., 'Duffield,' St. Albans.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Huntsham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Will those who hope to attend kindly let me know by Tuesday, April 19th?—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea, 4.30, Parish Room, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Important: Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, April 20th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Poplar, E., on Saturday, April 23rd. Divine service will be held at 5.15 p.m., when the sermon will be preached by the Rector (Rev. C. Mayne). Tea, at 5.45 p.m., will be followed by the usual business meeting, at which the report and balance sheet will be presented. The officers for the ensuing year and four representatives to the Central Council will be elected. Ringing arrangements are as follows:—At All Saints', Poplar (10 bells): From 3.15 to 5.10 p.m., and after the meeting. At Christ Church, Cubitt Town (8 bells): From 3 to 4.45 p.m. At Holy Trinity, Barking Road (6 bells): From 3 to 4.45 p.m. All Saints' Church can be reached by train from Fenchurch Street (L. and N.E.) to Millwall Junction; or from Broad Street, Willesden, Acton, etc., to Poplar (L.M. & S.). Buses and trams from Aldgate and the City pass the church. The usual charge of 1s. will be made for tea, and, as a definite number has to be given, it is essential that members should advise either of the undersigned not later than Tuesday, April 19th, of their intention of being present.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4., Hon. Secs.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELLRINGERS.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, Glasbury, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5, kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Lockyer.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley, Holy Trinity, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Schools at 1s. per head. Will all persons requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Hunter, 40, Prestwick Street, Burnley, by the 20th inst.?—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Crowland on Saturday, April 23rd. Service in the Abbey at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 20th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's and St. Peter's R.C., Lytham, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Bourne on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m.—Henry T. Adams, Hon. Sec., Silchester Rectory, Silchester, Reading.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 2.30. Tea and meeting to follow. This is to replace the meeting that was to have been held at Maldon on Easter Monday. Buses leave Chelmsford 2.30 p.m. and 3.20 p.m., and return from Boreham 7.15 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. Will all members intending to be present to tea please notify me on or before Wednesday, April 27th?—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Will members please note change of address? Charles Draper, Local Sec., Chestnut House, Town Street, Duffield.

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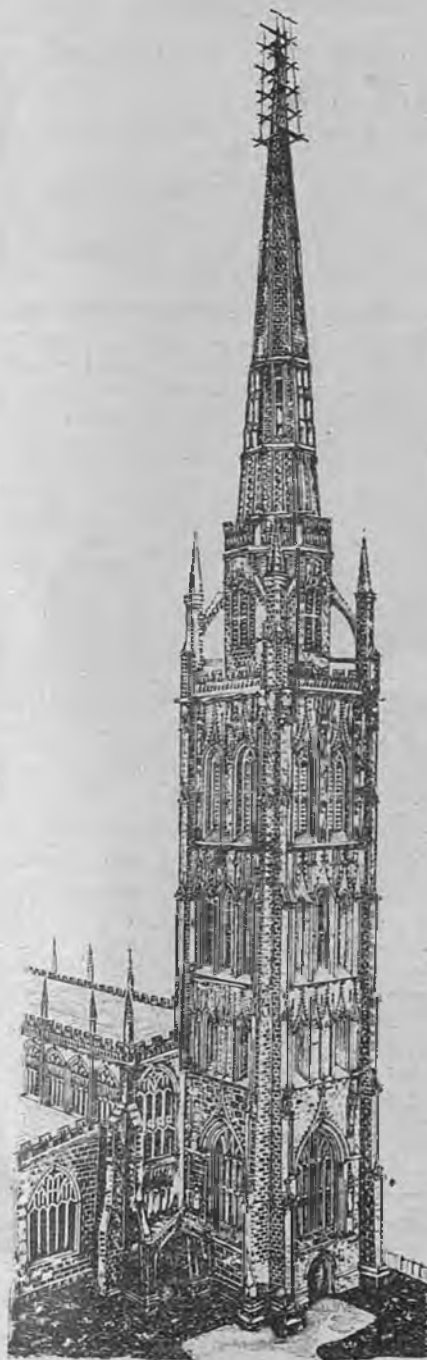
OXFORD.—At New College, on Friday, March 25th, being the Feast of the Annunciation, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,284 changes) in 55 mins., by members of the Oxford Society: S. Hounslow 1, T. Payne 2, A. Dubber 3, W. Finch 4, F. Exon 5, W. Simmonds 6, F. Clinkard 7, V. Bennett 8, H. Miles (conductor) 9, R. Plaister 10.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCs.—On Tuesday, March 22nd, 1,152 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 45 mins.: H. Nelson 1, E. Lawson 2, Adam Blogg 3, E. B. Coxhead 4, F. G. Bradley 5, A. Hartley 6, H. Lucas (longest length as conductor) 7, Alfred Blogg 8.

MARSDEN.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,120 changes) in 45 mins.: L. Byram 1, H. Hoyle 2, G. Scawthorn 3, S. Whitehead 4, H. Shaw 5, G. Wright 6, A. Carter 7, C. Cock 8. Rung on the fourth anniversary of the dedication of the bells. The ringers are all local, and it is the longest touch rung by them as a band.

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CANADA'S CARILLON.

WONDERFUL PRODUCT OF THE CROYDON FOUNDRY.

INSPECTION BY TWELVE HUNDRED BELL RINGERS.

The great rally of ringers at Croydon on Saturday proved by far the largest gathering of members of the Exercise that has ever been drawn together at one time. The invitation issued by Mr. Cyril Johnston, through the various associations and 'The Ringing World,' resulted in over 1,200 people visiting Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's celebrated bell foundry during the afternoon, to hear and inspect the world's greatest carillon, which is now ready for shipment to Ottawa, where, in the new and stately home of the Dominion Parliament of Canada, it will form part of the national memorial to the heroic

thousands from that distant part of the Empire who laid down their lives in the war. It will be dedicated on 'Dominion Day,' July 1st.

This new carillon is a wonderful achievement in the bell founder's craft. It is heavier than the one which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston made for Park Avenue Baptist Church, New York, just over a year ago, and its 53 bells range through four and a half chromatic octaves from the 'low E' ten-ton Bourdon bell to the top treble, musically described as 'high A.' The big bells are really majestic castings, majestic alike in shape and in sound. Round the shoulder of the Bourdon bell is a continuous design of maple leaves, and the inscription on the waist is duplicated, being in English on one side and in French on the other—a fitting tribute to the two nationalities which go to make the people of the great Dominion.

There is special interest also, in the fourth quarter-bell, weighing 2½ tons, for it was this bell which the Prime Minister of Canada saw cast last year, and into which he dropped a Canadian coin just as the metal was about to be poured into the mould. This bell bears the inscription, 'Cast in the presence of the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, C.M.G., M.P., Prime Minister of Canada, 19th November, 1926.'

The smallest bell in the carillon is a casting only about 12 lbs. in weight, but the whole of the bells have been tuned on the Simpson five-tone harmonic principle to a scale of equal temperament and to international pitch. The total weight of the bells is 53 tons, and they will be installed in the magnificent Victory tower at Ottawa in a framework and fittings weighing another 22 tons. The frame itself is a gigantic structure, with a foundation of enormous steel girders, the bells rising tier upon tier to a height of something like 50 feet. As the carillon was displayed in the foundry, it was in two sections, but when mounted in the tower at Ottawa, these sections will be superimposed.

In tone the bells form a glorious whole. The chords of the big bells vibrate like the deep diapason of a gigantic organ, the middle bells are singularly beautiful, while the high notes, so exceptionally difficult to reduce to true Simpson harmonics, pipe out their shrill tones with remarkable purity, and the whole form an instrument almost without parallel in the world. It is another triumph for Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and, hearing the bells on Saturday one could not but reflect upon the joy which this great carillon will give not only to the present generation, but to generations of Canadians yet unborn.



MR. P. C. LARKIN, HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA, ACCOMPANIED BY MR. CYRIL JOHNSTON, INSPECTING THE SECOND LARGEST BELL (WEIGHING 7 TONS), ON THE DAY BEFORE THE RINGERS' RALLY.

ALL ENGLAND REPRESENTED.

Saturday's great gathering was a remarkable one. The opportunity of seeing this wonderful product of an English bell foundry captured the imagination of ringers all over the country, and from north, south, east and west they rolled up literally in hundreds. Many brought their wives or friends, and they came by train and car. Charabancs discharged their human freight at the foundry door, every train arriving at one or other of the Croydon stations between half-past one and three o'clock disgorged its contingent. They came from as far west as Devon and South Wales; Bristol and Gloucester sent representatives; Derby and Nottingham ringers came in numbers; the Midlands and Eastern Counties contributed scores, while from towers in the counties within seventy miles of London they came in their hundreds.

Mr. Johnston had invited the ringers of England, and they took him at his word. He was present at the foundry to welcome them, and he had an army of stewards assisting him to marshal the great crowd through the works. As the visitors arrived they were queued up in the erecting shop and slowly passed round the carillon, which was inspected with great interest, and, by many, with wonderment.

At one end, in a specially constructed pit in the floor of the building, was the clavier, that rather weird arrangement of keys and pedals connected up with wires and trackers to the bells, where sat the carillonneur, M. Kamiel Lefevere, principal assistant to M. le Chevalier Jef. Denyn, who is head of the Belgian National Carillon School, and carillonneur at St. Rombold's Cathedral, Malines. Throughout the afternoon M. Lefevere gave a recital which included classical pieces and many familiar airs, all of which he played with an expression which would be unbelievable had one not heard it. It was at once a demonstration of his own masterly skill at the clavier, and of the perfection of the mechanism of the carillon itself.

As the visitors passed by the performer they were able to look down upon his operations and thus get an excellent view of the way in which these carillons are manipulated. It is a task that not only requires a specialised musical knowledge and technique, but also a considerable amount of physical fitness, for, finely as the striking is adjusted, a long performance requires the output of considerable energy, for legs as well as arms find employment in operating the console. It was fascinating to watch M. Lefevere at work, but with the knowledge of the lengthy queue behind a long stay above the clavier was not possible, and the visitors passed on round the carillon, where they were able to get a closer inspection of the bells, to peer under the big ones, and to realise in some degree the immensity of the whole production.

THE CLOCK.

From this they passed to the clock department, where is being manufactured the great electric timepiece which will be connected up with the four quarter bells and the bourdon, so as to chime the Westminster quarters and strike the hours. The clock mechanism is divided into three separate units, the 'going train' driving the hands of the four 15ft. 9in. diameter clock faces, while the 'striking train' and 'quarter train' will operate the bell hammers. When erected in the tower, these will be fifty feet below the bells, which will be 200ft. above the ground level. Clock weights are dispensed with, and powerful electric motors lift and release the enormous clock hammers.

In addition to the central attraction, there were many other features of interest in the foundry, not least, to ringers, being the new bells for Coventry, which are now almost completed, and the front eight of which were heard chimed. Then there was the carillon for Princeton University, U.S.A., and another, almost a 'pocket edition,' in which the heaviest bell is only about 1 cwt. In the foundry, one saw the moulds of bells in various stages of preparation, the huge copes which contain the exterior mould of big bells, and, in the tuning shop, the great tuning machine was an object of much interest.

As the visitors wandered about the works, they could hear the music of the carillon, and they also got an idea of what such a heavy peal would sound like in changes. Mr. Tom Groombridge, jun., at intervals during the afternoon, 'tapped' a course of Grandsire Caters on 'the back ten'; a lead of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and the first and last leads of a course of Grandsire Cinques. It was a most interesting and instructive afternoon, and one which will be long remembered by those who had the good fortune to be present.

A BIG TEA PARTY.

Mr. Johnston's hospitality did not end here, however. At the Baths Hall a meat tea had been prepared for the 1,200 guests, and hither they made their way from the foundry soon after five o'clock. So numerous was the company, that even this spacious building could not accommodate all the party, and an overflow section sat down in an adjoining hall. No such scene had ever been witnessed before in the annals of the Exercise. It was really an inspiring sight to see so many ringers gathered together under such happy circumstances. A bounteous meal, admirably and expeditiously served, was enjoyed by all, and the pleasure was enhanced by the opportunity which was afforded for old friends to sit and chat over the tea cups. Mr. Cyril Johnston presided over this huge gathering, and had supporting him, among others, his mother (Mrs. Johnston), the Lord Bishop of Sheffield (Dr. Burrows, who was a former Vicar of Croydon) and Mrs. Burrows, the Mayor of Croydon and Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, all of whom had been among the interested visitors to the foundry during the afternoon. Some interesting speeches were made after the tea.

The Bishop of Sheffield, who was received with loud applause, said they had been present that day at what was a unique sight and a

unique hearing, of which they would probably never experience the like again, and they were present at a gathering in that hall which had more harmony in it than any other body at that moment. There could not possibly be a greater body of harmony than was represented by over one thousand bell ringers present that night (applause). A variety of thoughts, continued the Bishop, come to us at such a time, especially with regard to the great carillon which we have seen and heard. The first is, of course, that it is going to be a memorial, far off from these shores, to the splendid offering made by the men of the great Dominion of Canada, who gave their lives for their king and country. That is the first great thought that comes into our minds, and there are many present in this room to-day who will remember that unique service at St. Clement Danes, when the bell ringers commemorated in a most beautiful and wonderful and pathetic way their glorious dead. Another thought that comes to us is that we are taking our share in giving something to one of our great Dominions. This carillon is going to the capital of a Dominion in which there is a large number of French subjects of the Crown, as well as men of our own blood. It is an instance of the way in which various races are welded into the one Empire over which the King rules. Bell ringing and bell founding, like everything which is an art or a science, is international, and therefore makes for peace. This afternoon we have had a wonderful exhibition of carillon playing by one of the greatest experts, M. Lefevere, the celebrated campanologist of Malines in Belgium (applause). Then we have seen some of the great bells which are to go to Princeton University in the United States, and we know that last year a great carillon went from this foundry to New York. Thus we have an example of how bell ringing and bell founding bring all people together in helping forward that peace of the world which we all so much desire.

SPLENDID WORK.

Continuing, the Bishop said: I am very glad to be here in Croydon once more—a place where I spent five very happy years, and I am glad to think that my old band of ringers at the Parish Church have been doing their duty and are present to-day (applause). But it has been a greater pleasure to me to come and see the splendid work that Mr. Johnston is doing in this town and for the whole country (applause). I cannot help thinking that my dear old friend, his father, would have rejoiced and loved to see this day and to see how wonderfully his son is carrying on the great work in this bell foundry which he began. I have known Mr. Cyril Johnston ever since he was a young boy. I won't tell you about him in those days (laughter). Oh, he was always a good boy (renewed laughter), and the result is he has grown and gone from strength to strength. I cannot help telling you how much I admire and everybody else admires his enthusiasm, his skill and invention, his patient work, and the very admirable way in which he always gets on with those who work with him. These are great qualities and have made his name known, not only throughout the length and breadth of the land, but in other countries overseas. I am quite certain of this, that Mr. Johnston knows quite well there are two things which are essential to the carrying on of any great industry. The first is that there should be the very best possible relationship, good will, and patient, careful consideration between employer and employed, and that there should be the very best possible work put in by the workmen. The old country is able to produce every bit as good work, aye, and better work than any other country in the world (applause). If the millionaires of America and the Parliaments of our Dominions and of other parts of the world think they want first-rate work, they come to the old country for it. Let us then to it that we always bear that character, and that before the world we are known as a nation of first-rate workmen, whatever our work may be (applause).

ART AND MYSTERY.

The Mayor of Croydon said that gathering represented bell ringers from all parts of the country, and they had come to the town attracted by the noble work produced from the foundry in the White Horse Road, work which, as Dr. Burrows had told them, served many useful purposes. It served to spread the good name and fame of the Old Country throughout the Empire and beyond, and, at the same time, it spread harmony and good will. It also served to keep our business enterprise at concert pitch, and caused those who were concerned in the production of those wonderful musical instruments to put their very best into their work. He could not conceive, he said, any type of work calling for greater effort and giving greater pleasure than those marvellous productions such as they had listened to that afternoon. He rejoiced also at the international aspect of the matter. They remembered the Belgian colony which they housed in the days of war, and it was a pleasure in these fair times of peace to receive their friends and neighbours from across the seas, who came to show them the excellence and wonder of their work in all that appertains to campanology. In M. Lefevere they had the best of the best (applause). They had enjoyed his wonderful performance, and they were delighted to know he was to remain with them for a few more days (applause). As to the art and mystery of the craft of the bell ringers—he knew of no truer expression than calling both an art and a mystery—he knew nothing. He realised, however, that the exactitude with which they were now able to tune their bells had been a matter of much time and close and deep study, and it would not have been possible without a love for that work (applause). He hoped that great company would take back to their respective homes a pleasant recollection of their visit to Croydon. When they heard the name of Gilbert and Johnston mentioned up and down the country they would at least

be able to say they had been to the source of the good things, and had seen and heard the wonderful works that the firm produced.

THE ORDER OF THE BATH.

Canon Coleridge said the previous speakers had spoken to them of what they had heard and seen that afternoon, of the international aspect, the municipal point of view and every point of view except one, and it was of that one other point of view which he wished to speak. Had it not been for their good friend Mr. Johnston, none of them would have been there that night. It was a great brain wave on his part which had brought together something like twelve hundred ringers from all parts of England (applause). Even from his little remote railway station in Devon he found that the ex-station master had travelled all the way to Croydon specially to be there that day, and ringers had come from many other distant places in the country. That showed how deeply they appreciated Mr. Johnston's kindness in asking them to visit him on that occasion. He had had a great response to his invitation, and there was no one who would not go away well satisfied with all that they had seen and heard, and, might he add, eaten as well (laughter and applause). They had heard beautiful music in the foundry, and had seen some beautiful bells, among them the new bells for Coventry Cathedral. Not so very long ago he (Canon Coleridge) tried his best, with others, to preserve the old bells (applause). They went to Coventry, where they spent a most interesting day with the Chancellor in the Consistory Court, with what result they all knew. The resuscitated bells were on view that day. Certainly they looked cleaner and more beautiful than the old bells probably looked, and all he could say was this, he was perfectly certain that the generations which were to come would appreciate the beautiful tones of these new bells, even as their forefathers appreciated the old ones in the years gone by, when they did not know so much about perfect tuning as the experts to-day (applause). Continuing, Canon Coleridge said they wished to thank Mr. Johnston with all their hearts for his hospitality (applause). They not only thanked him for the excellent tea, but also for the great honour which every ringer in that room would feel, to the end of his life, had come upon him. There might be some present in that hall who did not realise that those who were in the seats of the mighty, high up at the head tables, were seated upon what would be in ordinary times the dressing saloon of a swimming bath. Those just below were seated on the place from which the bathers took their headers, while those further down were on the floor of the bath. In addition to his other kindnesses that day, Mr. Johnston had therefore conferred upon them all the most honourable Order of the Bath (loud laughter). It only remained for him, in the name of that great assembly to thank Mr. Johnston for entertaining them so liberally, both at the foundry and in that hall (applause).

HOW CARILLONS HELP RINGING PEALS.

Mr. Cyril Johnston, whose rising was the signal for loud and prolonged cheering, said when they first thought they might show the world's greatest carillon to members of the various ringing societies throughout the country, they thought 200 or 300 might come along, but on Monday morning they knew the worst (laughter). The numbers ran into more than four figures, and that day they had had something like 1,200 at least through their works. 'I cannot say,' Mr. Johnston proceeded, 'how much we appreciate the honour you have done us. I think it has been an act of grace on your part, because, after all, a carillon is not a ringing peal, and there is nothing like a ringing peal for a ringer (applause). I have seen indications from time to time, in that journal which serves the ringing fraternity so well, of a fear that the carillon is a kind of peaceful penetration against the ringing fraternity, and that we are out to oust the ringers. There are, I believe, something like ten thousand ringing peals of sorts in this country, and 40,000 ringers. The bells are good, bad and indifferent; the ringers, all of them, are, of course, good (laughter). It would, indeed, be a foolish bell founder who tried to break that national tradition, which has flourished for three hundred years, since Falden Stedman, in Cambridge, invented Stedman Doubles; but if a bell founder has the opportunity of putting carillons, which are sets of chromatic octaves of bells, for the purpose of tune playing and organ playing, if you like, if he can put them into Dominion and foreign campaniles and in certain odd towers in this country, unsuited by their construction or associations for ringing peals, I consider it his duty to do it, and if he does it on a fairly large scale and in increasing quantities, he is forced to increase his plant and improve his methods, and all that is reflected in his work when he comes to casting and hanging bells for ringing' (applause).

CROYDON'S NEW INDUSTRY.

Continuing, Mr. Johnston said an old guide book described Croydon as being celebrated for a brewery and a bell and clock factory and an air that was not polluted. But there was another industry for which he thought Croydon must be making a name. He referred to the manufacture of Bishops (laughter and applause). Their last Vicar had just gone to one of the most important London churches; his four predecessors all became Bishops. That day, the Bishop of Sheffield and Mrs. Burrows had come down to be amongst their old friends. He was sure they all felt they could not too warmly express their appreciation of the kindness which the Bishop and his wife had shown in so doing. It was no small matter for Dr. Burrows, who was Bishop of one of the largest dioceses in England, to come to them 172 miles away from his own busy centre of activity (applause). He

remembered it was a sad day for Croydon when Dr. and Mrs. Burrows, left them at the time Dr. Burrows became Bishop of Lewes. He (Mr. Johnston) felt that he had some little hand in the Bishop's episcopal training, as the first peal of bells he had to dedicate as Bishop was a Croydon-made peal at West Grinstead, Sussex (laughter and applause). Many of his old ringers were present that evening, including Mr. Bill States, Mr. Amos Clark and others. Mr. Johnston went on to thank the Vicars and wardens of the four churches where the bells had been opened for ringing that day. Their kindness, he said, had helped considerably in the enjoyment of the visitors from a distance. He also thanked Capt. Freeborn for having arranged a first-class concert, which they would later enjoy, and Mr. Tom Groombridge, jun., who had spent his time and energy on three or four occasions to come to the foundry to practise that wonderful performance of doing the work of ten or twelve men at once and chiming changes on the carillon. He also thanked Mr. Lefevere for his charming recital, and as he was staying for a similar purpose for a fortnight, he could only hope they would return him sound, whole and alive to Belgium at the end of the following week. He was indebted, too, for suggestions to ringers and members of his own staff and to the large army of stewards who had helped to organise the whole day's proceedings.

COVENTRY BELLS.

On the previous day, said Mr. Johnston, they had had at the foundry a large party of members of the Empire Parliamentary Association, who were not only interested in the carillon, but also specially interested in Coventry bells. One or two people had wished his firm 'in Coventry' in connection with this contract—(laughter)—but the bells were nearly finished, and he had had a letter from the Sub-Dean saying that the bells were to be dedicated on Easter eve. The bells had been cast in ringing sizes in case, at some future time, someone left forty thousand pounds to build a campanile where they could be hung for ringing. Some people, proceeded Mr. Johnston, might suspect that his firm had been guilty of a little scheme of propaganda during the last few days, but if they had done something bigger than anyone had done before, he did not know why they should not ask their friends to come and look at it (applause). He wanted them to understand that without the skill and hearty co-operation of the whole of the staff and employees of the firm the consummation of the carillon that they had seen that day would not have been possible, and any suggestion that the firm was seeking exceptional publicity was far outweighed by the pleasure and honour of welcoming that, the greatest ringers' gathering ever held (applause). 'I greatly appreciate the words spoken by the Bishop, the Mayor and Canon Coleridge,' concluded Mr. Johnston, 'and I particularly value the reference to my father. He would have loved to-day' (loud applause).

This concluded the speech making, and, as many as could do so, visited the towers of the Parish Church and St. Peter's for ringing. Hundreds, however, remained in and about the hall, meeting and chatting with friends from distant places and thoroughly enjoying the opportunity thus presented of an informal reunion.

By eight o'clock the hall had taken on a totally different appearance. The great floor had been cleared for dancing, and the sides were tiered with chairs, from which the company listened to the really brilliant programme which Capt. Howard Freeborn had arranged.

A number of ringers who arrived early in London were able to enjoy some ringing on the eight bells at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and the ten at St. Mary's, Beddington.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

There has been a succession of distinguished visitors and societies to the Croydon foundry during the past fortnight, during which time M. Lefevere has given recitals. M. le Chevalier J. Denys also performed on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Last week there were visits from the Fellowship of the British Empire Exhibition, the Industrial Welfare Society, the City Livery Club, the Empire Parliamentary Association headed by Mr. Amery, the Colonial Secretary, and accompanied by the High Commissioner for Canada. On Monday members of the Federation of British Industries paid a visit; on Tuesday, the Anglo-Belgian Union, with the Belgian Ambassador and Baroness Monscheur, and Lord Burnham; while yesterday arrangements were made for a visit of the English-speaking Union and the Mayor and Corporation of Croydon; and to-day the American Chamber of Commerce will go to the foundry.

MR. JOHNSTON'S THANKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I trespass on your space to express appreciation of the co-operation which the hon. secretaries of Associations and Guilds extended to us in connection with the 'Ringers' Rally'?

We had 95 per cent. of the numbers sent to us by Monday last (the date named as 'closing day'), and our plans were facilitated thereby considerably.

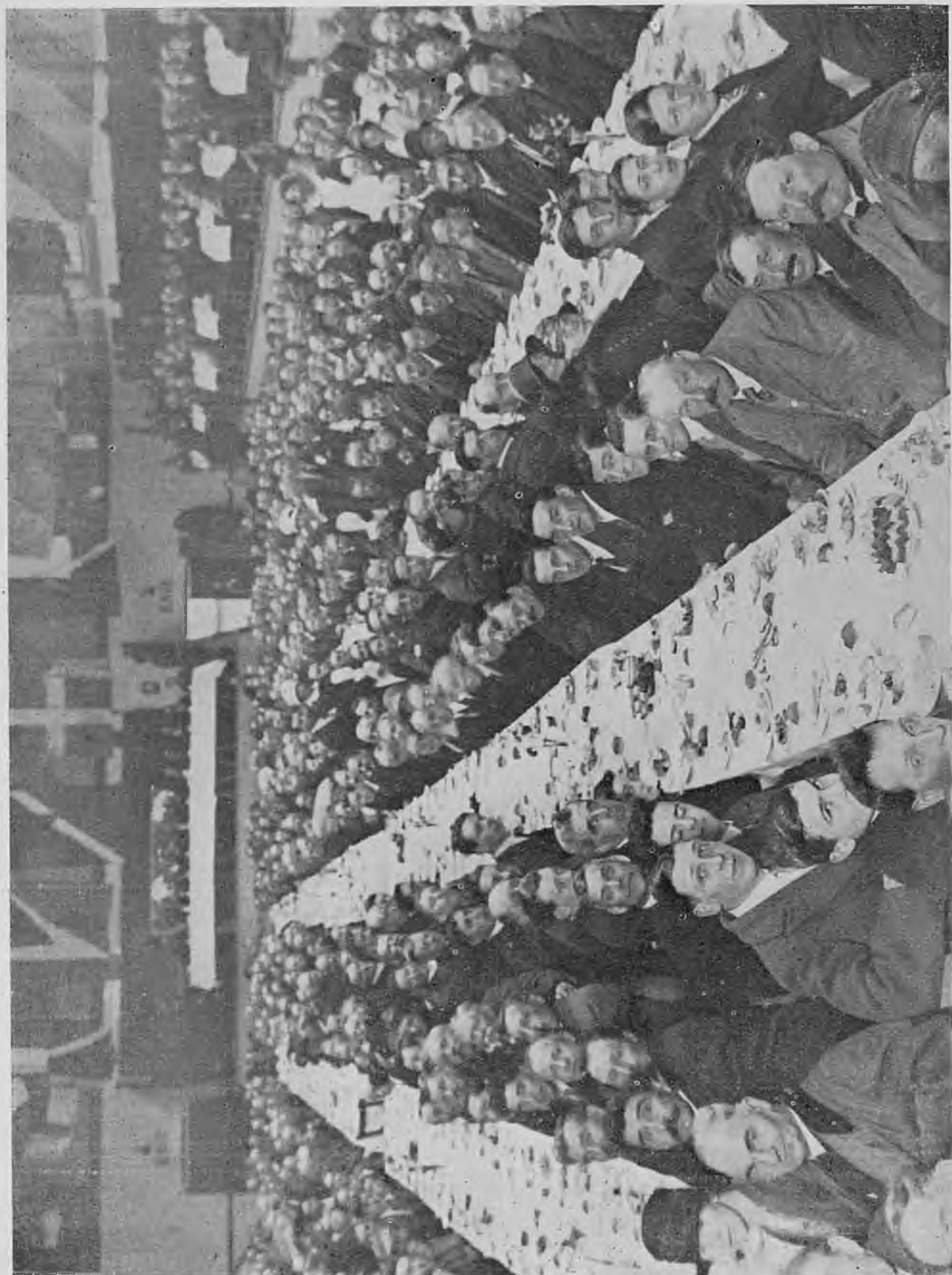
All the visitors, too, on Saturday made it possible to carry out the day's proceedings smoothly by the splendid way in which they adhered to the programme and general directions.

In addition, allow me to thank you sincerely for the valuable assistance of 'The Ringing World.' Your references each week to the proposed meeting helped the secretaries and ourselves, and contributed greatly to the success of a memorable occasion.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON.

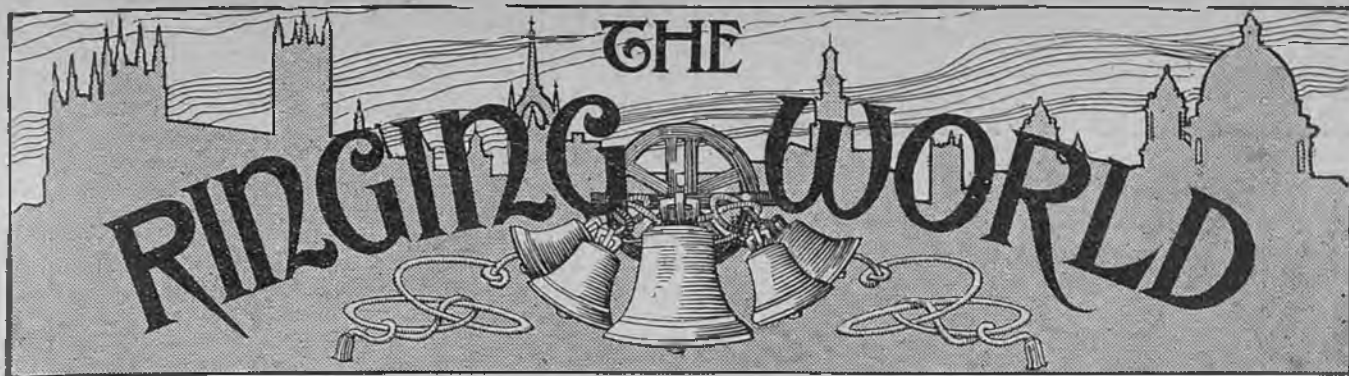
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NORFOLK GUILD'S JUBILEE.

There is an imposing list of Association and Guild Meetings next Monday, as is usual at Eastertide, and the most interesting one will be that at Norwich, where the Norfolk Guild celebrates its Jubilee. The Norfolk Guild is fourth in seniority of the modern county and diocesan organisations and it follows Devon, Lancashire and Yorkshire in the completion of fifty years of work in the cause of bell-ringing. It began its history as the Norwich Diocesan Association at a time when the diocese covered the biggest part of two counties, and in the course of its long career it can claim to have done some splendid work for the art in East Anglia. As in the days of old—the history of change ringing in Norwich goes back well over two hundred years—when the city could frequently claim some of the most able men in the Exercise, so the modern association has been able to boast of some of the most competent ringers of their day and generation. It has possessed among its members those who have made ringing history; whose names will remain as landmarks, if the metaphor may be permitted, as long as the Exercise lasts.

The association can pride itself upon having to its credit more peals than any other similar organisation. If there be some who look upon a record of this kind as a doubtful matter for congratulation because they deprecate peals as being, for the most part, rung for selfish ends, let it be remembered that, before peal-ringing can be brought to the pitch which it one time attained in the diocese of Norwich, when peal ringers could be numbered by the hundred and the peals were distributed over a large number of towers, patience and painstaking spade work must have been done and done very widely and thoroughly by a large number of men; success in this direction has not been achieved in selfish accomplishment, it was the outcome of enthusiasm and hard work in spreading the art.

The jubilee of the Norfolk Guild comes at a time when it cannot be said to have fully recovered from the severance of territory which followed the creation of the diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich and the new Guild which was set up as a consequence. The 'pruning' that thus took place might have been expected to add vigour to the old stem, but this has not shown itself in any marked degree. Perhaps this jubilee celebration will arouse a new enthusiasm in the rank and file and lead them to put fresh energy into the cause of ringing in the county. There have been indications of a lack of interest in the work of the Guild—an unfailing sign of lack of interest, also.

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in ringing itself—and the present is a time when a new call may well be made for a more general revival throughout the diocese. There are great traditions behind the organisation and the example of many great men who have made a name in the Exercise. A notable event like that which occurs this year should be a spur to renewed effort on the part of those who are to-day the inheritors of an association which has always been one of the foremost in the country.

TEN BELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY,
SS. GEORGE AND DENIS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in D flat.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	FRANCIS BIBBY 6
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	TITUS BARLOW 7
EDWARD JENKINS 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	FRED PAGE 9
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 5	ALLAN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise Royal by all the band, except ringers of 3rd and 8th. First peal of Royal on the new bells, and first peal of Surprise in the city of Manchester.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE PIPER Treble	*ALBERT HODDEN 6
*ROBERT W. E. DAWE 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
MRS. F. J. HAIRS 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 8
HAROLD S. HODDEN 4	ROBERT J. DAWE 9
EDWARD C. MERRITT 5	JAMES HART Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal on ten bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 7
WILSON RUSHION 3	THOMAS LANGDON 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	JAMES BULLOCK 9
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 5	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

HORNSEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, April 4th, 720 changes of Boh Minor in 28 mins.: A. Underwood 1, R. Newman 2, H. Blee 3, E. G. Hibble 4, R. Lister 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, March 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: L. R. Welsh (longest length and aged 14) 1, J. H. Wilkins 2, R. Maynard, jun., 3, J. C. Adams 4, H. Rumens (conductor) 5, R. Maynard, sen., 6, F. C. Maynard 7, W. Morley 8. Rung, by request, on the anniversary of the birthday of the late Mr. Henry Turner.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... Treble	PERCY J. SPICE ... 5
WALTER SMITH ... 2	GEORGE HUXLEY ... 6
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
ISAAC EMERY ... 4	ALFRED JAMES ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Rung with clappers half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. G. Durling.

LONG MELFORD.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GRANVILLE C. BIXBY ... Treble	ARTHUR MAXIM ... 5
SAMUEL EVANS ... 2	THOMAS CHINERY ... 6
PERCY GRIDLEY ... 3	CHARLES G. BIXBY ... 7
ERNEST AMBROSE ... 4	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GRANVILLE C. BIXBY

Rung on the occasion of the birth of a son to the conductor. Also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh. First peal in the method as conductor.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

*GEORGE POUND ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
†BERT LUCK ... 3	†ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 7
GEORGE FULLER ... 4	LEWIS NEWMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal on eight. Ringers of 3rd, 4th and 7th hail from St. Mary's, Lamberhurst.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR C. OTWAY ... Treble	GEORGE MARRINER ... 5
MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... 2	JOHN HOYLE ... 6
JOHN BEAMS ... 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 7
ALFRED H. WINCH ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

REGINALD C. KERSEY ... Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5
ALFRED KEEBLE ... 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 6
JAMES M. BAILEY ... 3	GEORGE WILSON ... 7
JAMES G. ROMSEY ... 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	*HAROLD EDWARDS ... 5
GEORGE R. JONES ... 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

* First peal in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALFRED J. BULL ... Treble	†JOHN A. COLE ... 5
*GEORGE ELLIS ... 2	*WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
†WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
*OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First touch in the method. † First peal in the method.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR LINTOTT ... Treble	JOHN WILKINSON ... 5
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 2	*CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... 6
THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 3	HERBERT LUCKIN ... 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY W. GAYTON ... Treble	HERBERT J. HARLOW ... 5
AMOS SMARY ... 2	WILLIAM SHARP ... 6
PEARL INSKIP ... 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 7
WILLIAM STOCK ... 4	HENRY STAPLETON ... Tenor

Composed by the late JOHN W. BARKER.

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*J. KELHAM DEACON ... Treble	†HARRY MORGAN ... 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
†PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an inside bell. Treble ringer from Earl Shilton, 2nd, 3rd and 5th from Leicester, 4th from Hinckley, 6th local, 7th from Southwell, tenor from Birmingham.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOSEPH MILLOR ... Treble	WILLIAM BRAMMER ... 5
JAMES CARTER ... 2	FRED ALTHORP ... 6
HARRY HEAP ... 3	ALBERT ADAMS ... 7
ALBERT GORRINGE ... 4	BENJAMIN THORP ... Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Wood, who attained the age of 70 years on April 7th last. Mr. Wood, who is the well-known conductor of the Ashton Parish Church ringers, has to his credit over 50 years' service in ringing. This was Mr. William Brammer's 50th peal.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—For confirmation service, on Thursday, April 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples in 46 mins.: H. J. Chaffey 1, G. Warrington 2, Mrs. J. Crocker 3, Miss Nell Stevens 4, H. R. Stevens 5, J. B. Hessey 6, S. G. Armstrong (conductor) 7, J. Crocker 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. G. Warrington and H. R. Stevens.

BORDON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

LAURENCE HALES Treble	FRED A. FAIRBEARD 5
THOMAS BRAUMONT 2	WILLIAM S. WALKER 6
SAM TAYLOR 3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Rung on the 10th anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, Woodbine, Kent, and two 720's each of Duke of York and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM CARNWELL 4
JOSEPH BERESFORD 2	JOHN MORRISON 5
HENRY CARNWELL 3	EDWARD EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH BERESFORD.

This peal was arranged for J. Moreton, who has been away from the tower for about 15 years.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	* ERNEST F. PAYNE 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 3	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short for Stedman.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

* T. HARRY LEWIN Treble	THOMAS H. PAYNE 3
† JOHN A. PAYNE 2	ERNEST F. PAYNE 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal on five. † First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. Payne, mother of the above brothers. First peal or these bells, an arduous task, but 'Labor omnia vincit.'

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. POOLE Treble	HARRY TURNER 4
* ROBERT HEAZEL 2	ERNEST FURBANK 5
JACK C. FURLONG 3	WILLIAM D. LEGGATT Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At 81, BRECH ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM JACKSON 1-2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	EDWARD A. JACKSON 7-8

Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes.

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, with ten callings.

* ERNEST SIBLEY 1-2 | TOM TEBBUTT 3-4

* JAMES MARR 5-6

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

Umpire: HORACE GOODMAN.

* First peal on handbells. First peal on handbells as conductor.

BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At 130, HARROGATE STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6057 CHANGES;

Mrs. J. COTTERELL 1-2 | PERCY J. JOHNSON 5-6

WILLIAM BARTON 3-4 | JAMES COTTERELL 7-8

JOHN AMBLER 9-10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON

First handbell peal of Grandsire Caters by the ringer of 1-2, also first handbell peal of Caters in the city.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 mins.: T. Faulkner 1, R. Fenn 2, F. Russell 3, F. C. Newman 4, W. Theobald 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, C. Fenn 7, H. Wagstaff 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, April 10th, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples; Miss E. E. Hardcastle 1, Miss H. F. Mills 2, A. N. Hardy 3, J. Lee 4, J. W. Chapman 5, J. L. Watkins 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, W. E. G. Hewson 8.

BROOKFIELD, GORTON.—On Sunday, April 3rd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,312 changes) in 53 mins.: J. Mellor 1, J. Carter 2, A. Gorrings 3, S. Marshall 4, C. Hollier 5, F. Althorp 6, W. Brammer 7, B. Thorp (conductor) 8.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary Abbots, on Sunday evening, March 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 53 mins.: F. V. Sinkins 1, E. E. Sadler 2, A. Cutmore 3, H. G. Miles 4, O. F. Winney (conductor) 5, H. Wakelam 6, G. C. Rice 7, E. G. Garvard 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Cutmore.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, on Sunday, March 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: H. Franks (composer and conductor) 1, E. Brett 2, G. Iles 3, R. Green 4, L. Gray 5, A. Darnell 6, F. Crook 7, A. Viller 8.—Also on April 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: E. C. Russell 1, C. J. Choo 2, W. J. Norton 3, J. S. Hawkins 4, L. Gray 5, R. Green 6, A. C. Darnell 7, E. Brett (composer and conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Green.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, March 27th, for evening service, 720 of York Surprise: W. Thornley 1, W. R. Drage 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—At St. Anne's Church, on Sunday, March 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: Miss M. Wood 1, Miss M. Nye 2, Mr. Burley 3, H. Hunt 4, F. Nye 5, J. Hessey 6, S. Armstrong 7, H. Gould 8. Rung for Confirmation service, which was held at St. Anne's by the Lord Bishop of Winchester.

WESTMINSTER.—On Sunday, March 27th, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 45 mins.: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 2, Miss E. Chapman 3, J. E. Davis 4, W. H. Hewett 5, W. J. Nudds 6, W. R. Grimwood 7, F. I. Hairs 8, R. Sanders 9, A. W. Coles (conductor) 10.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, March 27th, after evening service and Confirmation, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 42 mins.: Sam Wood 1, Miss L. M. Mobbs 2, J. Bray 3, Mrs. J. Bray 4, H. Easto 5, G. Hobbins 6, M. Walker 7, A. H. Hoodless 8. Longest length in the method by Mrs. Bray.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Seager 1, H. Haigh 2, T. A. King 3, F. H. Simpson 4, Mrs. Seager 5, H. Stott 6, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 7, A. Trotter 8. First in the method for ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th. Also first by an all-Shipley company.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, March 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,268 changes): J. Sharman 1, E. H. Clarke 2, A. H. Ward (conductor) 3, H. Inckle 4, C. Draper 5, S. Maskrey 6, W. Wallace 7, C. E. Hart 8, A. Braunes 9, A. G. F. Ward 10. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Maskrey.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday morning, March 13th, for service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob: Alec Richardson 1, Frank Ballard 2, W. Laiter 3, W. Collison 4, Donald Findlay 5, H. Markwell 6, S. H. Green (conductor) 7, F. White 8. Mr. Ballard's first quarter-peal in the method and first attempt.

A LECTURE TO ENGINEERS.

MR. ALBERT WALKER TALKS ON BELLS AND BELL RINGING

An interesting evening was spent by members of the Birmingham Association of Mechanical Engineers at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, on Friday week, when Mr. Albert Walker (Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild), who is a member of the Council of the association, gave a lecture on Campanology, in which he dealt with the casting, tuning, hanging and ringing of church bells and carillons. There was a large attendance presided over by Mr. John Fearn, M.I.Mech.E.

Mr. Walker sketched the history of the development of bells, and, dealing with the metal of which bells are made, said copper and tin are used in the proportions approximately of 16 oz. of copper to 4½ oz. of tin, this alloy having been proved to be of the very best for the production of good tone. The note of the bell, he pointed out, is governed by diameter of the bell at its mouth and the thickness of the metal at the soundbow. The tone is governed by the shape or contour of the bell, and the thickness of the metal at various points in its height. The shape of a bell is of greater importance in the quality of tone than the quality of metal used, and a bell cast on correct lines, even if a slightly inferior metal is used, would give a very fair tone, whereas the finest quality metal with a wrong shape would produce a bad-toned bell.

A feature in bell moulding is the number of drying processes the mould undergoes. The loam is applied in five stages for average size bells and stoved after each stage. This is done to reduce the shrinkage to a minimum, as the shrinkage of the metal is calculated very closely. It would not do, as in the case of commercial castings, to allow an ample margin for machining, because the amount of tuning a bell will stand is very limited.

Mr. Walker went on to describe the methods of tuning bells, and dealt also with carillons. He also explained in detail the modern methods of hanging peals, and dealt also with the mechanical aspect of correct clapping. He briefly described change ringing and illustrated it with diagrams and demonstrations on handbells, in which he was assisted by members of St. Martin's Guild.

HANDBELL ILLUSTRATIONS.

The lecture throughout had been illustrated with a number of slides which had been lent by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, John Taylor and Co., and Gillett and Johnston, over 40 pictures being thrown on the screen. The handbell ringing included courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and at the close of the lecture a splendid course of Stedman Cinques was rung by: P. O. Laffin 1-2, G. F. Swann 3-4, T. Miller 5-6, A. Walker 7-8, A. E. Norman 9-10, M. J. Morris 11-12. Two tunes were also afterwards rung, 'Soldier's Joy' and 'Blue Bells of Scotland,' by Messrs. H. Williams, T. Miller and H. Withers. Other ringers who were present were Alderman J. S. Pritchett and Messrs. J. Neal, W. T. Froggatt and E. Price.

The President, after stating that it was not proposed to have a discussion on the lecture, said he was sure all present would agree that they had been given a very interesting 'paper.' It was more than a lecture which Mr. Walker, with the assistance of his colleagues, had given, and after such a paper they would have a far better idea of the art of bell ringing and its intricacies than they had previously. The President had great pleasure in proposing that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Mr. Walker and the gentlemen who had assisted him for the instructive and interesting entertainment they had given.

Mr. D. G. Mackintosh, M.B.E., M.I.Struc.E., said it was always a joy to listen to an enthusiast, particularly one like Mr. Walker, who had such a good knowledge of his subject. To the majority, the lecture had been something quite new, and they would have a more profound respect than ever for campanology in the future, because they would realise that there was much more in it than the mere tugging at a rope. Personally, Mr. Mackintosh admitted that he had by no means 'got the hang' of the tables of figures shown on the screen (laughter). It had been a great pleasure to listen to the lecture and to the examples of bell ringing which had been given, and he had much pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks to Mr. Walker and his colleagues.

ONE OF THE FINEST EXERCISES.

Upon being requested by the president to address the meeting, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., said it was indeed a pleasure to him as a visitor to say a few words in praise of his friend, Mr. Walker. He himself could speak with some knowledge on the subject of campanology. Mr. Walker had given an extremely lucid exposition of the subject. The paper was very well constructed, and the examples selected for the bell ringers were also well chosen. It was not easy to make intelligible to the lay mind the intricacies of changes in campanology, but Mr. Walker had gone as far as was humanly possible in that direction in his lecture. The association might be interested to know that Mr. Walker was one of the greatest bell ringers in the country. He could ring any method and for any reasonable length of time. His name was a household word amongst campanologists from Berwick-on-Tweed to Cornwall. He was the leader of the ringers at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, where change ringing was indulged in every Sunday morning, and it was done in a manner which compelled the admiration of all who understood the subject. Mr. Pritchett added that he had not had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Walker as a lecturer before, and he was sure that everyone had been greatly interested in the paper and the bell ringing illustrations, also the pictures shown on the screen. He knew Mr. Walker as an expert can-

panologist, but he had no idea that he was so good as a lecturer. If Mr. Walker was as good in his profession as an engineer, Mr. Pritchett was sure he was an asset to the firm with which he was connected. With regard to the bell-ringing demonstrations on the handbells, Mr. Pritchett said he had listened most carefully, and he had not heard a single mistake—not even in the last illustration of 12 bells that had been given, which was really a remarkable feat. It was all done so perfectly that one could imagine it was done by some mechanism. He could assure them that it took a tremendous amount of practice to acquire the ability to do that, and they (the audience) were very fortunate in having such a capable set of ringers to give the examples. Coming to the technical side of campanology, Alderman Pritchett said it would seem that in the future a contest would be waged between the old-fashioned bell ringing and the new carillon system. There were people to-day who regarded the old method of ringing as somewhat of a nuisance, and who held the opinion that we ought to have the mechanical bells instead, but he wished to point out that the human element came in there—the human touch, so to speak. Bell ringing, such as they had listened to and as described by Mr. Walker, was not only a fine physical exercise, but it also developed the intellectual faculties. Speaking of physical strain, he could assure them that to go on for about four hours at bell ringing the physical and mental strain was very great indeed. The exercise certainly tended to longevity, and he could commend it to any young man who was desirous of keeping fit. He described it as one of the finest exercises in which they could indulge, as it brought into play not only the muscles of the arms, shoulders and chest but also many other muscles—as novices found out after giving it a trial. It was also a good mental exercise. Alderman Pritchett said it gave him much pleasure to support the vote of thanks to Mr. Walker, which had been so ably moved and seconded by the President and Mr. Mackintosh.

The President (Mr. J. Fearn) said he could assure Alderman Pritchett that Mr. Walker did occupy a position of great responsibility in business, and from personal knowledge he could say that Mr. Walker filled the position admirably and to the satisfaction of one of the largest concerns in the world.

Mr. Walker, in responding, said he regarded it as the most difficult of the evening's proceedings (laughter). He thanked Mr. Fearn, Mr. Mackintosh and Alderman Pritchett for the vote of thanks and the nice things they had said about him, and he also thanked the audience not only for the way they had received the vote of thanks but also for the patient manner in which they had listened to his paper, and for the interest they had shown in the examples of bell ringing that had been given. It had indeed been a pleasure to him to prepare and give the paper, and he regarded it as time very well spent, especially after the kind expressions which had been made. Campanology was a difficult subject to explain to people who had not even a knowledge of its elementary principles, and there was also a tendency for the enthusiast to get carried away, so to speak, with his subject. It was rather difficult to explain, but he was satisfied that his audience did not regard the time they had spent in that room as having been wasted.

RAMBLING.
To the Editor.

Sir,—Contrary to the advice of my ophthalmic surgeon, I have stuck my nose within three inches of page 202 of your issue of April 1st, and with disgust one has read the 'blunt' rambling of Mr. Joseph E. Sykes (The Greater).

The point at issue, I believe, is the 'instruction of beginners,' and open my poor Milton eyes as wide as I may, I fail to see what a beautiful chronograph of a place where they juggle with girders, carillons, and a few match stalks 'have to do with the point. One has read a brief account of the juggle with the girder, and I think our friend shows very bad taste in hurling ridicule on a thing which might have turned out with fatal results.

For 'Ego,' might I commend to the Exercise these words: 'I have steered a matter of two hundred colts through their first peal.' Tut! tut! Such rambling! Steering colts through their first peals is a secondary process. Who had done the spade work before our friend started to steer? That's naughty! Who had inculcated the rudiments into these colts? Who had instilled, instructed, guided them through the labyrinth of technicalities? I'll tell you, it's the unassuming instructor who takes the rough edges off, and he does it without 'ego'!

I am holding no brief for Mr. Armstrong; for the instruction of the beginner I do. 'The Ringing World' was never intended to be a book of instruction. It was founded to supply a want, and 'The Greater' is not the only one who had the first copy. There's a few of the 'lesser,' who took 'Church Bells,' 'Bell News,' 'Campanology,' etc., and there's one here with his poor Bartimeous eyes who can see that the instruction of beginners will never be progressive till some of the egotists cut out that 'causer' of ringing two peals a day and are content to ring one, and then take up 'Troyte's' and fan the smouldering interest which is in the beginner into flame. Then, and then only, will the beginner make progress. Beginners must know something before they are in anything like form to be steered through peals. Let's have less ego, and let's inculcate something into the beginner. I could point the finger at where it is being done and where it is not being done.—Yours sincerely,

IRENAUS.

NOTES BY THE WAY.
MORE EXTRACTS FROM HEARNE'S DIARY.
 BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The contrast between September the twenty-seventh and November the fifth disgusted Hearne. That the bells should have been rung disgracefully in honour of the two Catholic Saints and the great mediæval Churchman, and excellently well in honour of Dutch William was more than he could stand. And the ringers being very proud of their performance at the Cathedral (though they did not get the peal) made matters worse. So he determined to punish them, first by finding out who were the offenders at New College and then by putting it down in his diary and so transmitting it to posterity. To-day the readers of 'The Ringing World' know all about John Vickers' extra glass of beer and his two missed bobs, as part of his punishment for having taken part in ringing on the wrong political side in 1734.

'And now I have mentioned this 5th of November ringing I will beg leave to take notice of the names of those who rang at New College (Friday) September 27 last, being the founder of New College's Obit, a thing I should not have done, had not the ringers been so proud of this 5th of November at Christ Church and been so much ashamed of what was done at New College. That they are ashamed of what was done at New College appears from all accounts. In so much that they have endeavoured as much as ever they can to conceal the names of those that chiefly erred or blundered in the ringing, which notwithstanding I have been able to find out. The names of the ringers are in order thus:—1, Mr. John Vickers; 2, Mr. Thomas Nash; 3, Mr. John George; 4, Mr. Guy Terry; 5, Mr. Thomas Yates; 6, Mr. John Broughton; 7, Mr. Richard Smith; 8, Mr. William Barnes; 9, Mr. Arthur Lloyd; 10, Mr. Nicholas Benwell. The day before ringing Mr. Vickers told me that Mr. Richard Hearne was to ring the first and himself the fifth and Mr. Yates the sixth; but Hearne excusing himself from being one of them, Vickers, thereupon, rang the first and Mr. Yates the fifth and Mr. Broughton (who was not otherwise to have been one) the sixth. As to Mr. Vicars he is very ingenious in the art of ringing and is excellent in calling the bobs and managing the musick of ringing. I think he is one of the very best in England as he is with all a very good ringer himself; and yet at this time he miss'd calling two of the bobs (one of which was before she had gone two hundred changes) as at the same time did likewise Mr. Arthur Lloyd and Mr. William Barnes (otherwise two famous ringers) commit most notorious blunders and these were the three chief blunders in this undertaking and 'twas from their mistakes that the peal was spoiled; and yet it must be owned that it happened purely from their being much in liquor, whereas they ought to have been sober as indeed there cannot be any true ringing but by persons that come perfectly sober.'

No further attempt for the six thousand seems to have been made during the winter. On March 11th, 1735, the band started again at New College, but failed after something over four thousand changes. Unfortunately Hearne was ill and could not hear the ringing and we are deprived of his criticisms. The attempt, it will be noticed, was made on a Sunday and probably would have filled up all the time between the finish of Matins and the beginning of Evensong.

'1735, March 12, Monday—Yesterday a new attempt was made at New College by Oxford ringers to ring 6876

Cator Changes, but they did not succeed as it was hoped they would. They began about half an hour after twelve and rang till a little after three in the afternoon. Being indisposed with a diarrhoea I could not go out to hear them and so will not pretend to be critical about the ringing.'

Nine days later at the same tower another attempt was made and this time it was successful!

'1735, March 22nd, Saturday.—On Thursday last the Oxford ringers began to ring at New College at three quarters after twelve o'clock and rang completely what they had attempted several times before, 6876 Cator Changes, finishing the peal about three quarters of an hour after four o'clock. 'Tis the first time that such a number of Cator Changes was ever rung in Oxford upon ten bells. I did not hear the ringing myself for the same reason I have specified above March 12th inst., but I have heard from good judges, that take it altogether 'twas a glorious performance. For tho' there were two very great blunders and some other bad ringing yet considering the length of the peal it was admirable ringing, such as can hardly be mended, unless it be by the Londoners, it being a thing as it were next to impossible to go through such a long tedious work without faults.

The names of the ringers were (as before—1734):

1. Hearne, the Taylor.
2. Mr. Vickers, second Butler of New College.
3. Mr. George, the Taylor.
4. Mr. Guy Terry, the Potash maker in St. Clement's.
5. Mr. Yates, second Cook of Magdalen College.
6. Mr. John Broughton, Barber.
7. Mr. Richard Smith, Glover.
8. Mr. Barnes, second Cook of Christ Church.
9. Mr. Arthur Lloyd, of Holywell, Carpenter and Bell Hanger.
10. Mr. Nicholas Benwell, who shows Great Tom.

They were much caressed when they had done and were handsomely treated or entertained at New College, but Mr. Barnes could not be at the entertainment, being obliged as soon as the ringing was done to go to his brother the Waggoner's in St. Aldate's then dying, who indeed died that evening of a dropsy. He is the same Barnes that set up a waggon in opposition to the Vice-Chancellor.'

The band was exactly the same and stood in the same order as in the first peal at Christ Church on January 1st, 1734. The Oxford Society's peal book gives the date of the peal as March 20th, 1734, instead of 1835.

The ring at Magdalen College was made into ten in 1740 and on Easter Monday, April 19th, 1742, the following band rang 7,000 Grandsire Caters in 4 hours, 25 minutes.

T. Roberts	Treble	Joseph Gent	6
J. Vickers	2	R. Smith	7
P. Manning	3	W. Carter	8
Guy Terry	4	A. Lloyd	9
T. Yate	5	Nicholas Benwell	Tenor

It was intended to have rung ten thousand but Vickers made some mistake in the calling and brought the bells round after ringing seven thousand. I take it the mistake did not make the peal false as it is recorded in the Oxford Society's peal book.

A DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATED.

In commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Christ Church, Aughton, Lancashire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells in 42 mins.: J. Marsh 1, W. Fairclough (conductor) 2, J. Lunham 3, J. Gardiner 4, J. Taylor 5, T. Rothwell 6, E. Rothwell 7, W. Gibbons 8.—Also a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins., conducted by Mr. J. Marsh, with Messrs. W. Rimmer and R. Larkey standing in place of J. Taylor and T. Rothwell.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DIVISION.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Eastbourne on Saturday, March 26th. The bells of All Saints' were available from 2.30 p.m., and good practice was had during the afternoon. The members proceeded to the Parish Church (St. Mary's) for the service at 4.30 p.m., the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Streetfeild) giving a most appropriate address. Tea was also provided through the kindness of Canon Streetfeild at the Pitman Institute, and 23 sat down to the good things provided. Upon his leaving after tea, the Vicar was heartily thanked for his address at the service, and also for his hospitality to the members.

At the business meeting, Mr. W. D. Smith was voted to the chair.

Mr. G. W. Stokes was re-elected hon. secretary. In responding, he pointed out that he would not be able to carry on beyond the year, and asked the members to look out for a successor before the next annual meeting, as he intended definitely to resign at that meeting.

Messrs. Franks and Miles were re-elected on the committee. Owing to the continued ill-health of Mr. G. H. Howse, Mr. W. Booth was elected on the committee in his place.

New members were elected as follows: Mr. G. Marten, St. Clement's, Hastings; Messrs. J. Bellingham, H. Brooks, T. Barrow, J. Bennett, E. Fenner, W. B. Hiscock, J. Hafenden, C. Jenner, W. Kitchenside, C. Medhurst, C. Pennygar, G. Shorter, and Miss R. Wicker, all of Mayfield.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Brighton in June.

Before closing the meeting, the Vicars of All Saints' and St. Saviour's were thanked for placing the bells at the disposal of the members. After the meeting, the members made their way to St. Saviour's, where good practice was had until 8 p.m.

A PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Bob Major rung at Salle, on March 22nd, and published in 'The Ringing World' on April 1st, this was rung one course short. After a bob at 'wrong' in 10th course, there was a hitch, and course-end 63425 came up, instead of 62345, the former figures being 11th course-end, and thinking the bells were right and the 11th course-end completed, I carried on the calling from the latter course-end to bring the bells home, a course short.—Yours truly,
W. B. DUNCAN.

Reepham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**THE QUESTION OF CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.**

A meeting of the North Western Division was held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, April 2nd. This clashed with the 'Ringers' Rally' that was being held at Croydon on that day, and possibly accounted for the rather small attendance. The bells were rung during the afternoon, and a service was held in the church. Afterwards 21 members were served with tea at the Abbey Tea Rooms. Following tea, the usual business meeting was held, the Rev. L. Hughes in the chair.

The question of delegates for the Central Council was put before the meeting. This question had been dealt with at two previous meetings, and each time left open for further consideration on the part of the members. After the question had been discussed at length, it was finally decided to refer the question to the next meeting.

Mr. L. A. Simmonds, of Saffron Walden, was elected a ringing member of the association, and Elvedon was selected as the next place of meeting.

In closing the business meeting Mr. H. Dew, on behalf of the division, thanked the Vicar for granting them the use of the bells and for the service which he conducted in the church.—The Rev. L. Hughes, in replying, said he was always pleased to see the ringers, and congratulated them upon the singing at the service.—Ringing was afterwards continued in the evening.

DEATH OF AN ESSEX DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The death occurred somewhat unexpectedly last week of Mr. W. H. Dyson, a well-known member of the Essex Association and hon. secretary of the Northern District. He had been unwell for some time past, and he passed away while on a visit to his daughter at Westcliff for the benefit of his health.

A J. PITMAN'S PEAL OF GRANDSIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The composition of Grandsire Triples in your issue of April 1st, by Mr. A. J. Pitman, is really a variation of the late Mr. Carter's twelve-part, I myself having a similar composition, which has been before the Exercise over 25 years, and was first rung at Stanford-in-Soar, Notts, in 1901. With due respect to Mr. Pitman, we cannot call them original compositions.—Yours faithfully,

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We are asked to mention that there will be no ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Easter Day. The College Youths hope to ring there in future every third Sunday in the month, 5.45 to 6.30 p.m.

Barkby bells, Leicestershire, have, as a notice in the belfry inaptly puts it, been rehung on the 'latest pattern roller bearings' by a local firm of engineers. The party who last Saturday rang the first peal on the bells, only did so through grim determination and long suffering, the 'go' being dreadful and bells most difficult to handle. This is a similar case of the proverbial watch going to the blacksmith. The anniversaries of another batch of long peals occur within the next week:

April 17th, 1820.—7,200 New Treble Bob Maximus at Birmingham in 5 hrs. 8 mins.

1900.—9,512 Superlative Surprise Major at Irtlingborough in 5 hrs. 30 mins.

1911.—12,240 Kent Treble Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne in 8 hrs. 39 mins.

April 18th, 1737.—12,006 Grandsire Caters at Painswick in 7 hrs. 55 mins.

1894.—13,440 Double Norwich Major at Romford in 8 hrs. 26 mins.

April 21st, 1888.—10,304 Bob Major at Leiston in 6 hrs. 17 mins.

We have referred elsewhere to the fact that much ringing history has been made at Norwich. On April 17th, 1769, the first peal of Court Bob Royal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft. 'It was performed in 3 hrs. 29 mins. without a bell being out of course, and from the harmony and regularity of its changes filled every lover of the art of ringing with the most pleasing wonder and astonishment.'

This incomparable peal was invented in the year 1751 by Mr. William Porter, one of the ringers belonging to St. Peter's company, and though from that time it has been annually practised, yet never was perfectly gone through without the bells being out of course, till now, so that it may be affirmed that this is the first complete 5,040 that ever was rung in the known world.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, of Hopesay, Salop, has been offered, and has accepted, the living of St. Nicholas, in the city of Hereford. This should be a great help to the ringers in the neighbourhood of Hereford.

A band of 'Georges' hope to meet on St. George's Day at the Church of St. George, in the parish of G—not George—for a Surprise peal. A peal has also been arranged in the adjoining parish by friends of the 'Georges' on the same day and at the same time, when a particular friend of one of the 'Georges' will be met with a medley of names. It is hoped the 'London' and 'Cambridge' will be 'united' in more senses than one, and a convivial enjoyed afterwards.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. AN EIGHT-BELL CONTEST.

The Halifax and District Association held a quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest on Saturday, April 2nd, at Earlsheaton Church, Dewsbury. It was rather unfortunate that the elements did not smile upon the gathering while ringing took place, as it rained all the afternoon. The interest taken, however, helped the visitors to forget the weather. The draw was as follows: No. 1, Batley; No. 2, Huddersfield; No. 3, Birstall; No. 4, Lindley. The competition was 800 changes, any method, but each set rang Kent Treble Bob Major.

An excellent tea was provided in the schoolroom, and the meeting was held immediately ringing ceased, about 7.30. Mr. W. Frith (Huddersfield) occupied the chair, in the absence of the president. On the motion of Mr. J. E. Carter, seconded by Mr. W. H. Senior (Batley), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the churchwardens, ringers and ladies of Earlsheaton for use of bells and for helping to make the contest such a success.—Major Goater (churchwarden) replying, said it was a pleasure to him if all had enjoyed themselves, and hoped the association would soon visit Earlsheaton again. He was sorry there was no Vicar to welcome them, as the late Vicar had only recently resigned, and another had not yet been appointed.

The judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford), Mr. G. H. Hardy (Earlsheaton), with Mr. A. Goodhall (Earlsheaton), marker, gave their decision, viz., No. 1, 191 faults, total 191; No. 2, 221 faults, 221; No. 3, 145 faults, 10 penalties, 155; No. 4, 285 faults, 10 penalties, 295. No. 3 company, Birstall, were therefore declared winners of the cup.

Major Goater, on presenting the cup to Mr. S. Goodhall, leader of the Birstall band, said he hoped they would go on winning, as he was assured they must have deserved it.—Mr. Goodhall replied, and a vote of thanks was then accorded to the judges, on the proposition of Mr. J. E. Carter, seconded by Mr. G. Scholey.—Mr. Broadley, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said he was sorry that there was not a cup for all the sets.

It may be mentioned that this was the 49th contest in which Mr. Broadley had acted as judge.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed a very enjoyable meeting.

GOLDEN WEDDING BELLS.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at Halesowen on March 31st to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Grove: W. Webb 1, T. Greenhall 2, W. Coley 3, A. Harris 4, V. White 5, W. Brown 6, A. Hackett (conductor) 7, B. Ashford 8.

NORFOLK GUILD JUBILEE. A BRIEF HISTORY.

In view of the jubilee of the Norfolk Guild, which is to be celebrated at Norwich on Easter Monday, the annual report which has just been published gives a brief history of the organisation, which will be read with interest. The Norfolk Guild will be the fourth of the diocesan Guilds and county associations to reach a jubilee year, says the report. The Devonshire Guild did so in 1924, the Yorkshire Association in 1925, the Lancashire Association in 1926, and now the Norfolk Guild in 1927. The early promoters of the Guild were the Rev. A. C. Copeman, the Rev. J. Crompton, the Rev. H. J. Coleman, the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, Gervas Holmes, Esq., Captain A. P. Moore, Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, and the Rev. G. H. Harris, by whom a meeting was called at Norwich on Feb. 10th, 1877, when it was proposed and carried that an association be at once formed and to be called the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers. On April 4th, 1877, a general meeting was held at Norwich, and at that meeting the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers was founded. The Right Rev. the Bishop of Norwich (Dr. Polham), patron; the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich (Dr. Goulburn), president; the Archdeacons of Norfolk, Norwich and Suffolk, Sir Robert Buxton, Bart, M.P., Sir Francis Boileau, Bart., the Mayor of Norwich, Gervas Holmes, Esq., J.P., vice-presidents; the Rev. G. H. Harris, secretary and treasurer; and with 58 original members constituted the Norwich Diocesan Association. Of the promoters of the association only the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, now of The Vicarage, Tarrant Crawford, survives, and it may be of interest to note that the late Rev. H. J. Coleman is the father of our present general secretary and treasurer, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, who now holds the same office as did his godfather, the late Rev. G. H. Harris, first secretary of the association in 1877.

The presidents of the Guild have been the following: The Dean of Norwich (Dr. E. M. Goulburn), 1877 to 1889; the Rev. Canon J. J. Raven, D.D., 1890 to 1899; J. Sancerft Holmes, Esq., Gawdy Hall, 1900 to 1916; the Dean of Norwich (Dr. J. W. Willink) since 1919.

The secretaries and treasurers: The Rev. G. H. Harris, 1877 to 1883; the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, 1884 to 1889; the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, 1890 to 1902; the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, hon. clerical secretary, 1902 to 1913; Mr. Charles E. Borrett, 1902 to 1919; and Mr. Arthur L. Coleman since 1919.

The first peal was one of Superlative Surprise Major, rung at the Church of St. Mary, Redenhall, on Tuesday, November 6th, 1877, and of the band taking part only Robert Whiting, now of Pulham Market, survives. The late James Motts heads our list of peal ringers, having 559 peals to his credit at the time of his death, and Mr. Frederick R. Borrett comes a close second with 533 peals.

Our total of 4,160 peals during these fifty years contains many splendid performances and makes a list of which we may well be proud, including one of 16,608 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major (at the time the long-length record). Nine over 10,000 and fifteen over 7,000 changes. The number of peals rung in the first year of the Guild (1877-8) was 9. The greatest number of peals in a single year was 291 in 1913; grand total of peals rung to December 31st, 1926, being 4,160, a record number not exceeded by any other Guild or association.

CHANGES IN TITLE.

The record year for total membership was 1,156 in 1913, the highest attendance at an annual meeting being 214 members at Norwich, September 25th, 1894, the average attendances at the annual meetings being 134 prior to the Great War, and since then it has fallen to an average of 55 members. In 1913, the diocese of Norwich was divided, and the new diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich was founded, the whole of our East Suffolk area with the exception of the Lotheringland Drangery forming part of the new diocese, although at the division our Suffolk members decided to remain in membership, and the question of the reorganisation had to be held in abeyance during the Great War.

In 1919, the title of the association was altered to the Norwich Diocesan and Ipswich Association of Ringers, East Suffolk, as hitherto, remaining within the area of the association. In 1920, the association was constituted into two branches, called the Norwich Branch and the Ipswich Branch, with the title amended to the Norwich and Ipswich Association of Ringers, with the sub-title For the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.

In 1922, the title was again amended to the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association of Ringers for the Diocese of Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and the branches to the Norwich Diocesan Branch and the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch. It was during this particular period (1921-2) in the history of the Guild, the Suffolk County Association was brought into existence and afterwards disbanded and re-formed itself into the Suffolk Guild of Ringers, sub-title, For the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, the area of the Guild being coterminous with the new diocese. This movement so seriously affected our position in Suffolk, with our Suffolk members divided between the two Guilds, that another reorganisation became imperative to meet the state of affairs in our Suffolk area, and at the annual general meeting held at Norwich on October 4th, 1923, it was resolved to make the Guild's area coterminous with the diocese of Norwich, and the title of the Guild finally amended to the Norfolk Guild of Ringers—sub-title, For the Diocese of Norwich, and provision was made for those Suffolk members wishing to remain members of their old association by becoming life members (non-resident) of the Guild.

The following veterans will also this year (1927) celebrate the jubilee of their membership, to whom we offer our hearty congratulations: William Ireland, Diss; Denison Hayward, Great Yarmouth; Frederick Knights, Norwich; Arthur Knights, Chesterfield; Robert Whiting, Pulham Market; Robert H. Brundle, Ipswich; Joseph Last, Hasketon; Edgar Pemberton, Ipswich; David Collins, Worlingworth—a fine record for our septuagenarian members.

The following item from the annals of the Guild may be of interest. With the view of constituting a central authority, a draft scheme was drawn up for a National Association of Ringers, and submitted to a committee meeting of the association on March 22nd, 1884, and received with general approval, after certain suggested improvements, and was entrusted to the secretary to forward to Captain J. E. Acland-Troyte, and that in the event of the National Association maturing, the Norwich Diocesan Association should be affiliated to it. What became of the scheme our records do not relate. However, eventually a central authority was constituted, when the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers was founded by the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., in 1892.

Finally, may the Norfolk Guild of Ringers continue to flourish in the future as it has done in the past.

The Guild has to-day a total membership of 773, a decrease of 13 owing to the removal of the names of those in arrears with their subscriptions. There was an increase in the balance on the year's working of £4 9s. 10d., but the Guild has a reserve fund, the present value of which is £150 2s. 6d. During 1926, 61 peals were rung, in which 148 members took part.

BEGINNERS' PERFORMANCES.

At St. Lawrence's, Northfield, Worcestershire, on Monday, April 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: C. Tudor 1, J. Bond 2, J. Withers, jun., 3, J. Turner 4, J. Vaughan 5, A. Howe 6, J. Withers, sen. (conductor) 7, A. Hobbs 8. First quarter-peal on the bells by a local band, and first quarter-peal by treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and tenor. Longest length by treble, 2nd, 4th, 6th and tenor.

On Tuesday evening, April 5th, at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,278 changes) in 55 mins. (approx.): Anna E. Cushing 1, Arthur W. Haistead 2, Miss Durrant 3, Miss Helen Bill 4, Jas. Rampley 5, Philip Sadler 6, Geo. P. Burton 7, Geo. S. Mayers 8, Jas. F. Duffield (conductor) 9, Bert Bassingthwaite 10. This is the first quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and second. It is also the first quarter-peal of its kind by the ringers of 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 10th.

NOTICES.

Will secretaries of associations who have not already done so, kindly let Mr. Cyril Johnston, of the Croydon Hill Foundry, know how many towers were represented at Croydon on Saturday, April 2nd, and also the names of the towers.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Garston on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (six) available from 3 p.m. Service, 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, kindly provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. Thomas, the Vicarage, East Garston, Lambourn, by Wednesday, April 20th.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Secretary, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The first of a series of combined practices in Royal methods will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available at 6 p.m. Will those attending please come prepared to practise either Plain Bob, Treble Bob or Cambridge Surprise Royal?—A. C. Hazelden, Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kirby-le-Soken on Saturday, April 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Will all ringers intending to be present please notify me by April 20th?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Secretary, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Aldford on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service, 4 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify me?—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Secretary, Aldford, Chester.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (five) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting, 4.30. All ringers invited to discuss the question of district meetings in West Suffolk. Five and six-bell towers—please note.—S. H. Symonds, Assistant Secretary, Lavenham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 30th. Full details next week.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Secretary, Blankney, Lincoln.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Eyam on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (six) open from noon. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) can be arranged for those who inform Rev. W. P. Wright, The Hall, Eyam, by April 20th.—A. Knights, District Hon. Secretary, 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING AT IPSWICH.

The third session of the twelfth Council (34th meeting) was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Ipswich, on Tuesday May 25th, 1926, at 11 a.m. The chair was taken by the president, Canon G. F. Coleridge, who opened the meeting with prayer. There were present 51 members, 23 Guilds and associations being represented.

Archdeacon Farmiloe, on behalf of the Suffolk Guild, welcomed the Council to the Diocese. The President, having thanked the Archdeacon, was then introduced to the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, who had now entered the chamber. The Bishop said, in welcoming them, that though there were a few who did not appreciate bells, he was certain the majority of people realised that bells were one of the joys of life and one of the ways of expressing it. The Church accepted the help of ringers with great joy, and realised that they were fellow workers. The President then thanked the Bishop for his kindly welcome, and the Council proceeded to discuss the business upon the agenda.

The minutes of the last meeting having been published, were taken as read, and duly confirmed and signed.

Arising out of the minutes, the Honorary Secretary stated that about 40 letters had been addressed to the authorities in the various dioceses in reference to having a representative, with a knowledge of bells, on the advisory committees. There had been about 20 replies generally in agreement with the suggestion.

The Hon. Secretary reported, also, that he had had 500 copies of the Card of Instructions printed as directed, and a further 750 copies, as the first number were sold out, and he moved that his action be confirmed, which, on being seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, was agreed.

On account of the restricted train service, following upon the General Strike, there were a large number of apologies for absence, following some doubt as to whether the meeting would have had to be abandoned. Apologies for absence were received from Revs. A. T. Beeston, Canon Baker, A. H. F. Boughey, E. W. Carpenter, L. S. Clark, C. C. Cox, H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, F. J. O. Helmore, C. C. Marshall, C. E. Matthews and H. S. T. Richardson, Mrs. N. Edwards, Messrs. J. Carter, Alderman R. B. Chambers, J. Cotterill, H. Day, H. Haigh, A. J. Hughes, P. J. Johnson, E. H. Lewis, T. Metcalfe, J. D. Matthews, D. J. Nichols, H. W. Wilde and W. Willson.

The balance sheet, presented by the hon. secretary and treasurer, showed that the year started with a balance in hand of £67 14s. 3d. The receipts included a donation of £5 towards the publication of the Cards of Instruction from the Rev. H. Drake, affiliation fees £13 10s., interest on stock £4 10s. 8d., and sale of Cards of Instruction 13s. 1d., a total of £24 13s. 9d. The expenditure, including the loss on the sale of publications of £5 12s. 6d., was £16 13s., leaving a balance in the bank of £70 16s. The accounts were adopted on the motion of the Rev. H. Law James, seconded by Mr. Pryce Taylor.

The Hon. Librarian, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, reported the completion of the Washbrook Memorial Scheme, and said that there was a balance of £28. Turning to the Council's publications, he said that the sales realised £4 19s. 1d., the expenses were £10 11s. 3d., including £9 2s. for advertising. He also reported that the 'Collection of Minor Methods' was out of print. He had purchased for the Council, Canon Elseo's stock of 'On the Preservation of Bells,' and also secured a considerable number of copies of 'Bell News' for 1912-1915, inclusive, but he still required some further copies to complete the years 1912, 1913 and 1915.

The four retiring honorary members, Mrs. Edwards, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. J. George and Mr. H. W. Wilde, were re-elected.

The following new members were then introduced to the president: Mr. J. Hammond (Swansea and Brecon), Mr. F. J. Davey (Deron), and Mr. E. P. Poppy (Suffolk).

COVENTRY BELLS.

The Hon. Secretary then reported on the steps which, after consultation with the president and Standing Committee, were taken in the Consistory Court to preserve Coventry bells. Unfortunately, though they put up a good fight, they were not successful. He said they were very much indebted to the services of Mr. Pritchett, an eminent member of the Bar, and a member of the Council's Standing Committee. The Hon. Secretary, referring to the long efforts which Mr. Cyril E. Johnston had made to save the loss of these bells as a ringing-peak, said if he had come to the Council for help those efforts might have met with more success. Mr. J. S. Pritchett then pointed out that the action was not altogether wasted, because it secured the bells being preserved as a peal of ten, instead of merely part of a carillon. The Hon. Secretary then moved that the Council confirm the action of the Standing Committee and pay the incidental expenses incurred. This was seconded by Rev. H. Drake, of the Suffolk Guild, which had, he said, supported the action enthusiastically. The President expressed the Council's heartiest thanks to Mr. Young and Mr. Pritchett, and the motion was carried. (All those present were presented by Mr. Young with a quarto booklet, giving the whole of the letters, etc., in the action.)

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

Miss Parker reported that the work of adding the new Treble Bob compositions was proceeding. It involved the examination of the original peals to see that variations did not creep in, and it was hoped to have it in type for the next meeting. The report was adopted.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

In the absence through illness of the convener, Rev. C. E. Matthews, the Hon. Secretary reported that during the year the committee had been revising the Book of Rules, which they hoped to have in type before the next meeting. Incidentally, during the year the committee had been looking after the ringers' interests in the Press and in broadcasting. Rev. H. Law James said the report on Methods should not be reprinted in the book until the Methods Committee had brought it up to date. The report was accepted.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

Rev. H. Law James reported that the committee was still ready to print the Plain Major methods, and he moved that 300 copies now be printed. Mr. Burton having intervened on behalf of the Nomenclature Committee, it was moved by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and seconded by Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and agreed that the matters referred to should be dealt with later in the day. The motion and report being seconded by the honorary secretary, were then carried and accepted.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The report as published was formally presented by Miss Parker, and on the motion of the President was unanimously adopted.

TOWERS AND BELERIES COMMITTEE.

In the absence of the convener, Mr. E. H. Lewis, the Hon. Secretary, reported he said that during the year Major J. H. B. Hesse and himself were asked to inspect and report upon the tower of the Church of St. Michael, Southampton. Major Hesse called attention to the necessity of painting metal bell-frames at least every five years. He said he had seen some bad cases of neglect lately. The President said he thought they should be painted every three years. The report being formally seconded by Rev. C. D. P. Davies, was carried.

RECORDS COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. Hervey Beams said the committee had practically nothing to report, and on the motion of the President the statement was accepted.

SCIENCE MUSEUM EXHIBIT COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary (as convener) said they had now in the National Science Museum a small section illustrating their art, and that it included the famous ringing machine invented by Mr. John Carter. He proposed that, as there was no more work for the committee to do, it should be allowed to lapse, and the duties be taken over by the Standing Committee. These duties included the care of the Carter machine. It had, he said, been Mr. Carter's wish for it to be in the museum on permanent loan, under the trusteeship of the Council, and for him and Rev. C. D. P. Davies to be the first trustees. They had accepted the post, and now proposed to appoint Mr. C. Roberts, a London ringer, who had agreed to master the machine and to demonstrate it. He (Mr. Young) had been able to extract from Mr. Carter details of the machine, which he had incorporated in a book deposited with the machine. Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in seconding, congratulated the Council upon the arrangements made. Mr. J. S. Pritchett expressed appreciation of the services which Mr. Young rendered in the matter. It was resolved that the report be accepted and that the committee be dissolved, and the duties carried on by the Standing Committee, and also that representatives be appointed by the Council to act as trustees of the Carter ringing machine.

NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE.

Mr. G. P. Burton reported for his committee, and said they presented their report a year ago. This year they had embodied with it 13 resolutions, all as per the typed copy which those present had in their hands. The interval had allowed time for reflection, and, of course, criticism; the latter they welcomed when it was helpful and constructive. He dealt at length with the position and with some of the points urged against their report, and, speaking of some of the old methods, said he realised that their history was reflected in their compound names; but too many adjectives were an encumbrance, and if of old there was the power to build up names, so there should be to-day the power to revise or undo them. It was wrong for any individual to have such liberty in nomenclature; it engendered trouble and even ridicule; it was also a duty they owed to the future to hand on suitable names. Flower names certainly should go, and to this and the other proposals he asked for a plain 'Yes' or 'No.' Mr. Burton then moved the 13 resolutions as published ('R.W.' April 2nd and July 9th, 1926).

Mr. J. A. Trollope moved as an amendment: 'That this Council, while urging on the Exercise the extreme importance of choosing suitable names for new methods, declines to interfere with such rights as bands and individual ringers at present enjoy of giving names to new methods. And, further, is of the opinion that no alteration should be made in the names of old and historical methods, except where urgently necessary.'

The speaker disagreed as to the alleged confusion and lack of system; on the contrary, he said, the present names were, on the whole, good, and some had been in use nearly 300 years. After all, what was wrong with 'Double Norwich Court Bob Major'? Such titles were replete with history, and could never be replaced with single-word names. The amendment aimed at non-interference with individual rights and prevention of any break in the continuity of their history.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in seconding, said he was against altering the accustomed names, and believed in natural growth in such things. The amendment was debated at considerable length, the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. E. W. Elwell strongly supporting it, whilst Mr. W. A. Cave, being in part agreement only, urged the resolutions

be voted clause by clause. After the luncheon interval, Mr. J. S. Pritchett supported the amendment, and dealt with the Council's difficulty, i.e., there was too much to digest, for even if taken line by line they had work enough for a week. The committee would be wiser first to concentrate upon reform of the urgent and worst cases, for wholesale changes invited controversy; the lines upon which they might well proceed were suggested in the amendment, and their aim should be a less elaborate report. Though he agreed that non-historic and uncouth names required alteration, he preferred to keep the floral names. He was sure progress could be made if his suggestion was followed.

The Rev. H. Drake, speaking for the committee, said that the latter had discussed the amendment, and were largely in agreement with it. He agreed with most of Mr. Pritchett's remarks, but would remind them, however, that there had been the definite instructions of the Council to formulate their suggestions and revisions, and especially so in the case of the floral names. It would be found that they had so acted, and that the historical names were practically untouched. He suggested that the amendment be treated as a rider, then the committee could carry on albeit a little differently and with less feeling of wasted effort. This suggestion not meeting with favour, the amendment was then put and carried by 29 to 3, and was then agreed as a substantive motion without further discussion.

SIMPSON TUNING.

The Hon. Secretary then moved his motion, of which notice was given at Chester the year before, i.e., 'That the Council should consider whether "Simpson" tuning is in the best interests of the Exercise.' He said he had stepped into the controversy with some diffidence, the subject being naturally obscure and difficult. He was sure, however, that though most of those present might differ from him, all would find the subject of bell tones very near to them. Firstly, dealing with personal associations, he referred to two peals in his native Southampton, one the old tuning, and one the new, i.e., at St. Michael's and St. Mary's. Then passing on to the views for and against such tuning, he referred to the life and work of both the late Canon Simpson and also the late Mr. T. C. Lewis, and described what was meant by the Medieval, the Old Standard, and the Simpson methods. The Church to-day, he continued, was pressed for funds, and it was therefore the more wasteful to spend large sums in recasting, merely to comply with certain modern ideas, which latter might well be open to doubt. The money could be better spent over a wider and more useful field. Then turning to the practical side, it was well known that many conductors complained of the Simpson 'howl.' There were also the questions of ear fatigue, and, again, bell fatigue, due to excessive vibration, of which little was as yet known.

Mr. Young, who had given all those present his pamphlet on 'Bell Tones,' then dealt at length with the musical and theoretical sides of the case. A bell, he said, should have the right overtones in order to give a certain liquid quality to the natural percussive character of its note. He gave the accepted values of the consonant intervals, and demonstrated the 'thirds,' especially the difficult minor third, so characteristic of the Simpson-tuned bell. He referred to the disadvantages of the minor key, and contrasted it with that of the Major. It was remarkable, he said, that the change in musical ideas in the sixteenth century, as ultimately fixed by the great Bach, synchronised with the great alteration deliberately made by the English bell founders, a change not lightly to be set aside. In concluding, Mr. Young said the Simpsonian method was not necessarily 'scientific'; the term, he thought, belonged more properly to the 'Old Standard,' and that the present trend was a retrograde one. He trusted that the founders would most carefully consider the position and leave as many as possible of the old good bells as a legacy for the future.—Mr. W. A. Cave briefly supported and seconded the motion.

Major J. H. B. Eesse, speaking to the contrary from a lengthy and carefully prepared statement, claimed that the misunderstanding began when they attempted to define Simpson tuning. All knew that this new system originated with a certain firm of bell founders, who advertised their bells as tuned 'upon Canon Simpson's principle,' but after his death dropped it for 'in true harmonic tone,' as being more correct. He asked if it were not better to cast and tune with understanding rather than by chance. Would anyone really think that Rudhall and other past masters of the art could unconsciously and without knowledge do finer work than the scientific founders of to-day? Objectors should honestly say that their real reasons were sentimental and archaeological, and influenced by fear of the carillon. Continuing, the speaker gave a long list of towers containing successful Simpson peals, and said that many famous old bells proved to be nearly true to that principle.

It being here suggested that there be concurrently taken a motion upon the agenda, viz., 'That, in the opinion of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, historic bells should not be turned on the "Simpson" principle.' It was ruled by the president that the motion was 'out of order.'

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston referred first of all to the Coventry bells, which he said were not being destroyed but only recast; and he enlarged upon the difficulties which his firm had had to surmount. Turning to Simpson tuning, he reminded them that there was nothing new under the sun, and admitted that the new system was the rediscovery, and, he trusted, improvement also, of the practice of the mediæval founders. He agreed with Mr. Young that the harmonics at St. Michael's, Southampton, were very good, but the bells were recast

owing to structural defects. The bell founders welcomed criticism; he disagreed, however, with the mover of the resolution in the matter of the 7th hum note, and, quoting Coventry bells as an example, showed that there was no sequence in their falsities, and that these were quite fortuitous. All good old bells, he claimed, possessed the minor third. Founders realised there were difficulties, and it was impossible to eliminate them in any system. They were much indebted to the late Canon Simpson for the new light he had thrown on tuning, and his efforts had undoubtedly induced certain founders to improve upon their work.

Mr. Pryce Taylor mentioned his own acquaintance with the late Canon Simpson, and referred to his firm's close connection with him. Habit and prejudice were hindrances, but no one who had experienced the musical satisfaction of Simpson peals could be content with the incomplete tuning which had hitherto passed muster. He claimed for his firm the honour of being the first to produce the scientifically tuned bells. Referring to the minor third, in his opinion it was a necessity in any good bell, old or new.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, following, said he had no doubt that scientific tuning had come to stay. Mr. E. Barnett thought that Simpson-tuned bells were offensively noisy and harsh against the beautiful softness of bells tuned by the old founders.

Mr. T. Faulkner, in moving an amendment 'That this Council as a body is not qualified to pass an opinion on the subject at present,' said that few of the Council possessed the necessary training, education or knowledge to pass judgment upon either method of tuning. This was seconded by the Rev. E. S. Powell in a brief speech.

The Rev. H. Law James admitted his conversion to the Simpson method of tuning, after some doubts on the matter, and made suggestions which he thought might prevent undue 'howling.' The debate was continued by Mr. T. R. Dennis, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Canon H. J. Elsee, the latter saying that whilst he himself preferred Simpson tuning, he allowed there was much to be said on both sides, and he thought the matter was one for the taste of the general public rather than that of the Exercise. It would be a pity, however, if old bells were melted down to be tuned on new principles, as it would be pure vandalism to destroy all examples of the work of bell founders of the eighteenth and previous centuries. Concluding, he endorsed Mr. Young's observations on the necessity of conserving Church funds for vital needs.

Mr. Young, in briefly replying, drew a parallel from the 'exact' and wonderful Parthenon at Athens. Columns, etc., were put out of truth to please the eye; could not a bell be slightly out of truth to please the ear?

There being only one dissentient to the amendment, it was put as a motion and agreed, nem con.

RINGERS ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

The Rev. Law James moved the following resolution: 'Forasmuch as the church towers of England contain a large number of valuable old bells, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers request the Diocesan Advisory Committees of the various dioceses to co-opt some members, having knowledge of the archaeology, tuning and proper hanging of bells, to form a special sub-committee to advise them, when necessary, on all questions relating to the tuning, recasting or rehanging of bells, in order that bells may not needlessly be recast, and that rehanging shall be carried out in a proper manner.' He said very little had come of the previous circular letter in respect to putting a change ringer on the committees. Mr. R. Richardson seconded the motion.

Mr. Drake agreed with the motion, and he thought the Council should lay down rules dealing with the care of ancient bells. The debate was continued by Messrs. C. H. Howard, C. Mee and F. Wilford. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn pointed out that it was not always necessary to have such a member upon the committee, as it was perhaps better to have an adviser outside it, which was his position in regard to the Oxford Diocesan Committee. Being reminded by the honorary secretary, the president pointed out that the matter was before the meeting last year, when a circular letter was sent to the secretaries of the 36 dioceses. The motion was carried.

RAILWAY TRAVELLING FACILITIES.

Mr. E. Guise moved 'that the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association earnestly requests the Central Council to continue to press the Railway Clearing Board for cheap travelling facilities to be granted to ringers.' He said that his association had taken it up with the local railway superintendent without success. This was seconded by Mr. E. Bishop. The President having referred to previous abortive attempts, the Hon. Secretary said that he had had an interview with the Central Authority, but though the case had been again considered, they had not been successful. He, however, suggested taking it up again next year. It was ultimately agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the president and hon. secretary to see what could be done.

Mr. T. H. Taffender moved, 'That the Council consider the question of the institution of a "Bell ringers' Sunday" by means of an annual service throughout the country, and make recommendations.' He said he hoped it would be possible for the Council to draw up a scheme for a bell ringers' Sunday in the same way that there were hospital and other Sundays. This was seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker, but considerable objection was made by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and the Rev. H. Law James thought that it would be better for every Guild to have their own special Sunday service. Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee concurred with the latter.

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After some further remarks by Messrs. T. R. Dennis, E. W. Elwell and J. Hunt, Mr. W. A. Cave suggested a bell ringers' Saturday, which being ruled out of order by the president, the motion was put and lost.

A resolution deprecating Simpson tuning of historic bells was next upon the agenda, but it had already been ruled out of order by the president.

Mr. T. Faulkner having raised a question as to the umpiring of record peals, after some discursive remarks and a few words from the president the matter was allowed to drop.

On the motion of the President, the Council accepted the offer of the hon. secretary to send, on its behalf, the Coventry Bells booklet to those members who were absent, and also to the secretaries of the affiliated Guilds, after the proceedings in the Consistory Court had been added in the book.

The President expressed the appreciation and thanks of the Council for all that had been done for their comfort and convenience by the Suffolk Guild, and Canon H. J. Elsee proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. Both motions being carried with applause, the President briefly replied, and the proceedings terminated at about 5.20.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GUILDFORD.—On Wednesday, April 6th, at Holy Trinity Church for Confirmation service, 1,120 changes of St. Blaise Surprise Major in 45 mins.: R. Philpott 1, C. N. Burdock 2, J. A. Cole 3, H. Hutton 4, W. J. Robinson 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Steere 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

SWINDON.—On Monday, April 4th at Christ Church, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,301 changes) in 55 mins.: W. G. Lancaster 1, G. W. Townsend 2, A. W. Bond 3, E. Bishop 4, H. W. Bishop (conductor) 5, S. Palmer 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, H. A. Hearl 8, T. Townsend 9, A. W. Smith 10.

RYEBURNING.—At St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday, March 30th, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure: L. Camp 1, G. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, E. Sitch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6. First in method by all.—On Sunday, April 3rd, before morning service, 720 Norwich Surprise: L. Camp 1, E. Sitch 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, G. Camp 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On March 21st, at St. Michael's Church, Beccles, Suffolk, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, with fully muffled clappers, in memory of one of its oldest members, Alderman Mickleburgh: Miss V. M. Beckett 1, R. Spalding 2, C. Bailey 3, T. Beckett 4, K. Goate 5, G. Baxter 6, J. Spalding (conductor) 7, C. Rush 8. The ringer of treble is 14 years of age, and of the second 76.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Easter Monday. Parish Church (8) and Lea (6) bells open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers very welcome.—Molly Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held on Easter Monday at Sidmouth. Bells (8) available. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Derby. Bells of St. Andrew's (10), St. Alkmund's (8), St. Luke's (8), St. Peter's (8) available from 10 a.m. Committee meeting in All Saints' Schools 3 p.m. Service at All Saints' Church 4 p.m., at which it is hoped all members will attend. Preacher will be Rev. H. Boorman, Vicar of St. Luke's. Tea in All Saints' Schools 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Smoking concert at 8 p.m. in King's Café, St. Peter's Street, arranged by Mr. E. E. Bradley (Littleover Handbell Ringers) and Mr. W. H. L. Dodd (vocalists).—Ernest Morris, General Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Stockton-on-Tees on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells (10, tenor 27 cwt.) will be available for ringing from and after 10.30 a.m. Lunch will be provided at Spooner's Café, Dovecote Street, at 1 p.m. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. It is hoped that members and friends will make it convenient to attend this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Beddington on Easter Monday, April 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea and business meeting at 5.30.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Melhows Road, Wallington.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham. Bells at Bishop Ryder's and St. Chad's, Bath Street, will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea and general meeting will be held in the Schoolroom of the former at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please write Mr. James George, 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham, not later than the 21st.—J. A. Fenton, 42, Bennett Street, Rugby, Gen. Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available from 10 a.m. The luncheon, to be followed by the annual business meeting, at the Silver Grill (near St. Paul's) at 1 p.m. Visitors will be heartily welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—1877-1927. — The jubilee meeting of the Guild will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 18th. The annual service will take place in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the preacher will be the Venerable the Archdeacon of Norfolk. By kind invitation of the president and committee luncheon will be provided at Snellings, Rampant Horse Street, at 1.30 p.m. Circular letter giving full particulars has been sent to all the district secretaries, leaders of companies and unattached members, who are kindly requested to send in a list of the names of those members accepting the invitation to luncheon. The general business meeting will be held immediately after the luncheon. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. John-de-Sepulchre and All Saints' are kindly placed at the disposal of the members.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday at St. Mary-le-Tower. Committee meeting in Vestry at 12.15. Service, with address by the Vicar, at 1 p.m. Luncheon at 1.30 at Day's Restaurant, Cornhill. Meeting follows. Bells available all day (12); also St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (5), Sproughton (6), Bramford (6).—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Bromley, Easter Monday, April 18th. Towers open for ringing: Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul), St. Luke's, Bromley Common, St. George's, Beckenham, Eltham (8), Chislehurst (morning only), Hayes (6) (afternoon). Committee meeting in Church Committee Room 12 noon. Service, SS. Peter and Paul, 12.30. Preacher, Rev. H. P. Kennedy Skipton, F.R. Hist. Soc. Dinner in the Old Town Hall 1.30 p.m., followed by business meeting.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 18th. Service at 12 noon. Address by the Rev. A. C. Moule. Luncheon followed by the business meeting at 1 p.m. at the 'Dorothy Cafe.' Ringing at Great St. Mary's (12), St. Andrew's (8). Church of St. Mary and the Martyrs (8), and Old Chesterton (6).—Rev. R. Copeman, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the four towers will be open at 2 p.m. Earlier ringing at the six-bell towers can be had by arrangement with the respective conductors. Service in Cathedral 5 p.m. Address by the Rev. Henry Edwards, Vicar of Watford. Tea in the Abbey Institute 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. A sumptuous tea at a cheap price. Let me know if you can come.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., 'Duffield,' St. Albans.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Huddersfield on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available for ringing: Parish Church (10), Almondbury (8), Longwood (8), Kirkheaton (6). Divine service will be held at Parish Church at 3.45 p.m. Preacher, Vicar of Huddersfield, Rev. Canon A. Baines. Business meeting in Parochial Hall, Springwood Street, at 3 p.m. Tea in same hall at 5 p.m.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Meeting on Easter Monday at Worksop. Bells (8) available until 9 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, will be provided in the old Gatehouse, adjoining the church. Will those intending to be present please advise Mr. G. Hardwick, Sparken Cottages, Worksop?—C. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next half-yearly meeting of the members will be held on April 18th (Easter Monday) at the Vicarage Parish Room, Ambleside, at 4 p.m. Ambleside bells (8) and Brathay (6) will be available for ringing at 1 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Secretary, Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane, Bolton, on Saturday, 23rd April. Bells available 4.0. Meeting 7.0.—Peter Crook, Hon. Secretary, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—General meeting. The next meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church, on Saturday the 23rd April, 1927. Bells available from 5 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Huntsham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Will those who hope to attend kindly let me know by Tuesday, April 19th?—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Sellinge on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—Chas. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clevedon, St. Andrews, on Saturday, April 23rd. Ringing afternoon and evening. Evensong, 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting, 5 p.m. It is most important that intending visitors should notify Mr. T. E. Francis, Southbourne House, Clevedon.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea, 4.30, Parish Room, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Important: Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, April 20th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Frampton on Saturday, 23rd April. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. Those intending to be present are requested to advise me not later than first post on Wednesday, 20th April.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley, Holy Trinity, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Schools at 1s. per head. Will all persons requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Hunter, 40, Prestwick Street, Burnley, by the 20th inst.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at New Mills on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. For tea please inform C. Smith, High Hill Road, Birch Vale, near Stockport.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome, a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Usk (Mon.), on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 'Cartref,' Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Poplar, E., on Saturday, April 23rd. Divine service will be held at 5.15 p.m., when the sermon will be preached by the Rector (Rev. C. Mayne). Tea, at 5.45 p.m., will be followed by the usual business meeting, at which the report and balance sheet will be presented. The officers for the ensuing year and four representatives to the Central Council will be elected. Ringing arrangements are as follows:—At All Saints', Poplar (10 bells): From 3.15 to 5.10 p.m., and after the meeting. At Christ Church, Cubitt Town (8 bells): From 3 to 4.45 p.m. At Holy Trinity, Barking Road (6 bells): From 3 to 4.45 p.m. All Saints' Church can be reached by train from Fenchurch Street (L. and N.E.) to Millwall Junction; or from Broad Street, Willesden, Acton, etc., to Poplar (L.M. & S.). Buses and trams from Aldgate and the City pass the church. The usual charge of 1s. will be made for tea, and, as a definite number has to be given, it is essential that members should advise either of the undersigned not later than Tuesday, April 19th, of their intention of being present.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4., Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's and St. Peter's R.C., Lytham, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rushton on Saturday, April 23rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 19th.—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Bourne on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m.—Henry T. Adams, Hon. Sec., Silchester Rectory, Silchester, Reading.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Sapcote on April 23rd. Bells available from 4 p.m. with business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Crowland on Saturday, April 23rd. Service in the Abbey at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 20th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELLRINGERS.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, Glasbury, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5, kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Lockyer.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 2.30. Tea and meeting to follow. This is to replace the meeting that was to have been held at Maldon on Easter Monday. Buses leave Chelmsford 2.30 p.m. and 3.20 p.m., and return from Boreham 7.15 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. Will all members intending to be present to tea please notify me on or before Wednesday, April 27th?—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—The adjourned annual meeting will be held at Basford on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open 4 to 8 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bloxwick on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3.0. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, Vicar at 4.45. Tea (1/-) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 26th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Linton on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting after service. Please notify me before Thursday, April 28th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Short service in Church 4.30. Meeting in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Tea at Y.M.C.A. Cafe (1/- each) at 6 o'clock. Kindly send number requiring tea to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

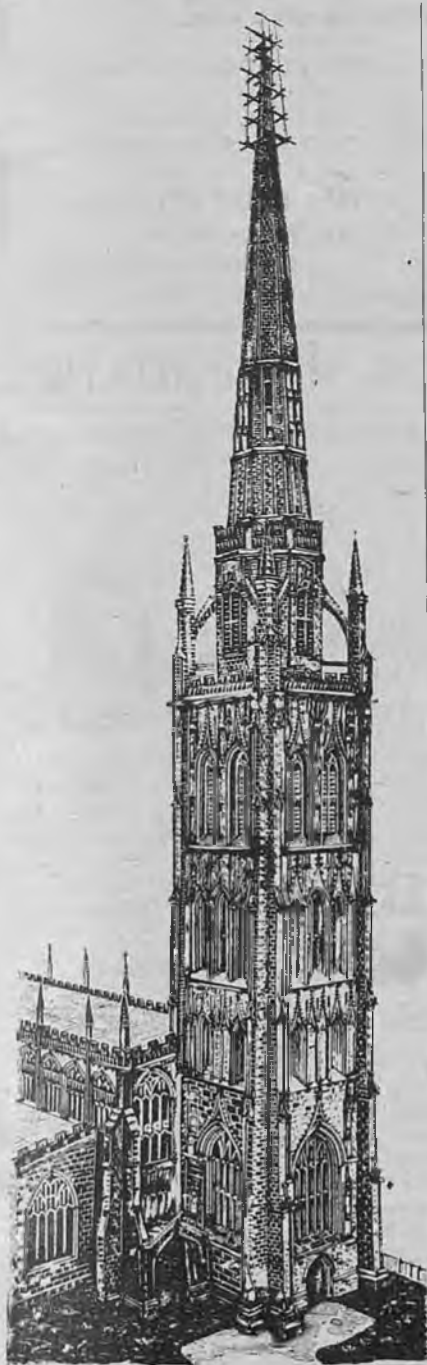
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Association service in Church at 5, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. O. F. R. Strickland, B.A. Invitation tea, followed by business meeting. It must be distinctly understood that tea will only be provided for those who notify me by first post on Tuesday, April 26th. East-church bells (6), will also be available if sufficient notify me. Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid to members at this meeting. It is hoped to make this visit to the 'island' a success, so all ringers are invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 30th, at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells available from 3.30, and the meeting to be held at 7 o'clock prompt.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

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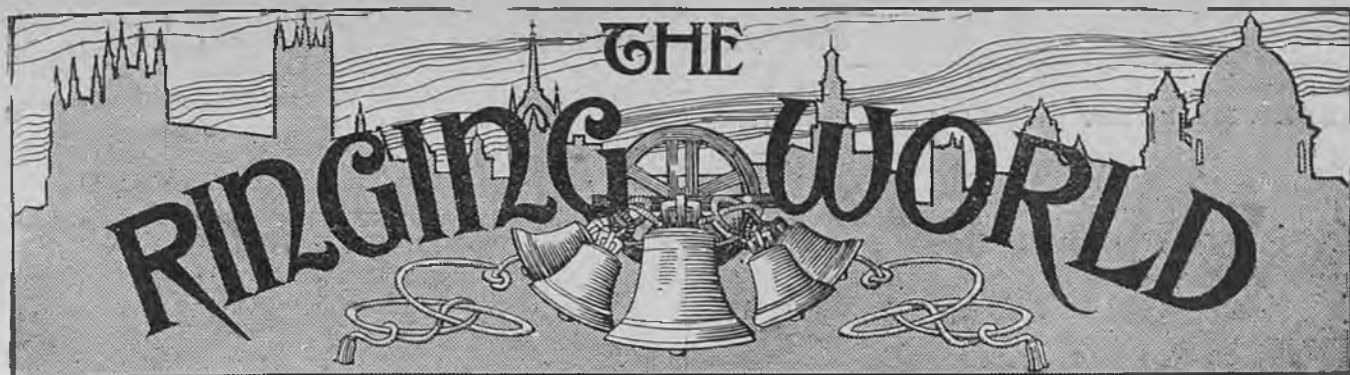
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THE DEVON GUILD.

(St. Andrew's Society.)

On Wednesday, April 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... Treble	ALFRED MITCHELMORE ... 6
JOHN GLOVAS ... 2	WILLIAM HAMBLYN ... 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 3	WARREN HORNBROOK ... 8
JAMES E. LILLEY ... 4	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 9
ALF. WILLIAM MYERS ... 5	GEO. HARRY MYERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. R. LILLEY.

Conducted by G. H. MYERS.

The first peal of Royal ever rung on these bells. First peal of Royal for all the band except C. R. Lilley and G. H. Myers, and rung at the first attempt. A birthday compliment to C. R. Lilley. The last time a peal of Royal was rung in Plymouth was at Charles' Church in November, 1903, conducted by G. H. Myers.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

JAMES GEORGE ... Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 2	CHARLES W. BIRD ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	FREDERICK S. PRICE ... 8
ERNEST MORRIS ... 4	ROBERT G. BLACK ... 9
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 5	PERCIVAL PRICE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Treble Ten. † First peal of Spliced Treble Bob. First peal of Spliced Treble Bob Royal by the rest of the band, with the exception of the ringer of the 5th. Also the first in the county, and believed to be the second peal so rung.

HEREFORD.

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

On Monday, April 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble	JAMES E. GROVES ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 7
JAMES GEORGE ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	JOHN NEAL ... 9
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 5	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

The Guild thank the Dean and Chapter of Hereford for permission to ring this peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS ... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... 5
BERNARD WELLS ... 2	Cecil NICE ... 6
JAMES BATTERS ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 4	ALBERT ELLIS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Monday, April 4th, 1,248 Bristol Surprise: R. Bulley 1, Miss Elsie Chapman 2, C. Roberts 3, G. Cross 4, E. Brett 5, E. Pike 6, J. E. Davis (conductor) 7, R. Sanders 8.

The five following peals were kindly arranged and rung to oblige Mr. J. Bennett whilst spending a holiday in the district, who wishes sincerely to thank all concerned:

**FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Thursday, March 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY HALL ... ..	... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	5
GEORGE PRYKE	2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	6
LESLIE G. BRETT	3	WILLIAM T. LAST	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	JOHN H. HALL	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. T. LAST.

**DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Monday, April 4, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL ...	... Treble	ERNEST E. GRIMES ...	5
JAMES BETTS	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	6
WILLIAM J. GROOM	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	4	JAMES BENNETT	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.

**FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Wednesday, April 6, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

GEORGE BENNETT ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM T. LAST	5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	2	WILLIAM J. GROOM	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. T. LAST.

**HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Friday, April 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL ...	... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT	5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	4	WILLIAM T. LAST	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. T. LAST.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. R. Garrett, Rector of Helmingham, Messrs. G. Pryke and W. T. Last on the anniversary of their birthdays, all of which occur on the above date.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	2	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ...	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	WILLIAM T. LAST	7
GEORGE BENNETT	4	JAMES BENNETT	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by Wm. C. RUMSEY.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinos,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BRO. THOMAS WALKER, M.M., 'Royal and Loyal Lodge,'	No. 2952 (London County Association) ... ..	... Treble
BRO. HENRY HODGETTS, M.M., 'Wilson Iles Lodge,'	No. 2054 (Kent County Association)	2
BRO. W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, P.M., M.E.Z., 'Semper	Fidelis Lodge,' No. 4393 (Oxford Guild)	3
BRO. WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD, M.M., 'Abercorn Lodge,'	No. 1549 (Hertfordshire Association)	4
BRO. WILLIAM HODGETTS, S.W., 'Wilson Iles Lodge,'	No. 1054 (Ancient Society of College Youths) ...	5
BRO. STAFFORD H. GREEN, M.M., 'Whitgift Lodge,'	No. 3617 (Devonshire Guild)	6
BRO. FREDK. WHITE, M.M., 'Holmesdale Lodge,' No.	874 (Sussex Association)	7
BRO. JOHN D. MATTHEWS, M.M., 'Rose of Denmark	Lodge,' No. 975 (Royal Cumberland Youths) ...	Tenor

Conducted by Bro. JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

The first Surprise peal rung by Freemasons.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

FRANK BLONDELL ... ..	... Treble	*WILLIAM E. CHESTER ...	5
*HARRY BADGER	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ...	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Botolph, City,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN ... ..	... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS	5
*MISS ELSIE CHAPMAN ...	2	JOHN T. KENTISH	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
JOHN ARMSTRONG	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. This was the conductor's 1,000th peal.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, April 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM STEGGALL ... ..	... Treble	ARTHUR W. LEEDER	5
WILLIAM C. WISKINS	2	TOM FORD	6
GEORGE ARCHER	3	CLEMENT J. MORE	7
ALBERT G. HARRISON	4	JOHN SOUTER	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER	5
*JAMES DUFFIELD	2	CHARLES CUTTING	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	CHARLES T. P. BRICE	7
ALFRED SMITH	4	GEORGE MAYERS	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

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STOKE GLIMSAND, CORNWALL.
THE DEVON GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.) in E.	
*GEORGE GODARD	Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS	5
JAMES E. LILLEY	2	CHARLES R. LILLEY... ..	6
J. HARRY TIPPETT	3	JOSEPH WOODLEY	7
G. HARRY MYERS	4	†WILLIAM J. SYMONS ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. All the above belong to Emmanuel Church, Compton Gifford, except ringers of 4th and 5th, who are from St. Andrew's, Plymouth. This peal was rung by special request of the Vicar on the occasion of the rendering of the oratorio, 'Olivet to Calvary,' by a choir of 70 voices from Emmanuel Church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.	
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	Treble
JAMES GEORGE	2
EDWARD C. GOREY	3
CHARLES W. BIRD	4
ROBERT G. BLACK	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY	7
PERCIVAL PRICE	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Messrs. C. W. Bird and R. G. Black hail from Kettering. The conductor's 50th peal on the bells. It is four and a half years since he rang his first on them.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.	
FRANK JENNINGS... ..	Treble
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ...	2
GEORGE MARRINER	3
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	4
JOHN F. GALYER	5
FRANK E. DARBY... ..	6
DANIEL COOPER	7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
HERBERT G. FULCHER ...	Treble	EDWARD LDBROCK	4
*ERNEST CHARLES STAFF ...	2	GEORGE GOWER	5
EDWIN BAILEY	3	RUSSELL RICHES	Tenor

Conducted by RUSSELL RICHES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.		Tenor 6½ cwt.	
JAMES H. RAPER	Treble	CHARLES G. BATES	4
ALFRED E. BACON	2	THOMAS W. CHOWN	5
*FREDERICK C. SANDERS ...	3	JOSEPH E. SYKES	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal away from the treble.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.		Tenor 8½ cwt.	
ALFRED E. BACON	Treble	CHARLES A. PARKER	4
JAMES H. RAPER	2	THOMAS W. CHOWN	5
CHARLES G. BATES	3	JOSEPH E. SYKES... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This was Mr. C. A. Parker's first peal, and the band wish to tender their sincere thanks to his father and mother for their kind and munificent hospitality after the peal. Such kindly thought makes 'first peals' landmarks in the tale of years.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.		Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.	
*JACK ALMOND	Treble	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ...	4
MRS. J. BRAY	2	*MARTIN WALKER	5
CHARLES H. BIRD	3	JACK BRAY	Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples.

STEVENTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6240 CHANGES;

Being twenty-six 240's of A. J. Pitman's arrangement; each called differently.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
WILLIAM BOSHER, JUN. ...	Treble	FRANK W. BUNCE	4
DANIEL H. WOODLEY... ..	2	PERCY W. FLETCHER ...	5
JOHN NOBES... ..	3	ERNEST J. PEASE... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

This is the longest length on the bells and by all the band.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.
THE REDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.	
HERBERT L. HARLOW... ..	Treble
WILLIAM SHARP	2
WILLIAM STOCK	3
HENRY W. GAYTON	4
PEARL INSKIP	5
HENRY STAPLETON	Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents.		Tenor 6½ cwt.	
ALFRED E. BACON	Treble	*CECIL T. NEALE	3
JAMES H. RAPER... ..	2	CHARLES G. BATES	4
JOSEPH E. SYKES... ..	3	JOSEPH E. SYKES... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal.

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EDGBASTON'S NEW BELLS.

A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE RING.

Edgbaston, the 'aristocratic' suburb of Birmingham, is proud of its new peal of eight bells, which have just been supplied by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and were dedicated by Bishop Hamilton Baynes, as already briefly recorded in these columns. The ceremony took place at a memorable service, after which the bells were rung for a short time by the local men, assisted by members of the King's Norton Guild.

The former ring of six was recast and two trebles added, one by members of the congregation and the other by the widow of Mr. W. McC. Iliffe, in memory of her husband. The bells form a delightful little octave, with tenor about 10½ cwt. in G, and they are hung in the most modern fittings in a new iron frame. They are of beautiful tone, and the 'go' is perfect.

Of the old six, the four back bells were cast by the Bagleys in 1685, and the inscriptions have been reproduced as follows:

Tenor.—'Fear God and Honour the King.' 1685.

7.—'Matthew Bagley made mee.' 1685.

6.—'Henry Bagley made mee.' 1685.

5.—'Matthew Bagley made mee.' 1685.

4.—'To the greater glory of God.' Creswell Strange, Vicar; John Charles Holder, Elkanah Mackintosh Sharp, Churchwardens; George Street, Sexton. Cast by Charles Carr, Ltd., Smethwick, October, 1898.

3.—Cast by T. Pyke, Bridgewater. 1781.

To all the above inscriptions is added the words: 'Recast, Taylor, Loughboro'.

2.—A.D. 1927. 'To the Glory of God.' Given by members of the Congregation. Adeste Fideles. Stuart Blofield, Vicar; John Belliss, J. Staley Good, Churchwardens; Sidney Freemantle, Sexton. Taylor, Loughboro'.

Treble.—A.D. 1927. 'To the Glory of God.' 'Given in loving memory of William McCandlish Iliffe, by his wife, Florence Iliffe.' Taylor, Loughboro'.

For evening service, on the day of the dedication, Johnson's 1,008 Grandsire Triples: F. B. Yates 1, P. O. Laffin 2, H. Withers (conductor) 3, E. Rose 4, G. Large 5, W. Ball 6, C. Webb 7, R. Russell 8.

JAMES BARHAM'S PEALS.

SOME NOTABLE PERFORMANCES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A gentleman residing in Suffolk recently lent me an old book, a complete copy of James Barham's peal book. A note at the end states: 'The aforesaid peals were copied from James Barham's book, written by himself, by John Naunton, of Ipswich, 1866.' The book was lent him by a person at Maidstone. A further note says the peal book was given to William Holland by James Barham, 1817. James Barham died January 14th, 1818, aged 93 years. The peals are numbered to one hundred and fifteen. Twenty were rung with the Lenham Society, 95 with the Leeds Youths. Four or five of the numbered peals came to an untimely end after exceeding five thousand changes. For instance, Peal No. 12, Leeds Youths: 'Monday, March 31st, 1755.—We attempted a 40,320 quadruple and triple changes Bob Major, and ended thus, viz., at 2 o'clock in the afternoon began, and on Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock the 6th bell clapper broke, after ringing 24,800 changes, this never being attempted before, and the greatest performance of ringing ever known. In this peal, James Barham stood 14 hours 44 minutes under the 7th bell, drank two glasses of wine and called all the bobs.'

Again: 'On Easter Monday, March 23rd, 1761, a fortnight before the long peal, Peal No. 25, we attempted to ring at home 40,320 of Bob Major, but had the misfortune to overturn a bell after ringing 17,000 changes.'

The long peal of 40,320 changes is number 26. The following are the names of the fourteen men: James, Thomas and Abraham Barham, William and Henry Tilby, William Davis, William Attwood, Thomas Lacy, John Crisp, Richard Masters, James Hampton, Edward Cook, Stephen Bayley, and John Borah.

The book also contains accounts of several prize-ringing contests, attempts for peals, etc.

A trip to London is mentioned. 'Sunday, January 21st, 1750.—We went to London to ring, and came home on Thursday.' Three peals rung by the College Youths appear in the book. 'Monday, March 19th, 1770.—James Barham's band rang at Sevenoaks a peal of Oxford Treble Bob, 5,184 changes in 3 hours 24 minutes.' The College Youths rang at the same time 5,056 of the same peal in 3 hrs. 22 mins., 'but they turned five bells out of course, which is not allowed.'

'Monday, November 15th, 1784, at Maidstone, the College Youths rang 5,040 changes of Old Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours 40 minutes.'

'Monday, September 13th, 1800.—The College Youths rang at Leeds 5,039 Grandsire Caters in 3 hours 15 minutes very well.'

James Barham rang his first peal some time in 1744 (date not given), and his last on October 25th, 1813. He was then 88 years of age. I might say that before returning the book I made a rough copy of the book.—Yours truly,

GEO. W. MOSS.

THE DEATH OF MR. W. H. DYSON.

CLOSE OF AN ACTIVE LIFE.

The late Mr. W. H. Dyson, whose death at the age of 69 years was briefly recorded in our last issue, had had a long and intimate connection with church life in Braintree. For 60 years he had been a chorister, and for over 40 years a regular service ringer at the Parish Church. He was one of the small company who in 1879 founded the Essex Association, and had been secretary of the Northern Division for many years. Mr. Dyson had taken almost a lifelong interest in Friendly Society work, and had been a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters since 1880. He became secretary of 'Court Campbell' (Braintree) in 1890, and retained that office until June, 1923. He passed through all the offices of the Court, and was a Past Chief Ranger of the Colchester District.

A native of Castle Hedingham, Mr. Dyson went to Braintree at an early age, and all his working years had been spent with Messrs. John West and Sons, brush manufacturers, and he rose steadily in the esteem and confidence of his employers until fourteen years ago he was appointed manager of their works. His kindly disposition and readiness at all times to help on a good cause won him the respect and affection of a host of friends in Braintree, and in every circle with which he was connected his death comes as a profound loss.

Mr. Dyson, who was predeceased by his wife about two years ago, leaves two daughters, with whom he was staying at Westcliff for the benefit of his health when he passed away in his sleep.

The funeral took place at Braintree on Tuesday week, and was largely attended. The service held at St. Michael's Church was conducted by Rev. G. P. Bassett Kerry, Vicar, assisted by Rev. H. Jordan, Vicar of Finchingfield, and Rev. R. Williams, curate of Braintree. A wreath from the clergy, churchwardens, and choirmen of St. Michael's was placed in the late Mr. Dyson's empty choir stall and remained there during the service. Rev. H. Jordan read the lesson, and the hymn, 'For all the Saints' was sung. The Vicar of Braintree, in a short address, spoke of Mr. Dyson's faithful service to the Church, and said he was a devout follower of Christ whom they would all miss very much. At the close of the service the congregation remained standing while the organist played the Dead March from 'Saul.' From the church to the cemetery the cortege was preceded by members of the Court Campbell A.O.F. wearing their regalia. The Vicar read the committal sentences, and the Foresters' burial service was read by the Secretary and Past Chief Ranger, Bro. H. E. Hammond.

In addition to the family mourners and members of the Foresters, there were present representatives of the firm for which Mr. Dyson had worked so long, the Braintree and Bocking Building Society, of which he was a director, and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), and other ringers representing the Essex Association. There were floral tributes from the Master and members of the Essex Association, St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, Dunmow ringers, and the company at St. Mary's, Stebbing.

In the evening, at St. Mary's, Bocking, by kind permission of the Very Rev. the Dean, as Braintree bells are at present unringable, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, with bells half-muffled: F. Webb 1, G. Wiffen 2, G. Lindridge 3, B. Redgwell 4, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 5, H. Reason 6, W. H. Hammond 7, A. Wiffen 8.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A 'RINGERS' DAY' AT CAMBERWELL.

The Southern District of the London County Association held a very successful meeting at St. Giles', Camberwell, last Saturday, when ringers had 'their day' with the ten bells, which have just been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. It is seven years since a similar meeting was held at this well-known church.

The tower was opened at 3.30, and even before that time there were more men than bells. The bells were set going with the customary touch of Stedman Caters, which was followed by touches in the usual standard methods.

A choral service was held at five o'clock, and by this time there was a good muster of ringers. The Vicar officiated. Afterwards, a move was made to St. Giles' Hall, where tea, kindly given by the Vicar, had been prepared.

At the business meeting which followed, three new members were enrolled.

The tower was again visited, but unfortunately the ringing had to be curtailed somewhat owing to a concert being given at a hall opposite the church.

After the bells were stopped for the evening, those who did not have to travel enjoyed an impromptu social. Some of the members showed that they can sing as well as ring, and in between the songs some tunes were rung on the handbells, as were also one or two touches, a course of Grandsire Cinques sounding very musical.

Visiting ringers came from all parts of London and districts out-lying, and wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. Lindsay) for the use of the bells, for the service, and also for his kindness in providing the tea. They also wish to thank the ladies who helped the Vicar in the preparation of the tea.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evensong, 720 Double Oxford Minor: L. Robbins 1, N. Scott 2, T. Lock 3, R. Rex 4, J. Scott 5, H. Balaam (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

RINGING AT OXFORD IN THE OLD TIMES.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

After Vickers' time Grandsire Caters continued to be the method almost exclusively practised at Oxford. Indeed, there seems to be no record of any other having ever been rung. As was the case throughout the country, the status of the ringers steadily declined. We hear no more of any interest being taken in the art by University men, and, by the middle of the nineteenth century, the Oxford ringers fully shared the bad reputation which was too common among ringers. But for many years there was a good band. The Oxford Society has two interesting pen and ink sketches recording peals rung in 1773 and 1781. These are framed and hang at the society's headquarters, the Turf Tavern at Holywell. I am indebted to Mr. V. Bennett for the following copies:—

'On 20th May, 1773, at the College of St. Mary Winton, Oxon, 6102 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 55 mins.: Thomas Chaddington Treble, Peter Smith 2, John Curtis 3, Thomas Binkes 4, John Mason 5, Henry Geely 6, Sam Walker 7, John Baker 8, John Seearsbrook 9, Henry Smyth, gent, tenor. Produced and call'd by John Curtis.

136524978	165243978	154237589	124637589
154367289	123657489	142537689	134256978
143567289	165432978	12465978	142356978
163425978	156342978	124365978	178489352
134625978	163542978	135247689	149785623
124396857	146395827	152347689	123456789
136245978	165432978	142563978	
162345978	154632978	125463978	
135627489	162547389	165294837	
156327489	125647389	124653978	
126543978	145236978	146253978	
	152436978	123467589	
	146527389	134267589	
	165427389	164352978	
	125634978	143652978	
	156234978	162437589	
	136592847		
	152364978		
	123564978		

The first eight bob changes are nearly obliterated and are unreadable.

'On 4th January, 1781, 5,148 Grandsire Caters at Christ Church: Charles Pavier Treble, John Tuckwell 2, James Plaister 3, George Pavier 4, John Mason 5, Francis Boswell 6, Thomas Binkes 7, John Baker 8, Edward Pavier 9, Thomas Blofield Tenor. Composed and called by John Baker.

175293846	145362978	146527389	134267589
146738295	132457689	165427389	142367589
152493867	124357689	125634978	162453978
143526978	154263978	156234978	124653978
135426978	142563978	124567389	163247589
146357289	153427689	145267389	132647589
163457289	134527689	165432978	142356978
153624978	124365978	154632978	123456978
136524978	143265978	134596827	178269453
126395847	163492857	145396827	129785634
154237689	125647389	162437589	134267589
134562978	145236978	132654978	142356789
	152436978	126354978	123456789

These two sketches were the work of John Baker. As was the universal custom down to the end of the eighteenth century, these compositions are given by the bob changes. It is in this way that the peals in the 'Clavis' are given. The modern plan of giving peals by the course ends arose early in the nineteenth century. Shipway seems to have been the first to use it extensively, but it is not quite clear whether he originated it. He says: 'The limited extent of this work renders it necessary that the peals should be given by course ends, wherever it can conveniently be done, which will doubtless be considered as least tedious by the experienced ringer and more agreeable than by bob changes; and I shall endeavour to assist the young practitioner by making the bobs with dashes under small letters at each course end as follows:—An m for middle, w for the wrong and an h for the right, i.e., at home.'

If this means that Shipway was introducing a new way of writing out compositions it is one more debt that the Exercise owes him.

Vickers' band never succeeded in ringing the 10,000 they started for at Magdalen. After that attempt history is (so far as I know) silent about their doings. It was not till 73 years later that 10,000 was rung in the city. That was at New College, and the following is a copy of a board in the tower:—

'March 27, 1815. Rung in this tower a complete peal of Grandsire Caters, containing 10,008 changes by the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths. Thomas Pavier, Treble; William Parker, Second; John Tagg, Third; George Pavier, Fourth; Henry Carr, Fifth; Charles Pavier, Sixth; Joseph Montague, Seventh; Edward Nickolls, Eighth; Johathan Pavier, Ninth; Thomas Cook, Tenor.

'This was the greatest number of changes ever rung in the University of Oxford. Composed and conducted by E. Nickolls. Tenor 19.cwt.'

The Paviers were a great ringing family at Oxford. Three of the name rang in the 1781 peal, and four in the 1815 peal; and though thirty-four years separated the performance, two of them seem to have rung in both.

In 1820 the Society of Oxford Youths rang 5,303 Grandsire Caters at Christ Church, and in 1828 the Society of Oxford Union Scholars 5,165 Grandsire Caters at the same tower. Both composed and conducted by W. Parker.

Coming down to more recent times, one or two peals rung at Magdalen are interesting from the names of some of those who took part in them. On Friday, April 11th, 1862, Holt's Original was rung, conducted by C. Hounslow. On Monday, October 8th, 1866, in 5,021 Grandsire Caters, 'F. E. Robinson, Esq.' rang the seventh. On July 17th, 1869, John Cox called 5,033 Stedman Caters, his own composition; and on April 1st, 1872, Mr. J. E. Troyte rang the fourth to 6,030 Grandsire Caters, composed and conducted by John Rogers. Rogers was at that time living at Oxford, but was afterwards prominent among the London Cumberlands. He was the composer of one or two peals of Grandsire Caters of more than average merit.

At the time Vickers was ringing his peals Christ Church bells hung in the Cathedral tower. Fifty years or so ago they were removed to a wooden building near the College Hall, which has since been hidden by a stone screen. They are a mixed lot. The tenor 1589, the eighth 1611, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11 by the Rudhalls at various dates from 1698 to 1747. The two trebles were given by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At Magdalen the sixth and tenor are by Ellis Knight, of Reading. The seventh has a black letter inscription and also 'William Ffoundor me fecit.' The others were by the Rudhalls in 1712 and 1740, but two have been recast. Michael Darbie cast the back eight at New College in 1655, and Abraham Rudhall the two trebles in 1712. Rudhall recast three of Darbie's bells (the 4th, 7th and 9th) and Henry Knight, of Reading, another (the sixth). Before 1655 there was a ring of five bells, which was heavy enough to make Darbie's eight, and, with surplus metal, pay all expenses of recasting.

HILLINGDON WEST.—At St. Andrew's, on Saturday, April 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., was rung on the occasion of the marriage of John Peddle, a member of the above tower: T. Smith 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, J. Lucas 3, E. Hancox (conductor) 4, P. E. Jones 5, F. Corke 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys 8.

SPliced DOUBLE NORWICH AND DOUBLE OXFORD MAJOR.

5008 By E. C. GOBEY.

D.Ox			
23456	1 3 3 4		
42635	x —	32541786	
26435	x —	23457168	Call D.Ox.
64235	x —	32547618	
43265	— x	23456781	D.N.
62345	— x	32547681	D.Ox.
24365	— x	23456718	D.N.
63425	— x	32546178	
34625	x —	23451687	
36425	x —*	32415678	
24635	— x	23146587	
62543	x —	21345678	
65243	x S	12436587	
52643	x —	14263857	
26543	x —		
25643	x S		
56243	x —		
42653	— x		
26453	x —		
64523	— x S		
45623	x —		
56423	x —		
54623	x S		
46523	x —		
65423	x —		
24563	— x		

Repeat the first ten courses four times, calling S for B* in 1st and 4th parts. The 5th part may be called like the last 15 courses instead of the 2nd part, the 4th will then be the 6th's place bell instead of the 3rd.

All calls are Double Norwich; Double Oxford is called when the treble is behind in 3rd lead, tenor making 7th's, thus cutting out two leads with the tenor full work on the front. The other six bells dodge once, then commence Double Norwich again without being called.

The work of the bells as follows: Two front bells dodge the whole lead, the one that is 3-4 places up dodges three times after and becomes the Treble Bob bell up. The Treble Bob bell down dodges three times in 3-4 and makes places. The bell that is due to make far places from behind, makes near places commencing with a dodge. The 7th, which is far places from the front, makes a dodge after.

MR. G. R. PYE'S 1,000 PEALS.

We print below the list of Mr. George R. Pye's one thousand peals, which he completed on Saturday week at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. By reaching a four-figure total, Mr. Pye joins a small and slowly-growing band, but a remarkable feature about his achievement is the fact that he is the third member of one family to reach this number of peals, Mr. William Pye and the late Mr. Ernest Pye, his brothers, having previously accomplished the record.

	Tower bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Grandsire Triples	15	5	4	2
Grandsire Caters	3	1		
Stedman Triples	86	30	33+	8
Stedman Caters	69A	3	49	7
Stedman Cinques	83B	7	42	31
Bob Major	4	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	28C	10	6	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal	20	1	5	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	5		2	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1			
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	2			
Double Norwich Major	46D	13	8	2
Double Oxford Bob Major	1			
Duffield Major	1			
Six Bells, seven methods	1			
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1			
Cambridge Surprise Major	52	13		
Cambridge Surprise Royal	48E	3		
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	29F	1		
New Cambridge Surprise Major	9	2	3	
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3			
Superlative Surprise Major	111	18	8+	
Bristol Surprise Major	110G	16	3	
London Surprise Major	97H	7	5	
Norfolk Surprise Major	1			
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1			
Middlesex Surprise Royal	5			
Totals	832	131	168	25

† Including one silent; A including 13,027; B including 11,111; C including 10,464; D including 15,072; E including 10,440; F including 7,392; G including 15,264; H including 14,112; I including 6,063. Rung in 249 towers in 32 counties in England, Ireland, and Wales, and one on the Irish Sea.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The recast bells for Coventry Cathedral were dedicated on Saturday. They are, of course, only hung for chiming, but after a long silence their notes will doubtless be welcome to the citizens.

Among those who, prior to Mr. G. R. Pye's achievement of scoring one thousand peals, had accomplished this stupendous task, are the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who was the first to do so, Mr. William Pye, the late Mr. Ernest Pye, the late Mr. I. G. Shade, Mr. George Williams, and Mr. Frank Bennett. The next for honours will be—, Yes, he is still going strong.

Mr. Albert W. Coles underwent an operation on April 7th at the London Hospital. We are glad to say he is now going on exceedingly well.

With the augmented ring at Edgbaston, Birmingham now possesses one peal of twelve bells, three of ten, nine of eight and one of six.

To-day, the anniversary of the 15,227 Grandsire Caters rung at Cheltenham on April 22nd, 1889, is also the fifth anniversary of the longest of all peals, the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton, rung in 1922.

The Georges, who will attempt a Surprise peal to-morrow, have probably been the most successful 'name' peal ringers of any. They rang a peal of Stedman Triples at St. George's, Camberwell, as long ago as St. George's Day, 1857.

On April 23rd, 1778, the band at Braughing, Herts, rang a peal of 10,080 Bob Major, and preliminary to a 12,240 which they scored in the following year, but which even then was not a record, for in 1737 15,120 in this method had been rung at West Ham.

Bob Major must have made rapid strides in those far-off days, for it was only on April 26th, 1725, that the first peal in the method had been rung. It was scored at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, by the College Youths.

Among the anniversaries which occur next week are those of the 8,580 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill, by the College Youths in 1861, and the 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green in 1865. Of the band which rang the latter peal, the late Mr. Ted Horrex was the last survivor. Both peals were on April 27th.

On April 28th, 1800, the Cumberland Youths rang 10,112 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Edmonton, and it was on this day four years ago that members of the Midland Counties Association rang the 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major at Stony Stanton.

There is a band in Warwickshire which can sympathise with the company who recently visited Bankley, as when attempting a peal last Saturday they found the bells they had come to ring were hung in a 'hastie-sided' frame and oiled with something which must have been seccotine. Everything else about the church was faultless.

Mr. Frank Smith, of Bushey, was elected president of the Hertford County Association, for the ensuing year, at the annual meeting at St. Albans on Monday. Mr. Cartmel was elected secretary for the twenty-fifth time. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

RECORD PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB.

Although we have not, at the time of going to press, received the official report, we are informed that the attempt for the record peal of 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major by members of the Lancashire Association at St. Thomas' Church, Heptonstall, on Easter Monday, was successful.

We have it on the authority of Mr. Harry Chapman, who listened to the peal, that in all his experience he has never heard anything to beat it or even to come up to the standard of striking that was maintained. Hour after hour it was the same, and the last course was as good as the first.

NEW PEAL OF TEN FOR SURREY. GENEROUS GIFT TO HASLEMERE.

Haslemere, on the southern border of Surrey, is to have a peal of ten bells. A few years ago the old ring was recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and the octave now has a tenor of 13 cwt. 6 lb. A generous donor, who desires to remain anonymous, has now come forward and offered to defray the cost of adding two trebles.

Everything is now in order for the work to proceed, and it will be carried out under the supervision of Major J. H. B. Hesse, who is one of the members of the Central Council's Towers and Belfries Committee, and who resides in the parish.

The work will involve taking out the three present trebles and re-arranging the rider frame, for the front five bells will hang above the back five.

When the new bells are installed, Haslemere will have one of the lightest peals of ten hung in any English church.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

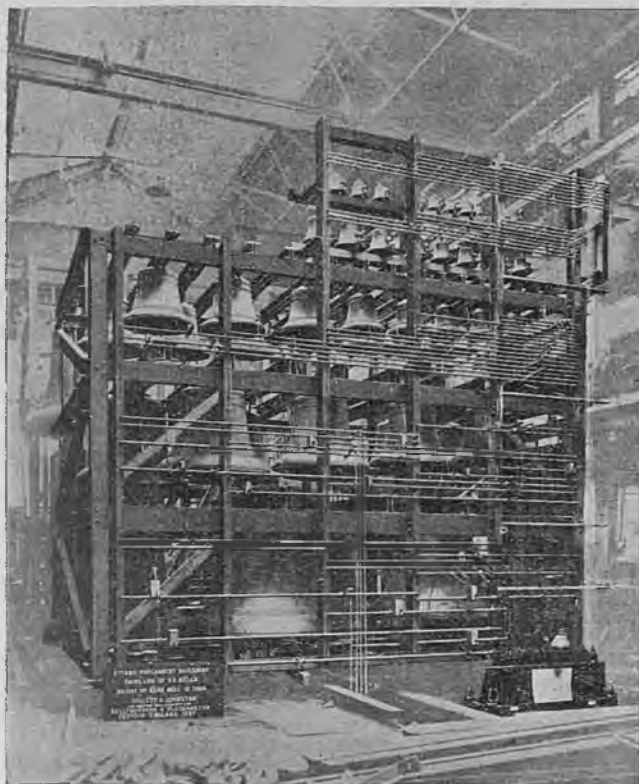
To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. H. Whittle, with reference to the composition of Grandsire Triples published in your issue of April 1st, I may say I have had this composition for some years, not being able to discover whether a similar peal had been obtained, and I did not consider it a variation of the late Mr. J. Carter's well-known peal. However, seeing that Mr. Whittle had previously obtained a similar composition which he considers a variation, of course I have no option but to take the same view.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

THE OTTAWA CARILLON.

The accompanying illustration shows a section of the Ottawa Carillon erected in the Croydon Foundry. It depicts the middle and higher bells, and gives an idea of some of the mechanism which is required to connect the bells with the clavier.



PART OF THE CANADIAN CARILLON AT THE CROYDON FOUNDRY.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Penistone on Saturday, April 9th, when members were present from Barnsley, Hoylandswaine, Darton, Darfield, Felkirk, South Kirby, Wortley, Rawmarsh, Sandal, Shelley, Handsworth, Wath, and members of local company, together with several visitors.

The day was very wet and chilly, yet in spite of this drawback there was a full attendance. The bells were freely used from 2.45 until about 9 p.m., the methods mostly of Minor, ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise. Tea was served in the National Schools, over thirty sitting down to a substantial and homely meal, kindly provided by a Penistone change ringer noted for his generosity to fellow members.

The Vicar (Rev. F. B. Carlton) was present at tea, and presided at the business meeting. Matters concerning Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, the Hoylandswaine company's cup contest, and the association's shield contest were satisfactorily dealt with.

Four new members were elected, and Felkirk was selected for the May meeting.

Votes of thanks were duly passed to the Vicar for his presence, to the donor of the tea, the churchwardens for use of the bells, and the local company for all arrangements made.

DEATH OF AN OLD LUTON RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Harry Shaw, who until two years ago was steeplekeeper at the Parish Church, Luton, and had to relinquish those duties owing to ill-health. He passed away on March 21st in his 66th year.

He was a member of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Associations, and had rung about thirty peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. He always rang the tenor. The funeral took place on the following Thursday, when a wreath was sent by the local ringers.

To his memory, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled in 50 mins.: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, A. Smith 4, H. Wood 5, F. Hunt 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. Rookwood 8.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. The committee met in the vestry of Great St. Mary's at 11.15 a.m., and service followed in that church at noon. This, as the new Vicar has not come into residence, was conducted by the Rev. R. Copeman (hon. secretary of the association), who also, as the invited preacher did not arrive, gave the address.

Thirty-one members and visitors sat down to lunch at 1 p.m. at the 'Dorothy Cafe.' The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey presided, supported by the Revs. H. B. Woolley and R. F. R. Routh. After luncheon, the annual business was transacted.

The Secretary presented his report, showing that 29 peals (four on handbells), had been rung in 1926, one at Stapleford being 'York Surprise Minor,' which is believed to be the first rung entirely in that method.

The accounts for the years 1925 and 1926, which had been audited, were passed, and showed a balance in hand of £20 12s. 11d., which will be seriously reduced when the bill for printing the report is paid.

The officers were appointed as follows: Hon. secretary and treasurer, Rev. R. Copeman; auditor and representative on Central Council, Mr. T. R. Dennis; district secretary for archdeaconry of Hunts, Rev. H. B. Woolley; district secretary for archdeaconry of Wisbech, Mr. H. W. Giddings; district secretary for Marshland, Mr. W. G. Cross.

As Mr. A. E. Austin had expressed the wish to resign his post, Mr. F. Warrington was chosen for archdeaconry of Ely.

The following were elected to serve on the committee for one year: Revs. A. H. F. Boughey and R. F. R. Routh, Messrs. J. Taylor, A. G. Rivers, H. Fields, E. G. Hibbins, A. E. Austin.

It was decided to charge 6d. for the report.

A letter from the Vicar of Ickleton was read relating to the re-hanging and recasting of the bells after the fall and breaking of the tenor while the bells were being rung for service on September 12th, and a grant of £5 was voted towards the Fund.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents and churchwardens for the use of the bells at Great St. Mary's, St. Andrew the Great, the Church of Our Lady, and Old Chesterion; also to the hon. secretary for his address and to Mr. Boughey for presiding.—Mr. Boughey, in his reply, moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Austin for his work in editing the report.

Ringings were then carried on in the above-mentioned towers and kept up till about 7 p.m.

THE RESTORATION OF ICKLETON BELLS. THE WHOLE PEAL TO BE RECAST.

The condition of the bells at Ickleton Parish Church has proved to be worse than was anticipated. The old frame and bells have been taken out of the tower. No. 5 bell was then found to be cracked as well as the tenor. The floor under the bells was discovered not safe, and when the bells were examined at the Croydon Bell Foundry, No. 3, when the head stock was removed, was found to be cracked.

At a meeting of the Restoration Committee it was decided that the ringers clean out the tower from top to bottom, and this has been done. A new floor has been put in, and the repairs to the tower are nearly completed.

On the advice of Mr. Cyril Johnston, it has been decided to have all the bells recast, as three already had to be recast, and the others were not perfect, as the treble was heavier than the second. The tenor will be a few cwt. lighter than before, as it would have taken a good deal of metal to make it up to its original weight of 19 cwt. The same amount of metal will be put in the tower as before, but it will be more evenly distributed.

The misfortunes of the ringers have been increased by the fact that two of the local band have left the village, and now they have lost their treasurer. Mr. Webb has just started six lads on the handbells.

The following contributions to the bell fund are acknowledged: Saffron Walden Society 10s. 6d., Leytonstone Society 5s., Mr. T. R. Dennis, Cambridge, £1.

Ickleton has suffered a sad loss by the death of Mr. H. F. Beales, who passed away suddenly on Tuesday night, April 5th. He had been treasurer of the local ringers' society since it was formed thirty years ago, and the ringers always found in him a true friend. Only a few hours before he passed away he was discussing plans for the restoration of the church bells with Mr. P. Webb, the leader of the ringers, and when he wished him good-night, said he felt confident they would raise the money.

The deceased was interred in the family vault in Ickleton Churchyard on Saturday, April 9th. Most of the local ringers attended, and at the graveside the six following rang a touch of Bob Minor and played 'Abide with me' on the handbells: G. Lilley, P. Webb, R. Clements, W. Hutley, W. Flitton and A. Lilley. No muffled ringing could be done as the church bells have been taken to the Croydon Bell Foundry. Among the wreaths was one from the ringers.

On the Sunday following, the Vicar referred to the loss the village had suffered through the death of Mr. Beales. Although not churchwarden for the last few years, he had formerly served in that office for eighteen years, and had done much for the church. The 'Dead March' was played after service.

NORFOLK GUILD'S JUBILEE.

A RECORD GATHERING AT THE CELEBRATION.

The jubilee of the Norfolk Guild was celebrated on Monday with a gathering that exceeded all previous records in the history of the organisation. Members assembled from every corner of the county, and a number came from Suffolk, which was originally in the diocesan area. There are still ten of the original members alive, and four of them were present to take part in the proceedings—Messrs. William Ireland (Diss), Denison Hayward (Great Yarmouth), Frederick Knights (Norwich), and Robert H. Brundle (Ipswich). Each of these veterans is hale and hearty, and entered thoroughly into the spirit of the day. The committee of the Guild, headed by the Dean of Norwich (Dr. Willink), who is president, had spared no pains to make the gathering a success, and they must have been gratified by the response to their invitation. The historic bells of St. Peter Mancroft were going before nine o'clock, and successive bands were occupied in ringing touches upon them throughout the morning, many ringers from distant parishes having their first opportunity of ringing upon twelve bells. The eight at the Church of St. John de Sepulchre were also in demand, and the little ring of five at All Saints' Church, where the tiny ringing chamber is also the vestry, were also utilised.

There was a short but impressive service at St. Peter Mancroft Church, conducted by the Dean, who welcomed the large congregation of ringers. The fine old building was filled with the singing of this company of men, who, accompanied by the organ but without the lead of a choir, sang the hymns 'Christ the Lord is risen again,' and 'Fight the good fight.' The address was given by the Ven. Archdeacon of Norfolk, from Psalm xcvi. 8, 'Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.' In a very practical sermon he referred to the motives which induced men to take up ringing, and spoke of it as a reasonable and healthy recreation. It was an essentially social pastime, but he hoped also that they looked upon their work from the higher aspect of being an offering to God. He referred to the completion of fifty years of work by the Guild, and said how greatly the Dean and those who were associated with the Guild hoped that it would go on from year to year gathering strength and securing a succession of those who would give themselves to the art in a right and true spirit.

NOTABLE VISITORS.

A photograph having been taken of the members under the shadow of the church, the whole party adjourned to Snelling's Restaurant, where the Guild provided a luncheon. The Dean presided, and was supported by the Bishop of Norwich, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Norwich (Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bignold), Mrs. Willink, the Archdeacon (Ven. A. R. Buckland), Canon Aitken, Canon Grant, Canon Bell (Canons Residentiary of the Cathedral), Canon Meyrick (Rector of St. Peter Mancroft), Mr. A. L. Coleman (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild), Mr. C. R. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. G. P. Burton (auditor), and other officers of the Guild. During the lunch and between the subsequent speeches, the Norwich Singers rendered some delightful part songs and glees.

The toast of 'The King' having been honoured, 'Success to the Norfolk Guild' was proposed by the Lord Mayor, who referred to the part which bells had played, and still play, in the life of the nation. He spoke of the keen interest taken in the Guild by the Dean, and of the work which was done by Mr. Coleman. He wished success to the Guild in the future, and expressed the hope that it would continue to prosper under the officers of the association.

'THE GOLDEN WEDDING.'

The Dean, in responding, said his first word must be one of congratulation upon that record gathering. They had assembled in good fettle and good fellowship, and in a spirit of optimism which he thought was entirely justified. That was just as it should be, for it was their jubilee, or, if he might express it in another way, it was the golden anniversary of the marriage of the diocese of Norwich, with what they, as devotees, called 'The Exercise.' It was their golden wedding, and it was right that they should have at that festival as many as possible of the sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters as possible, to wish the bride and bridegroom of fifty years ago many more happy anniversaries in the days to come (applause). They were now a goodly company with the Lord Bishop of the diocese at their head and present among them that day for the first time. They were more glad than they could express to have him there on that occasion (applause). They had with them their vice-presidents and officers and numerous honoured guests. He thanked them all for coming that day, and he thanked the members of the Guild for their presence. He wished particularly to emphasise what the Lord Mayor had said with regard to the services of their hon. secretary and treasurer. They could look back on the past with pleasure in the sense of something attempted, something done, and he hoped they might also look forward to the future with a sense of fine determination to uphold the honour of their Guild and to translate their aims and objects into real and tangible results. Continuing, the Dean said to-day, alone of the nations of the world, England rejoiced in bells and in bell ringing such as was represented in their Guild. Bells were not unknown on the Continent, and in some instances were extraordinarily fine and sonorous, but change ringing was unknown except in England. Carillon ringing was a very different thing, and it was one of the many glories of their own dear Motherland that our bells and our ringing, particularly the art of change ringing, was our own.

AN HONOURED BODY.

It was in the early part of the 17th century that change ringing, as distinct from round ringing, was elaborated into the science that it had now become and had been for many long years. With the restoration of Charles II., in 1660, there came a perfect mania for new rings of bells and, above all, for the science of change ringing. Ringing became a fashionable pastime, and men in the highest fashionable circles took part in it. Many societies for its practice came into being at that time, some few of which still remain, such as the Ancient Society of College Youths. Then came, alas, a period of blackness and deadness, and for many years the art was neglected and almost forgotten, or at any rate held in low esteem. The all-prevailing view of intemperance at that time played havoc with ringers as with all other classes of the English people. But in the first part of the nineteenth century, somewhere, perhaps, about 1830, there came a reformer whose name ought for ever to be held in the highest esteem, the Rev. Henry Ellacombe, who presented the totally new doctrine that ringers were Church officers, and that their art should be consecrated to the service of the Church. Other good men supported him, and many ringers hailed with satisfaction this novel interest in their welfare. A steady improvement set in, and nothing in the history of ringing was more remarkable than the way in which during the last 60 years or so the large majority of bell ringers have raised themselves into a very highly respectable and much honoured body (applause). Diocesan Guilds were founded all over the country, and their membership now ran into many thousands. Without any kind of question enormous good had resulted from this new ideal of corporate life and service which had been held up before the members for the past 60 years. It was the duty of the Church to encourage them. Too often in the past they had been ignored and neglected, but a brighter day had dawned, and there in their own great diocese they might proudly claim and thankfully acknowledge that the old days of neglect were past and gone and a new interest created. New opportunities were offered to young men, and, he was thankful to say, to young women also, to consecrate their physical and intellectual powers to the glory of God and the welfare of the Church. For the past work of that Guild they were thankful, for the future they were full of hope, and he prayed for God's blessing upon their efforts, whether diocesan or parochial (applause).

THE BISHOP'S THANKS TO RINGERS.

Mr. C. E. Borrett proposed the toast of 'The Bishop and Clergy,' and referred to the very great help which the Guild had always received from the clergy, without whose support and assistance, he said, they might, as ringers, just as well put up the shutters and shut up the shop. In their Guild they had had the help of many clergy who had held office, among them the late Rev. Earle Bulwer.

The toast was acknowledged by the Bishop, who paid a warm tribute to the services which ringers rendered to the Church, and thanked the members of that Guild for the manner in which they so often welcomed him in the parishes in that diocese. He was usually able to thank personally the choir and the organist, but the ringers he seldom saw because their work was carried on out of sight. He therefore welcomed that opportunity of thanking them as a body.

Mr. A. L. Coleman proposed the health of the surviving foundation members of the Guild. These were ten in number, viz., the Rev. C. L. Kennaway (Spetisbury), Messrs. William Ireland (Diss), Denison Hayward (Yarmouth), Frederick Knights (Norwich), Robert Brundle (Ipswich), Arthur Knights (Chesterfield), Robert Whiting (Pulham Market), who was the only survivor of the band that rang the first peal for the association on November 6th, 1877, Joseph Last (Grundisburgh), Edgar Pemberton (Ipswich), and David Collins (Worlingworth). Four of these men were present at that gathering, and the Guild was intensely proud of their 50 years' service. These ten, between them, had rung 996 peals for the Guild, Mr. Brundle heading the list with 271, and Mr. Pemberton coming next with 259. Like old gold, these men became more valuable as the years rolled on, and such as they were the backbone of the Guilds throughout the country. They extended to these old members their most hearty congratulations and their good wishes for their happiness in the eventide of their lives (applause).

The toast was heartily drunk, and the four veterans were asked to bow their acknowledgments, as neither could be persuaded to make a speech, although Mr. Ireland overcame his shyness at the last moment and thanked everyone for the kind words spoken.

Mr. Burton proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' and referred in kindly terms to the services which this paper has rendered to the Exercise.—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded.

This concluded the speech making, and the annual business meeting was held.

All the officers were re-elected, with the exception that Mr. W. C. Duffield was added to the committee in place of Mr. D. O. Holme (resigned), and Mr. B. S. Thompson was appointed district secretary for the Norwich district, which office had become vacant through the removal of Mr. G. H. Cross, who was congratulated upon his appointment to the Civil Service in London.

Twenty-five new members were added to the roll, and the Secretary announced that the committee had decided to exchange the Guild's present holding of stocks into Savings Certificates.

A vote of thanks was passed, on the motion of the Dean, to the Archdeacon of Norwich for his address, to Canon Meyrick for per-

mitting the use of St. Peter Mancroft Church for the service, and for the use of the bells, and to the Vicars of St. John's and All Saints' for the use of their bells also.

Subsequently there was a return to the belfries for further ringing, and many old friends spent a happy hour together in chatting over past days.

INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I suppose that some of your correspondents think that if I had any sense of decency I should consider myself knocked out by their onslaughts, but I do not feel as if I have even staggered up against the ropes. I have withstood the thunders of an Editorial—an honour, I assume, which has fallen to the lot of very few of your readers—I have survived a fair amount of abuse, and have not been put to silence by the attack of your 'Fighting Editor,' Bill Sykes. Can you tell me why he should be so unnecessarily offensive in his reference to Hampshire hogs? As a matter of fact, I am more North Country by one county than Bill Sykes himself, so his gibe has miscarried, but I am sure his brother ringers in Hampshire will appreciate his wit and thank him for the compliment. Abuse is no argument, and humour which can be understood by no one but the alleged humorist cannot be very effective. I have not the slightest intention of participating in a mud-slinging contest, so if my name offends Mr. Sykes I can only plead that it was my godfathers and godmothers who 'did for me.' I cannot see that my unfortunate name makes any difference to my ineptitude as a ringer or to my capacity as a critic, and my arguments cannot possibly be affected thereby.

As some of your correspondents are fighting bogeys of their own raising, will you allow me to put the plain issues before them? I contended that there was urgent need for improvement and standardisation in the instruction of beginners. I suggested that some authoritative body should issue such a course of instruction for the guidance both of instructors and beginners, that the Guilds should give courses of teaching to the instructors in their areas, and, lastly, that 'The Ringing World' should do something in the same direction. I have never attempted to pose as the first to preach this gospel, nor have I set myself up as an authority on ringing matters. I have no ambition to ring a peal—but I have a really useful member of my own band will quite satisfy me—but I have come across dozens of beginners who cannot make headway, and it was in the hope that some helping hand might be held out to them that I opened the subject in your columns.

Your correspondents are so loyal to 'The Ringing World' that they go much further than their Editor. Your own arguments are pretty sound and your position seems reasonable enough. I realise that you cannot be continually starting courses of elementary instruction, and it is certain that such articles, if inserted in 'The Ringing World,' would not reach the beginner. But I see no reason why you should not publish, week by week, instalments of what might easily become the standard course of instruction, which instructors could collect as they appeared and carefully preserve for their own guidance in the practical work in the belfry.

As I do not wish to occupy your space with matters which have no bearing on ringing, there is much in your correspondents' letters which must go unanswered, but if they care to write direct to me (I cannot do so to them in the absence of their addresses), I can assure them that they will receive a courteous answer. Bill Sykes can then sling me to his heart's content without robbing his fellow ringers of so much space in your columns, which could easily be devoted to better uses.—Yours faithfully,

School House, Brockenhurst, Hants.

JOHN P. ARMSTRONG.

BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.

At Wendover, after an unsuccessful attempt of a peal of Grandsire Doubles, a quarter-peal was rung, consisting of ten and a half different callings, by: H. E. Jones 1, J. Puppitt (conductor) 2, E. Stevens 3, F. J. Reeves 4, H. Bull 5, G. Simmons 6. This is the longest length by ringers of 3rd and tenor.

At the pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, on Saturday, April 9th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Attiwell, leader of St. Woolos' company, by representatives of four towers, but it came to grief after 1 hr. 20 mins.' good ringing: W. Williams 1, A. Slater 2, J. Hurford 3, P. Jones 4, A. Haggerton 5, W. Pike 6, C. Greedy (conductor) 7, W. Hammond 8, W. Phillips 9, A. Thomas 10. First attempt by all except the conductor. J. Hurford is a beginner who had only rung one course of Stedman previous to starting for this peal.

At Holy Trinity Church, Cirencester, 120 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Lewis, jun. (aged 13, first six score on tower bells) 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 2, H. Cook 3, H. C. Bond 4, S. Philpotts 5, A. Parsons 6.—Also 252 Stedman Triples: H. Cook (longest length) 1, F. W. Bond 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, W. G. Cook 4, W. C. Cuss 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond 7, F. Edwards 8.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Monday, April 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung by: W. Sharp 1, P. Blissett 2, T. Green 3, T. Bullock (conductor) 4, T. Lane 5, A. Morgan 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor on the occasion of his 70th birthday, and also the longest by the ringer of the tenor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—For evening service, on Sunday, April 10th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Stoner 1, E. Exeter 2, C. Holman 3, A. C. V. Gasson 4, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 5, C. Holman 6.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, April 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. M. Page 1, E. A. Arthurton 2, H. Ellis 3, D. Stevens 4, H. Stevens 5, F. Norris 6, J. W. Driver (conductor) 7, G. Block 8. The above-mentioned are all residents of Fulham.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service at the Church of St. Mary, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Cherritt 1, F. Tubb 2, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 3, Miss R. Hawksworth 4, P. Blake 5, F. Barker 6.—Also courses of Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court.

PLYMOUTH.—For evening service, on April 10th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. (last quarter of Holt's Original): C. Holmes 1, G. H. Myers (conductor) 2, S. O'Shaughnessy 3, A. Mitchelmore 4, T. G. Myers 5, W. Hamlyn 6, A. W. Myers 7, G. Marshall 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Geo. Marshall, after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, April 10th, for morning service, 1,260 Bob Minor in 48 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, F. Fenson 3, C. T. Coles 4, R. Lister 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

WEST OLANDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob: H. Harding, jun. (first extent) 1, H. Harding, sen. (first extent inside) 2, G. Grover 3, N. Harding 4, J. Goacher 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

BURSLEM.—On Sunday, April 10th, at St. John's Church, for morning service, 720 Durham Surprise, and for evensong 720 York Surprise, these methods being entirely new to three of the ringers: A. Brammer 1, E. Gater 2, *E. Cartledge 3, T. Hurd 4, *H. Box 4, T. Hilditch 5, W. Dean (conductor) 6. * First in the method.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 10th, for morning service at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, H. Cook (first quarter-peal inside) 2, F. Edwards 3, W. G. Cook 4, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 5, F. J. Lewis 6, H. C. Bond 7, W. H. Hayward 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—For evensong, on Passion Sunday, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 52 mins.: W. Thorley 1, E. Cartwright 2, D. Collins (first quarter-peal) 3, J. Grundy 4, J. Fidler 5, J. Saddington 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, J. Hutchby 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, April 3rd, for morning service, 1,334 Bob Major: W. P. Roe (first in the method) 1, H. A. Barnett 2, H. W. Strickland 3, W. J. Ellis 4, J. G. Nash 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, C. A. Button (first quarter in the method as conductor) 7, E. A. Hull 8.—On Sunday, April 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: W. Roe (first quarter of Stedman) 1, H. A. Barnett 2, H. W. Strickland 3, S. W. Crabb 4, C. A. Button 5, J. G. Nash 6, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, E. A. Hull 8.—Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. J. Ellis 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. Roe 3, J. G. Nash 4, S. W. Crabb 5, E. A. Hull (conductor) 6, C. A. Button 7, H. W. Strickland 8.

SEIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Seager 1, H. Haigh 2, T. Wilcock (first in the method) 3, T. B. Kendall 4, Mrs. Seager 5, E. H. Simpson (first as conductor) 6, H. Stott 7, A. Trotter 8.—For evening service, touches of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples, Mr. Firth Hopwood, of Laisterdyke, taking part.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: R. Peck 1, J. Pilgrim 2, R. Woodward 3, A. Bale 4, E. Pilgrim 5, N. Bailey (conductor) 6.—On April 1st, 720 London Surprise: R. Peck (first in the method) 1, J. Pilgrim 2, R. Woodward 3, A. Bale 4, R. Pilgrim (conductor) 5, N. Bailey 6. Also 720 of Cambridge Surprise by the same band.

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EASTER RINGING.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary Abbots, for evensong, on Easter Day, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 54 mins.: C. F. Winney 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, A. Cutmore 3, J. A. Dart 4, H. Langdon 5, R. E. Sadler 6, R. C. Rice 7, H. G. Miles (conductor) 8, G. C. Rice 9, G. C. Garrard 10.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—At the Church of St. John of Jerusalem on Easter Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Riley 1, F. Smith 2, J. Martin 3, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 4, S. Wapshere 5, F. Alleway 6, W. Glover 7. Rung without the covering bell owing to meeting one short.

GROSETHWAITE.—On Easter Day, for evening service at the Parish Church, Crosthwaite, Keswick, Cumberland, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Just 1, W. L. Gifton 2, F. Barnes 3, T. T. Gifton (conductor) 4, F. Hogarth 5, W. Hogg 6, T. Hogarth 7, F. Grisdale 8. The ringers of 2nd and 4th are from Whitley Bay, the rest are of the local band.

WINDSOR.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major in 47 mins.: W. Henley 1, T. Smith 2, W. Welling (conductor) 3, T. Farr 4, A. Bateman 5, C. W. Pipe 6, E. Hooper 7, L. Stilwell 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th, and on the bells for a number of years.—For evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: J. W. Foreman (first quarter) 1, W. P. Cross 2, W. Welling 3, F. Knight 4, J. T. Newington (Bedford) 5, C. W. Pipe 6, T. Farr (conductor) 7, J. H. Copley 8.

COMPTON GIFFORD, DEVON.—On Easter Day, at the Church of Emmanuel, 720 Bob Minor: W. J. Symons 1, B. Baldry 3, J. E. Lilley 4, W. Richards 5, T. G. Myers 6, C. R. Lilley (cond.) 7, S. P. Symons 8. Rung after meeting short for a quarter-peal of Triples. Also 168 Grandsire Triples.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Day, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Symonds 1, J. Hare 2, T. Scott 3, R. E. Croft 4, F. W. Croft 5, H. W. Else 6, C. V. Hare 7, G. T. Croft (conductor) 8.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKS.—On Easter Day for evensong, Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: C. Drake 1, E. Whiteley 2, C. Ellison 3, F. Hulton 4, A. Pickles 5, H. Pearce 6, W. Ambler (conductor) 7, W. Hamer 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) (by J. George): A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, J. Marks 4, S. Foskett 5, W. Sear 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, H. V. Sear 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of 5th and tenor.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Easter Day, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Saban 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, A. Levey 3, H. Bull 4, M. Morris 5, P. C. Springham 6, W. Turling 7, H. Wacey 8. First quarter of Grandsire by the ringers of 4th and 8th.

BRENTWOOD.—At St. Thomas' Church on Easter Sunday morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: F. Rainbird (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Rainbird 2, H. Turner (conductor) 3, R. Heazel 4, R. Ong 5, F. Furbank 6, G. Miles 7, S. Carrall 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—For evening service on Easter Day, 720 of Oxford Single Bob: A. Stoner 1, A. Steele 2, A. Laker 3, A. C. V. Gasson 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Easter Day for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: F. S. Palmer, jun., 1, H. Belcher (conductor) 2, M. Stacey 3, R. Thompson 4, A. Fulwell 5, H. Folkard 6, E. Harris 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

GRAVESEND.—On Easter Day, for morning service at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: A. Constant 1, E. J. Watson 2, S. Sandford 3, P. Morrad 4, P. E. Clark 5, P. Graves 6, E. J. Beer (conductor) 7, E. Badlow 8. Arranged specially for the ringers of 2nd and 5th, who hail from Ealing.

NOTICES.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on Saturday, April 30th.—W. Lawrence, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Thorne, Saturday, April 30th. Tea provided for those who notify me before 27th. This month's method for special practice is Double Norwich. A good attendance desired.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting will be held at Yoxford on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) at Parish Church, available 3 p.m. to 8.30, all ringers invited.—Geo. Wilson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 41 Valley Road, Leiston.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, St. Magnus' on the 28th; both at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Poplar, E., on Saturday, April 23rd. Divine service will be held at 5.15 p.m., when the sermon will be preached by the Rector (Rev. C. Mayne). Tea, at 5.45 p.m., will be followed by the usual business meeting, at which the report and balance sheet will be presented. The officers for the ensuing year and four representatives to the Central Council will be elected. Ringing arrangements are as follows:—At All Saints', Poplar (10 bells): From 3.15 to 5.10 p.m., and after the meeting. At Christ Church, Cubitt Town (8 bells): From 3 to 4.45 p.m. At Holy Trinity, Barking Road (6 bells): From 3 to 4.45 p.m. All Saints' Church can be reached by train from Fenchurch Street (L. and N.E.) to Millwall Junction; or from Broad Street, Willesden, Acton, etc., to Poplar (L.M. & S.). Buses and trams from Aldgate and the City pass the church.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4., Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane, Bolton, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available 4.0. Meeting 7.0.—Peter Crook, Hon. Secretary, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—General meeting.—The next meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church, on Saturday, April 23rd, 1927. Bells available from 5 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Huntsham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clevedon, St. Andrews, on Saturday, April 23rd. Ringing afternoon and evening. Evensong, 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting, 5 p.m. It is most important that intending visitors should notify Mr. T. E. Francis, Southbourne House, Clevedon.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea, 4.30, Parish Room, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Important.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Frampton on Saturday, 23rd April. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley, Holy Trinity, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Schools at 1s. per head.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Eyam on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) open from noon. A good attendance is hoped for.—A. Knights, Dis. Hon. Sec., 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kirby-le-Token on Saturday, April 23rd. Service at 4.30 p.m. and tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at East Garston on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., kindly provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (5) available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30. All ringers invited, to discuss the question of district meetings in West Suffolk. Five and six bell towers please note.—S. H. Symonds, Assistant Sec., Lavenham.

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea about 5 p.m. Please notify.—G. A. Taylor, Grappenhall, near Warrington.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at New Mills on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. For tea please inform C. Smith, High Hill Road, Birch Vale, near Stockport.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome, a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Usk (Mon.), on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (3) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 'Cartref,' Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's and St. Peter's R.C., Lytham, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELLRINGERS.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, Glasbury, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5, kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Lockyer.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Bourne on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m.—Henry T. Adams, Hon. Sec., Silchester Rectory, Silchester, Reading.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rushton on Saturday, April 23rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 19th.—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Sapcote on April 23rd. Bells available from 4 p.m. with business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Crowland on Saturday, April 23rd. Service in the Abbey at 4.30. Tea at 5.15.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE, NORTHAMPTON.—The recast bells, together with the new frame and fittings, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough on Monday, April 25th, at 3 o'clock. It is hoped to arrange for the tower to be open for visitors and friends in the evening at 7.30 p.m.—Fred Wilford, 31, Wood Street, Northampton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Dystan's, Repton, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock, and short business meeting to follow. Buses leave Bargates, Burton, every quarter hour. A good attendance hoped for.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Compton Martin April 30th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) from 2 o'clock. Tea will be arranged if sufficient members will send in their names to G. H. Paulson, 6, Park Terrace, Darley Dale, before April 28th. All ringers are welcome.—Charles Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELLRINGERS.—Clifford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Norton Canon on Saturday, April 30th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise me not later than the 25th.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., in Parish Hall, followed by business meeting at 6 p.m. Names for tea must be sent in not later than Monday, April 25th. — A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, April 30th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Motor leaves St. Stephen's Church at 2 p.m. Will those requiring seats kindly notify not later than the 27th inst.?—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 30th. Evensong in the North-West Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.30, with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (President of the Guild). A collection will be made on behalf of the Memorial Fund. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) from 2.30 to 3, and 7 to 9. Washingborough bells (8) will also be available in the evening from 6 to 9. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1s. 9d. per head. It is important that all members requiring tea should send their names to their branch secretary on or before Tuesday, April 26th. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Cray, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, kindly supplied by the Vicar and ringers, will be served to all who notify me not later than first post Tuesday, April 26th. A good attendance is desired.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—The adjourned annual meeting will be held at Basford on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open 4 to 8 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bloxwick on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3.0. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, Vicar at 4.45. Tea (1/-) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 26th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 2.30. Tea and meeting to follow. This is to replace the meeting that was to have been held at Maldon on Easter Monday. Buses leave Chelmsford 2.30 p.m. and 3.20 p.m., and return from Boreham 7.15 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. Will all members intending to be present to tea please notify me on or before Wednesday, April 27th?—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Linton on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting after service. Please notify me before Thursday, April 28th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Short service in Church 4.30. Meeting in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Tea at Y.M.C.A. Cafe (1/- each) at 6 o'clock. Kindly send number requiring tea to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Association service in Church at 5, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. O. F. R. Strickland, B.A. Invitation tea, followed by business meeting. It must be distinctly understood that tea will only be provided for those who notify me by first post on Tuesday, April 26th. East-church bells (6), will also be available if sufficient notify me. Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid to members at this meeting. It is hoped to make this visit to the 'island' a success, so all ringers are invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 30th, at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells available from 3.30, and the meeting to be held at 7 o'clock prompt.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Practice meeting at Hornsey, Monday, May 2nd. Bells from 7 to 9.30 p.m. Meeting at Pinner, May 14th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell on Saturday, May 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present advise me as soon as possible. Chigwell Row bells will be available after tea.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, May 14th. Full particulars will be advertised later.—F. Jewelllyn Edwards, Hon. Sec.

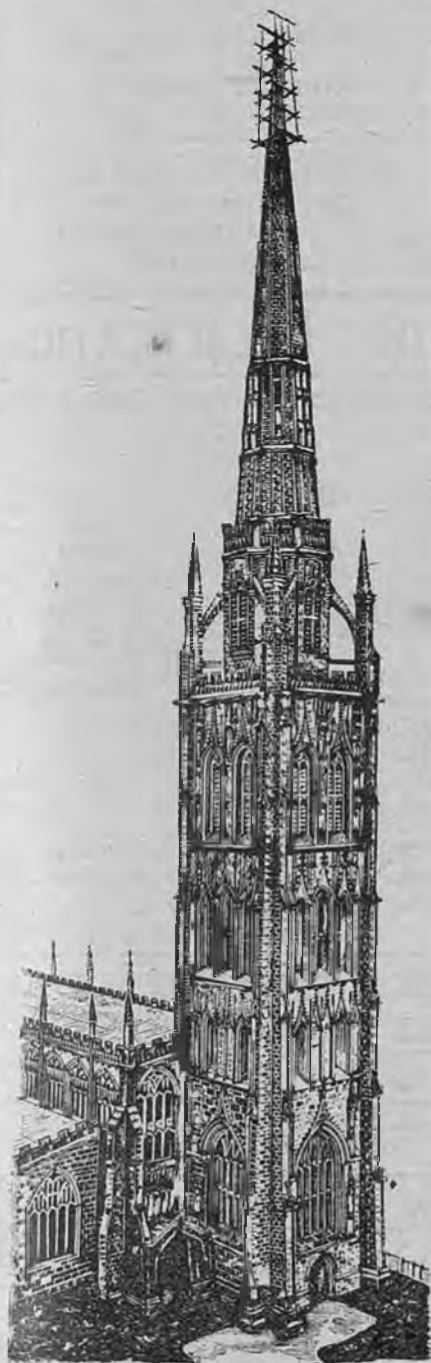
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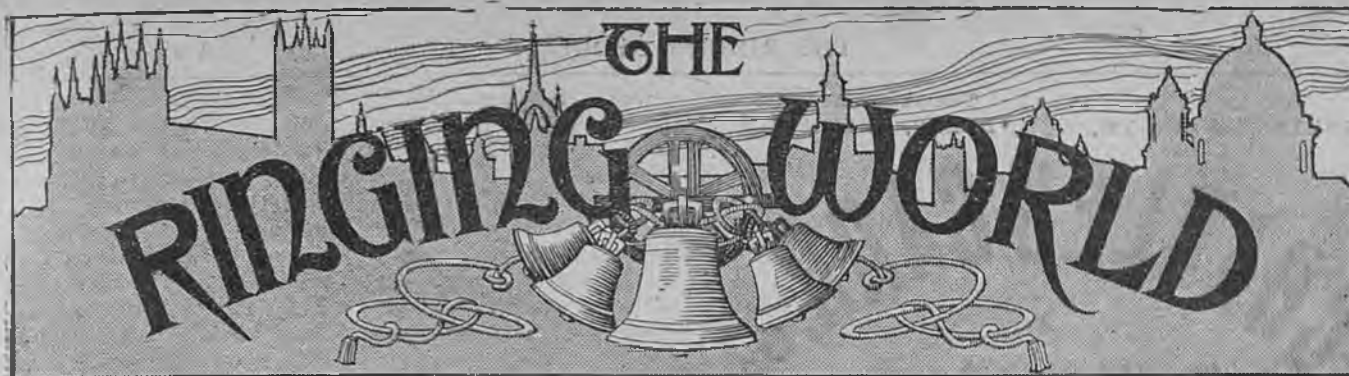
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The annual report presented to the Hertford County Association by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, the hon. secretary, is always an interesting document, and contains much more than the dry bones of a past year's record. The report which he read to the members at St. Albans on Easter Monday contained food for thought, and was a contribution to the vexed question of maintaining the strength of bands of ringers. He suggests that probationers should be got from among the communicants of the Church. It would be well for the Exercise if this could always be done. Up to the present there are comparatively few churches where this is the sole recruiting ground, and probably the Exercise would not be as strong as it is to day had dependence been entirely placed upon this source for filling up the ranks. At the same time it unquestionably offers the ideal, even if, at present, it is not an entirely practical solution of existing difficulties.

There is a steady advance in the regard which not only the clergy, but churchfolk generally have for ringers, and the ranks of the Exercise are gradually being filled with a larger percentage of men and women who come into it from the desire to render a service to the Church as well as from an interest in bells. At the moment, however, it is probably the latter, rather than the former which is the greater inducement. In view of the changed conditions under which ringing is now carried on, the Exercise, we think, would benefit if the principle adopted were to make ringers out of Churchmen rather than Churchmen out of ringers. Not only would this remove any vestige that may remain of the old reproach that ringers do not attend church, but it would, or at least ought to, fill the belfries with a type of ringer who would regard his responsibilities from the highest standpoint, and bands would not suffer, as they do to-day, from the irregular attendance of the indifferent ones. The more ringers can be educated to realise that punctuality and regularity are the most essential of all qualifications, the better it will be for ringing in general. Mr. Cartmel's suggestion is the one best calculated to bring about the desired ends, but without a closer co-operation of the clergy this ideal is far off attainment.

There are many clergy keen and interested in their ringers, even if they are not ringers themselves, but there are a far greater number who display little or no concern in the belfry or the ringing of the bells. They are indifferent to how many bells are rung, or, indeed, whether they be 'rung' at all. They would be up in arms if the choir were late, or three parts of them were absent, and would probably make individual inquiry into the reason; but for the bells

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—well, no matter. Here then, it seems to us, is largely the crux of the question. A greater number of the clergy must be brought to see the importance of the ringers' office, for it is to them we must look if bands of ringers are to be recruited from among the communicants. It is they who must show their churchfolk that the belfry, as well as the choir stalls, needs its full complement; that the bells as well as the organ have their part in connection with the services of the Church, and that the ringers' office is no less important or responsible than that of the choir. It is in the churches where the clergy are indifferent that slackness among ringers is most noticeable, and neither Churchmen nor outsiders can be expected to be brimming over with enthusiasm where no lead is given. If the clergy tackled the problem aright there would be little difficulty in recruiting communicants for the belfry, but until they do bands will have to be formed from any available source.

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*JOHN HOLMAN 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS H. BENNEY Treble	ALBERT E. DARNELL 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	WILLIAM S. LANGDON... .. 6
*CHARLES J. CHOERT 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7
ERNEST BRETT 4	HERBERT LANGDON Tenor

Conducted by J. S. HAWKINS.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 18, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*WILLIAM JENNER Treble	ALBERT HOEDEN 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT... .. 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 6
PHILIP S. THOMPSON... .. 3	REG. E. LAMBERT 7
HAROLD S. HOEDEN 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	WILLIAM STANFORD 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	*ALFRED J. BULL 6
GEORGE ELLIS 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 4	JOHN COOK Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* 100th peal and first in the method.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 18, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL Treble	WALTER CHARMAN 5
JOHN COOK 2	GEORGE ELLIS 6
PETER CHARMAN 3	WILLIAM STANFORD 7
*C. ERNEST SMITH 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*JOHN SEDGLEY Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5
WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD... 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS 6
JAMES E. LILLEY 3	JOSEPH WOODLEY... .. 7
PHILIP J. HITCHENS... .. 4	HAROLD BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Triples. J. E. Lilley was elected a member previous to starting. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the diocese.

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.

*CHRISTOPHER THOMAS ... Treble	PETER A. HARFOOT 5
*WILLIAM WOOD... .. 2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 6
*JOHN WOOD 3	WILLIAM RICHARDS 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. 4	JOSEPH WOODLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY F. HOLDING Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
HAROLD EDWARDS 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

PERCY MERSON Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR 5
*EDGAR BARRINGTON 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 6
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	JAMES HUNT 7
*ARTHUR E. GREEDY 4	*ALFRED STONE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal on eight bells, and belong to the local band. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Merson. Sincere thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Barrington for a most excellent tea provided after the peal.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Padarn,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

CYRIL MATTHEWS Treble	JOSEPH E. SYKES 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
CHARLES H. PERRY 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
WALTER J. NERTON 4	JOHN WETHERSBY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank about five years ago. Ringers of 1st, 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th belong to Aberavon, Glam., J. W. Jones to Newport, Mon., C. H. Perry to Bridgend. J. E. Sykes is from Marsden, Yorks.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF REV. E. B. JAMES' TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN ISON Treble	SAMUEL WHITE 5
GEORGE THOMPSON 2	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 6
*LANCE PERRIN 3	FRED COTTON 7
CHARLES PAYNE 4	BERT RIDGWAY Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

STANLEY POOLE Treble	REV. R. H. WHITFORD 5
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 2	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL 6
STEPHEN H. WOOD 3	JOSEPH GOULD 7
*ERNEST PALMER 4	E. GEORGE TREW Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

* First peal of Major. This composition contains the extent of combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, and has the 6th 20 times wrong.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	*HARRY RICHARDSON 5
JOHN R. MAIN 2	HARRY PETTIT 6
*GEORGE CLAPHAM 3	GEORGE BASFORD 7
CHARLES R. BELTON 4	THOMAS ABBOTT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman. This peal was arranged for Mr. W. P. Whitehead, of Leicester, and Mr. C. R. Belton, of Barwell, who were elected members of the Guild before starting for the peal.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 19, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Matthias,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CHARLES CAMM 6
ERNEST E. BARBER 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 4	ALBERT RICHINGS Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALEC. RUCK Treble	WALTER YEEND 5
HAROLD HALFORD 2	WILLIAM HALE 6
JOSEPH J. CAUSON 3	GEORGE H. WALTERS 7
WALTER ROSE 4	JOHN J. BALLINGER Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEORGE H. WALTERS.

First peal in the method by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, and first peal as conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST SIBLEY Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER 5
*JAMES MARR 2	JOSEPH C. DEAN 6
TOM TEBBUTT 3	JACK DOVE 7
BERTIE O. SODEN 4	THOMAS H. WISE Tenor

Conducted by J. DOVE.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

STAINDROP, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

H. SHIPP Treble	R. H. SHIPP 5
J. W. SHIPP 2	T. SPENCER 6
L. BROWN 3	R. B. ROBINSON 7
T. ADDISON 4	T. SPENCER, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by R. B. ROBINSON.

First peal by all except 2nd and 7th ringers. Rung with 6 and 8 covering, as a compliment to the Vicar of Staindrop, the Rev. H. S. C. Spurrer, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss D. F. Fife.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, April 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING ... Treble	ALBERT G. HUNT 5
GEORGE WARNER 2	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	JOHN PERRY 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 4	†THOMAS WHITEHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* 150th peal. † First peal. Rung on the 26th anniversary of the induction of Rev. Prebendary Dunkley as Vicar of Brewood, as a birthday compliment to Miss Mollie Perry on the attainment of her 21st birthday, and in honour of the wedding of the Rev. D. T. Sykes, M.A., Vicar of Dauston, Stafford, to Miss A. D. Dean, which happy event took place at St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, on the previous Tuesday.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CLIFFORD ELLISON Treble	ALBERT PICKLES 5
VERNEY BAIRSTOW 2	JOE GREENWOOD 6
† WILLIE PROCTOR 3	THOMAS SENIOR 7
ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE FLEMING Treble	GEORGE FINCH 5
GEORGE MEE 2	GEORGE ABLITT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE FARNISH 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	GEORGE SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE SYMONDS.

Rung on St. George's Day. These eight Georges travelled 136 miles by road to accomplish this peal.

TODDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

CYRIL HERBERT Treble	ERNEST HERBERT 5
* EDMUND J. HOBBS 2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 6
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON 7
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4	HORACE H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by A. E. THOMPSON. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* 100th peal on tower bells. Rung in honour of St. George's Day. First peal of Major on the bells. The last peal rung here was Stedman, on April 1st, 1907, conducted by Rev. F. E. Robinson.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(St. Mary's Society.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. JOHN TIMSON Treble	FREDERICK G. HERBERT 5
ARCHIBALD J. ROSS 2	ERNEST W. TIPLER 6
* ARTHUR E. BARLOW 3	WALTER WILLIAMS 7
RICHARD J. JACKSON 4	FREDERICK PERRY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

* First peal and first attempt. First attempt for an entirely local peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams and St. George's Day. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. and Mrs. Williams for entertaining them to tea after the peal.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY AMOS Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 5
HARRY SEAR 2	JAMES MARR 6
THOMAS WISE 3	HARRY PETTIT 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	ARTHUR TOMPKINS Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung to celebrate St. George's Day. Ringers of treble, 3rd and 6th hail from Northampton, 2nd from Blotchley, 5th local, 7th from Wellingborough, tenor from Finedon, the conductor from Leicester. The above is the 23rd county in which Mr. Morris has rung a peal.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

JOSEPH GRANEY Treble	ALFRED J. ROGERS 5
MISS ROSA S. COOK 2	ERNEST J. ROWE 6
* JOHN W. LANE 3	REGINALD S. COOK 7
ALBERT E. DOLLIMORE 4	JAMES HAYWARD Tenor

Conducted by R. S. COOK.

* First peal of Triples away from treble. All are members of King's Langley band and Sunday service ringers.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble	* WILLIAM G. GIGG 5
* WILLIAM UNDERHILL 2	DAVID G. TAYLOR 6
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	PERCY MERSON 7
WILLIAM H. COLES 4	† STANLEY JARMAN Tenor

Conducted by PERCY MERSON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung to commemorate the festival of our patron saint, St. George.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM CARTER Treble	JAMES INGHAM 5
MISS ROSE A. BELL 2	THOMAS K. DRIVER 6
WALTER STAFF 3	WILLIAM H. MARSLAND 7
REV. ROBERT MARLE 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WIDFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

A. WREN Treble	L. LADLEY 4
J. SUCKLING 2	T. W. COOK 5
MISS NELLIE CHITTY 3	A. REDDINGTON Tenor

Conducted by T. W. COOK.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. F. J. and Mrs. Hollis, the first child born at Widford Rectory for 90 years.

ERMINGTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

* LEWIS BAKER Treble	WILLIAM G. LAVERS 4
* FRANK PACKER 2	WILLIAM A. WONNACOTT 5
† BERTRAM WEBBER 3	ALFRED WONNACOTT Tenor

Conducted by W. A. WONNACOTT.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

THE LATE MR. W. H. DYSON.

At Sible Hedingham, Essex, on Thursday, April 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. W. H. Dyson, secretary of the Northern District of the Essex Association: E. Bareham 1, L. Wiseman (conductor) 2, F. Wiseman 3, H. Cooper 4, B. Pettitt 5, O. Broyd 6, C. Barker 7, W. Cross 8.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Tulip, Gladstone Delight, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal Exercise. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
HERBERT CHAMBERLIN 2	ROBERT J. RICKETTS 5
ARTHUR GILL 3	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

First peal on the bells, which were augmented to six by Taylor and Co. three years ago. They are a nice ring but noisy. Rung on the 13th anniversary of H. Chamberlin's wedding.

LLANGYNWYD MAESTEG.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cymwyd,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

* DAVID G. WILLIAMS Treble	GWYN LEWIS 4
WALLACE DOBBINS 2	GEORGE LEWIS 5
JOHN T. WILLIAMS 3	GWYNFRYD N. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal rung on these bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar and curate for the use of the bells, which were first rung in the year 1730, and are still going well.

HEADINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD CITY AND DISTRICT BRANCH, OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

in the Kent and Oxford Variations.

WILLIAM FINCH Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4
FRANK BECKITT 2	HARRY TOLLEY 5
CHARLES COLES 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This is the first peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. F. Beckitt. After the peal, the band were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Beckitt, to whom they extended their hearty congratulations.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED A. COWARD Treble	REGINALD F. BECK 4
ERIC WADMAN 2	RONALD G. BECK 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

Rung on the fourth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Coward.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

KENNETH CATER Treble	GEORGE PARKER 3
ROWLAND ADAMS 2	THOMAS WISE 4
ISAAC BENNETT 3	... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

Rung after meeting short for Minor.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Stafford, arrangements were made to attempt a peal of Bob Major on April 19th in honour of the wedding of the Rev. D. T. Sykes, Vicar of Dunston, but at the last moment one of the band was unavoidably held up. When the band was made up, time would only allow a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,376 changes), which was rung in 50 minutes: T. F. Hayle (first quarter of Major) 1, W. H. Jones 2, B. Garbutt 3, B. A. J. Yeates (first of Major with a bob bell) 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, J. Warrilow 6, A. H. Taylor 7, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 8.

STORY OF THE TRIUMPH AT HEPTONSTALL.

THE RECORD LENGTH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

As briefly indicated in our last issue, and as now recorded in our peal column, the record length of Treble Bob Major was successfully brought round on the 'Taylor' octave of the Church of St. Thomas-a-Beckett, Heptonstall, on Easter Monday.

It was originally intended to attempt this peal at Whitworth, near Rochdale, but a visit there for a peal attempt some weeks previously convinced all concerned that it would be exceedingly risky to start for a long peal there, and Heptonstall was suggested as an alternative. Application was made, and brought a reply from Mr. L. Greenwood, the secretary of the local band, that the Vicar was rather staggered at the thought of eleven hours' ringing and the strain upon the bells. He (the Vicar) deemed it a matter for the Church Council. Their consent was, however, in due course obtained, influenced, probably, by the presence on the Council of some of the local band. Further correspondence took place on various matters, the chief anxiety being ropes. Messrs. Taylor and Co. were asked if they would lend a set of ropes. While they could not see their way clear to do this, they offered to repair the local ropes. Time was getting short, and Mr. Harry Chapman and the conductor (Mr. E. Jenkins) paid a visit to Heptonstall, which convinced them that the local ropes were useless for such a long job. However, Messrs. Sam Wood and Ben Thorp stepped into the breach. St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, were 'on the job,' and they could have the ropes from the tower, so that was settled.

The next step was the band. Sam Wood (the hero of many long peals) had notified some weeks previously that he could not stand in. A long and serious illness had left him quite unfit for such a task, while Mr. H. Chapman was also out of action owing to a bad knee, which had been 'out of course' for some weeks. However, eight good men and true were willing to say 'aye' to eleven hours, and all seemed well. Six days before the attempt, word came through Mr. J. E. Bibby was ill with that popular malady, 'flu.' Most peculiar, how it tackles long pealers. 'Shades of Leeds!' However, Joe was willing to stand in, and once more all was O.K.

Manchester was the meeting place on Easter Sunday evening for five of the band, and Pendleton the venue for service ringing. The 7.40 express from Victoria Station was required to make third's and up to Hebden Bridge, stopping at Rochdale to take on board the three of the 'Wanderers' Association, and the record of Oxford at Debenham in 1892 was recalled by the presence of Mr. P. Laffin, a native of that place, and Mr. G. Lindoff, an original member of the band that made an attempt for the 16,608 at Leiston. The past was resurrected, and tales of Suffolk and its many fine ringers brought the party to their destination, all too soon for the raconteurs. The visitors were met by Messrs. L. Greenwood and F. Robertshaw, not forgetting the dog. The two miles' walk up hill was successfully negotiated, though Arthur said he had come for a long peal, and that nothing had been said about a long climb. A brief chat with the local men and then to headquarters. Supper was prolonged by an interesting argument between he of Debenham and the figure wizard. 'When did a course-end become a course-head?' Perhaps they will settle it at their next meeting.

'Up with the lark' was the order, and right well was it obeyed, all doing justice to a real Yorkshire breakfast. At 7.30, the ringers were at the church waiting for a short service to finish, and then the tower bells were raised and ropes adjusted, including the careful fixing of the sleeve-valves of 7 and 8. At this juncture, the Vicar put in an appearance. A brief service was held, a hearty handshake and cordial wishes for a successful attempt were expressed. Further minor preparations were made, Arthur fishing out a pair of slippers for personal comfort. These are not the pair of 'Brum' fame; unfortunately, one was lost on that historic occasion—too many ones, perhaps. Peter also sported a pair of slippers, but they were terribly overlapped. At last, all were ready, and the bells were sent on their long journey at 8.21.

Perfect timing was noticeable right from the first lead, the tenors being rung (as W. H. B. once remarked) like a pair of handbells. The same perfect heat was observed all day. Only once were the band disturbed. The big 'un's rope stuck fast, but the next upward swing of the bell jerked it free. Arthur gave it a pull which would surely have broken Grandison's stay, but it put the bell in its correct place, and all breathed freely again.

And so to the end, when that ever-welcome cry extended by the conductor to 'That is all you'll get to-day.'

Some of the band were very shy of the crowd outside waiting to shake them by the hand. Perhaps it was the presence of famous lady ringers. Who knows? The umpire's verdict was exceedingly good: 'The finest peal I have ever listened to.' Cups of tea were provided most thoughtfully by Mrs. Robertshaw, and the ringers thought of her as a most wonderful woman to anticipate their wants so understandingly.

The band are under a great debt of gratitude of Messrs. L. Greenwood and F. Robertshaw and other members of the local band, who worked like Trojans, overhauling the bells and doing everything that was possible. Appreciation is also due to Mr. Harry Chapman, who helped tremendously with advice and acts, born of long experience of men and matters. Indeed it was most gratifying to find in this so-called modern time men who, at the critical moment, can rise to the occasion just as did their fathers and forefathers before them.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING AT DERRY.**

In a few sentences the annual meeting of the above can be described: 'A glorious day, beautiful weather, splendid ringing arrangements, a divine service with an inspiring sermon, a successful meeting, and a delightful concert to wind up.'

Commencing early in the day, the bells of St. Andrew's (ten), St. Peter's (eight), St. Luke's (eight), and St. Alkmund's (eight) were kept going to all sorts of methods to suit the beginners and the accomplished ringers, and visitors arrived from all parts of the association's activities, including Burton, Chesterfield, Hinckley, Loughborough, Leicester, Nottingham and the local branch, and friends from Birmingham, Coventry, Sheffield and other places. A committee meeting was held at 3 p.m. in All Saints' Schools, presided over by the president, at which 25 committee men attended.

Service at 4 p.m. took place in All Saints' Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon Ham), and the Rev. H. Boorman (Vicar of St. Luke's) gave a most inspiring address. A collection for the bell repair fund amounted to £2 9s. 6d. An excellent meat tea was served in All Saints' Schools, to which about 120 sat down.

The general meeting immediately followed, presided over by the president (Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P.), supported by Mrs. Chambers, the Rev. Canon Ham, the Rev. H. Boorman, Rev. H. E. Worthington, Mr. J. Griffin, the hon. secretary (Mr. E. Morris), and hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Willson).

The president referred to the activities of the association during 1926, especially to the work done by grants from the bell repair fund. The peals rung included several historic ones, and he especially noted the one conducted by the hon. secretary at the private church of Earl Ferrers at Staunton Harold, since which the earl had become a patron of the association. The president also referred to the work of the hon. secretary and seven district secretaries, and stated that the general committee had recommended honorariums to each of £10 and £2 respectively, now that the funds were in such a sound condition. This was ratified by the meeting.

New members elected since the last quarterly meeting, viz., 8 ordinary, 1 life, and 3 honorary, were duly confirmed.

The report and balance sheet was passed on the proposition of Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. C. H. Webb.—Mr. W. E. White, of Cotgrave, spoke as to certain phrases in the report, and after a lengthy discussion, in which the president, Mr. Coppock and Mr. Willson spoke, an amicable agreement was eventually reached.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Alderman R. B. Chambers, J.P.; hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris; hon. treasurer, Mr. William Willson.

Four delegates for the Central Council were needed for the ensuing three years, and five were nominated. Mr. Coppock withdrew his candidature, and the following were then duly elected: Alderman Chambers, Mr. Pryce Taylor, Mr. William Willson, and Mr. F. W. Bailey.

The towers suggested for next meetings by the committee were ratified, viz., June, Earl Shilton; September, North Wingfield; January, 1928, Market Harborough; and next annual meeting, Nottingham.

The President read a letter from Miss Heywood (sister of the late Sir A. P. Heywood), in which she appealed for a memorial bell to be given to a new church at Pendleton, Manchester. It was suggested that a personal appeal be drafted and issued to all towers, and not to draw on the bell repair fund.

Votes of thanks to the local clergy for the use of bells, the local committee for arrangements, and the ladies for catering, were duly passed. After more tower-bell ringing, a smoking concert was held in the King's Cafe, and, in the unavoidable absence of the president, Mr. J. F. Smallwood took the chair, piloting an excellent programme of handbell selections and other items along to the keen approval of all present. The Littleover handbell band (under Mr. E. E. Bradley, an hon. member) gave splendid selections, and during the evening courses of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were brought round. Vocal solos and duets were contributed by Miss F. Poyser, Mrs. J. Mellor, Mr. B. Staines and Mr. J. Dunning. Several of the songs were appropriate in that they referred to ringers or bells. Thus ended a most enjoyable and successful day, due entirely to the untiring efforts of the president, who spent much time and energy in making arrangements with the local committee and other individuals, to ensure a real good day's round of activities.

A number of 1925 reports may still be obtained from the general honorary secretary, and the new 1926 reports are now ready.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The 20th annual meeting was held in Birmingham on April 23rd, at Bishop Ryder's. About 25 members attended, and, after ringing at Bishop Ryder's Church, tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, the arrangements having been kindly made by Mrs. James George.

At the meeting that followed, Mr. H. Argyle, in the absence of the president, took the chair. The officers of the Guild were all re-elected, with Mr. J. W. Pemberton in place of Mr. B. Wittchell, deceased.

Mr. H. Argyle and Mr. F. W. Perrens were elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. George for the trouble he had gone to in arranging the meeting, and to Canon Badger for the use of the bells.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

After their record peal of Treble Bob at Heptonstall, on Easter Monday, all the band are fit and well, and already one hears rumours of another 'long 'un.' Shades of Loughborough and Appleton!

Members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, will extend their sincere sympathy to Mr. A. Paddon Smith, the general secretary, whose homecoming from India has been sadly clouded by the death of his father, Mr. Sidney Smith, who passed away on April 19th. Mr. Smith, sen., who had himself been a ringer, was a familiar figure at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner every year.

In the Gloucester and Bristol dioceses there are over 200 peals of bells. Those known are 4 peals of 12, 9 peals of 10, 47 peals of 8, 112 peals of 6, and 27 peals of 5.

Truro Cathedral's fine bells were heard by wireless listeners on Sunday evening, when they were heard before a special broadcast service in connection with the jubilee of the re-created See.

The first peal of which there is any authentic record was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on May 2nd, 1715—a peal of Bob Triples.

One hundred and ten years ago next Thursday, a peal of 12,312 Grandsire Caters was rung at Painswick in 7 hrs. 44 mins. Snowdon's Grandsire recalls the interesting fact that of the men who rang in this peal all but one reached an advanced age. From treble to tenor, they lived to be 89, 95, 87, 78, 80, 84, 80, 71, 70 and 85 respectively.

The first peal in the county of Dorset was rung just forty years ago. This was Grandsire Triples at Bridport, on May 5th, 1887.

Copies of the group photograph, taken at Norwich on the occasion of the Norfolk Guild's Jubilee meeting, can be obtained from Mr. G. Swain, 27, St. Giles Street, Norwich. The price is 3s. 6d. mounted and 2s. 6d. unmounted.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies is, we are pleased to say, progressing well, and hopes to be out of the London Nursing Home, where he underwent an operation, in about a fortnight.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Members are reminded that, by arrangements made between the hon. secretary and the Railway Clearing House, railway tickets, at a single fare and a third for the return journey, will be available for representatives and their friends travelling to London in connection with the Whitsuntide meeting. Application for vouchers must be made early to the hon. secretary. Unless at least 200 in all avail themselves of this privilege, the facilities will not be extended to members in future years, and it is hoped that every effort will be made to bring the number up to this total.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Usk on Saturday, April 23rd. The attendance was very much larger than was expected, and, as the Vicar humorously put it, caused a hitch in the kitchen. The towers of both dioceses were well represented. The bells, a delightful new peal by Taylor and Co., were raised early in the afternoon and rung until 4.30, when service was held in the church, the Vicar (Rev. Edward Morgan) officiating. His address, one well out of the common, was much appreciated.

Tea followed in the schoolroom, and seating accommodation was found with difficulty. However, all went well, and a bountiful meal was enjoyed.

Then followed the business meeting, the Vicar presiding. Restorations were reported upon by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), who stated that a new treble bell had been placed by Messrs. Taylor and Co. to the existing ring of five at Penhow, which now had a very musical and good-going ring of six.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Penhow, which follows the Glamorgan meeting at Aberdare.

A large number of new members were elected, including the whole of the Usk ringers to the number of fourteen.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality brought the meeting to a close. A visit was then made to the Priory grounds and gardens, which had been kindly sanctioned by Mr. Rickards, and was much enjoyed. Ringing was afterwards indulged in until late in the evening, and the meeting proved a huge success.

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fortunate enough to be present. Words fail to express the jollity of the whole affair. Mr. Clifford Ball distinguished himself even more on the 'Golden Cross' piano than on Coventry's chime of fourteen, and Mr. Wilfred Kimberley never tired of singing beautiful songs in tones as sweet as those of the bells. Mr. Cyril F. Johnston and Mr. Harry Withers, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Ball, contributed some good, lively tunes on Mr. Johnston's 'drawing-room' carillon, and Mr. Elliot and Mr. T. Miller added to the evening's entertainment with songs. The thanks of those who were present are heartily extended to all who contributed to such an enjoyable evening, and to Mr. York, who so kindly placed the room at their disposal and attended to the cravings of the 'inner self.' 'The jolliest and most enjoyable ringers' social I have ever attended,' was the remark of more than one 'old hand,' and the thanks of all are due to Mr. F. W. Perrens, of Coventry, for the arrangements made for the visitors' pleasure.

DEDICATION OF COVENTRY CATHEDRAL BELLS.

RINGERS DELIGHTED WITH TONE OF THE NEW CHIME.

On Easter Eve, April 16th, the bells of Coventry Cathedral were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Warwick, the Ven. H. C. A. Back (late president of the Warwickshire Guild).

Bells were first hung at the Cathedral in 1429. In 1488, the Great Bell—called the Jesus bell—was hung. It is believed that there were six bells at that time. In 1607, the third and fourth bells were found to be cracked, and were recast. Sixty-seven years later, the six bells were recast into eight by Bagley, of Chacombe, Northants. In 1774, Pack and Chapman recast the eight bells into a peal of ten. Twenty-five years afterwards number six was recast by Mears, of London, and in 1805 the tenor was cracked, and recast by Bryan, of Hertford. The ten bells have now been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and four new ones added; but the weights of the ten recast bells are ringing weights, so that, in the event of Coventry's Cathedral ever having a tower which would stand a ringing peal, she has her ring of ten, while in the meantime many tunes can be played in two-part harmony on the chime of fourteen. The tenor bell weighs 34 cwt. (note D flat), and the total weight of the bells is approximately 8 tons.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:

No. 1.—'Ring out the old, ring in the new.'

No. 2.—'Ring out the false, ring in the true.'

No. 3.—'Although I am both light and small, I will be heard above you all. Pack and Chapman of London Fecit 1774.'

No. 4.—'If you have a judicious ear, you'll own my voice is sweet and clear. Pack and Chapman of London Fecit 1774.'

No. 5.—'Such wondrous power to Music's given, it elevates the Soul to Heaven. Pack and Chapman of London Fecit 1774.'

No. 6.—'Whilst thus we join in cheerful sound, may love and loyalty abound. Pack and Chapman of London Fecit 1774.'

No. 7.—'Ring in the valiant man and free.'

No. 8.—'To honour both of God and King our voices shall in consort ring. Pack and Chapman of London Fecit 1774.'

No. 9.—'Musick is medicine to the mind. Thomas Mears of London Fecit 1799.'

No. 10.—'Ring in the Christ that is to be.'

No. 11.—'Ye ringers all that prize your health and happiness. Be sober merry wise and you'll the same possess. Pack and Chapman of London Fecit 1774.'

No. 12.—'Ye people all who hear me ring, Be faithful to your God and King. Pack and Chapman of London Fecit 1774.'

No. 13.—'In wedlock bands all ye who join with hands your hearts unite. So shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the nuptial rite. Pack and Chapman of London Fecit 1774.'

No. 14.—'I am and have been call'd the common bell, To ring when fire breaks out to tell. Stephen Corbet Act. C. Warden 1805. John Briant Hertford Fecit An. Dom. MDCCCV. Gloria Deo in Excelsis.'

(On each bell.—'Recast, or cast, by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1927.')

AN ELECTRIC 'CARILLONNEUR.'

The installation also includes the bellfounders' latest type of electro-pneumatic operating mechanism, combined with their standard paper band type of automatic tune-player. A simple starting switch has been added to the existing tower clock, and this can be set to put the machinery in motion at any hour of the day. A self-contained power plant, operated by a small electric motor, produces compressed air, and low voltage electric current, the compressed air for operating the pistons which pull the wires to the clappers, and the electric current for operating the air valves as dictated by the perforations in the endless paper band. Entirely automatic in its action, the machine starts, plays through a certain number of tunes, and stops itself; it plays its music crisply and accurately, and it is capable of performing much more rapid passages than was possible on the old type of hammer lifting and releasing machines. As the paper bands can be changed easily, a large repertoire of tunes is possible. In this case, to begin with, different tunes will be played daily for a fortnight, as follows: Sunday, (1) Easter Hymn, (2) Austria ('Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him'); Monday, (1) 'Home, sweet home,' (2) 'Men of Harlech'; Tuesday, (1) 'The Minstrel Boy,' (2) 'O rest in the Lord'; Wednesday, (1) 'The Heavens are telling,' (2) 'Oft in the still night'; Thursday, (1) 'Ye Banks and Braes,' (2) 'With Verdure Clad'; Friday, (1) The Passion Chorus ('Oh, Sacred Head, surrounded'), (2) 'Lead, kindly Light' (Lux benigna); Saturday, (1) 'The Last Rose of Summer,' (2) 'Abide with me.'

The existing clock used to chime the 'Ting Tang' quarters on the old bells. These have now been discarded, and the firm's standard electric clock now chimes the full Westminster quarters on four of the new bells. The mechanism for this is also motor operated, and the old-fashioned weights dispensed with. A sturdy worm-gear motor-driven unit, released by the old tower clock, raises and releases the outside hammer with power and precision, and when the blows are struck, stops itself until released for the next quarter-hour.

Although the Coventry Cathedral bells are only hung 'dead,' a large number of change ringers took the first opportunity of hearing their beautiful notes issue from one of the most magnificent steeples in the world. Among those present were Messrs. C. F. Johnston

(Croydon), A. Walker, H. Withers, P. O. Lafin, S. Grove and T. Miller (Birmingham), J. F. Smallwood and A. H. Ward (Derby), R. Pickering (Wolverhampton), together with many members of the Warwickshire Guild from Coventry and the surrounding districts.

The dedication ceremony was performed in the presence of a very large congregation, and the Archdeacon gave a most interesting address, in the course of which he pointed out that, owing to the Cathedral tower and spire not being designed to carry the weight of these heavy bells swinging in full peal, they would not be able to ring out in their fullest tone, in the grand, ever-varying succession of order known as change ringing. Was it, he asked, within the bounds of possibility that, after one generous donor had recast the bells, others combining together might come forward and build a tower, so that the bells might once more ring out in full peal in that old English style?

A CAMPANILE WANTED.

After the service, people congregated in little groups around the Cathedral to hear a selection of tunes ably rendered by Mr. Clifford Ball and Mr. Harry Withers, the latter also giving a few much-appreciated selections of change ringing. Everyone, ringers included, gave unstinted praise to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for the beautiful peal



produced, and the more the ringers heard of them, the more they thought of what was often said about the old ten: 'How I should like to hear them peal.' The efforts of Mr. Cyril F. Johnston in his endeavours to get the bells hung for ringing have been much appreciated, but what a great pity it is that so large a percentage of the beauty of such a sweet-toned peal of bells should be lost, possibly for ever. Or will the Cathedral authorities strike while the iron is hot and make a start towards collecting funds for the erection of a campanile?

The ringers present were kindly entertained to tea in St. Mary's Hall, one of the oldest and most notable of Coventry's historic buildings. Colonel W. F. Wyley extended a hearty welcome to the ringers in the name of the churchwardens of the Cathedral, and Mr. J. F. Smallwood expressed thanks on behalf of the ringers. Mr. Hesian and his two assistants delighted the company with some tunes on the hand-bells, and a course of Stedman Cinques in hand was rung by F. E. Pervin, F. W. Perrins, P. O. Lafin, F. J. Smallwood, A. Walker and T. Miller.

In the evening, a party of about seventy ringers and their wives met in an upper room booked for the purpose at the 'Golden Cross,' and the social hours spent there will certainly be long remembered by those

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SECRETARY'S SUGGESTION FOR PROBATIONERS.

'It would be well if all probationers admitted to our towers were selected only from active communicants of the Church—men and women who realised that in this was their offering.'

Mr. G. W. Cartmel, the hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association, made this suggestion at the annual meeting of the association, which was held at the Abbey Institute, St. Albans, on Easter Monday, when there was a very good attendance of ringers. The meeting was preceded by a service at St. Albans Abbey, and a tea at the Institute.

Enlarging upon his suggestion, Mr. Cartmel said: 'Where this is not carried out, the stability of the band is endangered. Its cohesion is only a matter of enthusiasm, which sometimes acts strangely. As you know, we live in days of rampant criticism, which is sometimes very cynical, and it is often those to whom religion has no charm who point the finger of scorn to ringers who habitually absent themselves from worship, after calling others by a beautiful touch. But the conductor's example is better than precept, if upon the lines of my suggestion.'

The Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson), who was unable, owing to a service, to remain throughout the meeting, said he was delighted to see the ringers again, as, for one thing, it was always said that when they came to St. Albans they brought fine weather with them (laughter). The ringers were doing very real work in the diocese, and he hoped they would continue. 'May your work be blessed, and may you be able to go on with it for a long time,' he added.

After Mr. Ben Jarman, the president of the association, who occupied the chair, had heartily welcomed all the ringers, the following new ringing members were elected: Mr. H. E. Austen (Bengeo), Mr. Edward Quick (St. Stephen's, St. Albans), Mr. F. Hawkins and Mr. F. W. Allaway (Stannore), Mr. Herbert Hocklesby (Redbourn), Mr. Colin Neale (St. Michael's, St. Albans), and Mr. G. Stanford and Mr. G. Lindsell (St. Albans Abbey).

Submitting his annual report, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. P. Debenham), who was received with applause, remarked that it appeared that St. Albans had taken the leading part during the year. Some of the other divisions might do a little more in the way of membership. At Easter last year, there was a credit balance of £13 3s. 2d., and this Easter the balance in hand was £13 15s. 7d. The total receipts for the twelve months, including the balance from last year, were £51 4s. 6d. The year's expenditure was £37 8s. 11d., of which £16 18s. 6d. was for printing and stationery. The reserve fund amounted to £19 18s., and the association also held £15 15s. 9d. in War Stock.—On the motion of Mr. Cartmel, seconded by Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, the balance sheet was unanimously adopted, and Mr. Debenham warmly thanked for his services.

REPUTATION WELL SUSTAINED.

On rising to give his report, which is always a welcome feature of the proceedings, Mr. Cartmel was loudly applauded, and he proceeded to give a detailed account of the year's working. He mentioned that it was the forty-second year of the association and the twenty-fourth time he had given the report (cheers). Proceeding, Mr. Cartmel said:

'Our methods of procedure have not materially differed from preceding years. We have found that the work is best forwarded by means of the district meeting, supplemented, when possible, by a service and address, the latter reminding us that our work is not mere selfish pleasure, but is a real part of our service of praise and thanksgiving. May this ever be the ideal in view for every one of us.'

'The methods rung have been varied, and the reputation of the association was well sustained. Two peals, one of Original Triples and the other of New Gloucester Surprise Major, have been rung for the first time by any association, which is certainly a record. The peal of Original Triples is due to the enterprise of Mr. Maurice Hibbert, who each year endeavours to record something worthy of comment (applause). For the second peal we offer our congratulations to the Edmonton hand, and to the initiative of Mr. James Parker, who is still going strong, keeping pace with Anno Domini. Another feature has been the ringing of a peal of Superlative upon handbells by the Oxhey band (applause). A footnote to the peal in "The Ringing World" says "This is thought to be a unique performance, owing to the fact that it is the first peal of any kind by the ringer of 1-2. It is the first peal on handbells by the ringer of 3-4, and it is 17 years since the ringers of 5-6 and 7-8 rang a peal in the method on handbells." This peal has also added prestige to our association. During the year 27 peals have been rung on tower bells and one on handbells. The peal at Great Gaddesden was the first peal of Stedman Doubles by the whole band, and enabled Mr. C. W. Roberts to complete his ringing of peals from Stedman Doubles to Stedman Cinques. We congratulate also the Redbourn band, who joined our ranks last Easter, in four of their members ringing their first peal upon their own bells, probably the first local men to do so. We compliment also the Wiford band upon their successful peal.'

'We have to record the passing away of two of our oldest members, the Rev. Canon Papillon and Mr. Thomas Conley. To the older generation, Canon Papillon was well known, first as secretary of the Essex Association, and upon taking up residence in St. Albans he identified himself with us by becoming president of our association in 1914. Canon Martin Reed, who identified himself with us for many

years, has also been called to higher service. Mr. Thomas Conley, of St. Albans, was a well-known figure at our Easter festival. His connection with the St. Peter's Society for the long period of 75 years was certainly exceptional. Royston also mourn the loss of Mr. W. Day, who met his death through an accident.'

GIFTS TO THE ASSOCIATION'S LIBRARY.

'Mr. J. O. Mitchell, whom many of you remember as a gifted ringer of St. Albans some years ago, has very generously presented the association with his library of ringing books and papers, which comprise 11 bound volumes of "Bell News," reprint of "Tintinnologia," 1895, reprint edition "Records of Early Handbell Peals, 1811-1876," the same in tabular form, three volumes of Snowdon's works, "Duffield," by Heywood, "Change Ringing," by Troyte, together with various society rules and ringing papers. We are deeply sensible of the kindness of our member, and desire to express to him our warmest thanks and appreciation of his kind gift. Mr. J. T. Hull continues to act as librarian, and for his services we thank him. Twenty-three books have been borrowed during the year, and all have been returned in good order.'

'I am sure you will like me to express in your name our deep debt of gratitude to our district secretaries for all they have done. The biggest shares in the success of our association is due to them, and I am sure that in the coming year you will heartily respond in attending, when possible, the meetings and services they arrange.'

'The peal book is entered up to Easter, 1926, and the number of peals to the credit of the association at that date is 1,063. The peals are written beautifully in the book, and we offer our compliments to Mr. W. H. Phillips.'

'We acknowledge with gratitude the kind support we continue to receive from our honorary members (both clerical and lay), and the ready assistance given by the various incumbents of the county, who by their sympathetic welcome help to make the various meetings so congenial. We thank also our chartered accountant, Mr. W. Mercer, for his part in kindly auditing the accounts.'

'What has been the result of the year's work? First, it has been one of progression in the art of ringing. In my early days there was only one tower where Surprise methods were rung. To-day, we have bands in every division, with capable conductors, and the majority of peals rung are in the higher methods. We have also plenty of beginners coming into stride, to wit, Redbourn, Watford, Apsley End, Baldock, Bushey Heath, Benington, and other places. There is a growing enthusiasm for change ringing throughout the land, and bell founders have their hands full of work. The immense gathering of ringers at Croydon the other day at the invitation of Mr. Cyril Johnston reveals the fact that this enthusiasm is contagious. It means work for the association—the training of beginners.'

'May you all go back to your respective towers refreshed and encouraged by the fellowship we have enjoyed, determined that you will give of your very best to your calling, and by your devoted and unselfish life not only encourage the art of ringing in your bellfries, but the standard of Christian life in your band. Finally, I would express my thanks to all those who have helped me in any way to carry out my duties as your secretary' (applause).

The Rev. George Edmonds, of St. Albans, moving that the report should be adopted, said they had an excellent secretary in Mr. Cartmel, and he had presented a very fine report.

The report was unanimously adopted.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

For the presidency, Mr. Jarman proposed Mr. Frank Smith, of Bushey. Mr. Maurice Hibbert seconded, and Mr. Cartmel supported the nomination, which was carried with acclamation.—Mr. Smith then took the chair and expressed his thanks for his election. He remarked that he would endeavour to visit all the towers in the course of his year of office.

Mr. Debenham was reappointed treasurer, on the proposition of Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, seconded by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake.—Replying, Mr. Debenham asked district secretaries to let him have their returns as early as possible.

Proposing the re-election of Mr. Cartmel as secretary, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake said: 'We ask him to continue to be the best secretary of the best ringers' association in the country.'—Mr. Debenham seconded, and Mr. Cartmel was re-elected amid applause. In the course of his reply, he said he enjoyed the work, as he thought it was a piece of service to his church and his fellow men.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake and Mr. W. Ayre were elected representatives on the Central Council. Mr. J. T. Hull was reappointed librarian, Mr. W. Mercer was reappointed auditor, and district secretaries were appointed thus: Northern Mr. G. T. Croft, Eastern Mr. W. H. Lawrence, St. Albans Mr. W. Nash, Watford Mr. C. H. Horton, Western Mr. W. Ayre.

It was agreed that Redbourn should be taken out of the St. Albans District and transferred to the Western Division, the reason being the travelling facilities available.

The Dean of St. Albans and the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Stephen's and St. Michael's were thanked for allowing the bells of their churches to be used by the ringers.—Thanks were also accorded to the Rev. Henry Edwards, Vicar of Watford, who gave an address at the Abbey in the afternoon, and the ladies who helped to serve the teas.

'The message of the bells' was the subject upon which the Rev. Henry Edwards based his inspiring address.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RECORD NUMBER OF MEMBERS ENROLLED.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Poplar on Saturday, when members gathered from a large number of towers in the area. The attendance was rather below the average, about 65 ringers being present. The fine peal of ten at the Parish Church of All Saints have recently been completely restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and during the afternoon touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung on them. An enjoyable service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. Mayne), who gave an address, in the course of which he welcomed the association. It was a particularly happy coincidence, he said, that they should be there to ring the bells on that day, which was St. George's Day, and the anniversary of the birth and death of William Shakespeare. Having referred to the need of unity in our national and industrial life, he concluded by referring to the fact that the bells at that church were now restored, and expressing gratitude to the Middlesex Association for the help they were giving to set the local band on its feet again.

The business meeting was held after tea. The chair was taken by the president (Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.), who was supported by the joint hon. secretaries (Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. W. H. Hollier).

THE REPORT.

In the report for the year 1926, it was stated: The most satisfactory result of the work of the association during the past year is the enrolment of an almost record number of new members, no less than 113 having joined our ranks during that period. Of these, a considerable number represent additions to the bands at several of our towers, a result which we are glad to think is in some measure due to the appeal in our last report. Three new towers have been affiliated to the association during the year, viz.: St. Mark's, Dalston, and St. John-the-Baptist's, Pinner, in the North and East district; and St. Martin's, Ruislip, in the South and West district. Instruction is being given at each of these towers; and we hope that the enthusiasm at present manifested will be maintained, and that the bands at these towers will become a credit to the association. New bands have also been formed at Christ Church, Ealing, and Harrow Weald, at the latter tower under the able guidance of Mr. G. R. Goodship, and good progress is being made. At St. John's, Hillingdon, Twickenham, and Hadley, there have also been good increases in the bands. To counter-balance these gains, we have to regret the loss of the St. James', Clorkenwell, band, which, owing to the very bad condition of the bells, has broken up. We have also to regret that the Feltham band has dropped away, owing to lack of enthusiasm, but in this case we hope that something may be done to re-form a once promising local society. There are a few other towers where the ringers may, with advantage to themselves and the association, make an endeavour to augment their ranks, and we would again urge upon our members the need of being continually on the lookout for young people in whom to instil an interest in our art. New members elected in the North and East district numbered 71, including two honorary members; whilst 42 were elected in the South and West district. After allowing for losses by deaths, resignations, etc., we finish the year with the highest total in the history of the association, viz., 826.

The report referred to the loss by death of Mr. Charles Parker and Mr. George Stevens (Northaw), Mr. I. G. Shade (who rang in 661 peals for the association), and Mr. W. Lawrence (Ealing), and went on to say: So far as the peals rung during the year are concerned, the total shows a slight decrease as compared with 1925. In all, 57 peals were accomplished, and, with the exception of one on handbells, these were rung in 30 different towers. The members taking part in the peals numbered 160, while 20 shared in the conducting. Three members rang their first peals, and 60 their first peals in a new method. The Southgate Society are to be congratulated on ringing the first peal of Cambridge Royal for the association by an entirely local band on April 17th, whilst a peal in three Cater methods was rung for the first time at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 11th, conducted by one of the joint honorary secretaries. Two other peals are worthy of special notice. Eight policemen rang a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on October 16th, this being the first peal in the method by members of the police force; whilst a peal of Bob Major, which was rung at Acton on December 9th, was accomplished by a band composed entirely of officers of the South and West district. This is the first time an 'officers' peal' has been rung by the association, and it is interesting to note that the whole of the officers of that district took part in the peal.

After referring to the various bell restorations carried out during the year, the report adds that it is sincerely hoped that the Isleworth bells will be augmented to ten during 1927. The fund which is being raised for this purpose now amounts to £116, but a considerable further sum is needed before the work can be started. The report concludes: The increasing number of our members who have so ably assisted us during the year by acting as voluntary instructors deserve our grateful thanks, as also do our honorary secretaries. We can best show our appreciation of the work done by the latter by a more frequent attendance at meetings. A well-attended meeting is a joy to the man who has taken pains to arrange it; a poorly-attended meeting is, on the other hand, a great disappointment to him. Let us all resolve to bear this in mind. The President moved the adoption of the report, and called atten-

tion to the fact that they had enrolled no fewer than 113 new members during the past year (applause). The total number was now 826, which was, he believed, a larger number than they had ever mustered in any former year. There was, however, still urgent need to secure new members in order to maintain the art. They all lamented the loss of their old friend, Mr. Isaac Shade, who was a member of their association for 28 years. They had to congratulate some of their lady members upon their performances, including Miss Hawksworth on her first peal of Double Norwich, Miss Phyllis Moss on her first of Stedman Caters, Miss Chapman on her first of Cambridge Royal, and Mrs. Hairs upon ringing a peal of Middlesex Surprise Royal. They particularly congratulated the Southgate band on ringing a peal of Cambridge Royal with their own band, and also the Master of their association, Mr. Pye, on having passed his 1,500th peal.—The report was seconded by Mr. Hollier and adopted.

A REDUCED INCOME.

Mr. C. T. Coles moved the adoption of the balance sheet, which showed that the Central Fund, which started with a balance in hand of £27 3s. 9d., received £22 12s. 8d. The expenditure had been £24 3s. 3d., leaving £25 13s. 2d. in hand. Mr. Coles pointed out that there had thus been a small loss on the year of £1 10s. 7d., but they had to bear in mind that the payments from the districts were now only 60 per cent. instead of 70 per cent., and that they had contributed £2 2s. to the Ladies' Guild towards the board recording their peal of Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes'. When recommending last year that the proportion to the Central Fund should be reduced from 70 to 60 per cent., the committee estimated that they would just cover their expenses, and, without the special donation they had made, this would have been the case.—The balance sheet was adopted.

The whole of the Poplar band, with the Rector as an hon. member, were elected and the tower formally affiliated to the association. Mr. Coles pointed out that at one time Cubitt Town, St. George's-in-the-East and Poplar formed a little district of the association in East London, and he hoped that now Poplar, with its restored bells, had again become affiliated, they would remain for many years and become an important and successful part of the association. He appealed to any members who could do so to assist the Poplar band on their practice night.—Mr. B. H. Swinson, St. Albans, was elected a life member.

Mr. Milne was re-elected as president, and nominated Mr. C. S. Bird (South and West District) and Mr. W. Pickworth (North and East District) as vice-presidents.

Mr. William Pye was re-elected Master, Mr. Milne hon. treasurer, and Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier joint hon. secretaries, with grateful thanks for their past services.

The auditors, Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth, were also re-elected and thanked, and the following were re-elected representatives of the association on the Central Council: Messrs. F. A. Milne, C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier and R. Holloway.

It was resolved to allow the peal books to remain in the custody of the Acton tower for the ensuing year, the volumes of 'Bell News,' which formerly belonged to the late Mr. King and were left to the association by the will of the late Mr. Bertram Prewett, being placed also in this tower, with the peal books.

St. Mary's, Ealing, was selected for the next annual meeting.

Mr. C. T. Coles said he had received a letter from his brother, Mr. A. W. Coles, who was now in the London Hospital, where he had undergone a serious operation, asking to be remembered to his friends, and wishing them a successful meeting. He (Mr. C. T. Coles) was pleased to say the operation had been most successful, and his brother hoped to leave the hospital within a week.—The President asked the secretary, on behalf of the meeting, to convey their thanks to Mr. A. W. Coles for his good wishes, and to tell him how pleased they were to hear that he was so much better (applause).

MAJOR METHOD COLLECTION.

Mr. J. A. Trollope called attention to the recent publication by the Central Council of the Collection of Plain Major Methods. They were, he said, a method-ringing association, and their members would find this collection an interesting one. A great amount of work had been put into it, and even if they did not ring all the methods, the book was well worth their study. It was a good book for those who did not want to continue in a rut.—Mr. C. T. Coles supported Mr. Trollope's appeal, and pointed out that judging from experience many of the methods were interesting but not difficult to ring. Some of the methods had been rung to peals at Willesden, three of them at the first attempt and without previous practice. Many of the methods could be rung without Surprise knowledge, and those who had got to the Treble Bob or Double Norwich stage would find them a useful step towards something higher.

Mr. W. H. Hewett suggested that the association should arrange a twelve-bell practice occasionally, and after discussion it was decided to approach the Royal Cumberland Youths with a view to obtaining a practice at Shoreditch.

Mr. E. Barnett, sen., who was among those present, was congratulated on his recovery after a serious operation and pleasure expressed at seeing him again among the members. Pleasure was also expressed that Mr. T. Beadle, of Isleworth, who is in his 77th year, was now able, after his long illness, to do a little ringing again.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. MEMBERS' SUGGESTIONS FOR RESTORATION OF CATHEDRAL BELLS.

In glorious weather the Worcestershire and Districts Association held their annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday. At an early hour in the morning bell music was floating over the city from most of the churches, and some good ringing was done in various methods from Doubles up to Bristol Surprise, whilst Cambridge Royal was successfully managed at St. Helen's. As usual, the ringing at the Cathedral was not of a very high order, as it is practically impossible to strike these bells well.

The business meeting took place in the afternoon in the Chapter House, the Dean, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, presiding, supported by the Master (Mr. J. D. Johnson), Archdeacon Peile, Rev. J. F. Hastings, and Mr. J. R. Newman, hon. secretary. A notable absentee was Mr. A. E. Parsons, who is slowly recovering from a serious illness. The president and members joined in good wishes for his speedy and complete recovery.

Most of the matters dealt with were of the usual routine character. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The annual peal was left in the hands of the Ringing Master to arrange, and Worcester was again chosen for the next annual meeting.

The Central Council representatives elected were Messrs. T. J. Salter, R. G. Knowles and C. A. Binyon, whilst Messrs. Knowles, Matthews and Thomas were added to the lay vice-presidents, Archdeacon Peile filling a vacancy in the clerical vice-presidents. All the other officers were again re-elected.

A matter of great interest to the members was mentioned by the Dean, who stated that the Cathedral bells had been inspected with a view to having them put into good going order. A discussion then followed, and various suggestions were put forward as to what was best to be done to secure a satisfactory job, the general trend of opinion following the secretary's (Mr. J. R. Newman's) suggestion, that the bells should be taken out and recast into a lighter peal with a tenor of about 35 cwt., thus effecting a big saving in metal and a gain in efficiency; also that the frame should be overhauled and lowered. Mr. Newman assured the Dean that all the remarks by members were made in the spirit of helpfulness, it being the wish of everyone that their Cathedral should possess a peal that was second to none.

The Dean thanked the members for their suggestions, and remarked that it was apparent that more required to be done than had been anticipated. He, however, would carry the matter forward for examination, as they would like to feel that when they did proceed they were on the right lines.

The Rev. J. F. Hastings moved a vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding, and this closed the business.

After grouping for the camera, service in the Cathedral was well attended, part of the association service with an address by the Dean being combined with the evening service. The collection was in aid of the bell fund.

Tea, at which over 100 members and friends sat down, concluded a very satisfactory meeting, and members then commenced to scatter, some homewards and others for more ringing. J. P.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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On the motion of the President, thanks were expressed to the Rector of Poplar for the use of the bells and for his address, and to the Rev. I. Hardy (Cubitt Town), and the Rev. M. Davidson (Holy Trinity, Barking Road) for the use of the bells at their respective towers.

This concluded the business, and many of the members wended their way to Cubitt Town and Barking Road for further ringing. At the former church, during the afternoon and evening, Bristol and Cambridge Surprise, Bob Major and Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were rung, and, at the latter, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Cambridge Minor and Spliced London and Wells Surprise.

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LADIES' GUILD.

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S SPLENDID MEETING.

A glorious day, and apparently unlimited kindness from the people in Gainsborough, rewarded those who had braved the difficulties of Bank Holiday travelling to attend the quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Ladies' Guild held at this town on Easter Monday. Over 70 members and friends were present from the surrounding district and from Rotherham, Bradford, Sheffield, Peterborough, Dore, Duffield, Newark, Worksop, etc.

The fine peal of eight at the Parish Church and the six at Lea were available from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. A service was held in the beautifully decorated Parish Church at four o'clock, when the Vicar, Canon Morris, gave a short address.

A delicious tea awaited those present in a neighbouring room presided over by Mr. F. F. Linley (treasurer of the Lincoln Guild) and his wife, and to which the lady ringers were most generously entertained by the local band.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mrs. Rupert Richardson, included the Vicar, choir and organist, Mr. and Mrs. Linley, the ladies and the local band.

Miss Phyllis Hare presided over the business meeting, at which 25 ladies were present and seven new members elected to the Guild.

The existing officers were re-elected until June, 1928, to give the newly-formed district time to settle down. Attention was drawn to the fact that the general meeting of the Guild was to be held at Northampton in July, and the next quarterly meeting of the district is fixed for July 9th, at Duffield.

EASTER RINGING.

BRIXHAM, DEVON.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Parish Church on Easter Sunday afternoon, with five different callings: W. Hayden 1, S. Hazelwood 2, J. Collings 3, S. Martin 4, A. Taylor (conductor) 5, R. Gardner 6. This is the first quarter-peal by all the band, except the ringer of 3rd, who is from Paignton, the rest being local ringers.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. J. Tolworthy 1, C. Gentry 2, R. C. Clark 3, A. Saltmarsh 4, W. Lincoln 5, A. Head 6, J. Wood 7, W. Cheater (Ringwood) 8, L. J. Clark (conductor) 9, G. Cooper 10.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, April 17th, at the Parish Church of St. Ebbe, two 720's of Treble Bob in the Oxford and Kent Variations for evening, by: F. Beckitt, H. Tolby, G. Collett, G. Stace, W. Brigham, C. Coles and W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor). Rung after meeting short for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. The above are Sunday service ringers at this church.

PUBLICATIONS.

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NOTICES

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, May 7th. The bells (10) will be ready at 3 p.m. Everybody welcomed.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec. 199, High Street, Dunstable.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Willoughby Rugby (6) on Saturday, May 7th. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, May 3rd. Usual arrangements.—W. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting of the Reading branch will be held on May 7th, at Ship-lake, Oxon. Ringing at 3 p.m. All visitors will be guests to tea with the Vicar at 4.45 p.m.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

NOTICES.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Whit Tuesday next, the 7th of June, at (by the courtesy of the Lord Mayor) the Mansion House, London, at 11 a.m. Full particulars will be published later.

Notices of motion should reach me not later than Saturday, the 7th of May next.—E. Alexr. Young, Hon. Sec., 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Dystan's, Repton, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock, and short business meeting to follow. Buses leave Bargates, Burton, every quarter hour. A good attendance hoped for.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Compton Martin April 30th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) from 2 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—Charles Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., in Parish Hall, followed by business meeting at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting will be held at Yoxford on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) at Parish Church, available 3 p.m. to 8.30, all ringers invited.—Geo. Wilson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 30th. Evensong in the North-West Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.30, with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (President of the Guild). A collection will be made on behalf of the Memorial Fund. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) from 2.30 to 3, and 7 to 9. Washingborough bells (8) will also be available in the evening from 6 to 9. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1s. 9d. per head.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary Cray, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Linton on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting after service.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 2.30. Tea and meeting to follow. This is to replace the meeting that was to have been held at Maldon on Easter Monday. Buses leave Chelmsford 2.30 p.m. and 3.20 p.m., and return from Boreham 7.15 p.m. and 9.30 p.m.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—The adjourned annual meeting will be held at Basford on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open 4 to 8 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bloxwick on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3.0. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, Vicar at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Short service in Church 4.30. Meeting in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Tea at Y.M.C.A. Cafe (1/- each) at 6 o'clock. Kindly send number requiring tea to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Association service in Church at 5, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. O. F. R. Strickland, B.A. Invitation tea, followed by business meeting. Eastchurch bells (6) will also be available if sufficient notify me. Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid to members at this meeting. It is hoped to make this visit to the 'island' a success, so all ringers are invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 30th, at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells available from 3.30, and the meeting to be held at 7 o'clock prompt.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eastnor on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 3.30 p.m.—R. Thomas, Dis. Hon. Sec., The Plough, Coddington.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on April 30th, when the bells (just rehung) will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30 at the Brown Bear (1s.). Business after. All are invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings during May: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 9th and the 23rd, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 17th, at 8; and St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 30th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Practice meeting at Hornsey, Monday, May 2nd. Bells from 7 to 9.30 p.m. Meeting at Pinner, May 14th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *Southwark Cathedral on May 3rd, St. Magnus on the 12th and 26th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 31st; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell on Saturday, May 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present advise me as soon as possible. Chigwell Row bells will be available after tea.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Cheddar on May 7th. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Hon. Sec., 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30; also King's Somborne (6). Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please inform me by May 3rd?—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Wortley on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) ready early. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. W. A. Wooler, Sheffield Road, Wortley, not later than May 5th?—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Fownhope on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available. Service 5 p.m. Please notify me not later than May 3rd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at liberty 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sudborough on Saturday, May 7th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 4th. Business important.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Easton Maudit on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, May 2nd?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Spelsbury on Saturday, May 7th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7th, at Horton (near Leek). Knife and fork tea, 1s. 6d., at 5.30 p.m. Will all who intend to be present please inform Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, 12, Norton Street, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent, by Wednesday, May 4th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL-RINGERS.—Bromyard District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than May 4th.—A. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmsford, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30. Subscription due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at West Clandon on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. A good attendance is desired.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston St. Mark's on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, as usual, to all who notify Mr. J. Eccleston, 8, Mafeking Road, Ashton-on-Ribble, not later than May 9th. The bells have recently been rehung by Mears and Stainbank.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

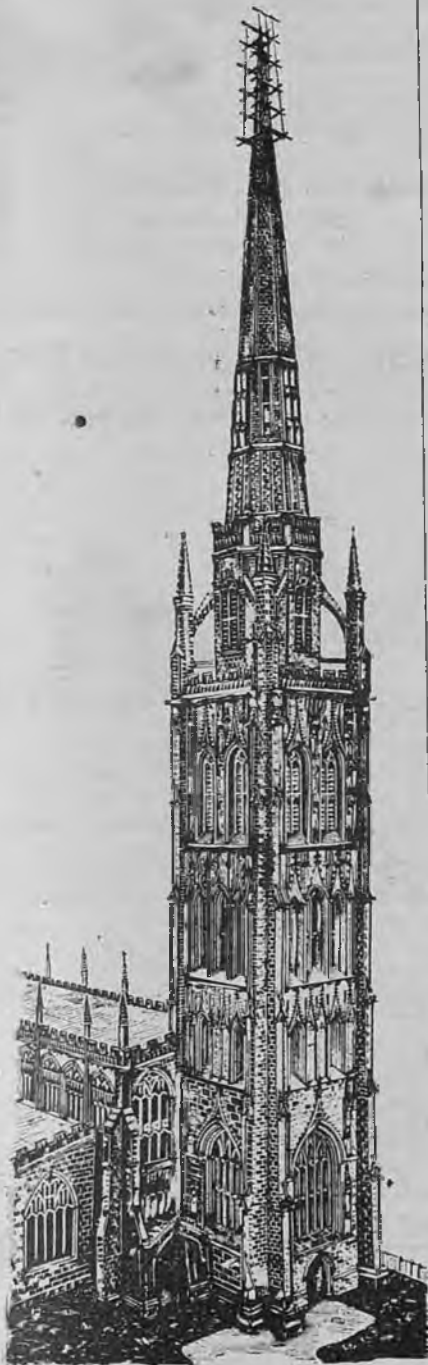
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 14th. Tower open at 3. Tea arranged as usual. Sunbury June 18th. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, May 14th. The bells (recently augmented and recast) will be available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. It is requested that all outstanding subscriptions be paid in at this meeting.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water on Whit Monday, June 6th. Motions for the agenda re alteration or additions to rules must reach me before May 9th. Further details of arrangements will be announced in these columns later. Management Committee meeting will be held at Lydney on Thursday, May 12th.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 39, Tankards Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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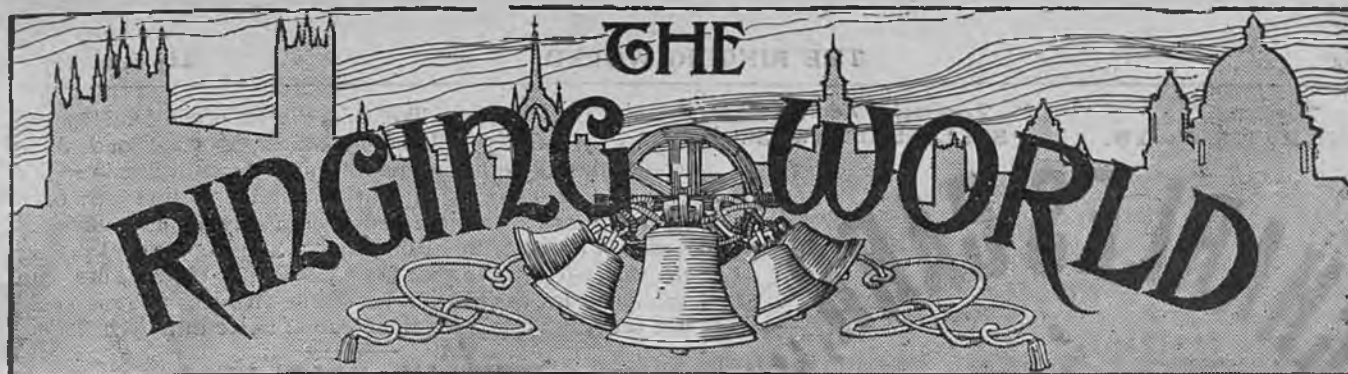
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THE COUNCIL AGENDA.

The Central Council meeting is drawing on, and tomorrow is the last day for receiving notices of motion for this year's agenda. Once again, as far as reports of meetings of the great ringing associations have revealed anything, there is a dearth of topics put forward for discussion at the 'Ringers' Parliament.' There is, perhaps, less time at the London meeting than at the provincial gatherings for debates on general ringing topics, as there is more formal business to transact, in the shape of elections of officers and committees, while this year the Council will also have before it the revision of the booklet, 'Rules and Decisions,' which is to be brought up to date. It may be that the actual contents of this little publication may cause some difference of opinion, and it may be that the 'Rules' portion, governing the Council itself, will provoke some debate. Under the circumstances, therefore, it is as well that the agenda is not likely to be overburdened with notices of motion.

That circumstance, however, does not alter the fact that it should be the aim of the associations, who elect the representatives, to provide the Council with subjects of general interest to the Exercise which they can discuss. At present it is left very largely to the ingenuity of the Standing Committee and particularly of the honorary secretary to frame an agenda, and, if it fails to produce something of real interest, the man in the rank and file of the Exercise is inclined to turn round and ask the old question, 'What is the use of the Council; what has it done again this year?' Where that feeling is aroused, it should be pointed out that the remedy, as we have so often said, is in the hands of the ringers themselves. They know the difficulties which they experience, they know the little problems they come up against; and they often realise how, even in little things, the general interests of the Exercise could be advanced. In all these directions they could find material, which, in a body representative of the whole of the ringers of this country, could be discussed with advantage, and help to secure uniform action, and, in some things, universal progress.

The initiative should lie with the individual, and the channel is through the association and its representatives to the Council. Even in the case of what may be termed the 'domestic' matters of an individual association, there is often the germ which might produce a fruitful debate in the Central Council. As just one instance, there may be some purely local administrative scheme which has proved successful in an association. Why should not this be passed on to be more widely discussed by the Council on the basis of general application, so that, if feasible, it can be adopted by other ringing organisa-

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tions? Little points like this might often lead to big results, if only ventilated in the right way, and there would always be an interesting agenda with ample topics even if each association sent through a motion only once in five years! There must be many of the affiliated bodies who have not submitted a single proposal during the thirty-five years that the Council has met. There can surely be no association so sterile in ideas that it could not provide a topic for the Council twice in a decade.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	HARRY R. KOPER 8
H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 9
HOBART E. SMITH 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 10
GEORGE FLEMING 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
ALBERT FLEMING 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

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TEN BELL PEALS

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANCES;

THOMAS HASTINGS Treble	JOHN HOPPE 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	LESLIE BARRY 7
GEORGE ORCHARD 3	CHARLES GARDINER 8
BASIL LATHAM 4	JOHN BALLINGER 9
ALBERT WRIGHT 5	P.S. GEORGE HASTINGS ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Caters.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

LIONEL H. PAGE Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK 6
GORDON A. BACON 2	HARRY TURNER 7
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 3	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 8
WILLIAM DUDLEY 4	HENRY T. WILSON 9
EDWARD J. BEER 5	WILLIAM H. JUDD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First attempt at Royal by the ringer of the 3rd, who was elected a member of the association in the tower. Rung on St. George's Day and as birthday compliment to the conductor.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN BASS Treble	ALFRED HACKETT 6
JOSEPH PIGOTT 2	SAMUEL GROVE 7
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	JOHN GOODMAN 8
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 5	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by G. DALTRY.

Conducted by S. GROVE.

This was A. Greenfield's 100th peal, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Gilbert Guest, one of the local ringers.

PLYMOUTH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

* HAROLD E. RYDER Treble	WILLIAM B. RICHARDS 6
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	WILLIAM J. HAMLYN 7
* WILLIAM E. BUNKER 3	FRANK HOCKADAY 8
† LESLIE W. MOSES 4	WARREN S. HORN BROOK 9
G. HARRY MYERS 5	ALFRED T. WESTCOTT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by W. S. HORN BROOK.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal inside. Rung to commemorate the jubilee of the first peal rung in Plymouth, which took place at Charles' Church, April 30th, 1877. It was also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

* ALBERT WIFFEN Treble	WILBY HAZELL 5
GEORGE WIFFEN 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
JAMES FLEETY 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

* First peal on a dodging bell. First peal in the method on the bells. First in the method as conductor.

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At THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 1½ lb. in D.

GEO. F. WILLIAMS Treble	HERBERT HOWELL 5
THOMAS WHITFIELD 2	JOHN CHAMBERLAIN 6
A. BERNARD COOK 3	JOHN H. HOWELL 7
DANIEL MEADLEY 4	JOHN W. HOESON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHARLES DRAPER Treble	MAURICE SWINFELD 5
THOMAS K. DEACON 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
RICHARD C. BELTON 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed by T. PLATE.

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, April 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN. Treble	ERNEST E. LANHAM 5
WILLIAM WREEDON 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
GEORGE WHITING 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE PRYKE 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Walter Whiting, who had been captain of the Helmingham Company for 30 years, and who died on April 16th, aged 74 years, and was buried at Helmingham on April 21st. All the above are members of the local company.

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THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ROBERT W. GREEN Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 2	THOMAS LANGDON 6
CHARLES J. CHOJET 3	JAMES BULLOCK 7
HERBERT LANGDON 4	GEOFFREY C. RICE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung on St. George's Day, also on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Edward Cyril Matthews and Miss Joan Ogilvie Wyatt.

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On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

FRANK JENNINGS Treble	FRANK E. CORKE 5
HERBERT J. SKELT 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

BERT MASON Treble	PERCY HACKETT 5
WALTER FENDALL 2	WILLIAM GREEN 6
EZRA HOMER 3	* JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
JOHN PRICE 4	GILBERT GUEST ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

* 101st peal. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Mr. B. Mason, who entertained the ringers to tea after the peal and received their hearty congratulations. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Goodman, wife of the conductor, and was rung for the 51st anniversary of the opening of the church.

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 5
JAMES FLEETY 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	WILLIAM BURGESS 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... Tenor

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On Thursday, April 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

HERBERT J. SKELT Treble	DANIEL COOPER 5
FREDERICK E. COLLINS 2	AMOS W. CLARKE 6
FRANK JENNINGS 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST 4	JOHN AVERY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

This peal was rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Gordon, and rung after meeting two short for Caters.

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OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5988 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

Mrs. J. Whewell Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 2	WILLIAM RILEY 6
*MISS ELLEN SHAW 3	WILLIAM BARNES 7
THOMAS HOWARTH 4	ISAAC WEALLEY Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First in the method. Rung on the anniversary of Gallipoli Day, as a tribute to all who fell there.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ISAAC EMERY Treble	EDWARD MOUNTER 5
*WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 2	GEORGE HUXLEY 6
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 7
JIM HURRELL 4	PERCY SPICE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by R. BRETT-SMITH

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hurrell, which fell upon the above date.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 28, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HALFORD Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 2	†FREDERICK HAWKES ... 6
JOSEPH LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	WILLIAM RANFORD Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the sister of the conductor.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*WALTER A. PECK Treble	EDWIN BURLEY 5
FREDERICK C. NYE 2	WILLIAM C. PARKER 6
HERBERT WORSFOLD 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 4	LEONARD STILWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal. This is the first occasion on which Egham ringers have taken part in a peal, the ringers of treble, 3rd and 5th being members of the local band. The peal was rung to welcome home from Australia the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Tranter, and as a farewell to the Rev. W. Loton Parry, who has been in charge during his absence.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 3	WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. ... 7
*HARRY MORGAN 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the fourth anniversary of the record peal of 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major on these bells, called by the same conductor. The ringers desire to thank the Rector for permission to ring and for his hospitality after the peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, April 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	WALTER BARRETT 5
*GEORGE CURSON 2	CHARLES CLARKE 6
GEORGE HOWLETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
JAMES ELDRIDGE 4	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. ... 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
*HARRY MORGAN 3	†PERCY HARRISON 7
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE

* First peal in the method. † First in the method inside.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	JOHN A. COLE 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. J. T. Scott's 50th peal.

SHEPHERD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

THOMAS R. SHARMAN ... Treble	JOHN W. BOOTH 5
WILLIAM H. T. KING 2	*CHARLES SMITH 6
JACK BAILEY 3	ALFRED MOULD 7
GEORGE FREEBREY 4	WILLIAM THORNLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON.

Conducted by GEO. FREEBREY.

* First peal of Bob Major.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF RAINHAM FORWARD BOB MAJOR, 5096 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
GEORGE GILBERT 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Arranged by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This is the first time a peal in this method has been rung.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*PETER BOARDMAN 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
JOHN ALLEN 2	JAMES GARDINER... .. 6
ERNEST JONES 3	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 4	EDWIN BREEZE Tenor

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

* First peal of Treble Bob. Mr. E. Caunce's 200th peal for the Lancashire Association. Rung on the occasion of the unveiling, by the Rector, of a peal board recording a peal of Double Norwich rung on February 16th, 1924.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

MISS MARY L. CUFFELIN ... Treble	*ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 5
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... .. 2	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 6
ERNEST W. Tipler 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	ALBAN DISNEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. The treble ringer is the first lady to accomplish a peal on these bells since they were put in 50 years ago by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*FREDERICK PAYNE Treble	FREDERICK J. TITE 5
MISS KITTY MOORE 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 6
*CYRIL D. NICHOLS 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING... .. 7
HARRY BAXTER 4	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal on eight bells.

SHEPPERTON, CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS PATTIE CLARK Treble	THOMAS W. CHOWN... .. 5
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH... .. 2	*CHARLES G. BATES 6
ALFRED E. BACON 3	JOHN E. MORETON 7
JAMES H. RAPER... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First attempt for a peal on eight bells. This peal was rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. A. Walls, late curate of Chilvers Coton, as Rector of the nearby parish of Longford. The ringers regret the peal could not be rung at Longford, as the pretty peal of eight (tenor 4 cwt.) there are not hung for ringing. It was a birthday compliment to Miss M. Godderidge, a member of the Chilvers Coton band. This is the one hundredth tower in which the conductor has called a peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ISLINGTON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT 56, HALLFORD STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 1-2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5-6
WILLIAM E. JUDD 3-4	JAMES BULLOCK... .. 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Sunday, April 17, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In three methods, viz., two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4
*ALAN BROMLEY... .. 2	GEORGE BURT 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal inside.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

BRIAN BRAY Treble	CHARLES H. BIRD 4
*ERNEST F. GODFREY 2	GEORGE HOBBS 5
JAMES C. COLES... .. 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

CLIFTON-ON-TEME, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENELM,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Collage Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
*WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* 100th peal. First peal on the bells.

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FORNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILFRED BOLTON Treble	FURNESS WOODEND 4
WILLIAM PICTHALL 2	JOHN W. HAYTON 5
*STANLEY HONOUR 3	EDWIN JENNINGS... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. The 3rd ringer, from Hatfield, Herts, was elected a member of the association before starting. Treble and 5th ringers are from Silverdale, 2nd from Barrow, 4th from Brathay and tenor from Kendal.

WALSgrave-ON-SOWE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On St. George's Day, Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents.

JAMES H. RAPER... .. Treble	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. 3
ALFRED E. BACON 2	THOMAS W. CHOWN 4
CHARLES G. BATES Tenor	

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

This, the first peal on the bells, was rung for the Feast of St. George, and was Mr. Raper's first peal on five bells as conductor. The band wish to thank the Vicar for his kind permission to ring.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Easter Sunday morning, for Holy Communion service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Bevan 1, N. Scott 2, T. Lock 3, F. Knapp (first in method) 4, R. Rex 5, H. Balaam (conductor) 6.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*RONALD H. DOVE Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 4
ERNEST J. RILEY 2	SAMUEL HUNT 5
*J. W. COTTON 3	FREDERICK BROWN Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

BROMHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Owen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARP Treble	PEARL INSKIP 4
WILLIAM STOCK 2	HENRY STAPLETON 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

150th peal by Herbert L. Harlow.

FRESHWATER, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY BARTON Treble	BERTRAM J. SNOW 4
*ARTHUR P. BRADING 2	*ALBERT D. CALLAWAY 5
*FRANK S. TAYLOR 3	A. RICHARD WARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells (which were hung in 1895 by Taylor), and rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. A. E. H. Coombes.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different compositions. Tenor 11½ cwt.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	HANBURY F. CARTER 4
PHILIP N. BARTON 2	WILLIAM STIBBONS 5
CYRIL POOLEY 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This peal was begun late in the evening and finished in semi-darkness.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*DENNIS HALE Treble	*HERBERT WESTLAKE 4
ROBERT MILLS 2	TOM W. CREED 5
†TOM GEANES 3	*TOM LOCK Tenor

Conducted by TOM W. CREED.

* First peal. † Elected a member before starting. Dennis Hale is only 14 years of age. 50th peal by Tom W. Creed.

[Other Peal Reports are unavoidably held over.]

INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read with much interest the correspondence on the above subject, I know personally a ringer who can neither read nor write. He can ring somewhere about ten different methods. In his earlier days, when a fresh method was about to be practised, he was told roughly what the path of the ringing was like, and would then reply, 'I can manage that.' He would ring the method faultlessly and strike his bell perfectly. I would mention that instalments and ringing books of instructions were of no use to him.

When I was a boy, a very able Suffolk conductor used to say, 'Learn it at home and come to the steeple and do it.' I now make use of the same phrase.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

A COUNTRY CLERGYMAN'S WAY.

Dear Sir,—May I, as one who is not a great ringer (my few peals for Yorkshire were rung long ago), suggest a method of instruction which is within the power of most country bands to try? Four years ago there was a band here at Monk's Kirby who could ring call changes, more or less well.

For reasons not necessary to go into we were faced with the need of raising a new band. Some of the best possible young men offered themselves. We met in the tower and in my study alternately. The work in the study was talking over ringing (a pipe or cigarette helps), and, starting with four bells, practising change ringing on handbells, one to each ringer. We used Snowdon's 'Ropesight', and, later, 'Standard Methods,' which can be, I believe, sufficient if practised in this way. The result is a really keen band with plenty of ringers for Sunday ringing, morning and evening, really well-struck Bob Major, with some knowledge of Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob.

We have had no help from outside, and ringers who have rung with me realise that what success there has been must be due to the method of teaching, and that any tower could do it.

Ringers of Saltburn-by-the-Sea, who saw me through my first 720, may be interested to know that the handbells are the ones they gave me so many years ago, and which always recall to me such happy memories.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT L. B. OLIVER,
Vicar of Monk's Kirby, near Rugby.

A PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

Saturday, April 30th, saw the fulfilment of a promise made by Mr. E. Breeze, of Bebington, that when he rang in a peal of Double Norwich on the bells of his own tower he would make a present of a peal board to the tower. The peal, which was one of 5,136 changes, was rung on February 16th, 1924, composed by Mr. H. H. Tucker, late of Bristol, and conducted by Mr. G. R. Newton.

A company of Liverpool ringers assembled in the tower prior to the unveiling ceremony, which was performed by the Rector, Rev. H. E. Boulton. The Rector extended a cordial welcome to the ringers, and said how pleased he was at all times to see and hear visiting ringers. He paid a high tribute to the work and worth of Mr. Breeze as a ringer and also as a chorister, services which had been faithfully rendered over a period of upwards of 35 years. He thanked Mr. Breeze for his gift of the peal board, and hoped it would act as an incentive to the younger ringers not only to equal but surpass his achievement.

The band were particularly glad to see Mr. Tucker, the composer of the peal, present, and he, along with the conductor, suitably voiced the thanks of the band to the Rector for his kind welcome and also for unveiling the peal board.

Mr. T. B. Worsley's 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major was afterwards rung to commemorate the event. This turned out to be Mr. Cannc's 200th peal for the Lancashire Association, and he is the first Liverpool man to attain that distinction.

The band were hospitably entertained by Mr. Breeze at the conclusion of the peal, his health being drunk, along with that of Mr. Tucker, who unfortunately could not stay or take part in the peal on account of ill-health.

MR. A. GREENFIELD'S 100 PEALS.

Minor (seven methods) 1, Grandsire Triples 12 (conducted 8), Grandsire Caters 10, Grandsire Cinques 2, Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 12 (conducted 6), Stedman Triples 34 (conducted 10), Stedman Caters 3, Stedman Cinques 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 15 (conducted 7), Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Double Norwich Major 3, Erin Triples 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 1; total rung 100 (conducted 31).

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DEVON GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the North-East Branch was held at Huntsham on Saturday, April 23rd. The branch was well represented, about 50 members being present, and visitors also came from Exeter, Kenn, Newton Abbot, Chipstable, Chrislow, Littleham, Thorverton and Talaton. About 70 in all sat down to tea.

Service was held in the Parish Church, when the Rector (Dr. A. C. Keene) gave the Guild a warm welcome and a helpful address on the 'Power of Unity.'

Through the generous hospitality of Col. and Mrs. Troyte, a bountiful tea was provided in the Parish Room at Huntsham Court.

The general meeting followed, the Rev. G. E. F. Molineux (chairman of the branch) presiding. Many of those present heard with regret of Mr. T. Elsworth's departure from Halberton to Bridgewater. His skilful and untiring activities for the branch will be much missed.

Mr. W. Snell (Washfield) was elected Ringing Master in Mr. Elsworth's stead. Six certificates were awarded, viz., to Messrs. Harris, Pring, Glanville, Gould and Auton, of Bradninch, and to F. Redwood, of Upplowman.

A vote of thanks was passed to Col. and Mrs. Troyte, to Dr. Keene for the use of the church and bells, to the organist and to all who helped to make the meeting so successful.

By kind permission of the Rev. E. F. Sandford, Upplowman tower was open, and several bands enjoyed a ring there during the evening.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for June 18th.

BALDOCK LEADER'S DEATH.

By the death, at the age of 61 years, of Mr. J. J. Cawdell, of Baldock, Herts, the Exercise loses a most valuable member, and the local band their most competent ringer. Mr. Cawdell passed away almost suddenly on Monday, April 25th, after only a few days' illness. No one but himself knew the years of gentle perseverance he had put in at Baldock, teaching new members and doing his utmost to maintain ringing there at an efficient standard. He had been church clerk practically all his life, and lived and worked in the church daily.

His favourite method was Stedman Triples, and his name is recorded in the tower as taking part in a peal in this method. His desire to conduct a peal of Stedman he was never able to fulfil, but he conducted several of Grandsire Triples.

His mortal remains were buried on Friday, April 29th, at a most impressive service, at which the choir and many clergy and church officials were present. Numerous wreaths were sent, and touches were rung on the bells half-muffled after the funeral, and again in the evening.

Deceased was a bachelor, and leaves an unmarried sister to mourn her loss. They had lived together all their lives.

It will be hard for someone else to step into the breach in Baldock belfry, and carry on in the kind and gentle way that Mr. Cawdell always did. In the words of the Rector, he was 'faithful unto death.'

THE PEAL AT WALSGRAVE-ON-SOWE.**A QUAIN RINGING CHAMBER.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think the band who recently rang the peal at Barkby really ought to include a trip to 'the Sowe' in their itinerary, as it is the most unique tower I ever visited. When you arrive at the door of the—er—place where you stand to pull the ropes—ringing chamber would be a misnomer—you descend into a pit 10ft. by 5ft. by 6ft. deep, open to the elements, as there are no window frames or glass in the holes in the tower walls, and I don't believe ever have been. The names of the two heroes who ring a peal on the treble and tenor are the only two which should be published, as the other three are only accessories to the fact. The 2nd and 3rd 'go' really well; the 4th only tries to slip wheel once in each six-score. The fourth ringer being a good fisherman was used to the 'got another bite' sensation. The poor tenor man has to throw his rope out all the time, as the hole in the roof is so close to the wall, and he only has about four square feet in which to perform all his gyrations. If he exceeds this, he hangs the 4th ringer. But the poor treble ringer! His rope comes down exactly in the corner of the pit only three inches from the angle, and he is obliged to ring with his back to the rest of the band, with his face to the corner like a bad boy. Only the tenor goes really badly. The tendency to slip wheel could be rectified. 'Tis the ringing room and other appurtenances which are so bad. The tower is a nice one, and why such conditions prevail one cannot understand. Surely, the small sum required to rehang this fine little peal and augment them to a nice light ring of eight bells, and at the same time remodel that ringing pit, could be raised. Two of these bells are amongst the older bells in the county. Around the 4th is inscribed: 'All ye that do hear, our clappers want beer, 1702.' The undersigned is of the opinion that at the present day its poor cracked cry is: 'All ye that do hear, please get us recast!'

JOSEPH E. SYKES (THE BIGGER).

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes): R. Preston 1, Miss Sparshott 2, S. White 3, G. Preston (conductor) 4, R. Street 5, G. Scragg 6, F. Sparshott 7, W. Fowler 8, S. C. Reeve-Flaxman 9, H. Gillard 10. Mr. Reeve-Flaxman hails from Hamstead.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Under an Order in Council, published last week, the new Sees of Guildford and Portsmouth, carved out of the diocese of Winchester, came into being on Sunday last. There will eventually be a new Guild of ringers for the diocese of Guildford, but ringing matters in the two other dioceses will be continued, it is expected, under one management, with a dual title.

Congratulations will be extended to Mr. George Williams to-morrow when he reaches his 70th birthday. Few men are as well known in the Exercise as Mr. George Williams, and probably none has done more to advance the art than he has. He holds the office of Master of the Winchester Guild, and it is hoped to celebrate his birthday by a peal on the Cathedral bells.

'The best-laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft a-gley,' wrote Bobby Burns, and the truth thereof was again apparent down in Kent on St. George's Day. The eight Georges rang over two hours and lost their peal of London Surprise, and the companion peal of Cambridge, which friends of the Georges attempted in an adjoining parish, ended prematurely by the tenors coming up the wrong way. Sh-h-h, tell it not in Gath!

On May 7th, 1780, John Reeves and a party of London Youths rang the first peal on Harrow bells, a peal described in the records as '5,040 Bob Majors.'

The first peal of Grandsire Maximus, described in the Cumberland Youths' record as 'Grandsire Bob Maximus,' was rung at Southwark on May 7th, 1792. John Reeves called this peal also, and William Shipway was one of the band.

Another peal of which Mr. John Reeves was the conductor was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, with which Edmonton bells were opened by the Cumberlands on May 8th, 1788.

One of those long peals of Treble Bob Royal, which formed a source of rivalry between the College Youths and the Cumberlands in the latter part of the eighteenth century, was rung by the Cumberland Youths at Shoreditch on May 10th, 1777. It was 10,200, but was beaten nine days later by an 11,080 rung on the same bells by the College Youths. That was just a hundred and fifty years ago!

A record which still stands is the 14,112 London Surprise Major, rung at King's Norton on May 11th, 1903, in 8 hrs. 40 mins.

The restored peal of bells at St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, were dedicated on Monday week by the Bishop of Peterborough. Seven of the bells have been recast, and the whole rehung in a new frame and fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

'The Midlander' for April publishes an interesting biographical sketch and portrait of Mr. Frank B. Yates, of King's Norton, who was responsible for raising funds for recasting the bells at that church, and recently very generously gave the two trebles to make a peal of ten.

Mr. Yates has been a prominent Midland cyclist, and put up many fine performances on road and track. A lover of horses, he has been a successful exhibitor, and in addition to being actively interested in ringing, he has done magnificent work in connection with the Church and philanthropic institutions. He was recently entertained on the occasion of his 50th birthday.

The meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, which was to have been held at Cheddar to-morrow, has been cancelled, owing to the lamented death of the district secretary, Mr. G. Chamberlain.

COURT BOB ROYAL.

MANCROFT PEAL NOT THE FIRST.

In our issues of August 10th and December 28th, 1923, we gave some details, culled by Mr. T. E. Slater, of Glemsford, and Mr. G. P. Burton, of Norwich, from old newspapers, by which it appeared to be established that the first peal of Court Bob Royal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft on April 17th, 1769.

Our reminder of this event under 'Belfry Gossip' a fortnight ago, now brings the information that a peal of 6,720 Court Bob Ten-In was rung by James Barham and his company at Leeds, Kent, in 1765. Mr. G. W. Moss, of Manningtree, Essex, who has a copy of Barham's records, writes:

'The following is from James Barham's peal book: "Sunday, January 20th, 1765, was rung at home, 6,720 complete changes of Court Bob Ten in 4 hours 42 minutes, being the most of this method yet rung, viz., William Attwood, Edward Mason, Thomas Lacy, Richard Masters, Stephen Bayley, William Davis, John Sweetlove, Edward Cook, James Barham, William Tilby."

'If it was the same method,' adds Mr. Moss, 'evidently the Norwich men, when they rang their peal in 1769, had no knowledge of the peal rung in 1765 by the Leeds Youths.'

There is, of course, more than one variation of Court Bob Royal, and it would be interesting to know which was rung at Leeds. Porter was the author of the Norwich peal, and it was the method to which we now prefix the word Norwich.

Shipway, in his 'Campanologia,' gives: 'Court Bob; containing three distinct systems, each consisting of Single, Reverse and Double.' One is called simply Court Bob, one is London Court Bob and the other Norwich Court Bob. Is there any further information available as to the method practised by Barham and his men? In any event, the 6,720 does not seem to be the first peal, for Barham states that this is 'the most of this method yet rung,' indicating that there had been previous peals.

FIRST PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

IPSWICH MEN'S ACHIEVEMENT.

The first peal of the above ever rung was accomplished on Saturday last at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich. It is most fitting that this should have been performed at Ipswich, for here it was that the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, on August 15th, 1908, and also the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus (November 28th, 1896), outside Norwich, were rung.

It was on Sunday, September 12th, 1926, that the first course of Superlative Maximus was rung, and altogether sixteen courses have been brought round, the peal being achieved at the seventh attempt.

The society wish to thank Messrs. Cross, Duffield, Kinsey, May, Mee, Shemming, Wood and Woodcock for their assistance in practices and peal attempts.

In 'The Ringing World' of April 1st, writes Mr. G. E. Symonds, the conductor, is printed over the name of the Rev. Law James: 'It would only be a disgrace to-day for a band of ringers to ring the method published as Superlative Maximus . . . in disregard of all musical qualities.' This is not correct, for grand music is produced by the tenor going up to the 8th, then the 9th coming up to the tenor, and the beautiful cadences ending with the 10th behind. Some of the best hymn and chant tunes end on this note, and the terrible monotony of the tenor always going up to the 10th, then the 11th up to the tenor, is relieved.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society have now rung eight different Maximus peals in the present decade.

PASSING OF AN OLD MIDLAND RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Sidney Smith, which, as briefly announced in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' took place at his residence at Handsworth, Birmingham, on Easter Tuesday, April 18th. Born in Devon in 1850, he migrated to the Midlands with his parents when he was a small boy of five or six years, and lived the remainder of his days in the neighbourhood of Birmingham.

As a youth, he was apprenticed to the late Paul Cashmore (composer of the well-known 5,056 Kent Treble Bob Major), who had a gun and revolver manufactory at West Bromwich, and was in due course introduced to 'the Exercise.'

Subsequently he married his employer's daughter, by whom he had three sons, one of whom is the present honorary secretary of St. Martin's Guild (Mr. A. Paddon Smith). It is interesting to recall that the deceased and the late Mr. John Carter for many years worked side by side at Paul Cashmore's, and were encouraged by their employer in the pursuit of knowledge of change ringing.

Mr. Smith became a member of the band of ringers at West Bromwich Old Church, and was laid to rest in the family grave in the beautiful 'God's Acre' attached to that church on Friday, April 22nd.

Mr. Smith was never a keen peal ringer, and had kept no record of the dozen or so in which he took part, most of which were rung under the auspices of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

He had for many years been a regular attendant at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, and was one of those who at the last dinner signed the menu card which was sent out to the secretary (who was then in India) by the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' This souvenir is much prized by the recipient, and it is a sorrowful thought that Death, the reaper, has already removed one of the signatories from human ken.

Mr. Smith was energetic and active to the last, and was very fond of a game at bowls and a hand at bridge. He looked good for many years still, but Providence ordained otherwise. He succumbed to heart failure following influenza, and passed peacefully away in his sleep, leaving a widow and three sons to mourn their loss.

'The moving finger writes—and having writ

Moves on; nor all thy Piety nor Wit,

Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,

Nor all thy tears wash out a word of it.'

Omar Khayyam.

LUNDY ISLAND PEAL RECALLED.

Readers of 'Among the bells' will remember the description of how the peal on Lundy Island was rung. The party were taken over from Ilfracombe in the 'Missions to Seamen' boat by the then chaplain, the Rev. A. E. A. Coombes, who is now Rector of Freshwater. During his incumbency in the Isle of Wight of 12 years or so, Mr. Coombes has been an honorary member and a good friend in general to the Island branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, always giving the members a hearty welcome to the parish. To their regret he is now leaving for Didsbury, near Manchester, and on Saturday, April 23rd, the first peal on the bells was rung as a token of farewell. Mr. Coombes met the band at the station, saw that everything was in order, and at the close of the performance entertained them to tea.

It is hoped that in his new sphere, Mr. Coombes will prove as good a friend to ringers in the district as he has done in the Isle of Wight.

The date of the peal coincided with the marriage of Miss E. M. Windsor, at Wroxall, Somerset (where she is well known as a change ringer) to Mr. S. Miles, of Ryde, I.O.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

The half-yearly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, about 40 members attending. The tower was open at three o'clock, and standard Minor methods were rung until 5 p.m., when the association service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. F. R. Strickland), who also gave an inspiring address on bells and ringers.

The visitors to the island were then entertained to a meat tea in a nearby hostelry, and the age of miracles has not yet passed, as the district secretary had a great shock in seeing three vacant seats, which told that that number was less than had notified their intention of being present. It certainly was not the weather that kept any away—that was ideal. A keen north-easter from the sea improved the appetite, and full justice was done to the excellent repast.

The Vicar presided over the business meeting which followed, when five new members were elected, and Swanscombe was chosen for the summer meeting, the date being fixed for Saturday, July 23rd.

At the conclusion of the business, the District Secretary (Mr. F. W. Mitchell) offered the thanks of all to the kind donors of the excellent tea, and Mr. Haigh, in seconding, offered their thanks also to the Vicar for the use of the tower, for the address, and for presiding over the meeting, also to the organist for his attendance.

The Vicar, in responding, said how pleased they were to welcome the association to their ancient borough on the island, which was 'nearly off the map.' That was their first visit during his incumbency, and he hoped it would not be the last. On any future occasion they would be pleased to entertain them in a similar way.

The tower was again visited and ringing indulged in until the 8.40 train carried off the visitors who had so thoroughly enjoyed the meeting. A slight note of disappointment was expressed by the owner of the Austin 7, as he had to pay a toll of 1s. 6d. each way before he could cross the bridge at King's Ferry, which helped to swell the coffers of the S.R.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT ENTERTAINMENT.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, April 30th. The bells were raised at 3 p.m. and kept going to various methods throughout the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. Cannon), who gave a very interesting address.

Tea was kindly provided in the Church Rooms by the local band, about fifty members partaking of a substantial meal.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presiding, seven new practising members were elected, and the chairman was made an honorary member of the association.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries gave a report of proceedings at committee meeting held at Bromley on Easter Monday.

Chislehurst was chosen as the place of next quarterly meeting.

Mr. I. Emery reminded the meeting of the loss of a trusted and respected member of the association by the death of the late Mr. G. Durling, of Bromley. He stated that application on behalf of his widow had been made to the benevolent fund, and that a grant had been made and received from that body.—The meeting signified their respect and sympathy with the bereaved by standing in silence for one minute.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, for his fine address, original both in style and substance, and for presiding at the meeting; to the ringers for their generous hospitality in supplying the tea; to the ladies for dispensing the same; and to the organist for his services.—Seconded by Mr. I. Emery, this was carried with applause. The Vicar responded, and said he hoped to see the association at St. Mary Cray again.—Mr. Lovelock, secretary of the local band, also replied, remarking that about ten years had elapsed since the association last visited St. Mary Cray. He hoped that less time would pass before they came again.—Mr. I. Emery assured the Vicar and local band that in view of the welcome accorded on this occasion the association would be only too eager to visit St. Mary Cray again.

This concluded the meeting, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells before adjourning to the tower for further ringings.

MUFFLED RINGING AT ANSTEY.

On Tuesday, April 26th, there passed away in the person of Mr. Laurie Jackson, of Bradgate Road, Anstey, a respected member of the Midland Counties Association. His illness had been a very brief one, and his death came as a shock to his many friends and acquaintances.

The funeral took place on the following Thursday afternoon, when he was laid to rest in the beautiful little cemetery at Anstey.

On the following Sunday afternoon, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Anstey, with the clappers half-muffled, in 45 mins.: Miss Mary L. Cufflin 1, W. Arthur Skinner 2, A. Disney 3, N. S. Bagworth 4, J. Pole 5, E. H. Bagworth 6, R. Barrow (conductor) 7, A. Cufflin 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSAL FOR OUT-COUNTY MEETINGS DEFEATED.

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Huddersfield on Easter Monday. By the courtesy of the respective clergy, the rings of ten at the Parish Church, eight at Almondbury, eight at Longwood, and six at Kirkheaton, were available for ringing during the day.

A meeting of the general committee took place in the Parochial Hall, when arrangements were made for meetings to be held later in the year. Divine service was held in the Parish Church at 3.45 p.m., when the Vicar of Huddersfield (Rev. Canon Baines) extended a hearty invitation to the association, his kindly sermon being greatly appreciated by a large congregation.

About one hundred and twenty ringers sat down to a splendid tea in the Parochial Hall, the business meeting being held in the same building afterwards. The President (Rev. C. C. Marshall) occupied the chair, and was supported by the principal officers of the association. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. C. Harrison and G. Halksworth.

A motion having for its object the giving of facilities to towers outside the county boundary to hold association meetings was heavily defeated.

On the motion of Mr. H. Walker, seconded by Mr. T. K. Kendall, it was decided to hold the next general meeting of the association at Ecclesfield on August 27th.

Messrs. H. Chew and Reginald Noble, of Northowram, were elected as members of the association, and a cordial vote of thanks to the respective clergy for kindly granting the use of their bells, and to Canon Baines for his excellent address, was moved by the President, seconded by Mr. F. Willey, and unanimously accorded.

A vote of thanks to the local company was moved and seconded by Mr. J. Broadly and Mr. G. Lewis respectively. The general secretary, in supporting the motion, stated that only twenty-eight applications for tea had been received, and more than one hundred and twenty had sat down to tea. Such laxity placed the local company in an unenviable position, and he urged his hearers to be more considerate on future occasions.—Mr. J. Barraclough responded on behalf of the local band.—The delightful weather enjoyed during the day contributed to make this meeting a memorable and pleasant one.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT AT EYAM.

The first association meeting ever held in the historic village of Eyam (Derbyshire), took place on Saturday, April 23rd, when between 40 and 50 members of the Midland Counties Association, including quite a number of ladies, assembled at the beautiful little 13th century church of St. Lawrence, and made full use of a delightful light ring of six bells (tenor about 8 cwt.) from 3 to 5 p.m. Among the towers represented were Bakewell, Chesterfield, Dore, Eyam, Great Longstone, Loughborough, Morton, North Wingfield, South Anston, Trecton and Wortley.

A good deal of creditable ringing was accomplished in methods ranging through Plain Bob, Doubles and Minor, College Single, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, to Cambridge Surprise. In the latter method, quite a number obtained their first touches. Another feature was a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor by the local company, conducted by the Rev. W. P. Wright, during tea, and a further 720 of Treble Bob by the same conductor at the close of the meeting.

A short business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. J. P. Tarleton (North Wingfield) presiding. Seven new members were elected, viz., five from Eyam, one from Dore and one from Morton.—Alfreton was selected for the next meeting, to be held on the third Saturday in June.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector (the Rev. H. Saunders Williams), who, although unable to be present at the tea and business meeting, visited the belfry several times and took a great interest in the proceedings; to the Rev. W. P. Wright for his kindness in making all the arrangements; and to the local company, who were congratulated on their progress.

During the afternoon and evening, many of those not actually ringing found great interest in the ancient church, its relics, and its tombs, redolent of memories of the Great Plague, and of the undying story of the heroic Mompesson and his wife; and in listening to the music of the bells, perhaps hardly realising the same tenor and its three brethren had called to worship and to rest those 267 souls who gave their lives for others in the tragedy of 1665.

OLD SUFFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred at Helmingham, Suffolk, on April 16th, of Mr. Walter Whiting, captain of the local company for 30 years. The deceased, who was 74 years of age, was buried at Helmingham on April 21st, when a half-muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in his memory.

Mr. Whiting had been a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and, afterwards, the Norfolk Guild, since 1879, and had rung 45 peals. He was also a member of the Suffolk Guild, and was always to the fore in all pioneer work. He spared no pains in teaching young ringers, and will be remembered by all who came in contact with him for his kindly disposition and genial nature.

THE RECORD PEAL OF TREBLE BOB.

Ringers will be interested to examine the new record length of Treble Bob which was rung at Heptonstall on Easter Monday. Appended are the figures, the length being 17,824 changes.

THE COMPOSITION.

234567	
524367	W.
235647	O.
362457	O.
643527	O.
734526	M. O. 5th's. H.
274365	In. 4th's.
647325	M. H.
475623	4th's. 4th's. In. 4th's. In. 4th's. O. 4th's.
576423	M. M. In. O. 5th's. 5th's. H. H.
754623	M. M. In. O. 5th's. 5th's. W. H.
276435	M. In. 4th's. O. 4th's.
762435	M. M. In. O. 5th's. 5th's. W. W. H.
374256	M. In. 4th's. O. 4th's.
472356	M. M. In. O. 5th's. 5th's. H. H.
743256	M. M. In. O. 5th's. 5th's. W. H.
A 725364	
A 73542	
352647	M. M. In. O. H.
632547	W.
356427	O.
543267	O.
425637	O.
B 752634	M. O. 5th's. H. H.
372546	In. 4th's.
427536	M. H.
565427	4th's. 4th's. O. H.
B 645237	
B 426357	
B 234567	

Composed by T. B. Worsley, July 7th, 1926.

LONG LENGTHS OF TREBLE BOB.

The following are the progressively long lengths in the last 200 years:—

April 1st, 1727.	—10,080, Oxford, St. Michael's Coslany, Norwich, 6 hrs. 28 mins.
April 28th, 1800.	—10,112, Oxford, All Saints', Edmonton, 6 hrs. 29 mins.
August 27th, 1814.	—12,320, Otley, Yorks, 7 hrs. 15 mins.
February 12th, 1821.	—14,016, Kent, St. Paul's, Oldham, 7 hrs. 26 mins.
December 26th, 1831.	—15,168, Kent, Elland, Yorks, 8 hrs. 43 mins.
April 27th, 1868.	—15,840, Kent, St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 9 hrs. 12 mins.
May 18th, 1883.	—16,608, Kent, Mottram, Cheshire, 9 hrs. 48 mins.
June 6th, 1892.	—16,608, Oxford, Debenham, Suffolk, 10 hrs. 32 mins.
June 8th, 1906.	—16,800, Kent, Mottram, Cheshire, 9 hrs. 40 mins.
July 21st, 1923.	—17,280, Kent, Over, Cheshire, 10 hrs.
April 18th, 1927.	—17,824, Oxford, Heptonstall, Yorks, 10 hrs. 51 mins.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Henfield on Saturday, April 23rd. Ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock, and a special service was held, at which an address was given by the Vicar (Canon R. J. Lea). Afterwards, those present adjourned to the Parish Room, where forty-one sat down to a meat tea, provided in a most generous manner by the Vicar. The business meeting was subsequently held, the Vicar presiding.

Mr. A. D. Stone was re-elected secretary; Messrs. J. A. Hart, O. Sippetts and J. Wren were re-elected as members of the committee; and Messrs. Keith Hart, F. Bennett and C. Tyler were re-elected as committee of advice.

Easebourne (a six-bell tower) having become affiliated, the following members of the branch were elected: A. Allerby, L. Bishop, J. Booker, A. Cook, R. Drummer, J. Etherington, P. Goble, F. Harrison, G. Orchard, C. Soane, W. Stringer and T. Tribe.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind invitation to tea, for the use of the bells, and for the service and address.

The collection taken for the benevolent fund amounted to 8s. 4d. The tower was again visited, the methods rung ranging from Grand-sire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise. The following towers were represented: Aldington, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Billingshurst, Crawley, Heene, Hordfield, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Southover (Lewes), Lower Beeding, Turner's Hill, Warnham, also Mr. A. King (Luton), non-resident member.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church, Melkham, Wilts, on Saturday, April 30th. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and the usual Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. B. Aston, M.A., M.C. Tea was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, of Devizes. The following new members were elected: Mr. J. Rodwell, of Tarranton, Norfolk, life member; Mr. O. Webb, Westbury, and Mr. F. Yule, Hilperton, ringing members.

The Chairman reported that Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes, a former secretary of the branch, was in the Cottage Hospital, Devizes, seriously ill, and it was decided that the secretary should write a letter to Mrs. West expressing the sympathy of the branch with Mr. West, and expressing the hope for his speedy recovery.

A discussion followed respecting the annual meeting of the Guild, which is to be held at Wimborne Minster, Dorset, on Saturday, May 14th.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for conducting the service, to the organist, and the local ringers for having the bells ready.

The Vicar invited those who cared to do so to take a walk round the Vicarage Garden.

The following towers were represented: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's, St. James'), Southbrook, Bath, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Bratton, Westbury, Warminster, Bromham, Chippenham, Holt, Hilperton and Trowbridge. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung during the afternoon and evening, the bells being a new peal cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1925.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, a quarterly meeting was held at Wellington, when there was a good attendance of members, there being between 30 and 40 present, and representing towers as far apart as Ludlow and Market Drayton. There were also visitors from Cheshire, Loughborough, and Birmingham. Ringing commenced soon after 2.30, and the bells were kept going till 4.30, when there was a short service in church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very helpful address.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Hall, and was presided over by the Vicar, in the absence of the Master (Major Corbett).

The new certificates were handed round for inspection, and met with general approval. They require signing by the Master and secretary, and will be distributed in a few weeks' time.

Tea was partaken of at the Y.M.C.A. Cafe, and afterwards a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells.

The members then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going till 8.30. During the afternoon and evening, the ringing consisted of short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major; a course of Kent Treble Bob was also rung, considerable labour being required owing to the terrific oscillation of the frame. It is hoped that a start will be made shortly to raise funds for the re-hanging, as the bells are in a terrible state at present.

It is hoped to arrange a meeting at Moreton Corbet, in June, for combined practice in six-bell methods.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Braughing, on Saturday, April 30th, when forty members were present. The event was favoured by a lovely afternoon, and the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stambank, made the church an attraction for the goodly number which turned up. The bells are a very good ring, with a tenor of 19 cwt., by Miles Graye, and the 'go' of them leave nothing to be desired. The Vicar, churchwardens and ringers are to be congratulated upon raising the necessary funds for the restoration in so short a time. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were rung. A short service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar, after which the tea and business meeting took place, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. B. Jobson).

Reference was made to the death of Mr. J. J. Cawdell, of Baldock, a much respected member of the association, those present all standing as a mark of respect. The district secretary was asked to send a letter of sympathy to the relatives.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar was proposed by the District Secretary and carried unanimously.

WELCOME TO NEW VICAR.

At Aldershot, on Saturday, April 30th, at the Parish Church of St. Michael the Archangel, on the occasion of the induction of the newly-appointed Vicar, the Rev. Hugh Le Fleming, 629 Grandsire Triples by: W. Denyer 1, C. W. Denyer 2, Miss A. Fisher 3, Miss N. Denyer 4, Alb. Goucher 5, H. Gardner (Seale) 6, R. Hasted (Farnham, conductor) 7, G. Peto 8.—After the service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes) by: Miss A. Fisher 1, C. W. Denyer (first quarter as conductor, age 16) 2, Alb. Croucher 3, Miss N. Denyer 4, W. Denyer 5, H. Gardner (first quarter in the method) 6, R. Hasted 7, G. Peto 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. THE INSURANCE OF RINGERS.

In fine weather, a delightful afternoon was spent at Marshfield on Saturday, when the Bristol Branch held their quarterly meeting. The following towers were represented: St. Matthew's, St. Nicholas', St. Philip's, St. Stephen's, St. Thomas', and St. Werburgh, Clifton, Bristol; Henbury, Marshfield, Olveston, Stoke Bishop, and Chippenham. Rev. T. C. Fowler and Mr. C. Spurrier, vice-presidents, Messrs. A. H. Drew (Dorchester), A. Burcombe (Stinchcombe), H. W. Fussell (Dursley), F. Lambeth (Chippenham), W. A. Lewis, N. Lewis, E. A. Lewis (Berkley), and Mr. and Mrs. W. Farley (Corsham) were also present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. S. L. Alford), who is an active member of Toc H, and he told the members the aims and the great ideals of this movement, and he hoped the ringers' aims were equally as great.

At the business meeting, the chairman (Mr. J. Gould) was supported by the Vicar and Mrs. Alford, the two vice-presidents, and Mr. Thomas (organist), and 40 members were present. The chairman gave the visitors a hearty welcome. The meeting endorsed the action of the secretary in accepting the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon G. R. Wood for the branch to visit Almondsbury on August 27th.

An interesting discussion took place on the insurance of ringers. The Ocean Corporation, Ltd., had written to the secretary submitting quotations for the insurance of ringers. If sufficient members were insured, they could quote as low a rate as 1s. per member. The secretary was instructed in write to the general secretary to place it on the agenda for the annual meeting.

Winterborne was chosen for the next meeting on May 21st, and Dyrham for June 25th.—The Vicar was elected an honorary member, Mrs. C. Spurrier an associate member, and Messrs. R. Fletcher and G. Minett (Marshfield) performing members.

The Rev. T. C. Fowler proposed, and Mr. F. Leaker seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and Mr. Beezer and ladies for assisting at the tea. Both the proposer and seconder paid a high tribute to the Vicar, who had been in the parish for just one month.

The Vicar was given a cordial greeting, and said how he welcomed the ringers. It was real good, he said, to get these gatherings, and he hoped while he was Vicar they would make it an annual affair.

After the meeting, the ringers returned to the belfry, and several who got little practice at Stedman or Treble Bob were pleased with the assistance given to them. The bells were rung until 8.15. The Bristol party had a most enjoyable motor-trip to and from Marshfield. The weather was all that could be desired, and the countryside was beginning to show signs of the advent of spring.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

WARNING AGAINST A BAD PRACTICE.

A meeting of the Lavenham District was held at Acton on Saturday, April 23rd, when the following places were represented: Lavenham, Long Melford, Little Waldingfield, Hartest, Lawshall, and the local company. Ringing commenced with several courses of 'Gravediggers' delight' by some of the local band. A short service was held in All Saints' Church, the Rev. A. C. Harpur, Vicar, officiating, after which the musical peal of five were kept going to Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, St. Simon's, and Morning Star.

A business meeting was held in the school, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. S. H. Symonds, assistant secretary, who gave warning against the dangerous practice of 'clocking' bells. This wrong mode of chiming is employed at many towers in Suffolk.

Mention was also made of the scarcity of district meetings in the Guild's western area. It was proposed to hold the next meeting of the Lavenham District at Little Waldingfield on Saturday, May 21st.

The Vicar, on being proposed as an honorary member, said he was pleased to welcome the Guild to Acton, and hoped, before long, to become a real ringing member.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for presiding and for the use of the bells. The meeting closed with a course of Bob Major on Mr. S. H. Symonds' 'pocket' set of handbells, the tenor of which is two inches in diameter.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Yoxford, on Saturday last, April 30th, and was largely attended, about fifty ringers being present, and no less than seventeen towers being represented. The bells, a peal of six which have recently been rehung by Messrs. A. Howell and Son, Ipswich, were set going soon after three o'clock, and touches in various methods were rung until 5 p.m., when, at the invitation of Mr. C. H. Lomax, an adjournment was made to the old school, where tea, which had been provided by a band of ladies, was greatly appreciated. The Rev. C. H. Raven presided, and was supported by the Rev. H. Drake, general secretary, who proposed a vote of thanks to the donors of the tea. This was carried with acclamation, and a vote of thanks was also accorded to the Vicar for the warm welcome extended to the Guild. This was moved by the district secretary (Mr. G. Wilson), who congratulated the young band on the progress they had made. Further touches were rung in the evening, the methods ranging from Bob Minor to London Surprise.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEST CLANDON.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Harding, sen., 1, N. Harding 2, G. Grover 3, J. Goacher 4, F. Day 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, S. Head 3, G. H. Carter 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

ABERAVON.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: C. Mathers 1, F. E. Stone 2, G. W. Hollis 3, E. Stitch 4, W. J. Nulton 5, C. Hughes (first quarter inside) 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Sharp (first 720, and aged 13) 1, J. McGrath 2, F. G. Crouch 3, H. W. Gayton (conductor) 4, W. Sharp 5, W. Stock 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service at St. Giles', Camberwell, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: G. J. Harman 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. C. Moye 3, F. Goddard 4, T. W. Taffender 5, J. Milner 6, W. Rogers (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters) 7, H. Hills 8, J. R. Gammon 9, H. Taylor 10.

PENDLETON, LANCs.—On Sunday evening, May 1st, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Howard 1, W. Edwards 2, S. Greenhalgh 3, H. Greenhalgh 4, H. T. Jones 5, W. H. Shaker 6, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, R. Johnson (first quarter-peal) 8.

ARKSEY.—On Easter Day, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: F. Garner 1, A. Hall 2, J. Clarke 3, C. Otter 4, E. Cooper (first quarter-peal) 5, E. Arrand 6, J. McCluskey (conductor) 7, T. Revil 8.

POLKINGHAM, LINGS.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: J. Musson 1, A. King 2, L. Pell (first 720 in any method) 3, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 4, W. Wilson 5, C. Wilkinson (first 720 of Minor inside) 6.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Easter Day, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins., for the evening service: Roy Coupe 1, Miss Elsie Smith 2, J. Berridge 3, Charles Bates 4, Geo. Smith 5, William Biggin (conductor) 6, T. E. Lee 7, A. Fox 8. This was also rung in honour of the 21st birthday of C. Oldfield, a late member of the band, who is now residing in Jersey, U.S.A.

MORRISTON, SWANSEA.—At St. John's Church, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: D. G. Williams 1, G. N. Williams 2, J. T. Williams (conductor) 3, L. Pelzar 4, G. Lewis 5, I. Matthews 6.—Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: I. Matthews 1, G. N. Williams 2, J. T. Williams 3, L. Pelzar 4, G. Lewis (conductor) 5, D. G. Williams 6.

ECTON, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Day for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 50 mins.: F. Baker 1, F. Pinney 2, C. Tebbly 3, H. Tebbly 4, A. Robinson (conductor) 5, C. Tapp 6.—Also for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins.: F. Baker 1, F. Pinney 2, A. Johnson 3, H. Tebbly 4, A. Robinson (conductor) 5, F. Harlott 6.

ST. ALBANS.—At St. Stephen's Church on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles for evening service, in 44 mins., on the plan arranged by A. J. Pitman: J. Malyan (conductor) 1, E. Chapman 2, R. Bedford 3, R. Smith 4, H. Bedford 5, W. Malyan 6.

TETTERHALL, STAFFS.—On Easter Day, for the Eucharist service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: E. J. Southwick 1, T. Taylor 2, H. R. Pickering 3, G. Smith 4, E. Genna 5, K. Taylor 6, R. Pickering (conductor) 7, T. Bate 8. Rung with 4-6-8 covering.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL RINGING CONTEST.

The annual ringing contest was held on Easter Monday at Crowthwaite Parish Church, Keswick. Six teams competed, as against four last year, representing Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Egremont (2), Workington and Keswick. Egremont No. 1 team rang 720 Woodbine in 25 mins., with 52 faults; Workington rang 560 Bob Major in 22½ mins., with 46 faults; Bridekirk rang Oxford for eight minutes, when they broke down, with 37 faults; Cockermouth rang 720 Violet in 26½ mins., with 33 faults; Keswick rang Stedman Triples for 3½ mins., when they broke down, with 45 faults; Egremont No. 2 rang 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins., with 90 faults.

After the contest, a meeting was held in the belfry, presided over by the Vicar, Rev. W. Elliot-Bradley, when the judge, Mr. T. T. Goffton, of Whitley Bay, gave his decision as above. Cockermouth were therefore winners of the contest for the third year in succession, and hold the 'Rawsley' shield for another year, and also receive medals.

Nine new members were elected, and Hensingham was chosen for the next quarterly meeting to be held in June.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for presiding, also for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Goffton for acting as judge.

Tea, partaken in the Waverley Cafe, brought the proceedings to a close.

NOTICES.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Whit Tuesday next, the 7th of June, at (by the courtesy of the Lord Mayor) the Mansion House, London, at 11 a.m. Full particulars will be published later.

Notices of motion should reach me not later than Saturday, the 7th of May next.—E. Alexr. Young, Hon. Sec., 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 12th and 26th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 31st; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell on Saturday, May 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present advise me as soon as possible. Chigwell Row bells will be available after tea.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cheddar on May 7th is cancelled.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30; also King's Somborne (6). Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Wortley on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) ready early.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Fownhope on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available. Service 5 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at liberty 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Easton Maudit on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea 5.30.—A. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30. Subscription due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at West Clandon on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. A good attendance is desired.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting of the Reading branch will be held on May 7th, at Ship-lake, Oxon. Ringing at 3 p.m. All visitors will be guests to tea with the Vicar at 4.45 p.m.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, May 7th. The bells (10) will be ready at 3 p.m. Everybody welcomed.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec. 199, High Street, Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Preston St. Mark's on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, as usual, to all who notify Mr. J. Eccleston, 8, Mafeking Road, Ashton-on-Ribble, not later than May 9th. The bells have recently been rehung by Mears and Stainbank. — Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 14th. Tower open at 3. Tea arranged as usual. Sunbury June 18th. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, May 14th. The bells (recently augmented and recast) will be available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. It is requested that all outstanding subscriptions be paid in at this meeting. — J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 14th. Service in St. Deny's Church 4.30. Tea at the Church Hall 5.15 (free to members on production of receipt for current year, non-members 1s. 9d.) for those who notify Mr. R. Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Chester-le-Street Parish Church on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available after 2 o'clock. A good attendance desired.—H. Tyson, Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Pinner, Saturday, May 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me if you require same. Cheap tickets from Marylebone, Baker Street and Met. Station. Members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, May 14th. Tower open from 2.30 to 8 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. Elson, Ramsdale Villas, Church Drive, Daybrook, Notts, not later than Thursday, May 12th? All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Sec. (pro tem.), 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brayfield on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Important: Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 10th.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District. —A meeting will be held at Over on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Rail service, Swavesey Station (L.N.E. Railway). Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, May 14th. Bells at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14th, at King's Norton. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 'Donnor,' Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Will members requiring tea please notify me not later than the 12th inst.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Wolvey on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Cope, Local Sec., Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Kegworth and Diseworth on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. Diseworth bells open in the evening. All ringers and friends heartily invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Please notify early.—H. G. Phillips, Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held in Wimborne on Saturday, May 14th. Service in the Minster at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. L. Keith. Collection for Diocesan War Memorial. Luncheon in the Masonic Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 1s. 6d. each to members. Business meeting to follow. President, Lord Shaftesbury. Bells available: Peal of 10, Wimborne Minster from 10.30 a.m.; peals of eight, Cranborne, Blandford, Poole, peals of six, Canford Magna, Corfe Mullen, Hampreston, St. Giles, Sturminster Marshall, Lytchett Minster, 10-11.30 a.m. and 3-9 p.m.; peal of 5, Hinton Martell. Ringers intending to be present should signify their intention to the Assistant Secretary, T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, by Monday, May 9th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Elmdon on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. We are hoping to see a good attendance. — C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Clipstone on Saturday, May 14th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by May 10th.—W. Bott, Hon. Dis. Sec., Guildsborough.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Framlingham District. — A district meeting will be held at Bedfield on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) at Parish Church available 3.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—J. Hall, Hon. Dis. Sec., College Road, Framlingham.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, May 14th. Bells ready 1.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who apply before Wednesday, May 11th, to M. Perry, Clifton Cottages, Brinley, near Barnsley. Barnsley Traction Bus service is discontinued to Felkirk, but Messrs. Cipkin Bros.' bus runs past church leaving Barnsley 2.10, 3.40, 5.0 p.m. etc. Cheap return bookings. The Hoylandswaine Cup contest takes place Saturday, June 25th. First and second prizes in addition to cup will be awarded to those finishing in that order. All towers in the association are invited to enter at once.—Apply Mr. Lewis Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, Penistone.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The dedication of the two new bells at St. Mark's, Swindon, will take place at the monthly meeting on May 21st by the Archdeacon of Swindon at 3 p.m. Bells available for ringing after service. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Wednesday, May 18th. All ringers welcome.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business. All welcome.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the Kent County Association will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All ringers invited. A good attendance hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting in the Hall. All welcome. Will those requiring tea inform me by Tuesday, May 17th?—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bourton on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Bourton (6), Mere (8), Buckhorn Weston (6), Kington Magna (5). Will all members who wish to be present kindly let me know by May 24th at the latest?—R. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water on Whit Monday, June 6th. Motions for the agenda re alteration or additions to rules must reach me before May 9th. Further details of arrangements will be announced in these columns later. Management Committee meeting will be held at Lydney on Thursday, May 12th.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 39, Tankards Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

PUBLICATIONS.

'AMONG THE BELLS.' — THE RINGING CAREER OF LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A., Vicar of Drayton, Berks, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Part I. to XX may be had singly at 6d. net. Unbound numbers I to XX complete, 8s. 6d. Or the whole work bound in cloth for 10s. 6d. net. From MRS. ROBINSON, Fair Home, Wokingham.

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EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on Saturday afternoon, April 30th, in 50 mins.: L. W. Payne 1, N. E. Hope 2, E. J. Ladd (first attempt for a quarter-peal) 3, G. F. Tizzard 4, G. Lambert 5, J. Wren 6, T. Tullett (conductor) 7, S. W. Chesson 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hope. This is believed to be the first time these bells have been rung for such an occasion.

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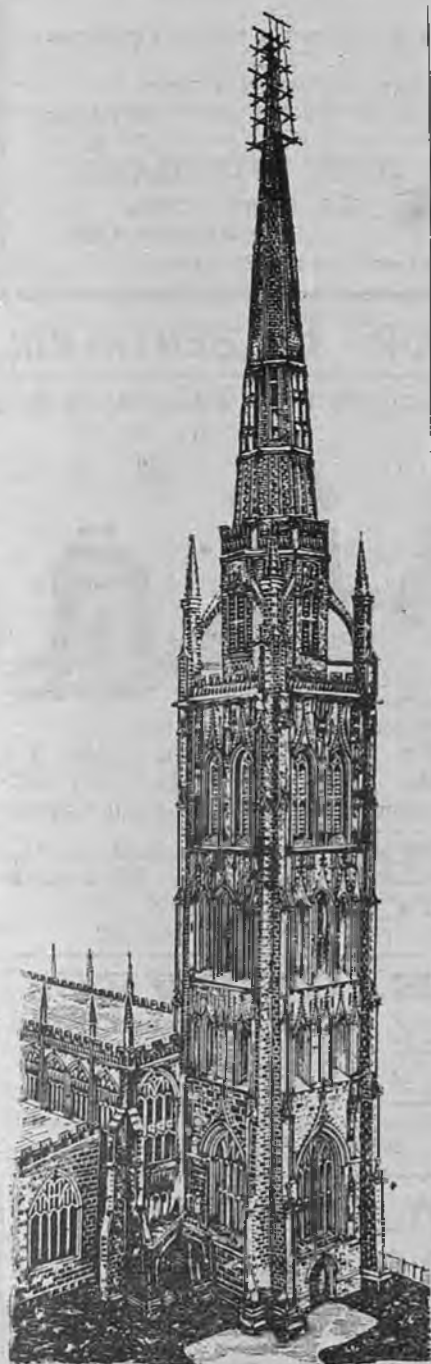
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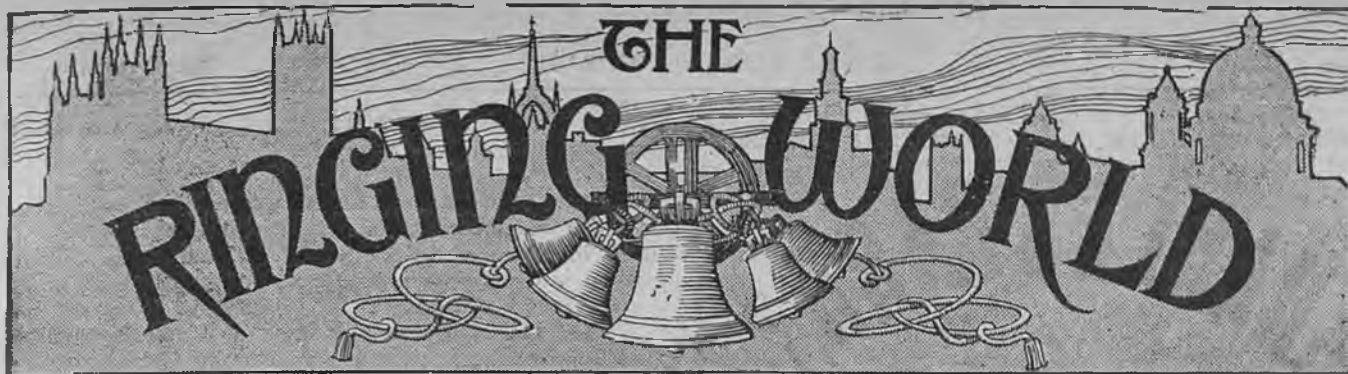
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PEAL RINGING, PAST & PRESENT.

The tabulated summary of the peals rung in the year 1926 appears in our pages this week, and once again the Central Council's Committee deserve the thanks of the Exercise for the labour which they have expended in the compilation of this interesting record of a year's activities among the peal ringers. The statistics will be examined with interest by those who follow peal ringing, for there can be no question that, taken year by year, peals do indicate very largely the standard of ringing which has been reached. The progress of this or that association can be watched, and it becomes the more striking when comparison is made with a distant year.

In 1926 there was a slight falling off in the number of peals rung, but there was nothing like the extraordinary drop which occurred in the preceding twelve months, when the total fell by no fewer than 171 as against 1924. Last year's decline of 22 is trivial, and against this can be set a marked extension in the variety of methods rung. This year, for instance, there were five methods of Maximus rung as against three in 1925; twelve Surprise Major methods against ten, and four of Surprise Royal against three. There is thus no cause for misgiving in reduced numbers; while a distinctly encouraging feature is an increase in the number of conductors of peals.

We have before us as we write an old analysis table, which provides some most interesting comparisons with the state of peal ringing now and thirty-three years ago. In 1893 the total number of peals rung was 705, and the most active association, the Sussex, could then claim only 68 peals, against 130 rung last year by the Midland Counties Association, who in 1893 rang only 35. Two other associations in 1893 rang over 50 peals in the year; in 1926 fifteen societies exceeded this number. In those now seemingly distant days Maximus was confined to Treble Bob; Surprise ringing to London, Cambridge and Superlative. In Triples 219 peals of Grandsire were rung, and only 70 of Stedman; whereas in 1926 Stedman topped the bill with 209 and Grandsire came next with 182. The ringing of Surprise Royal and Maximus thirty-three years ago was a thing only to be talked about, most of the Surprise Major methods rung last year had not been invented; while 'splicing' was a thing almost undreamed of. With the three Surprise methods then rung it is interesting to compare the relative practice to-day. Last year there were 68 peals of London; in 1893 the total in this method was two only. Eighty-nine peals of Cambridge Major were rung in 1926; but only five in the year under comparison, when Superlative was the chief attraction and 29 peals were rung. Last year the number in this method was 44. In addition, of course, must be

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reckoned the twenty peals of Bristol and the twelve in other methods rung in 1926, which find no counterpart in 1893.

One other point, among many, we would refer to, and that is the disappearance of several of the societies which figured in this old table. Some, of course, have been absorbed into other organisations, but others have gone from the realm of ringing. We no longer have with us the United Counties Association, the Waterloo Society or the Trinity Youths; the Heavy Woollen District Association or the Birmingham Amalgamated Society. Gone, too, are many of the famous names that appeared among the conductors. The passage of time has made striking differences in the Exercise, but there have in this period been marked advances. In every direction we can see where progress has been made, and, while in peal ringing we are able, thanks to the statistics so painstakingly and so regularly compiled, to make definite comparisons, the advance in other respects has been no less certain and no less beneficial to the art.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lb. in C.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 7
HARRY BARTON 2	FRANK BLONDELL 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 9
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 4	KEITH HART 10
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 5	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 11
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor, the Master of the Guild, on his 70th birthday.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Four Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 6280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS 2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 9
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
FRANK I. HAIRS 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
GEORGE R. PYE 6	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

TEN BELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt.

ERNEST JONES Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT 6
JOHN WILKINSON 2	HERBERT LODKIN 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	THOMAS C. LARKEY 8
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	EDWARD CAUNCE 9
THOMAS W. GILMOUR 5	ALBERT A. GRIFFITHS Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters on the new bells.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Thursday, May 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Smith (conductor) 1, W. Rawlings 2, F. King 3, W. Hollamby 4, Miss R. Thomas 5, G. Wickens 6, F. Terry 7, W. Meek 8.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... Treble	THOMAS BEAUMONT ... 5
VICTOR JARRETT, Mus. R.E. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6
JOHN HAIGH ... 3	CHARLES NORRIS ... 7
FRANK BELSEY ... 4	WILLIAM HAIGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

Rung in honour of the wedding, at Rochester Cathedral, of the Vicar of Gillingham (Rev. C. E. Webb) and Miss G. Tait, daughter of the Archdeacon of Rochester and Mrs. Tait.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	HARRY L. AITKEN ... 5
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 2	RICHARD J. STONE ... 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	FRANK BLONDELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

Rung on the eve of the birth of the new diocese of Portsmouth.

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(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*LEWIS CHAPMAN ... Treble	JOHN J. MAWBY ... 5
JAMES GARRATT ... 2	JOHN R. MAIN ... 6
WALTER PERKINS ... 3	GEORGE BASFORD ... 7
JAMES T. WARD ... 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN ... Treble	THOMAS HART ... 5
ARTHUR SMITH ... 2	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 6
WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... 3	*EDWIN SIMS ... 7
GEORGE CONDICK ... 4	*HERBERT SELWYN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

* First peal.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS ... Treble	FRANCIS BIBBY ... 5
CYRIL VALENTINE ... 2	EDWARD JENKINS ... 6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 3	JOHN WILKINSON ... 7
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On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*HARRY WARD ... Treble	†PERCY MASSAM ... 5
†ARTHUR G. WOOD ... 2	†ALBERT WORMALD ... 6
THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAYS 3	†HAROLD L. JONES ... 7
†ERIC WARD ... 4	GEORGE WM. STEEL ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by G. W. STEEL.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. S. Fisher, who is leaving Rothwell to take up duties at Chester.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDWARD ROBBINS ... Treble	ARTHUR CRAVEN ... 5
JOHN HOLMAN ... 2	*HAROLD KENT ... 6
*WILLIAM BARTON ... 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
CHARLES MASON ... 4	JOHN FLINT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF BROOKS'.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

THOMAS K. DEACON ... Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
C. HARRY WEBB ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 3	PERCY L. HARRISON ... 7
ERNEST STONE ... 4	T. HARRY WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

Rung on the eve of the festival of SS. Philip and James. The ringer of 3rd has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal, and this was his first in the method away from the tenor.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*REGINALD A. WAGNER ... Treble	WILFRED G. WILSON ... 5
†REGINALD G. ILSLEY ... 2	ROBERT A. FARDON ... 6
MISS RUBY HAWKSWORTH 3	ARTHUR HARDING ... 7
*EDWARD A. MORRIS ... 4	*JOSEPH LOVELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. FARDON.

* First peal. † First peal with bob bell.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bertholine,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ERIC B. ALLMAN ... Treble	ALBERT BOOTH ... 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON ... 2	GEORGE ADDISON ... 6
ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... 7
THOMAS HURD ... 4	HARRY PARKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the third.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Saturday, May 7th, for the induction service of the Rev. Edward Sidney Woods, M.A., to the Vicarage of St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Groves' variation: R. Talbot (first quarter) 1, H. G. Humphries 2, J. Rumble 3, H. J. Skelt 4, J. Talbot 5, D. Cooper 6, A. W. Clark 7, J. Cawley 8.

COLERNE, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. F. PENNING'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR PRINCE Treble	*WALTER J. STARR 5
JESSE H. BRAZER 2	JESSE HULLETT 6
SIDNEY J. WILTSHIRE 3	CHARLES W. BELL 7
FRED LAMBETH 4	EDGAR C. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

* First peal of Triples. This peal was rung for the morning service, on the first anniversary of the induction of the Rector, the Rev. H. W. St. Leger Chambers, to the Rectory of this parish, and who very kindly held the Holy Communion service at 7.30 to fit in with the ringing. Unfortunately, two of the cycle section arrived too late to participate in this service.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 11.

Tenor 14 cwt.

PETER CHARMAN Treble	*OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
WALTER CHARMAN 2	*JOHN A. COLE 6
JOHN COOK 3	*ALFRED H. PULLING 7
*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 4	ALBERT CHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

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THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMAN'S,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. WILDE'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 13½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES R. LILLEY Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS 5
JAMES E. LILLEY 2	*ALFRED W. MYERS 6
G. HARRY MYERS 3	JOSEPH WOODLEY 7
REV. R. H. WHITFORD 4	*WILLIAM J. SYMONS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rev. R. H. Whitford is from Bristol.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, May 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED TALBOT Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ROYDON DAVIES 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
ERNEST STITCH 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
FRANK ROWSELL 4	JOHN WEATHERSBY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. A. Talbot, a much respected member of the above association, who is leaving the neighbourhood, the band wishing him every success in his new home.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*ARTHUR TUGWOOD Treble	†JOSEPH ROBERTSON 5
*GEORGE TATE 2	JAMES SCOTT 6
ERNEST GOSDEN 3	EDWARD HERN 7
*JAMES GRAY 4	JOHN GEORGE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITROW.

Conducted by E. HERN.

* First peal. † First peal of Kent Major. Rung in honour of the election of Mr. Harold Taylor as churchwarden at Christ Church. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Gosden. Rung by an entirely local band.

A PEAL WITHDRAWN.

The peal of Rainham Forward Major, rung at Crayford on April 30th, is withdrawn, the composition having turned out to be false.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE-BGLWER'S FOUR-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 10 cwt.

E. HARRY STONELEY Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
RICHARD C. BELTON 2	THOMAS K. DEACON 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

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

C. ERNEST SMITH Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 5
JOHN A. COLE 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	GEORGE W. STHER 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

W. J. Robinson's 50th peal.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM WATTS Treble	Cecil NICE 5
ALFRED J. BULL 2	WALTER CHARMAN 6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal on the bells since they were restored.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN PHILLIPS Treble	GEORGE LARGE 5
SIDNEY DAWE 2	WILLIAM BOLTON 6
†CHRISTOPHER P. HEATH 3	ERNEST COOMBS 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	BERT WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr 10 lb.

GEORGE R. JONES Treble	HAROLD EDWARDS 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. ROPENHURST 6
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK J. SMITH Treble	GEORGE BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for G. Bailey. A birthday compliment to W. W. Bailey.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HRYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE S. TAYLOR Treble	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN ... 5
ROBERT WALKER... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 3	ERNEST E. FERRY 7
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of regard and respect to the memory of Thomas H. Naisby, a member of the St. Ignatius Guild, whose interment took place the same day.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES,

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*NORMAN HARDING Treble	JOHN A. COLE 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First Surprise peal. This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. G. Williams, Master of the Guild, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

HESTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	CHARLES I. EDWARDS ... 5
HORACE BELCHER 2	ERNEST R. GLADMAN... 6
HENRY C. CHANDLER... .. 3	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 7
CHARLES S. BIRD 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. George Craggs, M.A., to St. Leonard's, and as a compliment to Mr. Tom Beadle on his 77th birthday.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

HARRY BARNES Treble	*JAMES MCCLUSKY 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	FREDERICK CLARK 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	FREDERICK G. LEWIS ... 7
ARTHUR WALKER, SEN. ... 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. A. Walker, of Pontefract.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*DAVID G. TAYLOR Treble	*WILLIAM H. COLES 5
†SYDNEY WYATT... .. 2	*GEORGE COLES 6
†ALFRED J. WYATT 3	*PERCY MERSON 7
*ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... 4	†JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed by JOHN RERVES.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Oxford. First peal in a Treble Bob method on the bells.

Owing to the publication this week of the Peals Analysis, a number of contributions and peal reports are unavoidably held over.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

Treble ERNEST MORRIS,	SON OF JOSHUA MORRIS ... 5
2 RICHARD C. BELTON,	SON OF RICHARD H. BELTON ... 6
3 ERNEST BARTRAM,	SON OF RICHARD H. BARTRAM ... 7
4 RICHARD GRANT,	SON OF JOHN GRANT Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This is the first time four fathers and sons have rung a peal for the M.C.A.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY 5
SAMUEL BAKER 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 6
ROBERT PICKERING 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER... .. 7
REUBEN HALL 4	*ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD.

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

* 50th peal for the above society.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SEALE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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

*A. COURT Treble	E. BEAGLEY 4
*J. BEAGLEY 2	E. OLIVER 5
*C. NEWMAN 3	H. TINSEY Tenor

Conducted by H. TINSEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal ever rung by an entirely local band at this church, and it was rung at the first attempt.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents viz., one of Woodbine and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 4
*ALBERT BOOTH 2	*GEORGE VERNON 5
*HARRY W. HOWARD... .. 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal in four methods. J. H. Davenport has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

DALBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

EDGAR LEWIN Treble	A. NORMAN GEARY 3
JOSEPH NORTON 2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4

WILLIAM H. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by W. H. CLARKE.

The second peal on these bells. First four ringers are from Bilbosdon, tenor ringer from Leicester.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.—On Good Friday, April 15th, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grand-sire Triples, with fully-muffled bells, in 53 mins.: J. Sherburn 1, R. Henton 2, R. Smith 3, R. B. Smith 4, H. Terry 5, W. A. Hudson 6, H. S. Morley (conductor) 7, E. Philpot 8. Ringers of 2nd and 7th belong to Selby, 5th and 6th to Hemingbrough, remainder to Howden.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, April 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Bob Minor, two of Single Court, three of Oxford Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ALBERT E. CLAYFIELD ... Treble	* WILLIAM MARTIN ... 4
ERNEST PULLEN ... 2	HORACE V. ROWLEY ... 5
KENNETH R. GILLIVER ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal in three methods. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Harrison and Mr. T. B. Griffin, which took place at the above church immediately prior to the peal. The band were afterwards entertained at the home of the bride.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, April 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
In Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 19 in F sharp.

W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 1-2	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) ... 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 3-4	S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) ... 7-8
J. R. DUFFIELD (SELWYN) ... 9-10	

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Eleven-and-a-Half Minutes,
In Trinity College,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 1-2	* F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 5-6
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 3-4	* S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) 7-8

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method in hand.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
In Trinity College,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB ROYAL AND GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Containing 2,520 of Bob Royal and 2,519 of Grandsire Caters.
Tenor size 19 in F sharp.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 5-6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) ... 3-4	S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) ... 7-8
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 9-10	

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

This composition, the second of Spliced Royal and Caters to be rung, has the 6th at home during the Royal, and behind the 9th in the Caters.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, May 1, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-One Minutes,
In Magdalene College,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor six 16 in B.

E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) ... 1-2	* F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) ... 5-6
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 3-4	* S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At 3, CRESSING WAY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At 18, WESTBERRY ROAD, HAMSTEAD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS E. K. PARKER ... 1-2	E. MADRICE ATKINS ... 5-6
* GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 3-4	† J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'in hand.'

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
At 34, CASTLETOWN ROAD, WEST KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CEALLIS F. WINNEY ... 1-2	THOMAS LANGDON ... 5-6
HERBERT LANGDON ... 3-4	WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 7-8

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Umpire: JOSEPH S. HAWKINS.

Rung on the 76th birthday of Mr. William Knight.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

RINGING PRACTICE AT MEETINGS.

On May 6th, with glorious weather prevailing, members of the above society visited Wortley, ringers being present from Ackworth, Barnsley, Bolsterstone, Ashton, Ecclesfield, Eckington, Handsworth, Norton, North Wingfield, Sholley, Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints' and St. Marie's. Ringing commenced at 2.45 and continued until dusk, many learners having ample opportunities in Minor and Major methods.

Tea was served at Burkinshaw's stores through the good offices of Mr. Wooler, of the local company, after which the president, Mr. Tarlton, presided at the meeting. He referred to the loss the society had sustained by the death of Mr. Wm. S. Plant, of Ranmoor, members standing in silence as a tribute to his memory, the secretary being requested to convey the members' sympathy to his widow and family. The Rev. Brashaw, Vicar of Wortley, was elected an honorary member.

Mr. Geo. Lewis referred to the practice of some members, who at meetings spent valuable time ringing a course of a method which they were perfectly familiar with. In one case, he quoted, all the members had conducted a peal in that particular method, and he contended that they would be serving the cause better by endeavouring to get learners through their rough passages. Whilst one cannot expect accomplished ringers to attend meetings for the sole purpose of doing 'spade' work, yet the present state of affairs could be materially improved if the local committee man (who is, according to rule, responsible for the order of ringing) would use a little tact and control the ringing order without fear or favour.

The secretary undertook to communicate with the committee men upon this matter, and hopes they will realise 'it is better to give than receive,' for there is much more pleasure derived from getting a learner through his first course or touch in a particular method, than standing up with a crack band to ring a course or touch which is only too familiar.

An appeal was made to all members to attend the joint meeting of the Yorkshire Association, Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield District societies at Conisborough on June 17th, the one opportunity of the year when all ringers in the Southern District of Yorkshire can meet to make and renew friendships.

DEATH OF A SHEFFIELD RINGER.

On May 3rd, the Ranmoor (Sheffield) company lost a respected and valued member in the person of Mr. Wm. S. Plant, who passed away after an illness lasting 10 days. Deceased, who was in his 68th year, had suffered for a long period from bronchitis and asthma, and, despite his more or less ailing nature, his death came as a shock and surprise to his brother ringers.

Mr. Plant had been with the Ranmoor company for 44 years, having joined them in January, 1883, and was a member of the Sheffield District Society and the Yorkshire Association. His peals totalled 29, rung principally at Ranmoor Church for the credit of the County Association, and the majority of them were performed under the conductorship of the late Mr. Sam Thomas.

Although a good ringer, Mr. Plant was of a retiring disposition, and did not go far away from home for his ringing, but, so far as his health would permit, he regularly attended for Sunday service ringing and on practice nights, his last pull being on Easter Sunday.

The interment took place on Friday, May 6th, at Fulwood Cemetery, ringers being present from the local company, St. Marie's, Dore, All Saints' and Sheffield Cathedral. Brother ringers carried him to his grave, where a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by: A. Craven 1-2, C. Harrison 3-4, J. E. L. Cockey 5-6, J. Thorpe 7-8, and in the evening at St. John's Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a tribute to his memory by: J. Osguthorpe 1, A. Craven 2, C. Harrison (conductor) 3, J. Thorpe 4, J. Parker 5, H. Thorpe 6, C. Haynes 7, Wm. Biggin 8.

FATHERS'-AND-SONS' PEAL AT BELGRAVE.

As reported in our peal columns, four fathers and their sons met and successfully rang an excellent peal at Belgrave, Leicester. All are Leicestershire ringers, the two Bartrams hailing from Melton Mowbray, the Beltons from Barwell, the Grants and Morris from St. Margaret's, Leicester. As may be expected of such a performance, it could not go by without some facetious remarks, but it is not true that one of the 'dadas' threatened the rope-end to his 'offspring' for suggesting 'putting the old 'uns on the heavy end to wear them out first,' although he glared rudely when the remark was made, 'I hope you elders will show us youngsters how to ring properly.' Anyhow, they did, in true 'fatherly' fashion, and it was well that Grandsire was rung, for it afterwards was pointed out that each respected father was also a 'grandsire.' Another peculiar feature of this peal is that there were four Richards (Dicks), two sons being so named, and the other two Ernests. Further, four were left-handed and four were right-handed ringers, although an argument on this point failed to convince the 'lefts' that they were not 'right.'

PEAL ATTEMPT AT EXETER.

Misfortune attended an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques on the great ring of bells at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday. The arrangements had been made by Mr. F. E. Dawe and Mr. F. J. Davey. The band was collected from many sources, and the loss was disappointing to all concerned. After 4,378 changes had been rung in 3 hrs. 26 mins., Mr. Davey, who was ringing the eleventh, had to give up. His big task was made all the more difficult by the sudden burst of hot weather, and that he should have had to surrender when so near the end (only 726 changes remaining to be rung) elicited the sympathy of all the band. The following members of the Devon Guild were the ringers: J. Arbury (Exeter) 1, T. H. Taffender (London) 2, A. W. Searle (Exeter) 3, E. Beck (Chilcompton) 4, Rev. E. S. Powell (Plymouth) 5, A. Wright (Painswick) 6, E. Bishop (Swindon) 7, F. E. Dawe (Guildford), composer and conductor 8, A. E. Reeves (Bristol) 9, J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton) 10, F. J. Davey (Exeter) 11, A. G. Betts (Sowton) and G. C. Woodley (Tallaton) 12. The tenor is 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

HANDBELL RINGING IN NEW ZEALAND.

On Tuesday, March 8th, at Opoho, Dunedin, New Zealand, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: Charles Wildo (conductor) 1-2, James S. Wilde 3-4, Jos. Whipp 5-6.

Lancashire and Cheshire ringers will be particularly interested to read the above.

WINCHESTER GUILD MASTER HONOURED.**OLD FRIENDS CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY.**

To do honour to the Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, Mr. George Williams, on his 70th birthday, a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Winchester Cathedral on Saturday. The band included a number of old friends, who had rung peals together between thirty and forty years ago, and it was a great delight to them to be able to meet and suitably celebrate the occasion. Peals at Winchester Cathedral are few and far between, and, on account of the services, it is always a middle-of-the-day job. Consequently, some of the company found it necessary to rise at, for them, an unusually early hour, to reach the ancient city in time. But it was a glorious May morning, and well repaid any unwonted effort. Soon after eleven o'clock they gathered in the Cathedral belfry, from London, Brighton, Slough, Woking, Swindon, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton. Several Winchester ringers were also present to join in the good wishes which were extended to Mr. Williams, and then, with barricaded doors to prevent any intrusion from visitors to the Cathedral, the ringing began. At first, about four courses were rung by way of practice, so it was said, although there was really a different reason for stopping. Then the bells went away again at noon, and were back into rounds just six minutes before the expiry of the time limit. The ninth man had a terrible grueling on account of the bad 'go' of his bell, but he stuck it like a hero, although for an hour and a half most of the band had had serious misgivings as to the outcome of the valiant struggle that was going on on that particular box.

Afterwards the ringers, with Mrs. Bayley and Mrs. Goldsmith, were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Williams, and over the teacups the party naturally became reminiscent. One ringer could claim to have rung a peal with Mr. Williams 38 years before, and others well over thirty. 'Anno Domini' is thus rapidly passing with many, but none has it treated more kindly than George Williams, who, except for a few grey hairs, is the same active and enthusiastic George as of old.

Mr. Williams' first peal was rung at Soberton, Hants, on January 17th, 1884, and was the first peal by the Winchester Guild in Hampshire. His total is now well over a thousand, and throughout this long period he has laboured unceasingly for the benefit of young ringers, a great number of whom owe their early instruction in the art to him. In addition, he was for twelve years secretary of the Central Division of the Sussex County Association; he has been hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and has now, for some time, filled the office of Master. He has been a member of the Central Council from its formation.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

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THE

LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of

Number Corresponding with Last Column.	ASSOCIATIONS.	Number of Conductors	MAXIMUS.										CINQUES.			ROYAL.			CATERS.			MAJORS.										Number Corresponding with First Column.					
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3	Bedfordshire	9																																	3		
4	Cambridge U. Guild	4																																	4		
5	Chester Diocesan	23									2					1					5		1	2											5		
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10	Ely Diocesan	9																																		10	
11	Essex County	18						1													12		12	6												11	
12	Gloucester and Bristol	25							1	1						1	5		1				1	1												12	
13	Hereford Diocesan	13																																		13	
14	Hertford County	19															2					2	1	2	1											14	
15	Irish Association																																			15	
16	Kent County	37													1		3						6	7												16	
17	Ladies' Guild	1															1																			17	
18	Lancashire Assoc.	45								1					1		4		1		4	1	2	1												18	
19	Lincoln Diocesan	20																																		19	
20	Llanelli & Monmouth	11													1				4																	20	
21	London County	7						1																													21
22	Middlesex County	20	2					2		4					1		4		1		1	6	3	d9												22	
23	Midland Counties	46							1	d3							6		5		3	1	e7	1												23	
24	Norfolk Guild	21		1																	3	1	3	d7												24	
25	North Notts	1																																		25	
26	North Wales Assn	5																																		26	
27	Oxford Diocesan	22						1													2		1	2												27	
28	Peterboro' Diocesan	16								1							1				1		2	1												28	
29	St. Martin's Guild, B'ham.	10														2								2												29	
30	Salisbury Diocesan	12																1						1												30	
31	Shropshire Association	3																																			31
32	Stafford Archdeaconry	13							1	1													2													32	
33	Soc. Royal Camberlands	4							3														1													33	
34	Suffolk Guild	21																																			34
35	Surrey Association	24		1	1	1	1	3													6	2	1	3			1		3							35	
36	Sussex Association	18									3	1			1		3		1																	36	
37	Swansea & Brecon	7																			2	1	3	3												37	
38	Warwickshire Guild	3																																			38
39	Winchester Diocesan	14													1		1		1		16	4	2	5												39	
40	Worcester & Districts	16																			2	1	e2													40	
41	Yorkshire Assn	34							1	1					2	1					2		2													41	
42	Independent Societies...	29						1							2						1		2	1												42	
TOTALS...			3	2	1	1	1	16	5	19	1	1	1	20	3	1	53	1	32	1	68	20	44	89	2	1	1	3	1	2	1	100	2				

SPLICED PEALS.

A=Double Norwich and Plain Bob. B=Double Norwich and Double Oxford; Double Oxford and Plain Bob; Double Norwich and Plain Bob. C=Bob Major and Grandair Triples; Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples. F=Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Major; Little Bob and Plain Bob; 2 Bob Major and Grandair Triples.

D=1 New Cambridge.

E=2 New Cambridge.

G=Includes 10,400.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1926.

Again we have to report a comparatively uneventful year of peal ringing. As was the case in 1925, very few peals with exceptional features have been rung, and the total number continues to decrease. 1,667 peals in all were rung, being 22 less than the previous year. On eight bells and upwards, the decrease is actually 80, including 14 on twelve bells, six on ten bells, and 60 on eight bells, while Minor shows an increase of 19, and Doubles of 39. Separating the handbell peals, Cinques show a decrease of four, otherwise there is an all-round increase of one on ten bells, five on eight bells, three of Minor, and two of Doubles.

The following table shows the totals for the year:—

	Tower Bells.	Handbells.
Maximus	8	0
Cinques	21	2
Royal	46	13
Caters	86	7
Major	615	32
Triples	398	5
Minor	297	5
Doubles	129	3
	1,600	67

N.B.—Where spliced peals contain odd and even bell methods, they are included in the higher number.

The Midland Counties Association takes first place for the greatest number of peals, with 130, including one on handbells, as against 143 last year. The Kent County, which led in 1925 with 157, has only 112,

YEAR 1926.

Church Bell Ringers.

Number Corresponding with First Column.	MAJOR										TRIPLES										MINOR AND DOUBLES.										Grand Total of Peals.	Number Corresponding with First Column.
	Duffield	Treble Bob	Prince Albert T.B.	Plain Bob	Little "	Canterbury Pleasure	Crayford Little Bob	Spliced Methods	Stedman	Erin	Grandsire	Oxford Bob	Court "	Plain "	Original	Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob	MINOR AND DOUBLES.	Handbells.														
1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
28	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
33	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
37	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
39	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
42	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
158	102	5	2	1	10	209	1	182	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
67	1667																															

all tower bells, the only other association to reach the century being Lancashire with 102, including three on handbells, as against 131 peals last year.

It is remarkable that more than half of the societies (24) show no decrease; in fact, 20 of them show an increase. Surrey has increased by 32, Yorkshire by 29, and Sussex by 28, a gratifying feature being Devonshire's increase from 12 to 28. Eighteen societies together show a decrease of 211 peals, while twenty societies show a total increase of 189.

There seems to be little compensation for the drop in the total number rung. Certainly, London Surprise Major has increased from 49 to 63, but taking all the Surprise methods together we find a decrease of 24 peals. Bristol Major one less, Cambridge Maximus six less, Cambridge and New Cambridge Royal three more, Major ten less, Superlative Major 28 less. Other methods, Royal one more, Major two less.

The variations of Treble Bob have slightly more than held their own, with an increase of three peals. The 186 peals are made up as follows: Maximus, two of Kent; Royal, 20 of Kent, one Granta and one Spliced; Major, 121 of Kent, 35 of Oxford, one Prince Albert, and five spliced; Oxford Major showing a gain of 10 peals.

Double Norwich has decreased from 111 to 102; Double Oxford again has two peals. Plain Bob has fallen from 147 to 139. To set against this there are: One peal of Forward Maximus, two peals of Canterbury Pleasure Major, one peal each of Duffield Maximus and Major, one Double and one Reverse Bob Major on handbells, 12 Spliced peals containing plain Royal and Major methods, and an increase of two peals in Little methods.

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES rung during the Year 1926.

Associations.	MINOR.									Total.	DOUBLES.						Total.	Grand Total Peals.
	No. of Methods.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	No. of Methods.	1	2	3	4			5	6
An. Soc. Coll. Ya.									1	1								1
Bath & Wells	5	3	6							14	19	1						20
Bedfordshire	1	1	1	2				12	1	17	1	1						2
Chosior Dio.	11	6	4	1				3		25	1		1					2
Devonshire	1	1	1							1	6							6
Dur. & Newcastle	2		1					1		4		1						1
Ely Diocesan	6	2	2					3		13		1		1				2
Essex County	2	2						5		9	2	1						3
Glos. & Bristol	3	2								5		7						7
Hereford Dio.	2	1						4		6	17		3					20
Hertford Co.	1	1						5		6	2							2
Kent County	2	2	2	1				4		9	1							1
Lancashire	10	2	3	3				1		19	1							1
Lincoln Dio.	3	2	3	1	1			5		15								1
Llandaff & Mon.	1	1								1	3							3
London County	1	1								2						1		1
Middlesex Co.	1	1								2								1
Midland Co.	8	2	1	3						14	6	5	1	2				28
Norfolk Guild	10	1	4		3	1				18					1			1
North Notts.	1	1								2								2
Oxford Dio.	7	1								8	2							10
Peterboro' Dio.	17	1			4		3	1	1	27	11		2	1				41
St. Martin's G.										1	1							1
Salisbury Dio.	2	1	1							4	4							8
Soc. Roy. Cum. Y.							1			1								1
Shropshire Ass.											1							1
Suffolk Guild	2	2	3	1	4	1	3			16	2							9
Surrey Assoc.	4	2		3			4			13	1							1
Sussex Assoc.	4				1		1			6			1	1				2
Swansea & Br.	4									4	5							5
Winchester Dio.	1		1							5								5
Worcestershire	3	1				1	9			14	3							3
Yorkshire	4	1	2				3			10								10
Ind. Societies					1	1	5				6	1	1					8
Total.	119	20	40	21	17	4	73	2	1	297	95	15	9	6	4	1	129	426

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later, a spliced peal of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples with bobs only, by the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, the first peal of Stedman Caters by the Masonic Craft, under the auspices of the St. Martin's Guild, a 'Frederick' peal of Grandsire Triples by the Kent County Association, a peal of London Surprise Major by the Chester Guild, being the first peal in the method by six of the band, first peal of Stedman Cinques by Freemasons, a 'Charles' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, a handbell peal of Doubles with one man ringing 1, 2, 3, 4, non-conducted peals of Stedman Cinques and Grandsire Triples by the St. Martin's Guild, and the Midland Counties scored the first 'Ernest' peal.

The number of peals rung each month in 1925 and 1926 is shown in the following table:—

	1925.	1926.		1925.	1926.
January	161	173	July	88	99
February	148	130	August	156	121
March	104	101	September	142	135
April	109	136	October	158	174
May	171	119	November	183	186
June	124	109	December	145	184

The peals rung on each particular day of the week show very little variation, the most notable being an increase of 23 Sunday peals. The figures for 1926 are as follows: Sunday 87, Monday 165, Tuesday 117, Wednesday 133, Thursday 144, Friday 71, and Saturday 950.

Analysing the footnotes, we find that ringers of their first peal numbered 584, of their first in a different method or method on a different number of bells, 1,045, inside 68, away from tenor 55, in method inside 55, Maximus 3, Cinques 1, Royal 26, Caters 25, Major 64, Triples 25, Minor 101, Doubles 28, on 12 bells 29, on ten 48, on eight 36, on six 6, Surprise 39, Surprise Royal 11, in hand 13, in method in hand 27, Royal in hand 4.

New conductors number 69, and conductors of a fresh method 96.

Peals by local bands number five, and by Sunday Service ringers 18.

A further 62 peals are recorded as being the first on the bells, 29 as first after restoration, etc., and 173 the first in the method on the bells. Half-muffled and muffled peals number 61.

Peals were rung for birthdays 234, weddings (silver, golden and diamond included) 62, church festivals 26, Empire Day 5, Armistice Day 16, anniversaries 51, memorials 3. Welcome and farewell peals 45, and three Masonic peals are also recorded.

The ladies still continue their activities, and the number taking part in peals during the year was 79. A peal of Stedman Caters was rung by 10 ladies, this being the first peal on ten bells by ladies only. One peal was rung with seven ladies, one with five, one with four, four with three, 27 with two, and 200 with one lady in the band. The methods rung numbered 25, and ranged from Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Maximus. The number of Surprise peals was 43, an increase of seven over last year. Handbell peals numbered 14, being eight of Royal, one of Caters, one of Major, three of Minor, and one of Doubles.

The individual performances of the ladies were as follows: Two rang 21 peals, one 15, one 14, two 12, one 11, one 10, one 8, four 7, five 5, five 4, five 3, eighteen 2, and twenty-nine 1. The conductors numbered six, one lady having conducted three peals and five one peal each.

We conclude our report by giving the number of peals rung in representative years since 1881, the total of the whole period being 49,998:—

1881	156	1902	1,313	1915	259	1922	1,885
1885	500	1905	1,519	1917	130	1923	1,885
1889	797	1909	1,628	1919	1,048	1924	1,860
1894	859	1913	2,358	1920	1,471	1925	1,689
1898	1,002	1914	1,415	1921	1,632	1926	1,667

(Signed)

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at East Garston on Saturday, April 23rd, when about 50 ringers were present. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Thomas), and an address given by the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). It is interesting to note that East Garston is Mr. Jenkyn's native place, and where he first learned to ring a bell.

Tea, in the Parish Hall, was kindly given by the Rev. and Mr. Thomas, about 50 sitting down, including the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the Guild secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert), the Guild treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright), the branch chairman (the Rev. L. R. Majendie) and the branch secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis).—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas for their kindness, to the Master for his address, and to Miss Palmer for presiding at the organ.

This was the first Guild meeting held at East Garston, where the band only recently joined the Guild.

The tower was again visited after tea, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor were rung.

The summer meeting will be held at East Ilsley about the end of June.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

Following an unbroken custom, the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Bedford on Easter Monday, when members gathered from various parts of the county and enjoyed ringing at St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches. Luncheon, followed by the business meeting, took place at the Silver Grill Hotel, and was presided over by Canon W. W. C. Baker, the president of the association.

The committee's report included the following:—

'It is again with much pleasure that we present our 43th annual report, which shows a slight increase in membership, both honorary and ringing. We hope that the coming year will show a still larger increase to our ranks, as we feel there is still much to be done, and many ringers in the county whom we should be glad to welcome to our association. There is, we note, a great falling off in the number of peals rung during 1926—the number being 24 against 42 for 1925, which number was of course a record for the association. The peals rung comprised: Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 1, Minor, 7 Methods 13, Minor, 5 Methods 2, Minor, 3 Methods 1, Minor, 1 Method 1, Doubles, 3 Methods 1, Doubles, 1 Method 1, Grandsire Caters (on handbells) 1 (the latter peal being the first peal in the method in hand for the association). During the year, meetings for furtherance of the art have been held in each of three districts, and on the whole have been well attended. We are glad to welcome back to the county the Rev. A. Rust, for many years secretary of the association, and also to welcome the return of the Husborne Crawley Company back to our ranks. In conclusion, we again wish to express our thanks to our honorary members for their continued help, and to the clergy for welcoming us to the various parishes in the county, as we feel it is only by this continued goodwill and help that we can hope to carry on and make progress in our art.'

In proposing the adoption of the report, Canon Baker recalled that the association was 45 years of age that day (April 18th). Mr. Edwin Ransom had missed very few of their annual meetings, but he was absent that day as his health was not very good. They were pleased to have with them again the Rev. A. Rust, and Mr. Harry King, of Biddenham. Mr. King and the chairman were the only members present who attended the first meeting in 1882.

After the report had been received, Canon Baker was unanimously re-elected president.

Mr. E. Ransom, Miss Steel, Mr. A. King (Luton), and Mr. Cyril Herbert were re-elected vice-presidents, and the chairman was instructed to write to Mr. Ransom conveying the meeting's good wishes.

The Chairman said they must congratulate Miss Steel on having rung a hundred peals for the association. Mr. Harry Clayton, of Harrold, had performed the same feat.

Mr. Sharman was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, the Chairman remarking: 'I don't think we could get a better.'

Mr. Fred Tanqueray, of Woburn, was again appointed hon. auditor, and Canon Baker reminded the meeting that Mr. Tanqueray called the first 720 ever rung for the association. Mr. Tanqueray did no ringing now, but he looked after their money for them all right (laughter and applause).

The president and secretary were elected the association's representatives on the Central Council for the next three years.

PROPOSED JOINT MEETING WITH HERTS.

A discussion arose as to where the next annual meeting should be held, and Canon Baker said the association had never varied from their first choice. He did not think there was anywhere so central and so easily accessible for the whole of the county as Bedford.—For the 46th time, therefore, Bedford was unanimously chosen for the Easter meeting.

The committee recommended Luton for the summer festival, but an amendment in favour of Woburn, as being a more ideal place for a summer gathering, was carried by a majority of four.

The Chairman congratulated the Woburn company on ringing a peal of London Surprise. It was a great achievement, he said.

Mr. Stapleton suggested a meeting with the Hertfordshire Association, and said he thought that eventually there would be one association for the whole diocese.

The Chairman thought the present arrangement of an association for each archdeaconry was preferable, but that a joint festival could be arranged at St. Albans in connection with the jubilee of the diocese.

At the request of the meeting, the Chairman promised to approach the Hertfordshire Association upon the matter.

Miss Steel made an appeal for a 'little subscription' to help Tilsforth, who were 'frightfully hard up,' and wanted to re-hang their bells. A subscription of a guinea would show this little village, she said, that they had won the interest of the ringers of the county.—It was stated that the association had a balance in hand of £25, and a member suggested the subscription should be £5.—The President warned the meeting of the danger of making a precedent. The bells at Southill, he said, were getting very 'rocky.'—A member said Harrold needed about £1,000 for their bells.—The Chairman: There you are, opening the floodgates!—Miss Steel's resolution was carried.

The Vicar of St. Paul's and the Rector of St. Peter's were then cordially thanked for the freedom of their towers; and the meeting concluded.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Death removed a well-known Midland ringer on Sunday, when Mr. Charles Dickens, of Sutton Coldfield, died quite suddenly. He had been at work on Saturday, and appeared to be in his usual health. Mr. Dickens was a very fine ringer and striker, and a valued member of St. Martin's Guild, but of late years business had prevented him doing much peal ringing.

It was on this day in 1909 that Mr. Harry Withers 'called' a peal of Superlative without being in the tower. He stood about 30 yards away, and signalled the bobs by a bell fixed in the ringing room.

Ninety years ago next Sunday, the old St. James' Society rang a peal of 12,096 Grandsire Caters in 7 hrs. 50 mins. at All Saints' Church, Fulham. It was, at the time, claimed to be the longest peal rung by ten men only, and was conducted by Thomas Tolladay. Unfortunately for the St. James' Society and the ringers, there was no 'Ringing World' in those days, or they would have known that 20 years before the Painswick Youths had rung a peal of 12,312 changes.

May 15th also recalls the then longest length of Superlative Surprise Major, a peal of 8,800 rung at Loughborough in 1894, composed and conducted by Nathan J. Pitstow. The present president of the Central Council was one of the band, and the tenor was rung by the late Mr. John W. Taylor.

As last week's list of the long lengths of Treble Bob will have reminded our readers, the 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Mottram, Cheshire, on May 18th, 1883. Mr. Sam Wood, the conductor, is still on the active list, and but for indifferent health would probably have been in the still longer length of Oxford last Easter Monday.

Exactly a hundred and fifty years ago next Thursday, 11,080 Treble Bob Royal was rung by the College Youths at Shoreditch, and this, in just over a week, surpassed the previous record of 10,200 rung by the Cumberlands on the same bells.

The same day is the centenary of the second peal of Double Norwich Major, which was rung at St. Giles', Norwich, on May 19th, 1827.

The handbell peal rung at Islington and recorded last week, was umpired by Mr. F. G. Symonds.

Around the tenor at Brinklow, Warwickshire, is the inscription:—

'My mournfull sound doth warning give
That heare men cannot always live.'

The back five bells were cast in 1705, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. added the treble. The first peal on them was rung last Saturday.

There are still some Goldstreamers from whom Mr. F. Alleway, of 13, Athelstone Road, Wealdstone, Harrow, Middlesex, is desirous of hearing, especially Corpl. Sugg and Pte. Banwell, both of Somerset. Will these ringers, and any others who have been connected with the Goldstream Guards, who have not already done so, kindly write to Mr. Alleway?

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S SECRETARY.

Mr. E. Alex Young, the hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Council, is at present in Gordon Hospital, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, where he has undergone an operation. We are glad to be able to say that he is progressing favourably.

It is a strange coincidence that his predecessor in office, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, should also be in a London Nursing Home for a similar reason, and, stranger, still, that they should accidentally have met in a tube lift when on their way to Harley Street to consult their respective specialists a few weeks ago.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

We are informed by Mr. Young that the issue of cheap railway tickets to members and their friends to London at Whitsun are, at the moment, confined to Monday to Wednesday only. Mr. Young is endeavouring to get the tickets made available for the previous Saturday.

DEATH OF A TONG VETERAN.

By the death of Mr. Henry Oddy, of Tong, which took place on April 26th, another link has been broken between the Yorkshire Association and its early members. The deceased commenced ringing in 1877, at the Parish Church of Tong, long famous in ringing annals as the scene of the labours of the late Mr. G. B. Bolland, and rang his first peal at Tong in 1878. The only surviving member of this band is Mr. William Bolland, now in his 80th year.

Mr. Oddy took part in many peals of Minor, chief among these being a 10,440 rung in 1896, this being still the record for Minor by the Yorkshire Association. In all, Mr. Oddy rang 47 peals, the last one being at Drighlington in 1912. Leaving his native district to take up a post at Thornhill, near Dewsbury, caused a break in his ringing career, and broken health since his return home prevented his taking part in ringing of any note.

The funeral took place at the neighbouring Church of St. Paul, Drighlington, where many old friends assembled. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. W. Idle, W. Popplewell, J. Thackray and P. J. Johnson, after which muffled ringing took place at Tong Church, as a last tribute of respect to an old and honoured friend.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Kent County Association was held on Easter Monday at Bromley for the first time. It is somewhat strange that throughout the forty-seven years of the association's existence this attractive centre should have been passed over in favour of far less desirable places, in the district. Almost, if not quite, as delightful as on last Easter Monday, the weather was all that could be desired for holiday makers, or for wedding couples, who monopolised a great part of the morning, and thus kept ringers idle, except for a few minutes between one service and another. Doubtless, they were gratified by getting a wedding peal for nothing. Other towers, indeed, were open for ringing where matrimony was not so fashionable—Chislehurst, Beckenham, Eltham, and St. Luke's, Bromley Common. In the afternoon, Hayes (six) was also available.

The usual meeting of the Central committee was held at noon in the Church Committee Room. The annual service was dovetailed in between two weddings, the clergy present being the Vicar, Canon Wilson, Rev. H. T. James, assistant curate, and Canon Thompson (Hayes). The preacher was the Rev. H. P. Kennedy, Skipton, F.R.Hist.Soc. The organist of the church, Mr. Fertel, accompanied the service, and the collection for the benevolent fund of the association amounted to £1 19s.

Dinner followed in the Old Town Hall, nominally at 1.30 p.m., but it was nearly 2 p.m. before grace was said by Canon Wilson. The Mayor of Bromley, Councillor F. W. Hard, was in the chair, supported by the Vicar, Revs. Canon Thompson, F. Hassard Short (St. Luke's), H. T. James, the hon. secretary (Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), and members of the committee. The female element was not quite so much in evidence as on some former occasions, but the presence of Mrs. H. Baker (Frittenden), Mrs. Pitman (Canterbury), Mrs. A. Clark (Croydon), and Misses Hardcastle and Orr (Balham) prevented the entire predominance of the male. The company numbered 120.

Grace after meat having been said, the Mayor gave the toast of 'The King,' which was duly honoured.

Mr. F. White proposed the toast of 'The Archbishop and Clergy,' especially thanking the preacher for his address and Canon Wilson for his kindness in granting the use of the church and bells. These gentlemen having suitably replied, Canon Thompson expressed the hope that some would pay a visit to Hayes, and offered to give one or two a lift in his car.

The Hon. Secretary proposed 'The Health of the Mayor,' who responded in a neat little speech, welcoming the association to Bromley, and hoping that, as that was the first, so it would not be the last visit.

The business meeting followed. After reading the minutes of last year's meeting, the Secretary read his report, in which mention was made of the new system of combining two methods in one peal, 'splicing,' as it has been called, rather suggestive of matrimony; another uncomplimentary epithet had been applied to it, which would seem to cast a doubt on the legitimacy of such peals. Special mention was made of the death of Messrs. I. G. Shade (Greenwich), W. Harper (Swanscombe), G. Durling (Bromley), and John Carter.

The adoption of the report and balance sheets was proposed by Mr. Pitman, seconded by Mr. J. W. Steddy, and passed.

The re-election of officers followed, the names of two trustees, Messrs. White and Jeffries, being added, and Mr. S. H. Green being elected in place of Canon Clarke (Faversham).

Mr. F. M. Mitchell proposed the insertion of the words 'two trustees' in Rule 6, and to make 'eight' the number to form a quorum instead of 'three.'—This was seconded by Mr. J. Wheadon and carried.

An alteration of the rule respecting the election of new members before the start of a peal, proposed by Mr. W. J. Jeffries and seconded by Mr. I. Emery, was defeated by a large majority, only fourteen voting for it.

The voting for Central Council representatives resulted in the re-election of the old members, Messrs. E. Barnett, J. H. Cheesman, T. Groombridge, sen., and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the three other candidates, Messrs. Mitchell, Green and Thornton, receiving comparatively few votes.

Business being finished, somebody tried to propose a vote of thanks to the secretary, but the company had had enough, and wanted to get out into the open en route for towers, where ringing could be enjoyed. So the room soon cleared, and the secretary was spared. What ringing was actually done, 'history doth not relate,' but it was generally felt that members had had a thoroughly successful and enjoyable day.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The third quarterly meeting of the society's year was held at Bloxwich on Saturday, April 30th. A short service was held in church, when the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, Vicar, delivered a helpful address.

A capital tea was provided in the schoolroom, to which upwards of 30 sat down, following which a summary of the business transacted in committee was explained by the Rev. C. H. Barker, who also moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. C. Hamilton for his address, use of the bells, etc., and to the ladies for preparing tea and waiting at the tables.

In responding, the Vicar expressed his pleasure at having the visitors there, and kept the company in roars of laughter by his customary witticisms.

The annual meeting is fixed to take place at Lichfield on June 25th.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at 'St. Magnus' on the 26th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 31st; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Preston St. Mark's on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. The bells have recently been rehung by Mears and Stainbank.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 14th. Tower open at 3. Tea arranged as usual. Sunbury June 18th. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, May 14th. The bells (recently augmented and recast) will be available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. It is requested that all outstanding subscriptions be paid in at this meeting. — J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 14th. Service in St. Deny's Church 4.30. Tea at the Church Hall 5.15. Bells (8) available.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Pinner, Saturday, May 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me if you require same. Cheap tickets from Marylebone, Baker Street and Met. Station. Members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, May 14th. Tower open from 2.30 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Sec. (pro tem.), 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Kegworth and Diseworth on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. Diseworth bells open in the evening. All ringers and friends heartily invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14th, at King's Norton. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 'Donnor,' Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Elmdon on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. We are hoping to see a good attendance. — C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Wolvey on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Cope, Local Sec., Smockington, Hinckley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District. —A meeting will be held at Over on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Rail service, Swavesey Station (L.N.E. Railway). Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, May 14th. Bells at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held in Wimborne on Saturday, May 14th. Service in the Minster at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. L. Keith. Collection for Diocesan War Memorial. Luncheon in the Masonic Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 1s. 6d. each to members. Business meeting to follow. President, Lord Shaftesbury. Bells available: Peal of 10, Wimborne Minster from 10.30 a.m.; peals of eight, Cranborne, Blandford, Poole, peals of six, Canford Magna, Corfe Mullen, Hampreston, St. Giles, Sturminster Marshall, Lytchett Minster, 10-11.30 a.m. and 3-9 p.m.; peal of 5, Hinton Martell.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Framlingham District.—A district meeting will be held at Bedfield on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) at Parish Church available 3.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—J. Hall, Hon. Dis. Sec., College Road Framlingham.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, May 14th. Bells ready 1.30 p.m. Barnsley Traction Bus service is discontinued to Felkirk, but Messrs. Cipkin Bros.' bus runs pass church, leaving Barnsley 2.10, 3.40, 5.0 p.m., etc. Cheap return bookings. The Hoylandswaine Cup contest takes place Saturday, June 25th. First and second prizes, in addition to cup, will be awarded to those finishing in that order. All towers in the association are invited to enter at once.—Apply Mr. Lewis Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, Penistone.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Tenbury Wells on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, May 18th, number attending requiring tea.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hambledon on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, May 17th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the Kent County Association will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All ringers invited. A good attendance hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—Annual meeting will be held on May 21st at Blewbury. Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Those intending to be present please notify me early.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East Street, Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business. All welcome.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting in the Hall. All welcome. Will those requiring tea inform me by Tuesday, May 17th?—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch spring meeting will be held at Combe, near Woodstock, on Saturday, May 21st. The following is the order of proceedings:—3 p.m., service in the Parish Church, preacher: Rev. F. R. Marriott; 4 p.m., tea at the Schoolroom, at 1s. per head; business meeting to follow. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Combe, Bladon, Woodstock and Cassington. Members who intend to be present must let me know by Thursday, May 19th.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Tackley Park, Tackley, Oxon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford, Sandy.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting for combined practice in 10-bell methods will be held at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on Saturday, May 21st. Will those attending please learn either Plain Bob, Treble Bob or Cambridge Surprise Royal? Bells available at 3 o'clock.—A. C. Hazelden, Guildford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Langport on Saturday, May 21st. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Curry Rivel (8), Drayton (8) and Huish Episcopi (6) are also available.—F. Farrant, Hon. Branch Sec., Martock.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Himbolton on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available 3.30. Tea at the School 5.30. Please notify for tea not later than May 18th.—F. A. Jaine, Dis. Sec., The Smithy, Kimbolton, near Leominster.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Clare on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Tea at 5.15 at Bell Hotel. All requiring tea please make known to Granville C. Bixby, Dis. Sec., Hall Street, Long Melford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lechlade on Saturday, May 21st. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock, for those who let me know by the 18th inst.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Winterbourne on Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify by the 18th inst.?—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service, followed by tea and meeting. All members and friends from this and other associations cordially welcomed. Let me know by Wednesday previous if you want tea.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pitminster on Saturday, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at the Schools after service. Will those who require tea please let me know by the previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at Saxlingham, Nethergate (8), Saturday, May 21st, 3.30 p.m. A good muster is requested; young ringers from any district will receive a hearty welcome.—B. S. Thompson, Dis. Sec., 148, The Avenue, Colman Road, Norwich.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at the Queen's Head at 5 o'clock. Those intending being present please advise me by May 17th.—A. W. Groves, Amherst Ham Road, Worthing.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth.—Saturday, May 21st. Bells open 3.30. Tea 5.45, meeting after. (Cheap trains from Baker St.) Number for tea by Wednesday.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Offley, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at the 'Red Lion', 5.30. Good bus services from Hitchin and Luton, and very pretty country. Everyone welcomed.—Geo. T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bourton on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Bourton (6), Mere (8), Buckhorn Weston (6), Kington Magna (5). Will all members who wish to be present kindly let me know by May 24th at the latest?—R. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye meeting will be held at Chartham on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open 3 p.m.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh Parish Church on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 28th. St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' will be open for ringing from 2 till 2.30 and after the meeting. A special service in the Parish Church (St. Peter's) at 3.45 p.m.; address by the Vicar of Brighton (Canon F. C. N. Hicks, D.D.). Meat tea at St. Nicholas' Hall, St. Nicholas Road, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea, 2s. 6d. each (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) allowed to resident members. Those intending to be present should notify the hon. general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 24th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Horsmonden on Saturday, May 28th. Nearest station Goudhurst. Tower open at 3.30. Service at 5. Business meeting after service.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Districts.—The summer meeting will be held at Whitby, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 48th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec.

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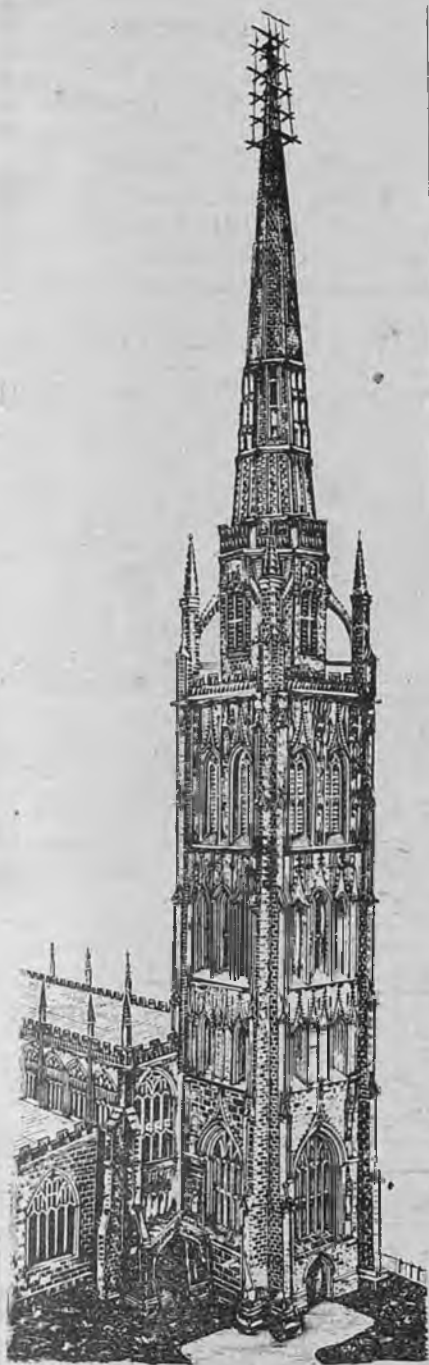
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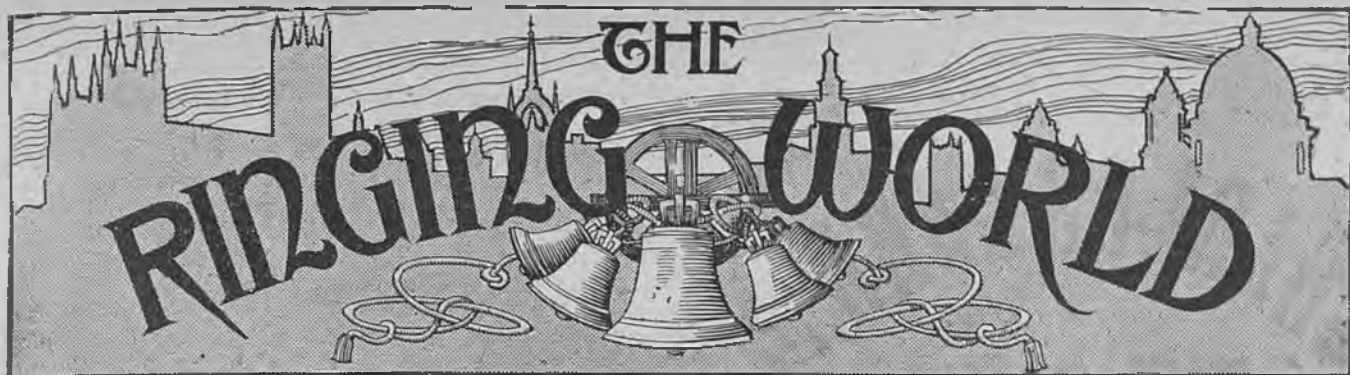
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THE COUNCIL'S 'DECISIONS.'

The 'Rules and Decisions' of the Central Council is coming up for revision at Whitsun. This volume is the official publication, which sets out not only the constitution of the Council itself, but the various conclusions for the conduct of the art which have been come to by the Council from time to time. The proposal is to make it a little more pretentious than in the past, so that it will cover the history of the Council, and become, as it were, the 'blue book' of the central authority. In view of this, we hope that very careful consideration will be given to the material which it will contain, and its scope arranged so that it may, also, be of use to associations in a much more general way than it has been. There are many things which it might embody with advantage, including, for instance, those pamphlets, now out of print, on the preservation of bells, and the model rules for associations and local companies. The embodying of useful matters of this description would, we think, help the sales of the book and bring the 'decisions' of the Council under the notice of a much wider circle of ringers. We have had the privilege of seeing an advance draft of certain of the sections, and this leads us to emphasise the need of careful revision before finally committing the book to the Press.

There is a point to which we think special attention might be given, and that is in the conditions laid down for peals of record length. The subject was mentioned somewhat casually at the Ipswich meeting last year, arising out of the attempted long length of Stedman Caters at Leeds. The Council's present rule says (inter alia) that a sealed copy of the figures of the proposed peal should be lodged previous to the attempt with the responsible officer of the Guild or Association under whose title the band is to ring, and that if the attempt is unsuccessful he shall return the sealed copy unopened to the conductor. Further, it is recommended that a competent representative of each of the bands (i.e., of the band who hold the record and the band who are attempting to exceed it) shall be present during the whole of the performance. The object of each of these recommendations is obvious; the first is to prevent the figures falling into the hands of a rival company should the attempt fail; and the second to have accredited witnesses of the performance present from both sides.

The question arises, however, what is the use of the record holders sending a representative, if he cannot have access to the figures while the peal is in progress? There are probably not a dozen ringers to-day who would be competent to take down from outside the tower the figures of a long peal while it is being rung, and the

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strain of having to do this for twelve hours or more is more than can be expected of any one man, however capable. It is different if he has the figures before him to assist him. The Council's present decisions tend to some extent to defeat themselves, for, without the figures, the average witness could only say how long the bells had been kept ringing and whether they were well-struck, and could do nothing by way of vouching for the accuracy with which the peal was rung. This is a problem to which we think the Council might give further consideration. Safeguards must be made, but it is of no use to lay down stipulations which, in many cases, might be valueless.

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On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	... Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ...	6
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ...	2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ...	7
CHARLES J. CHOOET ...	3	ERNEST BREIT ...	8
HERBERT LANGDON ...	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ...	9
BERNARD H. SWINSON ...	5	GEOFFREY C. RICE ...	... Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung on the 21st birthday of Miss Joyce Ena Hawkins, eldest daughter of the ringer of the 7th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D flat.

*WILLIAM THORLEY ...	... Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ...	6
*FREDERICK S. PRICE ...	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ...	3	PERCY PRICE ...	8
EDWARD C. GOBEY ...	4	*EDWARD READER ...	9
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	5	E. HARRY STONELEY ...	... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Bob Royal. This peal was arranged for E. Reader, also as a farewell peal to J. C. Dicken, who is leaving for Yarmouth. It is the first exact 5,000 of Bob Royal rung by the M.C.A.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

WILLIAM MESSAM ...	... Treble	EDWARD HULL ...	6
ALBERT HARMAN ...	2	JOHN H. WHITE ...	7
ALFRED H. WINCH ...	3	JOHN HOYLE ...	8
ARTHUR C. OTWAY ...	4	*ARTHUR DEAN ...	9
GEORGE COOK ...	5	GEORGE MARRINER ...	... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

* 250th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Messam on his 70th birthday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BODMIN, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE H. GODARD ...	... Treble	REV. R. H. WHITFORD ...	5
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ...	2	JOSEPH WOODLEY ...	6
WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ...	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	7
*ALFRED MITCHELMORE ...	4	*GEORGE MARSHALL ...	... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* Elected members previous to starting. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the Bodmin archdeaconry of the diocese.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

FRANCIS FRASER Treble	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. ... 5
WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES 2	WILLIAM MARTIN 6
ISAAC EMERY 3	HENRY WOOD 7
CHARLES ARTHUR BINES 4	ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by R. BRETT SMITH.

First peal by C. A. Bines. Great credit is due to him for ringing well throughout, and also to the treble ringer, who is in his 78th year. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. A. Anderson.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
ROBERT A. FARDON 2	ALBERT DISERENS 6
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT 3	RONALD BULLEN 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Beadle on his 77th birthday. First Surprise peal by the ringers of the 2nd, and first peal in the method by the ringers of the 6th and 7th.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

WALTER ARNOLD Treble	*FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	FRANK CLAYDON 6
GEORGE WIFFEN 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method inside. Rung on the 70th birthday of Mr. G. Williams.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*WILLIAM BEDDARD Treble	*WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 5
*THOMAS HEMMING 2	*HAROLD V. COOPER ... 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	†WILLIAM GIBBS 7
CHARLES E. PERKINS 4	*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method on the bells.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 6
CYRIL TANSSELL 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
WILLIAM RANFORD 4	WILLIAM E. MUNN Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung to welcome home the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. Bamber, and Mrs. Bamber, who were married at Radcliffe, Lancashire, April 27th.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES HEMMING Treble	*JAMES BRADLEY 5
*MISS AMY JOHNSON 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 6
*FREDERICK NURDEN 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 4	ARTHUR J. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples, and rung after meeting short for Stedman.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Parish Church of St. Leonard, Streatham, S.W.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN LEE Treble	THOMAS W. WELBOURNE ... 5
MISS ELLEN E. HARDCASTLE ... 2	JOHN L. WATKINS 6
MISS FREDA E. ORR 3	JAMES W. CHAPMAN 7
ERNEST E. BISH 4	WILLIAM E. G. HEWSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. CHAPMAN.

All are members of the local band. First peal as conductor.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY Treble	*GEORGE DAWSON 5
JOSEPH LADLEY 2	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 6
REGINALD DORE 3	BARNARD PAIMORE 7
SIDNEY CARTER 4	†FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

* 30th peal and first in the method. † 100th peal. The conductor has now called this composition from each of the eight bells.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
ALFRED PYE 3	WILLIAM D. LEGGETT ... 7
*HARRY TURNER 4	ERNEST J. BUTLER Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Bob Major.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

RICHARD PAINE Treble	HARRY L. AITKEN 5
WILLIAM T. TUCKER 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
REGINALD BROWN 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 4	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor

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On Tuesday, May 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*EDWARD EDWARDS Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
EDWARD WEBSTER 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 6
JOHN POTTER 3	PETER CROOK 7
GEORGE PINCOTT 4	ERNEST CUTSFORTH Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Cutsforth. The composition, now rung for the first time, has the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6 without 2nd dodging behind with tenor.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT W. BOND Treble	*SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 5
*ERNEST TRUMAN 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER 6
*EDWARD PERRY 3	ALFRED E. REEVES 7
*WILLIAM BOLWELL 4	FRED LAMBETH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal in the method, and first in the method as conductor. Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS K. DRIVER Treble	*FRANK FIELDEN 5
WILLIAM HORAN 2	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 6
*WALTER STAFF 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
*MISS ROSE A. BELL 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by HERBERT DAVENPORT

* First peal in the method.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

*GEORGE NICHOLS Treble	JOHN H. CHAMPION 5
ALBERT MANKTELLOW 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
†P.O. A. R. OCKWELL, R.N. 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
†WILLIAM SEAGER 4	CHARLEY BELSEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Grandsire by the local band, who are all Sunday service ringers. A previous attempt came at grief in the last lead of the peal. 50th peal as conductor.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

GEORGE ELLIS Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
JOHN A. COLE 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
*ALFRED J. BULL 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First 'touch' in the method on an inside bell. A birthday compliment to A. J. Bull and O. Sippetts.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Wednesday, May 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 40 mins.: E. Oakley 1, L. Long (first of Stedman) 2, G. Bowley 3, N. Lemau 4, W. Elliott 5, W. Briuklow 6, H. Hoare (first as conductor) 7, H. W. Dix 8.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*HOWARD H. THOMAS Treble	W. HOWE 5
E. W. BIFFIN 2	E. SHEPHERD 6
†J. HOSGOOD 3	†ARTHUR H. GOAD 7
T. JOHN STOKES 4	*W. J. H. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by E. W. BIFFIN.

* First peal. † First peal on bob bell. First as conductor.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMOND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS R. SHARMAN Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
WILLIAM H. T. KING 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK 3	JACK BAILEY 7
GEORGE FREEBREY 4	ALFRED MOULD Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by GEO. FREEBREY.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING

First peal of London as conductor.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

ALBERT G. HARRISON Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
JOHN SOUTER 2	WILLIAM STEGGALL 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE ARCHER 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	CHARLES CLARKE 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	CHARLES CUTTING 6
ALFRED SMITH 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT COLCOMBE Treble	ALEC TAYLOR 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	HENRY J. TAYLOR 6
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 3	WALTER TAYLOR 7
W. H. SYMONDS 4	*HERBERT TAYSON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

* First peal on eight. First peal on eight as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

ALEC SMITH ... ..	... Treble	HARRY SMITH	4
WILLIAM BLAND	2	RICHARD SHIMMARS	5
WALTER WHITLOCK	3	JOHN BARKER	Tenor

Conducted by H. SMITH.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*GEORGE GARDNER ... ..	... Treble	*JOHN W. TAYLOR	4
OSWALD J. HUNT	2	FRANK W. PERRENS	5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS	3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band, and for the Guild. Also the first peal of Surprise upon the bells.

PERRARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM T. TEAGUE ... ..	... Treble	† WILLIAM E. MINORS	4
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS	2	WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD	5
*JOHN SEDGLEY	3	† OSWALD DATSON	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD.

* First peal inside. † First peal. First peal as conductor, also first on the bells. Rung on the Feast of St. John before the Latin Gate. First peal by all resident members of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

DEEPIING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... ..	... Treble	JOSEPH O. LANDAN	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	FRANK ROWLINSON	5
WILLIAM ROSE	3	GEORGE H. WELLS	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

BRINKLOW, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*CHARLES G. BATES ... ..	... Treble	THOMAS W. CROWN	4
ALFRED E. BACON	2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	5
JAMES H. RAPER	3	JOSEPH E. SYKES	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Treble Bob. This is the first peal on these bells, the back five of which were cast by Smith, of Edgbaston, in 1705. They were retuned and augmented by Taylor.

STOKE BRUERNE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

PERCY AMOS ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE PARKER	3
HARRY CLARKE	2	WALTER LUFF	4
THOMAS WISE ... ..	...	... Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells. After the peal, Mr. Frank Tew (churchwarden) provided an excellent tea, which was much appreciated.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Single and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

FRANK BELSEY ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER	4
FRED A. MITCHELL	2	MUS. VICTOR A. JARRETT, R.E.	5
GEORGE GILBERT	3	FRED M. MITCHELL	Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT, R.E.

First peal as conductor.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HENRY W. GAYTON ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM STOCK	4
HARRY KING	2	HENRY STAPLETON	5
WILLIAM SHARP	3	HERBERT L. HURLLOW	Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

Rung at the request of Mr. H. King, one of the oldest members of the Association, it being over 20 years since he rang his last peal.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD WILLETT ... ..	... Treble	*HENRY E. COX	4
*THOMAS BEVAN	2	ALFRED T. POULTON	5
CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE	3	WILLIAM POSTON	Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Minor on inside bell.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES BENNETT ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE MORRAD	4
HARRY ARGENT	2	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	5
JOHN BURLS	3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Arranged for the ringer of the treble, who has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal in seven methods. Birthday peal for the ringer of the 3rd.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD	Treble	† FREDERICK A. ADAMS ...	4
* ALBERT NASH	2	WILLIAM T. PALMER ...	5
WILLIAM J. THYNG	3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

* Proposed a member of the M.C.A. before starting. † Proposed a member of the Y.A.C.R. before starting, and first peal in three methods.

SOUTH WALSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 3,600 changes of Grandsire, consisting of four 240's of A. J. Pitman's arrangement, and 22 extents, together with 1,440 changes of Plain Bob, 24 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

ERNEST L. RISEBROW	Treble	NOALN GOLDEN	3
CYRIL POOLEY	2	ROBERT BARBER, SEN. ...	4
		ROBERT W. BARBER, JUN. ...	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal on the bells, which were rebung in 1925 by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye. First peal of Doubles on tower bells by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd, who belong to Northrepps. First peal of Doubles by Messrs. Barber, sen. and jun., who hail from Acle, and are instructing a company at this church.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. WALKER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

THOMAS ROSSAM	1-2	FRANK E. PERVIN	5-6
GEORGE F. SWANN	3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN	7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS		9-10	

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.
Referee: ALBERT WALKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Walker. The excellent tea provided by Mr. and Mrs. Walker was much appreciated.

CLAPHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

At 17, NORTH SIDE, CLAPHAM COMMON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

MRS. F. I. HAIRS	1-2	GEORGE R. PYE	7-8
WILLIAM PYE	3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS	9-10
* GEORGE H. CROSS	5-6	WILLIAM H. HEWITT ...	11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand.'

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Worthy 1, S. R. Roper 2, Miss L. Lancaster 3, W. Jones 4, J. W. Passman 5, W. Ellerington 6, T. Metcalfe (conductor) 7, T. Lancaster 8.—On Sunday, March 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Worthy 1, Miss L. Lancaster 2, S. Breeze 3, J. G. Hall 4, T. Lancaster 5, T. Metcalfe 6, E. Burnett (conductor) 7, S. Yates 8.

CAMBERLEY.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Ewens 1, F. Marchant 2, H. Gould 3, R. Hawkins (conductor) 4, F. Nye 5, E. Newell 6, H. Hunt 7, H. J. Hunt, sen., 8. Rung for evening service, also in honour of the recent marriage of the Vicar of St. Michael's, and as a birthday compliment to H. J. Hunt, sen., one of the local ringers.

RECAST NORTHAMPTON RING.

HOLY SEPULCHRE BELLS REDEDICATED.

The Bishop of Peterborough dedicated on April 25th the restored ring of eight bells at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who were entrusted with the work, took away the old bells, seven of which were recast, while the old 6th became the 7th in the new peal, which have a tenor of 15 cwt. in the key of F sharp. New frame and fittings have been supplied, and the whole work reflects great credit on the firm, the 'tone' and 'go' of the bells being excellent.

The bells are hung about 12 feet lower than the old peal, and the ringing chamber is now on the ground floor.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre is one of the few round churches in England. The whole of the restoration, which includes the repairs to the tower and spire and general repairs to other portions of the church, has been paid for.

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston was present at the dedication, and Mr. S. R. Roper was present in the evening, when members from all the belfries in the town tested the new peal. Methods were rung ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise. The whole of the arrangements were ably carried out by Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The dedication service was largely attended, and was of an impressive character. The Bishop performed the ceremony, and gave an inspiring address, in which he spoke of the message of the bells. 'When the bells ring out,' he said, 'remember that you have need in the future to show yourselves loyal, devoted and lifelong Christians, not once-a-weekers, nor once-a-monthers, but daily followers of our Lord and Saviour Christ.'

After the service, members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild rang a touch of Grandsire Triples: F. Wilford 1, J. Bennett 2, R. Burgess 3, S. J. Lawrence 4, J. Burston 5, T. Jennings 6, B. Soden 7, A. Beckwith 8.

Tea was served at the Parochial Rooms by Mrs. Aston and helpers, and during the meal Canon Keysell, after thanking the Bishop, announced that a collection during the service had realised £15, an amount which, with other items, clears the debt on the bells. In reply, the Bishop congratulated St. Sepulchre's on having wiped out the debt, and wished the church prosperity and progress.

A BIRMINGHAM RINGER'S JUBILEE.

MR. TOM MILLER'S FIFTY YEARS AT ST. CHAD'S.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Bishop's House, Bath Street, Birmingham, on Wednesday, April 27th, on the occasion of the ringing jubilee at St. Chad's Cathedral of Mr. Tom Miller, one of Birmingham's best-known exponents of our art. The Very Rev. John Canon Roskell, who presided, was supported by the Revs. A. L. Kelly, B. F. Cox, and E. Morahan and about 25 ringers. A substantial meal was enjoyed, after which Canon Roskell proposed the chief toast of the evening. He spoke of the long service that Mr. Miller had given at St. Chad's. Fifty years were, when one came to think, he said, a splendid record for anyone to possess as a ringer, but especially so when that time had been spent at one church. A ringer's duty was to call others to their duty to God, and in that respect Mr. Miller had in those years done his duty conscientiously and sincerely. Mr. Miller had at various times shown to him rows of figures, and told him, 'That is Bob Major,' and he had to confess that he had to let it go at that, because he could not contradict him (laughter). Mr. Miller, he added, had several times spoken of retiring, but he was sure he had now put that idea out of his head and would carry on ringing to the end of his days.—The Rev. A. S. Kelly, in seconding the toast, said that although he could understand music, he had to admit that bell ringing beat him. He loved to hear the sound of bells, and could appreciate the work that Mr. Miller had done at St. Chad's. He hoped that he had many more years in front of him to continue that work.

Mr. Miller's health was then cordially honoured.

Mr. T. C. Kelly spoke of his association with Mr. Miller in the belfry of St. Chad's, and was followed by Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild), who paid a compliment to Mr. Miller by saying that when he and his right-hand friend (Mr. H. Withers) were young men it was Mr. Miller who started them on their ringing career. Mr. Miller, he said, was ever ready to assist a young ringer, and many ringers of to-day had received advice from him in their earlier years.

Mr. Miller thanked the company for their kind remarks. He spoke of his varied experiences during his ringing career, many of them humorous. He recalled the time when St. Chad's had but five bells, and the means adopted to get them made up to eight. He was one of the band who went from house to house collecting for them. He spoke of the brotherhood that existed among bell ringers, and hoped that it would never be allowed to die out.

Mr. G. F. Swann proposed 'The health of Canon Roskell.'—Mr. A. Walker, in seconding, thanked the Canon for the way in which he had received them, and said that St. Martin's Guild would be ever ready to assist St. Chad's should they be required.

Tune ringing and a course of Stedman Cinques on handbells and singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' brought a very interesting evening to a close.

T. C. K.

SUFFOLK GUILD. THE FINANCIAL POSITION.

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Ipswich on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower (twelve), St. Margaret's (eight), St. Clement's (six), St. Matthew's (five), and of Sproughton and Bramford were, by kind permission of the various incumbents, available for ringing throughout the day.

Service was held at St. Mary-le-Tower's Church at 1 p.m., when a most impressive address was delivered by the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Wallace, who took for his subject, 'The power of the Resurrection.'

An excellent luncheon was served at Day's Restaurant, Cornhill, at 1.30 p.m., and was followed by the business meeting, the president (Archdeacon Farmiloe) being in the chair.

The balance sheet was presented and read by the general secretary (Rev. H. Drake). The Treasurer moved the adoption of the accounts, saying he felt they could not be considered altogether satisfactory, as the expenditure had, as was shown, exceeded the income for the year.

Discussion followed, in which it appeared that many members were of the opinion that if the Guild reports were in the hands of members earlier, many more subscriptions would be received. It was agreed that this would follow, especially in the case of honorary members.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Patron, the Bishop; president, Archdeacon of Sudbury; vice-president, Archdeacon of Suffolk; Ringing Master, Mr. Charles J. Sedgley; general secretary, Rev. H. Drake; assistant secretaries, Messrs. S. H. Symonds and E. R. Pearson; treasurer, Mr. Charles E. Fisher. Messrs. J. C. G. Haggan and A. Watson were elected to fill vacancies on the committee.

The Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. Charles Mee and Charles J. Sedgley were appointed representatives on the Central Council.

It was decided to hold quarterly meetings at Hadleigh and Eye.

Mr. Haggan proposed a vote of thanks to Archdeacon Farmiloe for presiding, and this was carried with enthusiasm.—The Archdeacon briefly replied, saying it gave him real pleasure to be present. He pointed out that that meeting had already lasted over two and a half hours, yet he saw no abatement in the interest of the members present.

There was not a good attendance at the business meeting, no doubt owing to so many counter-attractions in the town, while the local football 'Derby' (held at Ipswich on Easter Monday) was probably an attraction to many. It is only fair, however, to record that the members who were present displayed a lively interest in all things connected with the Guild, and especially in anything which appeared to be towards the more effective working of this organisation.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to congratulate the St. Mary-le-Tower Society on their well-merited success in ringing the first peal of 'Superlative' Maximus.

This performance will require a lot of beating, and the footnote telling us that Mr. R. H. Brundle is in his 76th year makes the achievement on his part more wonderful still.

Lest there be any misunderstanding of my attitude over the method rung by the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, let me point out once more that this 'Superlative' Maximus is a true RECIPROCAL extension of 'Superlative' Major, and anyone who has a sufficient knowledge of mathematical progression can prove this fact for themselves by examining and testing the following figures:—

'SUPERLATIVE' MAXIMUS.

First quarter lead progression, 18923670e45t.

Second quarter lead progression, 1450e672389t.

18923670e45t x 1450e672389t = 1234567890et.

Hence the back change comes up halfway in 'Superlative' Maximus if 11th's place is omitted.

Now we will compare the Major progressions with the Maximus.

Major: First quarter lead progression plus 90et = 1452367890et.

Maximus: First quarter lead progression, 18923670e45t.

Progression.
45980e = 345612.

Major: Second quarter lead progression plus 90et = 1452367890et.

Maximus: Second quarter lead progression, 1450e672389t.

Progression.
23890e = 561234.

It will not require much study to realise that 345612 and 561234 are closely related, and the figures that are here given should prove beyond a shadow of doubt that 'Superlative' Major and the Reciprocal Extension to Maximus are very close relations to one another.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

BISHOP OF LONDON'S RETURN.

At All Saints' Church, Fulham, on Saturday, May 7th, in honour of the return of the Bishop of London to Fulham Palace after his world tour, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes): H. M. Page 1, E. A. Arutherton 2, D. Stevens 3, H. Ellis 4, H. Stevens 5, F. Norris 6, W. Judd 7, J. W. Driver (conductor) 8. Also three touches of Stedman Triples, one 538 and two 504 changes, in which M. E. Smith and G. Block took part.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies is leaving the nursing home in London this week, and is taking up residence in his native place of Tewkesbury, where his father was Canon.

Mr. E. A. Young, the secretary of the Central Council, is also progressing favourably, and hopes to be well enough to leave the Gordon Hospital in a few days' time.

Last Saturday, a few members of the College Youths visited him, and patients in the general ward were entertained to some handbell ringing.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the numerous ringers from all parts of the country who have written and congratulated them on ringing the first peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus on April 30th. Every participant in this peal is a Sunday service ringer, which makes the performance the more noteworthy.

Mr. F. E. Dawe writes: In your last issue an error appears in the account of the attempted peal at Exeter Cathedral on May 7th. The method was stated to be Stedman Cinques, whereas it was simply 'Grandsires'!

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have been entrusted with the rehangings of the six bells at Tisbury Church, Wiltshire, with all new fittings in a new frame.

Mr. George Williams wishes to thank the many ringing friends who have sent him their congratulations and good wishes on his 70th birthday, and whose kind remembrance he has not yet been able to acknowledge direct.

The south-west tower of York Minster and the ring of ten bells was destroyed by fire on May 20th, 1840.

Three noteworthy peals were rung on May 21st; in 1861, 10,061 Grandsire Caters was rung in 5 hrs. 55 mins. at Winesbury; in 1888, 13,054 Stedman Caters in 8 hrs. 16 mins. at Cheltenham; in 1923, 12,675 Stedman Cinques in 9 hrs. 47 mins. at Southwark.

The first peal in Scotland was rung on May 21st, 1873, when Matt. Wood called a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Dundee.

The anniversary of the 17,024 Double Norwich at Kidlington occurs at Sunday.

In the year 1767 a peal of 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Debenham. On May 23rd, 1811, John Pettett, who had taken part in the Debenham peal, rang in a 5,040 Bob Major at Ipswich.

THIRTEEN BELLS AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

The restoration of the bells at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, has just been completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and they were dedicated by Canon A. W. Thompson, Rector and Rural Dean of Ashton, on Wednesday of last week. The twelve bells have been retuned and rehung, and an additional bell added between the 2nd and 3rd to make a light eight. Ashton-under-Lyne is the only church in Lancashire with this number of bells, the addition to the ring having been given by Mr. J. F. Holmes, of Springfield, Ashton-under-Lyne, to commemorate the birth of his daughter, Eileen Beryl Holmes, on May 1st, 1926. The original peal of ten came from Gloucester in 1779, and in 1889 the Whitechapel Foundry added two trebles, one given by the Ashton ringers and their friends, and one by the late Mr. Samuel Moss.

The dedication service was attended by the Mayor and members of the Corporation. It commenced with the dedication of a tablet erected as a memorial to the men of the parish who laid down their lives in the war. An impressive service followed, in the course of which the bells were dedicated and rung, first the front eight and then the peal of twelve.

Afterwards, an appropriate sermon was preached by Canon Else, president of the Lancashire Association.

Those who took part in the opening ringing were, on the front eight, C. Bowers 1, S. Wood 2, H. Heap 3, W. Brammer 4, J. Mellor 5, A. Adams 6, B. Thorp 7, T. Jackson 8; and on the twelve, S. Wood 1, J. Carter 2, Miss C. Thorp 3, H. Heap 4, W. Brammer 5, C. Bowers 6, A. Gorrings 7, F. Althorp 8, J. Mellor 9, A. Adams 10, B. Thorp 11, T. Jackson 12.

HARROLD BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A statement likely to give a wrong impression appears in the report of the Beds Association meeting held at Bedford on Easter Monday, and published in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' During a discussion re a grant to Tilsworth bells, a member made a statement that £1,000 was needed at Harrold, and as bell restoration was the subject being discussed, no doubt the reporter thought it was wanted for that purpose.

In justice to the bell founders who restored the bells, Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, I should like to say that Harrold bells are in as good condition and go as well as they did the day they were opened, nearly 30 years ago. The £1,000 is required for the repair of the tower and fabric of the church generally.—Yours truly,

Harrold.

H. W. GAYTON.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Thirteenth Council (35th Annual Meeting) will be held (by the courtesy of the Lord Mayor) in the Egyptian Hall, The Mansion House, City of London, on Whitsun Tuesday, 7th June, 1927, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA, 1927.**GENERAL.**

1. Election of president, of hon. secretary and treasurer and of hon. librarian.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Statements of accounts and sale of publications.
5. Election of honorary members.
6. Introduction of new members to the president.
7. Election of standing committee.
8. To receive and discuss the reports of the following committees; and to reappoint or alter the constitution of the committees, as may be thought desirable, viz.:—
 - (a) Peal collection.
 - (b) Literature and Press.
 - (c) Methods.
 - (d) Peals' analysis.
 - (e) Towers and belfries.
 - (f) Records.
9. Honorary secretary to present second edition of the Book of Rules and Decisions and to move certain verbal alterations of the Rules and an amendment of the decision re member's leaflet.

MOTIONS.

10. Rule 9. Substitute in line 3 for the words 'one month' the words 'three calendar months.' Rule 12. Substitute in line 3 for the words 'fourteen days approximately' the words 'twelve weeks approximately.' Rule 14. Substitute in line 5 for the words 'one month' the words 'three calendar months.' (Messrs. G. Williams and A. H. Pulling.)
11. That the Council shall issue, at a small charge, peal diplomas for the encouragement of young ringers. (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. E. A. Young.)
12. That since William Shipway extended Superlative Surprise Major to Royal and the first peal of Royal was rung at Wakefield in 1826, the Council cannot accept any extension to Maximus which does not agree with the Major and the Royal. (Rev. H. Law James and Mr. R. Richardson.)
13. That the Council approach the British Broadcasting Company with a view to the broadcasting during the evening programmes of a series of instructional talks on change ringing, with handbell demonstrations. (Messrs. T. H. Taffender and A. D. Barker.)
14. That a committee be appointed to report to the Council on the legal relationship between (a) bells, (b) ringers and (c) ringing respectively on the one hand, and (d) the incumbent, (e) the churchwardens and (f) the parochial councils respectively on the other hand, and any other legal matters affecting the Exercise. And, further, to consider the advisability of issuing a statement on these matters for the guidance of ringers and other persons affected. (Messrs. J. A. Trollope and A. A. Hughes.)
15. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
16. Other business, if any.

E. ALEXANDER YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green,
Catford, London, S.E.6.

RAILWAY FACILITIES.

The concession for cheap tickets is now extended to cover the period from Saturday to Wednesday at Whitsuntide, and those desiring the necessary signed voucher should apply to me without delay.

The tickets will be issued from any station to and from London, at $1\frac{1}{2}$ the ordinary single fare, and they may be used by ringing members of our affiliated Guilds (who should apply to me through their general secretary), as well as by the elected and honorary members of the Council itself. The tickets may also be used by wives accom-

panying their husbands, who also will be welcome to attend the social meetings being arranged on the Monday.

The charge per voucher is 2d. (post free), which should be sent with an addressed envelope to me as under. It is hoped, in view of the future, that at least 200 tickets will be used.

155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

E. Alex. Young.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME.

A social programme, more than usually attractive in connection with a London meeting of the Council, when representatives have been left very much to their own devices except in the evening after the business, is being arranged this year, the London societies having joined forces in providing for the entertainment of visitors.

The hon. secretary, as will be seen above, has now satisfactorily arranged for cheap railway tickets to be issued on Saturday, as well as Monday and Tuesday, and also hopes that it will be possible to make up parties of ringers and their wives and friends for river trips.

Mr. Young writes: 'In view of the likelihood of a number of visitors bringing their wives, I am endeavouring to arrange for the hire of a private launch to accommodate 40 to 50, for the purpose of visitors being able to enjoy a trip up or down the Thames, or both (if a sufficient number give in their names). The proposal is: Sunday afternoon, Westminster to Greenwich, leaving to at Bankside to hear St. Paul's bells from the water; Monday afternoon, Westminster to Kew, the gardens being now at their best.'

RINGING.

The following towers will be open for ringing:—

Sunday, June 5th: St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 5 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 5.15 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7th: St. Paul's Cathedral, 6 to 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 6 to 7.30 p.m.

On Saturday, June 4th, visitors will be welcomed at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, between 6 and 9 p.m.

SOCIAL MEETINGS.

Saturday, June 4th: King of Denmark, Old Bailey, 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, June 5th: King of Denmark, 7 p.m.

Monday, June 6th: The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, 7.30.

Tuesday, June 7th: The Bedford Head, Maiden Lane, Strand, 7.45.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

In the report for the year 1926, signed jointly by the Master and hon. secretary, and to be presented to the annual meeting next week, it is stated: The past year has been a satisfactory one from every point of view, the activities of the association in its various departments have been fully maintained, and the financial position as shown in the balance sheet gives every reason for satisfaction. The district meetings have been regularly held, and the attendance as a rule has been excellent. Our warm thanks are due, as in past years, to our kind friends in the various places of meeting who have contributed so largely to the social success of these gatherings. We are also glad to note the advance shown by the number of peals rung, and the quality of these performances.

Since the last report, the bells at Turner's Hill have been increased to eight by the addition of two trebles, the seventh and tenor at Rotherfield have been rehung in ball bearings, the five bells at Sturminster have been rehung with completely new fittings, and the bell frame strengthened, and at Christ Church, Eastbourne, the bell frame has been strengthened, fittings repaired, and the peal rehung in new bearings. All this work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are at present erecting a peal of eight (tenor 14 cwt.) at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, Brighton. It is anticipated that this new ring will be opened before the end of June.

At Lower Beeding, five bells have been recast and the eight rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon; and Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, have rehung the six at Easebourne.

Finally, we wish to urge all those members who have supported the association for many years to do their utmost to interest the younger members in its work and aims, for upon the coming generation will fall the duty of taking office in the association and carrying on its work. Especially we appeal to all to do their utmost by punctual and regular attendance to secure the highest possible standard of excellence in Sunday service ringing.

There is a balance on general account of £107 12s. 3d., an increase of £17 13s. 1d., and there is £50 in the reserve fund.

THE PEAL AT LEATHERHEAD.

The peal at Leatherhead on Saturday was especially arranged to celebrate Mr. W. Messam's 70th birthday, and he was heartily congratulated after the peal upon the way he rang.

Mr. Messam has been a ringer at this Surrey church practically all his life, and, although not ringing many peals, he is very regular in his attendance on Sundays.

This peal was Mr. Arthur Dean's 250th, and was his first attempt at peal ringing since his accident last February.

THE CLERGY'S AID.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your kind reference in 'The Ringing World' of April 29th to the annual report of the Hertford County Association leads me to supplement further your most useful editorial on 'The Clergy's Aid.' The first rule of our association is: 1. 'Belfry Reform.' 2. 'The promotion of change ringing, and of social intercourse amongst change ringers, etc., etc.' Belfry reform was our first objective—ourselves. First things first. We sought to make the foundations sure before we began to build up a change-ringing society. We interpreted the fact that the belfry was a real part of the consecrated church, just as much as the chancel. It was not a smoke-room or gossip shop for the ringers above, whilst the people were praying below; but it was felt that the ringers should so conduct themselves that they could claim the presence of God with them in their work for the church. Hence my suggestion, enrol your members from your communicants. If this ideal is wholeheartedly pursued, it must in the end secure the sympathy and support of the parson. Personally, with few exceptions, I have always secured their practical sympathy, also that of the churchwardens. But, speaking generally, I am afraid we do not always keep in fullest touch with our clergy as representing county or diocesan associations. A chance district meeting perhaps is our only point of contact.

This leads me to offer a suggestion. Could not every incumbent of a church possessing a peal of bells be linked on to our associations as hon. members by the church itself paying the annual subscription, recognising it as a piece of propaganda work worthy of the support of the congregation? The various clubs of the parish are supported by the people; why not a definite subscription to the diocesan or county association which embraces the parish? It is up to our ringers upon Church Councils to bring the question forward. There are many clergy who cannot afford the annual subscription, and whose interest is consequently lost. If linked to our major associations they would receive notices of all meetings in their area, and the opportunity would be given them of learning to know more about ringers and ringing generally.

Another thought: Do the clergy as a body see 'The Ringing World'? Presumably a few who are ringers. Could the secretary of each local company see that a copy is passed on to their Vicar each week? If we want their sympathy and support in a larger measure, it is up to us ringers to do something to secure it, and I believe we shall get it if we show them that our ringing is not for mere selfish pleasure, but is an offering to the church to which we belong.

The situation to-day is one of thankfulness, for not only have the bells 'changed' into beautiful musical harmony, but the ringers themselves have changed. It is now becoming quite general for the service and address at the quarterly meetings. This fact alone must enlist the sympathy of the clergy. I trust these services will be multiplied in the future. We have a most happy fellowship in our ringing societies, one which I greatly value. May we make that fellowship more real, and our work more effective, by remembering it each week in prayer, so that our ideals may be accomplished.—Yours sincerely,

G. W. CARTMEL.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING BRANCH.

The first quarterly meeting for 1927 of the above branch was held at Shiplake, on Saturday, May 7th. The secretary's spirits were very high, as the weather was good, and over 60 had signified their intention of being present. Members and friends came from all parts of the branch, travelling by private cars, motor and push bikes and a crowded bus.

Good touches were rung during the afternoon, both beginners and old hands getting a chance. An excellent tea was partaken of, kindly given by the Vicar (the Rev. J. C. Thomas) and churchwardens, at the conclusion of which a vote of thanks was passed by Mr. H. Egby, the oldest member, and seconded by Dr. Joyce, the youngest member in the art of bell ringing.

The bells were again set going until 7 p.m., when those who wished attended a service conducted by the Vicar.

Ringing was afterwards enjoyed until 9 p.m., everyone agreeing that the meeting had been a very successful one.

5,088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY T. B. WORSLEY.

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Twice repeated.

Full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6. 2nd never dodges behind with the tenor.

First rung at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on May 10th, 1927, conducted by John Potter.

'THE RURAL PROBLEM.'

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to your leader in a recent issue on 'The Rural Problem,' it appears to me that a good deal might be done to remedy the state of affairs to which you draw attention, and at the same time help to check the present steady depletion of the ranks of ringers by a closer co-operation between captains of bands throughout the country.

There are many men who, like Mr. Slater, go on year after year training beginners who drift away to other parishes after a short while. The number of potential ringers thus created must be considerable, and it is probably true to say that very few of these young fellows make themselves known to the captain of the band of the parish in which they settle, or join up with the nearest change-ringing band, as the case may be. This may be due to shyness, or fear of being deemed incompetent, or both, with the result that these beginners are lost to the Exercise for ever.

As an instance of this kind of thing, I should like to quote an example from my own tower. I recently heard, quite by accident, of a young fellow who had settled in the parish some months before, and who had a certain amount of practice at a Sussex tower. When I visited him and asked why he had not made himself known to us, he replied, 'Well, I did not like to intrude, as I can only ring the treble, or at most an inside bell to a plain course.' The fact that he could have continued his practices much better in the district of his adoption did not seem to occur to him.

I would, therefore, like to suggest that, whenever possible, captains of bands should make a point of notifying one another of the movements of these beginners, giving the new address where known. In cases where the nearest change-ringing tower is not known, the necessary information could be obtained from the secretary of the association covering the district, and in this way a lot of the time spent by instructors up and down the country in coaching beginners would not be entirely wasted, for some other tower or towers would be reaping the benefit of what they had done, and they in turn might receive assistance in like manner. This practice might be adopted with advantage in every case where a migrant ringer has not reached that stage of interest in the art when nothing on earth will keep him out of a belfry, no matter where he may land.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK G. WOODISS.

Sutton, Surrey.

OVERSEAL RINGER MARRIED.

On Easter Tuesday, the marriage took place of Mr. W. Brooker, of Overseal, and Miss B. M. Elverson, of Church Gresley, the ceremony being performed at the Parish Church, Gresley, by the Vicar (the Rev. E. E. F. Despard). The bride was a member of the Holy Trinity Church choir, Gresley, while the bridegroom has been a change ringer at St. Matthew's, Overseal, since the dedication of the bells in December, 1919, and a member of the Midland Counties Association (Burton District) since July, 1920. He has rung five peals, the last being at Appleby Magna, on February 12th of this year, when he helped the M.C.A. secretary (Mr. E. Morris) to add another Leicestershire tower to his long list and record the first peal on the bells.

After the wedding ceremony, the following ringers of St. Matthew's, assisted by Mr. A. E. Rowley, of Higham-on-the-Hill, who was on holiday in the village, rang a well struck 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins.: W. Bosworth 1, L. Freeman 2, J. W. Cotton 3, C. Jewsbury 4, W. E. Clayfield 5, A. E. Rowley (conductor) 6. Touches of Doubles were afterwards brought round with the help of P. Grice and F. Boulstridge, of Netherseal.

The ringers wish Mr. and Mrs. Brooker success and happiness in their married life.

A HALF PEAL.

At St. Edward's Church, Knighton, Radnor, on Wednesday, April 27th, a half-peal of Bob Minor (2,520 changes) in 1 hr. 27 mins.: W. Watkins 1, J. J. Price 2, A. E. Jones 3, W. J. Beniams 4, J. F. Evans 5, F. Evans (conductor) 6, G. Abley 7. Longest touch by all in the method.

SURPRISE EXTENTS.

At St. Mary's Church, Fryerning, Essex, on Sunday, May 1st, for matins, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. T. Pye 1, P. Almond 2, W. J. Nevard 3, G. Camp 4, A. Bradley 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. Also 360 Cambridge Surprise.—For afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, G. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, W. J. Nevard 5, A. Bradley 6. Also 216 Kent Treble Bob. Messrs. Nevard, Keeble, Pye and Almond were on a visit to St. Mary's, which was greatly appreciated by the locals.

At Ingatstone, in the afternoon, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. T. Pye 1, P. Almond 2, W. J. Nevard 3, G. Rogers 4, A. Bradley 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. G. Rogers belongs to local company.—720 Cambridge Surprise: L. Camp 1, H. Wright 2, G. Camp 3, A. Bradley 4, W. J. Nevard 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. First extent of Surprise on the bells.

At St. Mary's, Fryerning, before evensong, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: F. Wright 1, L. Camp 2, A. Bradley 3, G. Camp 4, C. Harrington 5, H. Wright (conductor) 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. ORDER GIVEN FOR CATHEDRAL NEW BELLS.

The annual meeting was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 30th. A glorious spring day brought quite a fair number of members together, but the lack of ringing facilities in the city no doubt kept the attendance a good deal below the average.

Owing to the work of restoration now proceeding in the vicinity of the Ringers' Chapel, this could not be used for the service, but the Dean of Lincoln (president of the Guild) very kindly arranged for this to be held in the North-West Chapel of the cathedral, and himself gave an intensely interesting address. Tea was arranged at the Co-operative Hall, to which about 100 members and friends sat down.

The Dean of Lincoln presided at the business meeting, supported on the platform by the Rev. H. Law James (Master), and Mr. F. F. Linley (vice-president and treasurer).

The following officers were unanimously re-elected, viz.: The Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln, president; the Rev. H. Law James, Master; Mr. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary; Mr. F. F. Linley, hon. treasurer.

The Rev. H. Law James, the Rev. H. T. Parry, Mr. G. Chester and Mr. Rupert Richardson were elected representatives on the Central Council for the ensuing three years.

Referring to the cathedral bells, the Dean stated that restoration work was now proceeding in the south-west tower. Unfortunately, they had found this tower (at all events in the lower stages) in a far worse state than the north-west tower was before restoration. He hoped, however, that before a year had passed the work would be completed. The order had been given to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the four additional bells. The Memorial Fund was now sufficient to defray the cost of these, and there would still be a small sum in hand, which it was proposed to devote towards the cost of a memorial tablet bearing the names of those members of the Guild who lost their lives in the Great War, to be erected in the Ringers' Chapel. The twelve bells will eventually be hung at a much lower level than the present peal of eight—a better position both as regards the stability of the tower and as regards the sound of the bells in the near vicinity of the cathedral.

By kind permission of the various incumbents, the bells of the two six-bell towers in the city (St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's) were open for ringing in the afternoon, and again in the evening, when the eight bells of Washingborough Church were also available.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A district meeting was held at West Clandon on Saturday, May 7th, over thirty members being present. The bells were available at 3 p.m., and a service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Sir John Herschel, who also gave an address. The Guild form was used, and Lady Herschel presided at the organ. After tea, which was held in the Church Hut, a short business meeting took place, presided over by the Rector.

It was decided to hold a meeting at Frensham on Whit Monday, if it could be arranged.

A resolution was also carried requesting the secretary to write and congratulate the Master of the Guild (Mr. G. Williams) on his attaining his 70th birthday.

The meeting broke up after the usual votes of thanks to the Rector, organist and the ladies who kindly arranged the tea. Further ringing was then indulged in, both at Clandon and Merrow, under the guidance of the Ringing Master of the district (Mr. A. C. Hazelden).

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Stockbridge on Saturday, May 7th. During the afternoon and evening, the peal of six was kept going to Doubles and Minor, as were those of King's Somborne. Tea and meeting were held at the Town Hall, presided over by the Rector, Rev. G. Uppington, members being present from Bishopstoke, North Stoneham, King's Somborne, Hursley, Winchester and the local band.

On the motion of the Rector, the members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to the late Rev. C. E. Matthews (vice-president of the Guild), who passed away in February.

The following were elected hon. members: Mr. H. Johnson, Marsh Court, Stockbridge; Rev. G. E. H. Theophilus, King's Somborne; Mr. C. B. Scott, Manor Farm, Up Somborne; Mrs. Milburn, Compton Manor, King's Somborne.

The King's Somborne band were elected members, as also were the Upham band and three probationers from Hursley, and three from Stockbridge.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Wynne, of Hermit Lodge, Stockbridge, for her kindness in entertaining the members to tea.

On the proposition of Mr. Andrews, Mrs. Wynne was elected an hon. member for the year without fee. Thanks were accorded to the Rector for presiding and for the use of the bells, and also to the Vicar of Somborne.

Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, arrived soon after 6 p.m. to report success of the peal at Winchester Cathedral in honour of the Master's 70th birthday.

The next meeting will be held at Sherfield English on Saturday, August 27th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION AT CHIGWELL.

The visit of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association to Chigwell was favoured with a glorious day, over fifty members and friends putting in an appearance during the afternoon and evening. The bells were set going to Kent Minor, followed by touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire Doubles, Cambridge Surprise and London and Wells Surprise spliced, till 4.30 p.m., when those present attended the service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. M. W. Smith. Tea followed at the King's Head Hotel, said to be the original Dickens' 'Maypole.' At the subsequent meeting, two new honorary members and two new ringing members were elected, and Shenfield selected as the place for the next gathering.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of tower and bells, Mr. Witlock for accompanying the service on the organ, and the local steepkeeper, Mr. J. Lucas, for having everything in readiness.

The bells were again set going, and touches in various methods rung till 9 p.m., whilst several wended their way across the fields, now in their beauty, for a pull at Chigwell Row, on the grand peal of six in that tower, which in spite of their not having been rung for over two years were kept going to Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob till late in the evening.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION ARRANGES PRACTICE MEETINGS.

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Boreham on Saturday, April 30th. There was ringing during the afternoon, and a service was held, at which the Rev. A. E. Hull, Vicar, officiated. Tea was kindly provided at the Queen's Head by the Vicar and churchwardens, and this was followed by the usual business meeting.

Seven new members were elected, and the election of one non-resident member was confirmed. Rettendon was selected for the next meeting in June.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. P. Timson) announced that united practices had been arranged to be held at Great Baddow May 9th, Chelmsford May 17th, Writtle May 25th, Boreham June 2nd, and Widford June 10th. These practices have been arranged to help on several of the younger ringers in the division, and further arrangements will be made to hold practices at other towers.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master) said this was a good idea, and he believed other divisions were adopting a similar plan.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicar and churchwardens for permitting the meeting to be held at Boreham and for providing the excellent tea, at which about 25 members were present.

Touches were afterwards rung on handbells and the tower again visited. Members present represented Writtle, Maldon, Chelmsford, Broomfield, Springfield, Rettendon, Great Baddow, Braintree, Black Notley and the local company. Mr. Lewis Green, who is home from South Africa for eight months, was also present. Owing to the death of his father that afternoon, Mr. G. Green, District Master, was unable to attend.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MORE MEMBERS WANTED.

A meeting of the Ely District was held at Over, on Saturday, May 14th, when members were present from Cambridge, Chatteris, Dry Drayton, Godmanchester, Hemingford Abbots, Huntingdon, Long Stanton, Stapleford, Trumpington and the local band. The service, held in the Parish Church, was taken by the Rev. H. B. Woolley (the Vicar being absent), who gave a very interesting address.

Tea was provided in the school, 20 members being present. On the proposition of Mr. A. E. Austin, seconded by Mr. A. J. Abram, a vote of thanks was accorded the ladies (Mrs. F. Ginn, Mrs. W. Ginn, Mrs. B. Wayman, assisted by Mrs. G. Gleave and Mrs. F. Warrington) for arranging the excellent tea.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the bells and to the Rev. H. B. Woolley for taking the service.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Stapleford, and, if possible, to couple Sawston the same day. Notice will be given in due course.

Mr. A. G. Rivers supported this proposal, and hoped that members would try to further the interests of change ringing and so get more members into the association.

The business meeting over, the bells were set going once more, the methods rung being Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, London, York and Cambridge Surprise, several ringing their first courses in the methods. A well-struck 720 Kent (15 bobs), rung by F. G. Gleave 1, C. W. Cook 2, A. W. T. Ginn 3, F. C. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6, brought a successful meeting to a close.

A YOUNG BAND.

At Rishton, Lancs, on Sunday, April 24th, for evening service, 1,008 Bob Major: R. Atherton 1, F. Read (conductor) 2, A. Yates 3, B. Hall 4, A. Hutchison 5, R. Bolderstone 6, A. Lord 7, J. Hirst 8. Specially rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer on attaining his 20th birthday, and it is interesting to note that he is the oldest ringer in the band.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EXHALL, COVENTRY.—On Sunday, May 15th, at the Church of St. Giles, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: W. Barnett 1, G. O. Rathbone (first 720) 2, A. E. Bacon 3, C. G. Bates 4, J. E. Sykes 5, J. H. Raper (conductor) 6.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, May 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): P. H. Doick 1, A. V. Corden 2, A. R. Pink (first quarter on an inside bell) 3, C. Smart, sen., 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, S. Picton 6, Cecil Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

WEST GLANDON.—For evening service, on Sunday, May 15th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: G. Jarrad (first extent) 1, H. Harding, sen., 2, N. Harding 3, J. Coacher 4, G. Grover 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

WATFORD.—On Sunday, May 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 50 mins.: H. Long 1, R. G. Bell 2, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 3, S. E. Edwards 4, R. W. R. Picton 5, F. Edwards 6, E. M. Elliott 7, W. E. Oakley 8. First quarter of Major by the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 4th.

LONDON.—At St. Mary Abbots' Church, Kensington, for evensong, on May 15th, 1,299 Stedman Caters in 55 mins.: C. F. Winney (conductor) 1, A. Cutmore 2, G. W. Frayne 3, J. A. Dart 4, W. E. Judd 5, H. G. Miles 6, R. E. Sadler 7, H. Wakelam 8, G. C. Rice 9, G. C. Garrard 10.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 15th, for evensong at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: A. T. Greenwood 1, J. Paterson 2, J. D. Harris 3, T. R. Taylor 4, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, sen., 7, J. Gates 8.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 15th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 23 mins.: W. L. Jones 1, W. H. Jaine 2, C. Jaine 3, J. F. Fox 4, A. Owens 5, F. A. Jaine (conductor) 6.

RISHTON, LANCs.—On Sunday, May 8th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: R. Bentley 1, R. Atherton 2, R. Hutchison 3, R. Hall 4, A. Yates 5, R. Bolderstone 6, F. Read 7.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 45 mins.: R. Atherton 1, A. Yates 2, R. Hall 3, A. Lord 4, A. Hutchison 5, R. Bolderstone 6, J. Hirst 7, F. Read (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the 4th ringer.

NOTICES.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Lyonsball on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45, free to all who notify me by Tuesday, May 24th. Business meeting after.—J. Bez Preece, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge, Herefordshire.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Launton on Saturday, May 28th. Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Coleridge, R.D. Bells (6), Bicester (8) available.—E. A. Clifton, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Newton Abbot on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in St. Leonard's Chapel, at 12.15 p.m. Dinner in Ambulance Hall, East Street, at 1.0 followed by meeting. Highweek, Wolborough and St. Leonard's towers open for ringing.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Tenbury Wells on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hambledon on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the Kent County Association will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All ringers invited. A good attendance hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—Annual meeting will be held on May 21st at Blewbury. Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Those intending to be present please notify me early.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East Street, Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business. All welcome.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting in the Hall. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Barnham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch spring meeting will be held at Combe, near Woodstock, on Saturday, May 21st. The following is the order of proceedings:—3 p.m., service in the Parish Church, preacher: Rev. F. R. Marriott; 4 p.m., tea at the Schoolroom, at 1s. per head; business meeting to follow. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Combe, Bladon, Woodstock and Cassington. — W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Tackley Park, Tackley, Oxon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Langport on Saturday, May 21st. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Curry Rivel (8), Drayton (8) and Huish Episcopi (6) are also available.—F. Farrant, Hon. Branch Sec., Martock.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lechlade on Saturday, May 21st. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service, followed by tea and meeting. All members and friends from this and other associations cordially welcomed.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pitminster on Saturday, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at the Schools after service.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at Saxlingham, Nethergate (8), Saturday, May 21st, 3.30 p.m. A good muster is requested; young ringers from any district will receive a hearty welcome.—B. S. Thompson, Dis. Sec., 148, The Avenue, Colman Road, Norwich.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at the Queen's Head at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst Ham Road, Worthing.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth.—Saturday, May 21st. Bells open 3.30. Tea 5.45, meeting after. (Cheap trains from Baker Street.)—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Offley, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at the 'Red Lion,' 5.30. Good bus services from Hitchin and Luton, and very pretty country. Everyone welcomed.—Geo. T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Clare on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Tea at 5.15 at Bell Hotel. All requiring tea please make known to Granville C. Bixby, Dis. Sec., Hall Street, Long Melford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The dedication of the two new bells at St. Mark's, Swindon, will take place at the monthly meeting on Saturday, May 21st, by the Archdeacon of Swindon at 3 p.m. Bells available after service. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. per head. All ringers welcome.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye meeting will be held at Chartham on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open 3 p.m.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The May meeting of the Guild will be held at Warwick on Saturday, May 28th. The bells of St. Mary's (10) and St. Nicolas' (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea has been arranged for 5 p.m. at the Dale Temperance Hotel, near St. Mary's. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 28th. St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' will be open for ringing from 2 till 3.30 and after the meeting. A special service in the Parish Church (St. Peter's) at 3.45 p.m.; address by the Vicar of Brighton (Canon F. C. N. Hicks, D.D.). Meat tea at St. Nicholas' Hall, St. Nicholas Road, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea, 2s. 6d. each (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) allowed to resident members. Those intending to be present should notify the hon. general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 24th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Haughley, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (5) available at 2.30, and at Wetherden (5), at Stowmarket (8) from 6 p.m. Tea on Haughley Vicarage Lawn at 4.30 p.m., 9d. each to all sending names by May 24th to Mr. J. W. Nunn, Haughley, nr. Stowmarket.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bourton on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Bourton (6), Mere (8), Buckhorn Weston (6), Kington Magna (5). Will all members who wish to be present kindly let me know by May 24th at the latest?—R. E. P. Gorringer, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Leigh Parish Church on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Horsmonden on Saturday, May 28th. Nearest station Goudhurst. Tower open at 3.30. Service at 5. Business meeting after service.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Districts. —The summer meeting will be held at Whitby, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —The bells of Garston Parish Church will be reopened on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Alwalton on Saturday, May 28th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 25th?—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —A special meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Barnby Don on Saturday, May 28th. Own arrangements to be made for tea. Please make a note of the outing to York, July 16th. Full particulars later. —Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 28th (by invitation). Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading, I.W., on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me before the 25th inst.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Bredons Norton on Saturday, May 28th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous. —J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 28th. Bells of East Retford (10), Ordsall and West Retford (6) will be ready early. Divine service East Retford 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., Cooke's Café, Carlegate (opposite Exchange Street), 1s. 10 to members whose subscriptions are paid for 1926, 1s. 6d. to others and visitors who notify D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Newtown, Retford, not later than 25th inst. Will members please note that contributions for 1927 are due at this meeting?—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. —A meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 4.45. Those requiring tea please inform me not later than Tuesday, the 24th inst.—Cecil E. Hepburn, The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

EALING PARISH CHURCH.—The dedication of St. Mary's bells will take place on Sunday, May 29th, at 3.15, by the Rt. Rev. the Archdeacon of Middlesex, D.D. All ringers and friends heartily welcomed to the service. The bells will be opened for ringing on Saturday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. on June 4th. Any members of the Central Council requiring a pull will be welcomed Ealing way. Likewise, all ringers. —J. H. Hunnisett and W. H. Hollier.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of the above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and busi-

ness meeting to follow. All those intending to be present kindly notify me in good time. Visitors welcomed. —Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. —The 48th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 41st annual meeting will be held at Hereford on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in the Cathedral 12.15. Preacher, Rev. G. H. Jobling, Rector of Kingsland. Dinner at Boothe Hall Hotel (2s. 6d.) 1 p.m. Mr. C. Edwards (Master) in the chair. Those intending to be present at the dinner should write to me for tickets of admission by June 1st.—Rev. Preb. G. W. Turner, Hon. Sec., Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water on Whit Monday, June 6th. Luncheon at Stow. Service, tea and business meeting at Bourton-on-the-Water. Will those intending to be present please notify me by May 31st? —Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, June 6th. Committee meeting in Holy Sepulchre's Institute at 11 a.m. Service in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at 12 noon. Luncheon, followed by the business meeting, at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m. Application for lunch tickets, with remittance (2s. 6d.), must be made to Mr. T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton, on or before Monday, May 30th. Towers available: Kingsthorpe (6) and St. Peter's (8) from 10 to 11.30 a.m., St. Giles' (10), All Saints' (8), St. Edmund's (8) and Holy Sepulchre (8) from 10 a.m. throughout the day.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Gedding-ton, Kettering.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District. —A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, June 11th. Bells at Bramford (6) also available during the afternoon and evening. Tea, 9d., at 4.45, to those sending their names by June 8th. Every ringer welcomed.—G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Road, Ipswich.

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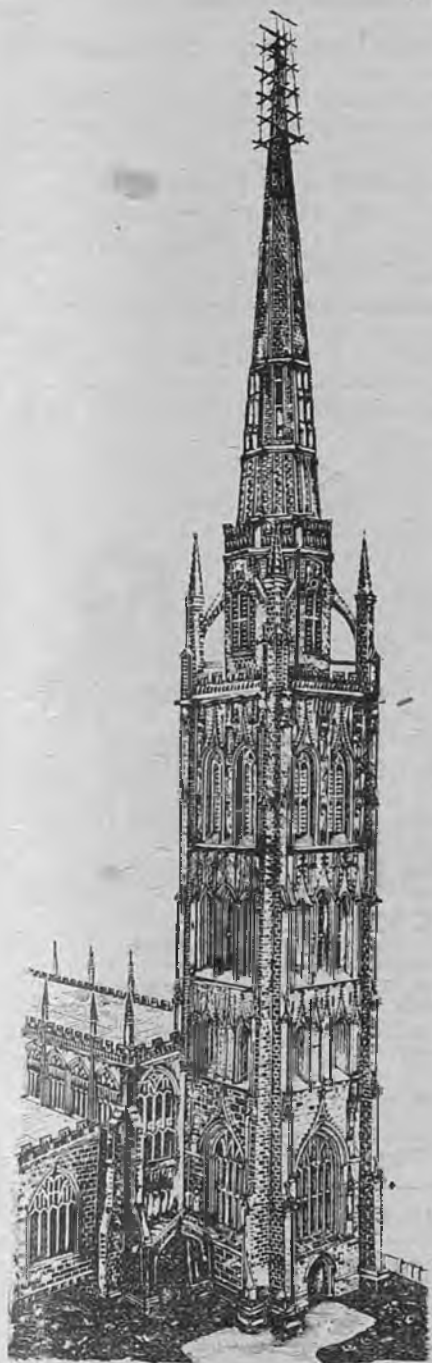
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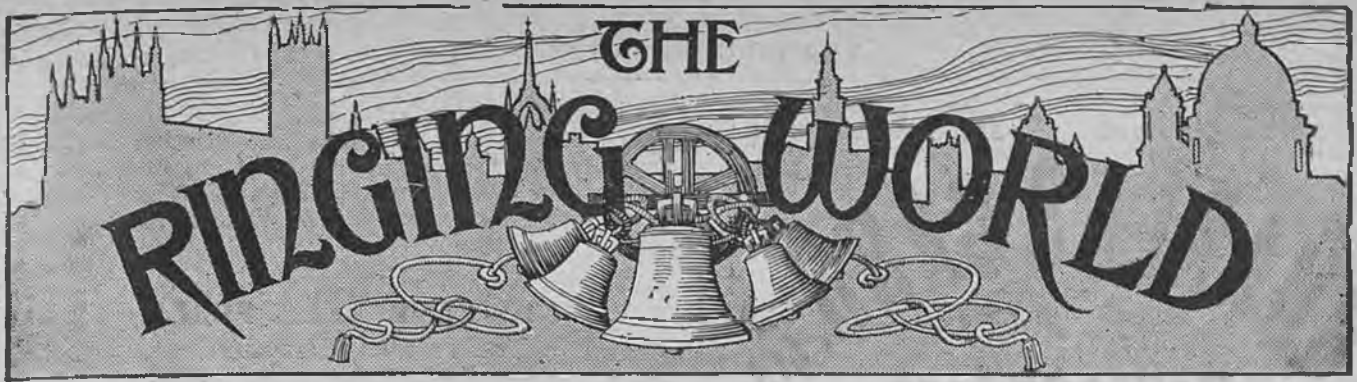
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Among the motions down for discussion by the Central Council at Whitsun is one designed to give representatives on the Council a better opportunity of ascertaining the feelings of their members on any point which may arise. At present one month's notice of any motion has to be given, and the agenda usually appears about three weeks before the Council meeting. The new proposal is to require three months' notice, with a correspondingly earlier publication of the agenda, so that the various associations may have the opportunity of discussing the items and giving expression to their views as a guide to their Council representatives. The existing arrangement practically precludes this, and there has been more than one instance where a subject has been discussed by the Council and deferred for a year, in order to give members time to consult their respective associations.

The question is being brought up as the result of discussion at the last annual meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, when it was felt that if ringers generally had the opportunity of talking over proposals that were to come before the Council, there would be a much wider interest taken in the work of the central body. A very considerable number of the affiliated societies meet at, or soon after, Easter, and the publication of matters, which the Central Council will debate, in time for review by the various county and diocesan guilds should tend to deepen the interest of the ordinary ringer in the Council's proceedings. That such an extension of general interest is desirable no one will dispute, and the proposal now made should be worth a trial. Any step that may bring the rank and file of the Exercise into closer touch with the work of the Council deserves every support, and any administrative difficulties which might arise through adoption of the Winchester Guild's proposal ought readily to be overcome. What is wanted is that the agenda and any controversial reports by committees should be published before Easter. Even this, of course, would not enable all affiliated bodies to have the Council's business before them at their annual meeting, but with three months' notification practically every society could discuss the items of the agenda at district or quarterly meetings, even if the annual meeting were ruled out. The Winchester Guild's proposal, therefore, has a good deal to commend it. There is still a far too widespread indifference to the Council's work, which many ringers look upon as something apart from their common interests. If greater opportunity is given to show that the Council is working for the good of the Exercise and the advancement of the Art, and that many of the questions with which it deals

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BIRMINGHAM

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
JAMES E. GROVES 2	FRED PRICE 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	THOMAS MILLER 9
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	JAMES GEORGE 10
*THOMAS W. CHOWN 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES 11
JOHN NEAL 6	*JESSE SCREEN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

* Proposed life members of the Guild previous to starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled in the inverted titmuss and hand-stroke home positions, as a last tribute of respect to Charles Dickens, a trustee and highly respected member of the above Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

DAVID WRIGHT Treble	STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY 6
*BERT N. NEWSON 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER 7
THOMAS A. G. BLOXHAM 3	DANIEL D. COOPER 8
WILLIAM BULPIT 4	CHARLES H. KIPPEN 9
FREDERICK W. LARBY 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by DAVID WRIGHT.

* First peal of Grandsire. This peal was arranged as a 21st birthday compliment to Thomas A. G. Bloxham, a member of the local band.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	KEITH HART... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JOHN DEARLOVE 9
JAMES BENNETT 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	WILLIAM T. LAST ... 6
ALBERT A. FLEMING ... 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 7
*HERBERT W. SHEMMINGS 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCE.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell. For composition, see Ely Diocesan Association Report for 1913, No. 432. Commemorates the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the bells as a ring of eight, May 15th, 1902.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MISS KITTY MOORE ... Treble	*FREDERICK PAYNE ... 5
HARRY BAXTER ... 2	JOHN R. MAIN ... 6
MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN ... 3	GEORGE LINES ... 7
FREDERICK J. TITE ... 4	ROBERT G. BLACK ... Tenor

Composed by the late JAMES PLATT. Conducted by R. G. BLACK.

* First peal of Major inside. Arranged to mark the twenty-first birthday of Miss May Reeves, of Burton Latimer.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S VARIATION OF J. PATRICK'S.

FREDERICK A. POULSON ... Treble	*LAWRENCE POULSON ... 5
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 2	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3	FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... 7
SHELFORD SPARROW ... 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. Messrs. Grimwood and Sparrow hail from Stowmarket, the rest are local men.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. COX ... Treble	JOSEPH B. FENTON ... 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 2	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... 6
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 3	JOSEPH PIGOTT ... 7
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

The ringer of the treble is from Cradley, 2nd from Evesham, 3rd and 5th from Rugby, 4th from Coventry, 6th from Leicester, 7th from Smethwick, and the tenor from Huddersfield. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, also Mr. J. Withers for having everything in readiness.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. BONN ... Treble	GEORGE CATERMOLE ... 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 2	HARRY HALL ... 6
ALFRED H. WATSON ... 3	JOHN HALL ... 7
ALPHONS J. BERRY ... 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS. Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt. Great credit is due to the treble ringer for the way he rang his bell throughout the peal, he being only 16 years of age, and this was his second 'touch' on eight bells.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

LIONEL CLOUGH ... Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... 3	TOM WILDE ... 7
HARRY LANGLEY ... 4	JOHN W. HARTLEY ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE (No. 1). Conducted by TOM WILDE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and also by all the band.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN S. MORLEY ... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... 5
*GEORGE OLIVER ... 2	CECIL NICE ... 6
BERNARD WELLS ... 3	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 7
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal on eight bells. A birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringer of the 5th.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5
*RAYMOND OVERY ... 2	FRED BOWDEN ... 6
*JOHN P. McDERMOTT ... 3	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*SIDNEY MOODY ... Treble	†ALBERT CALLAWAY ... 5
HARRY BURTON ... 2	†WALTER SCOTT, JUN. ... 6
†WILLIAM JOHNSON ... 3	†WILLIAM UPTON ... 7
WALTER SCOTT, SEN. ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Plain Bob. First peal of Major on the bells. A commemoration peal for William Raynor, buried at Arreton May 15th, 1823, who for 50 years carried on change ringing in the Island. The band wish to express their appreciation of the Vicar's consideration in cancelling evensong and thus making this peal possible.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

C. ERNEST SMITH ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
JOHN BEAMS ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	*CHARLES E. REED ... 7
JOHN A. COLE ... 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* 101st peal.

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NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*ERNEST COTSFORTH Treble	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 5
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW... .. 2	JOHN POTTER 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* 100th peal. First peal rung in the method.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Boniface,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE R. JONES Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
JOHN HAYES 3	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT DAVENPORT Treble	JAMES H. LEES 5
THOMAS K. DRIVER 2	GERALD W. SCHOFIELD 6
WALTER STAFF 3	*HAROLD DEAN 7
JOHN SMITH 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Conducted by GERALD W. SCHOFIELD.

* First peal, and first attempt. First peal as conductor. Arranged for Mr. Harold Dean, of Macclesfield, who was elected a non-resident member of the Lancashire Association before the peal was commenced.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL Treble	JOHN BURLS 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN... .. 6
CHARLES WINSER 3	*EDWARD J. BEER 7
WILLIAM HAIGH 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

* First peal in the method.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

THOMAS E. SONE... .. Treble	LEWIS NEWMAN 5
SAM E. TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER... .. 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
GEORGE KENWARD 4	GEORGE GILBERT... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

First peal of Major on the bells since their restoration.

THORVERTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	WILLIAM HOWE 5
TOM G. BARTLETT 2	JOHN M. SKINNER 6
ALFRED MONKLY... .. 3	JOHN R. HAYMAN 7
FRED DIMOND 4	GEORGE RENDELL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES M. NICKERSON Treble	GEORGE BASFORD 5
JOHN R. MAIN 2	JAMES T. WARD 6
JOHN J. MAWBY... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
HARRY CHAMBERS 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method, also on the bells. This peal was rung on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the first peal rung on the bells, which were installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1897.

WYARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
MISS PHILLIS M. MOSS 2	FRANK CORKE... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 7
WILLIAM L. GOTTERIDGE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Arranged and rung as a combined peal between the two Guilds. W. H. Hollier and C. W. Roberts were elected members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild previous to attempting the peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
*REGINALD C. KERSEY 2	GEORGE WILSON... .. 6
*HARRY C. BALLS 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung with muffled clappers to the memory of the late Rev. R. Gordon Roe, who died at Acle, Norfolk, and who was from 1909 to 1915 Rector of Leiston.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
JOHN BASS 2	ALFRED HACKETT 6
VICTOR WHITE 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
WILLIAM BROWN... .. 4	JOHN SMITH Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This peal was specially arranged to celebrate the completion, by Mr. Matthew Hackett, of 50 years' service as a ringer at this church, and also a birthday compliment to Mr. Elijah White, another veteran of 83 years.

ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Germanus,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST W. MARSH Treble	WILLIAM RUNDLE 5
WALTER H. MARSH 2	*THOMAS G. MYERS 6
*WILLIAM WONNACOTT 3	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 7
WILLIAM RICHARDS 4	†WILLIAM G. HISCOTT Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by REV. EVERARD S. POWELL

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

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM V. COWLEY... ..Treble	WILLIAM BISHOP... .. 5
JAMES BISHOP 2	THOMAS LADE 6
BRUCE P. CHEW 3	WILLIAM POSTON... .. 7
GEORGE WILKS 4	CHARLES MORGAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Ringers of 1st, 6th and 8th hail from Trevethin, and were elected members before starting. Ringers of 2nd, 4th and 5th are from Ruar-dean, 3rd from Mitcheldeap, and 7th from Bridstow.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Friday, May 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 11 callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE RANDLE... ..Treble	CHAS. TIPTON 4
JOHN W. HARDWICK 2	WILLIAM MAPP 5
WM. J. BENIAMS 3	GEORGE JONES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

Rung as a farewell peal to Rev. Canon Chesshire.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM STOCK... ..Treble	WILLIAM SHARP... .. 4
*AUBREY BAILLY... .. 2	AMOS SMART 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	†ALBERT WINNEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

MENDLESEAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of St. Simon's, 14 of Plain Bob and 16 of Grand-sire, with ten different callings. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*RICHARD FINBOW ... ..Treble	ARTHUR CLEMENTS 3
*RUSSELL WARD... .. 2	WILLIAM FORSTER 4

GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

ST. BUDEAUX, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Budeaux,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOHN H. GLUYAS... ..Treble	WARREN S. HORNBROOK 4
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	WILLIAM HAMBLYN 5
*FRANK HOCKADAY 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal on the bells.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On May 3rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, standing, as a token of respect to the late Viscount Cowdray: H. Stoner 1, T. Exeter (first quarter-peal) 2, A. Baker 3, A. C. Gasson 4, H. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.

MALDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Tuesday, April 26th, 720 Bob Minor: R. Bird 1, E. Williams 2, D. A. Hann 3, G. Matthews 4, S. C. Gard (conductor) 5, C. Wachter 6. First 720 by the 2nd and 4th.

OLD WARDON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ...Treble	†GEORGE R. DILBY 4
ALFRED PRATT 2	*HERBERT SHERMAN 5
*ALFRED HATTON 3	TOM BARTRAM ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Kent.

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

E. HARRY STONELEY ...Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 4
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	PERCY PRICE... ..Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Bob Minor. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WALTER THOMAS... ..Treble	GEORGE JONES 4
ALBERT E. RICHARDS... .. 2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE 5
HENRY W. WILDE 3	JAMES MORGAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

This is the first peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild in Leicestershire.

SKENFRITH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 8 cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT ... ..Treble	JOHN BOURNE 4
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE R. HANKS 5
*WILLIAM E. DAVIES... .. 3	FRANK BOURNE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal inside. J. P. Hyett's 100th peal, the 100th tower in which he has rung, and the 50th tower in which he has rung a peal, and the 25th tower in which he has called a peal for the Guild. The peals were rung with over 200 different ringers. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

FRANK GARLAND ... ..Treble	THOMAS WITTS 4
GEORGE LATHAM... .. 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
BASIL LATHAM 3	P. S. GEORGE HASTINGS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*EDWARD BROWN ... ..Treble	GEORGE W. PARK 4
†WILLIAM OLIVER 2	FRANK W. LOPSON 5
ROLAND PARK 3	NORMAN PARK ... ..Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN PARK.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods by all except the ringer of the 4th.

CONGERSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-sores of Plain Bob, 30 Grandsire consisting of 18 ordinary, and six 240's of Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... 3
ERNEST MORRIS 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, erected by Earl Howe in 1841. The Rector very kindly entertained the band to tea at the conclusion.

DUSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's, containing all singles.

*KENNETH CATER Treble	FRANK BURGESS 4
GEORGE PARKER 2	ROWLAND ADAMS 5
ISAAC BENNETT 3	THOMAS WISE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Minor inside. This is the first peal of Minor so rung for the Guild and by all the band. Also rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. A. E. A. Jones), and as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, May 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and four extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES G. BATES Treble	THOMAS W. CHOWN 4
*MISS D. E. LEWIS 2	JAMES H. RAPER 5
ALFRED E. BACON 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. F. E. Sykes, of Huddersfield, mother of the conductor, and on the silver wedding day of Mr. Joseph H. W. White, of Coventry. It was Alf Bacon's 100th peal.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN W. TAYLOR Treble	*J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4
*FRANK E. PERVIN 2	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5
*ROBERT G. SUMMERS ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor, also the first on the bells. Rung upon the occasion of the silver wedding of the conductor. The ringer of the 4th has now rung Cambridge Minor, Major, Royal, and Maximus.

HANDBELL PEAL.

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT 6, BROOKHILL COTTAGES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	GEORGE WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7-8

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

Umpire: WALTER ARNOLD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Wiffen.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Tuesday, May 17th, 720 Cambridge Surprise (21 bobs): F. Seabright 1, C. M. Mitchell 2, J. Burles 3, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, F. A. Mitchell 5, G. Morrad 6. First 720 of Surprise on a bob bell by Cyril Mitchell, and first attempt.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT PINNER.

The North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held a very successful meeting at Pinner on Saturday, May 14th, when some 45 members put in an appearance. Divine service was held at 5 p.m., when the Rev. D. S. Carey (curate) preached a very interesting sermon, which was greatly appreciated. After an excellent tea, the usual business meeting was held. The chair was taken by the Rev. D. S. Carey, who was supported by the Rev. C. S. Durham (Harrow Weald), Mr. W. Pye, Mr. J. C. Jackson, etc.—It was decided to send a letter of sympathy to Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president), who was prevented by an attack of pleurisy from attending.

A vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Mr. C. Dickens, a member of the association since 1904, was passed by those present standing in silence for a few moments.

The Vicar of Pinner (the Rev. C. E. A. Rowland) was elected as an honorary member, and six ringing members were admitted.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Harrow Weald and Stanmore on July 9th.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the Hon. Secretary to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. D. S. Carey for his address at the service and for so ably presiding at the meeting, and to Mr. J. C. Jackson for making excellent arrangements. The Hon. Secretary also expressed his pleasure at the progress made by the Pinner band during the last few months under the guidance of Messrs. G. and H. Kilby.

The Rev. C. E. A. Rowland, who had arrived during the course of the meeting, replied, thanking the association for the help given to his ringers, and extending to the members a hearty welcome.

The bells, which are a very fine peal of eight, with a tenor of 19 cwt., were retained and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in October last, and they were greatly admired. During the afternoon and evening many touches in a great variety of methods were rung, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London, and Bristol Surprise Major.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

A meeting was held at Feltham on Saturday, May 14th, when good practice on the bells was had during the afternoon. The Rev. E. P. Cole Sheane, Vicar of Twickenham, visited the tower and rang the tenor to a touch of Stedman. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Browell, after which the company adjourned to the Church Hall, for tea, business meeting and social. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Belcher and family entertained the company to several selections on the handbells, which were greatly appreciated.

Mr. R. Holloway (Ringing Master) presided, and 33 members and friends sat down to tea ably served by Mrs. Cromwell.

After the routine business had been transacted, thanks were accorded to the Vicar, Mr. and Mrs. Belcher and family, Mr. Lewis, of the local band, and the hostess and her assistants.—The Vicar, in reply, said it was a very great pleasure to him to welcome the association again to Feltham on such an occasion.

A touch of Grandsire Caters on the handbells and more selections were followed by another visit to the tower. The total attendance during the meeting was 38.

LAMBETH RINGER'S DEATH.

LINK IN LONG CHAIN BROKEN.

The death of Mr. William Stoneman at the age of 68 on April 5th last ends a long family connection with the bells and steeple of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Lambeth. The late Mr. Stoneman retired from ringing through ill-health in 1921, after 32 years as steeplekeeper, in which office he followed his father, who put in 40 years. He in his turn took the office from John Jagers, his father-in-law. At least three generations of the Jagers family served the church as bell ringers and steeplekeepers, the name appearing on old peal boards in the belfry as far back as the end of the 18th century.

The late Mr. Stoneman took part in several peals in his earlier days, always ringing the tenor behind. He was a member of the old St. James' Society.

On Sunday, April 10th, the bells were rung half-muffled before evening service. After service, the whole pull and stand was rung by the local ringers, assisted by Mr. T. H. Taffender and Mr. S. Moye: T. H. Taffender 1, F. Holand 2, C. Maul 3, S. Moye 4, W. A. Batten 5, W. Hardy 6, T. W. Wyatt 7, H. Bell 8.

The funeral took place on April 12th, at Tooting Cemetery. The first part of the service was taken at the Parish Church by the Rev. K. E. N. S. Lamplugh, chaplain to the belfry. Several of the local ringers and a number of the parishioners were present.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Western District was held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, May 14th, when some good ringing was done. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent and Plain Bob were rung. Members attended from Whitley Bay, Durham, Houghton-le-Spring, Consett, Tanfield and the local ringers. Tea was served at the Crown Hotel, and it was arranged to hold the next meeting at Consett Parish Church on Saturday, July 2nd.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Horsham on Saturday, May 21st, between 40 and 50 members and their friends being present from Heene, Pulborough, Crawley, Billingshurst, Warnham, Slinfold, Lower Beeding, Shipley, West Grinstead, West Tarring, Shoreham, Rudgwick, Itchingfield, Merstham and members of the local band. Some very good courses and touches were rung in the standard methods during the afternoon.

After a substantial meat tea at the Queen's Head Hotel, a short business meeting was held, Mr. Walt Charman presiding.—No new members were forthcoming.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Easebourne. This is a new tower for this division, the whole band having been made members of the association at the Central Division meeting held at Henfield a few weeks ago.

After votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to Mr. S. Paice for making the necessary arrangements, some of the company visited the tower again for further ringing, whilst others, on their way home, visited Warnham and Billingshurst towers.

Thanks are due to Messrs. W. Charman and J. Burdfield for obtaining permission to ring at these places.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
INCREASING MEMBERSHIP.**

The Truro Diocesan Guild has 'come of age,' and the 21st annual report, just issued, is a cheering document for those who, like the Master, Dr. J. Symons, have laboured so long in the cause of change ringing in Cornwall. In an area where it is necessary to point out the rules that the Guild 'does not exist for the encouragement of competitive prize ringing,' and where there is one rival organisation, if not more, which puts prize ringing first, it will be realised that the Truro Diocesan Guild has uphill work. The committee, however, report continued progress, and during the past year five fresh towers have become affiliated, viz., Mabe, Illogan, Gwennap, Zennor and Altarnun, while the membership of the Guild has increased by about fifty, the total roll being now about 650. The finances of the Guild are also in excellent condition.

The report refers to the visit of the ringing tourists last year, who rang six peals in methods unfamiliar to Cornwall.

The committee emphasise the value of the Minor Festivals, and remark that those held last year were well attended.

Mr. W. H. Southard (Truro) has been appointed representative of the Guild on the Central Council.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Winterbourne on Saturday last, when about 30 members attended, representing 11 towers. The bells were raised in peal at 3 p.m., and good practice was made (especially for the learners) until 4.30, when service was conducted by the Rev. P. Gay, who gave an interesting address. After the service, an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where tea was awaiting the visitors. At the business meeting which followed, the secretary stated he had received a telegram that morning from the chairman (Mr. J. Gould), saying he was unable to attend. The Rev. T. C. Fowler (vice-president) was therefore elected to the chair.

Mrs. H. Way was elected an associate member, and Mr. Cornish (Winterbourne) a performing member.

The Secretary stated that the annual summer meeting to Dyrham Park was fixed up for the usual Saturday (the last in June), and he hoped all those intending to be present would signify their intention in good time, especially for the seats in the motor.

Mr. H. Way, proposed, and Miss E. Smith seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and also to the Rev. P. Gay for taking the service, to the organist and organ blower, to the ladies for assisting at the tables, and Mr. E. Thomas and the local band.—This was carried with acclamation. The Rev. P. Gay responded in a humorous speech. Mr. Thomas also thanked the association for coming there and giving them such good practice in change ringing.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, who was always willing to come to their meetings to assist them. Good practice was again made in the tower, and the bells were rung till 8.45.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting was held at Offley on Saturday, May 21st, ringers being present from Hitchin, Great Wymondley, Graveley, Kimpton, King's Walden, and a number of the local band, who as yet are not very far advanced in change ringing. The bells are a handy ring of six, and were kept going during the afternoon and evening with just a break for tea excellently prepared at the Red Lion, and at which 20 members sat down.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and there was then a hurried retreat for the tower. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, London and Cambridge Surprise. About 7 p.m., two ringers from Stapleford called in, and some good Surprise ringing was done during their short stay. During the day some of the local ringers rang their first courses.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. E. A. Young, the hon. secretary of the Council, is now out of hospital. While still very weak, he is progressing satisfactorily.

A peal of Ipswich Surprise, a method by Mr. Arthur Craven, published in the recently issued 'Surprise Methods,' has been rung for the first time by a Lancashire Association band under the conductorship of Mr. E. Jenkins.

A 'Joseph' peal has now been rung. There have been previous attempts, but none of them successful. One member of the band started for a 'name' peal twenty-four years ago, and has had to wait until now to put it in his book.

As no further peals will be rung on the bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, until their restoration has been completed, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques in memory of Mr. Charles Dickens, an old member of St. Martin's Guild, and one of its officials, was rung at West Bromwich. The peal was called by Mr. Tom Reeves, and one of the ringers was Frederick Price. It is interesting to recall that 35 years ago Samuel Reeves and Charles Price, the respective fathers of these two ringers, rang together in a peal of Grandsire Caters in the same belfry.

Sixty-five years ago to-day the bells at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, New South Wales, were opened.

The first peal of Stedman Caters, which a hundred years after turned out to be false, was rung at St. John's, Horsley Down, London, on May 28th, 1787.

The Bristol Surprise Major record was made fifteen years ago to-morrow, when Mr. W. Pye called the 15,264 at Hornchurch, Essex.

To-morrow is also the anniversary of the first Surprise peal rung out of England (Superlative at Bray, Ireland), and Sunday the anniversary of the only peal rung on the sea (Stedman Caters, between Ireland and England), and the first Surprise peal in Wales (New Cambridge at Bangor). These three peals were rung in the year 1901.

The first peal of New Cumberland Surprise was rung at Burton-on-Trent on May 31st, 1886.

CHEAP RAILWAY TICKETS.

All ringers visiting London for Whitsun and returning after the Central Council meeting on Tuesday should apply at once to the hon. secretary (Mr. E. A. Young, 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6) for vouchers enabling them to obtain return tickets at single fare and a third. These tickets, which are available also for wives and friends, extend until Wednesday; Whitsun excursion tickets are only available until Tuesday. A minimum issue of 200 is necessary to secure continuation of these facilities in future years, and ringers should support this effort to obtain a cheap rate of travelling for them. The programme arranged for the holidays will provide plenty of entertainment for visitors, apart from the multifarious attractions which London has to offer, and ringers who are not actually members of the Council will find during Whitsun congenial company and varied amusement in the Metropolis.

COVENTRY'S LOSS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You will remember that the famous peal of ten English bells of the Coventry Cathedral has lately been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on the Simpson principle. The new peal was dedicated on Easter Eve.

In my opinion, the change is deplorable, and the worst fears of those who opposed it appear to have been realised.

The general opinion among local people old enough to remember the former peal when it was rung is that the tone and virility of the original bells have been lost to a considerable extent, and that we are left with a set of 'chimes' instead of the magnificent peal of bells now irretrievably lost.

The only good that can come out of our evil case is that other people may take warning by our example.—Yours truly,

RICHARD CALDICOTT.

29, High Street, Coventry.

GAINFORD BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My attention has been drawn to a paragraph in your issue of April 8th, giving some account of a visit paid to our bells on Saturday, March 5th, by ringers from Darlington and Hurworth. I do not know who sent you the paragraph, but it was worded in such a way that it seemed to cast some reflection upon the way in which Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, had carried out their work. I therefore write to say that the difficulty experienced on that occasion of the first two bells casting their ropes was entirely due to the stiffness of the new ropes, and now that the ropes have had more use there has been no further trouble in this respect. Further, I wish to say that our ringers, the Church Council and myself are thoroughly satisfied with the way in which Messrs. Taylor and Sons have carried out the work of re-hanging our bells.

I trust that in fairness to Messrs. Taylor you will give this statement the same publicity as the previous one.—Yours faithfully,

R. A. BIDWELL.

The Vicarage,
Gainford, Co. Durham.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Thirteenth Council (35th Annual Meeting) will be held (by the courtesy of the Lord Mayor) in the Egyptian Hall, The Mansion House, City of London, on Whitsun Tuesday, 7th June, 1927, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA, 1927.**GENERAL.**

1. Election of president, of hon. secretary and treasurer and of hon. librarian.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Statements of accounts and sale of publications.
5. Election of honorary members.
6. Introduction of new members to the president.
7. Election of standing committee.
8. To receive and discuss the reports of the following committees; and to reappoint or alter the constitution of the committees, as may be thought desirable, viz.:—
 - (a) Peal collection.
 - (b) Literature and Press.
 - (c) Methods.
 - (d) Peals' analysis.
 - (e) Towers and belfries.
 - (f) Records.
 - (g) Nomenclature.
9. Honorary secretary to present second edition of the Book of Rules and Decisions and to move certain verbal alterations of the Rules and an amendment of the decision re member's leaflet. (Revs. L. Edwards and C. D. P. Davies.)

MOTIONS.

10. Rule 9. Substitute in line 3 for the words 'one month' the words 'three calendar months.' Rule 12. Substitute in line 3 for the words 'fourteen days approximately' the words 'twelve weeks approximately.' Rule 14. Substitute in line 5 for the words 'one month' the words 'three calendar months.' (Messrs. G. Williams and A. H. Pulling.)
11. That the Council shall issue, at a small charge, peal diplomas for the encouragement of young ringers. (Rev. G. W. O. Jenkyns and Mr. E. A. Young.)
12. That since William Shipway extended Superlative Surprise Major to Royal and the first peal of Royal was rung at Wakefield in 1826, the Council cannot accept any extension to Maximus which does not agree with the Major and the Royal. (Rev. H. Law James and Mr. R. Richardson.)
13. That the Council approach the British Broadcasting Company with a view to the broadcasting during the evening programmes of a series of instructional talks on change ringing, with handbell demonstrations. (Messrs. T. H. Taffender and A. D. Barker.)
14. That a committee be appointed to report to the Council on the legal relationship between (a) bells, (b) ringers and (c) ringing respectively on the one hand, and (d) the incumbent, (e) the churchwardens and (f) the parochial councils respectively on the other hand, and any other legal matters affecting the Exercise. And, further, to consider the advisability of issuing a statement on these matters for the guidance of ringers and other persons affected. (Messrs. J. A. Trollope and A. A. Hughes.)
15. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
16. Other business, if any.

E. ALEXANDER YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green,
Catford, London, S.E.6.

RAILWAY FACILITIES.

The concession for cheap tickets is now extended to cover the period from Saturday to Wednesday at Whitsuntide, and those desiring the necessary signed voucher should apply to me without delay.

The tickets will be issued from any station to and from London, at $1\frac{1}{2}$ the ordinary single fare, and they may be used by ringing members of our affiliated Guilds (who should apply to me through their general secretary), as well as by the elected and honorary members of the Council itself. The tickets may also be used by wives accom-

panying their husbands, who also will be welcome to attend the social meetings being arranged on the Monday.

The charge per voucher is 2d. (post free), which should be sent with an addressed envelope to me as under. It is hoped, in view of the future, that at least 200 tickets will be used.

155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

E. Alex. Young,

SOCIAL PROGRAMME.

London being very full, it is difficult to arrange cheap accommodation for any large group of ringers, but at Faulkner's Hotel, Villiers Street, Charing Cross (Gerrard 3051), 15 rooms will be reserved for the Council until the Wednesday before Whitsun (bed and breakfast 8s.). The Council's notices will be exhibited in the lounge, and members in town can sign the roll there. Apply (mentioning Central Council) direct, or through the hon. secretary.

The private launch, 'Sovereign' (accommodation about 65), has been reserved for the Council. The party will leave Westminster on Sunday afternoon at 2.25 sharp, and, proceeding down the river for Greenwich, will leave to at Bankside for the purpose of hearing St. Paul's bells from the water. The famous Greenwich Naval Hospital will be visited, also Greenwich Park and Observatory, and the party will return at 6.30. Charge, including tea, about 4s. (according to number). Names to be given in to the hon. secretary early.

A personally conducted party, provided sufficient number of names are sent in, will be taken to Kew Gardens on the Bank Holiday afternoon. In the morning, a visit to the dome of St. Paul's, or other place of interest, will be arranged if a sufficient number so desire.

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

RINGING.

The following towers will be open for ringing:—

Sunday, June 5th: St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 5 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 5.15 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7th: St. Paul's Cathedral, 6 to 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Dances', Strand, 6 to 7.30 p.m.

On Saturday, June 4th, visitors will be welcomed at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, between 6 and 9 p.m.

Mr. W. E. Garrard will be pleased to welcome visiting ringers to St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on Whit Sunday, at 10.50 a.m. and 5.45 p.m., and on Whit Monday at 10.30 a.m.

Should any of the Central Council members care to visit one of the rural beauty spots of Kent, there will be ringing at Chislehurst Parish Church on Whit Sunday, at 9.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Trains every half-hour from Charing Cross and London Bridge (ten miles).

SOCIAL MEETINGS.

Saturday, June 4th: King of Denmark, Old Bailey, 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, June 5th: King of Denmark, 7 p.m.

Monday, June 6th: The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, 7.30.

Tuesday, June 7th: The Bedford Head, Maiden Lane, Strand, 7.45.

DEVON GUILD.**FUNDS SPENT ON TUITION.**

'Steady progress' is the keynote of the report of the general committee of the Devon Guild for 1926. Sunday ringing and weekly practices have been the rule in all branches.

The monthly Cathedral practices have not been so well attended as expected, and the committee urge on all members, who feel themselves capable, to unite and attend regularly.

The South-West Branch are to be commended for their enterprise in the practice of higher methods, and it is hoped that similar practices will be initiated in other branches, thereby carrying into effect the Guild's motto, 'Perseverentia omnia vincit' (perseverance conquers all things). Three new bands were affiliated during the year, making a total of 59, and the support given by honorary members is much appreciated. Forty-six certificates were issued to performing members. Twenty-two peals were rung by affiliated bands, 16 in Grandsire, four in Stedman and two in Plain Bob methods, also six peals in various methods by non-resident members who visited Devon and Cornwall on a tour organised by Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough.

The statement of accounts, although showing a diminished balance, is considered to be satisfactory.

The year began with a balance of £51 6s. 9d., and ended with £38 17s. 2d., the receipts being £43 15s. 6d., and the expenditure £56 5s. 1d., no less than £10 having been granted to the Exeter and Mid-Devon branches for the excellent purpose of tuition. Altogether the Guild spent £12 6s. 4d. in travelling expenses for instructors.

WEDDING BELLS.

At the Parish Church, Witham, Essex, on Saturday, April 30th, on the occasion of the wedding of one of the local ringers, Mr. P. Ashcroft, who was married at All Hallows' Church, Tottenham, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor and 720 Double Court Minor: V. Glass 1, W. Butler 2, W. Mellin 3, A. Evers 4, W. S. Butler 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. The bells were afterwards 'fired.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

Members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild gathered in considerable numbers at Wimborne on Saturday, May 14th, when the annual festival was held. Service was held in the Minster at mid-day, and was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. Keith), the lesson was read by the Earl of Shaftesbury, president of the Guild, and prayers were said by the honorary secretary and treasurer. The organist and choir kindly gave their assistance, and the service was fully choral. The Vicar gave a short address based on the text, 'I will magnify my office' (Romans xi. 13), and referred to the fact that the offertory would be devoted to the Guild's war memorial in Salisbury Cathedral.

Luncheon in the Masonic Hall, at which Lord Shaftesbury presided, was followed by the annual business meeting.

Lord Shaftesbury, in offering the delegates a warm welcome to that corner of the diocese, said it was some time now since the Guild came to Wimborne, but the more often they could come the more they would be pleased. There were several towers in the neighbourhood which were looking forward to a visit from them that afternoon, amongst others that of Wimborne St. Giles, which he hoped they would include in their itinerary and persuade the ringers there to join the Guild and benefit by their methods. He was glad that the Guild was extending its prestige and also its numbers. It was to him a very attractive body, because he thought there was no association of men or women which were more constant in their devotion to their duties, duties of a voluntary character, than the bell ringers of the diocese (applause). It was only the other day in a village in that county the Rector assured him his six ringers had been ringing there without interval or break getting on for fifty years. Lord Shaftesbury confessed that he was a 'rather old rusty bell ringer,' because he was afraid he was rusty for the want of practice. He loved the bells, and he hoped that Guild would always continue to flourish, and they might go on adding towers to their numbers in the diocese, ringing forth peals as they ought to ring and as they looked to them to do (applause).

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The balance sheet for the year indicated that the receipts amounted to £122 5s. 10d., which included a sum brought forward of £60 11s. 4d. Expenses totalled £49 0s. 2d., leaving a balance in hand of £73 5s. 7d.—The statement was adopted.

On the proposition of Captain J. B. M. Ridout (Swanage), those present testified their appreciation of the excellent work the officers had done by re-electing them en bloc—the Master (Rev. R. H. Gundry, Shroton); hon. secretary and treasurer (Rev. F. L. Edwards); hon. assistant secretary (Mr. T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole); and the hon. auditors (Rev. A. Allan, Wimborne, and Mr. H. M. Hopkins, Kingston Magna).

The Master, in acknowledging the compliment, having incidentally paid tribute to the keen interest taken in the Guild by Lord Shaftesbury, assured the members that he (the speaker) would be delighted to do all he could to help them in the great work they had before them. He was very glad to note that the Guild was going strong, and that there was an increase in the number of towers which had become affiliated. It was especially gratifying to note the increase of younger members, who would doubtless take the place of the older ones when they were past the work. He felt there was a great opportunity for the Guild, and the stronger they could make it the stronger their position would be and the greater good they would be able to do. The work of the Guild first and foremost was the work of the Church, and he felt that members, when carrying out the duties of ringers, were indeed doing that work in a very forcible and practical, and, indeed, a very manly way, putting Christianity before the world in a way which would appeal to all men of the country. He wanted them to feel, he added, that they were doing an excellent and influential work, and work which was going to do a tremendous lot of good not only for themselves but for their country. The work was also good for themselves bodily, as ringing was one of the finest exercises—it trained the mind, eye, and kept the body fit. What could they have better? (applause).

The Rev. F. L. Edwards and Mr. Beams also acknowledged their election. The latter wished the individual members would take a little more personal interest in the Guild and not leave quite so much to the officers (hear, hear). The Guild would then grow far more in numbers and greater in influence.

The committee chosen (in addition to the officers of the Guild and of the branches) were the Rev. C. Wood, Mr. J. R. Jerram, and Mr. E. B. Barter.—The Secretary announced that the committee had appointed Mr. Wm. Shute (Buckhorn Weston) instructor to the Guild.—Representatives on the Central Council elected were Mr. Hervey Beams, Rev. C. C. Cox (West Moors), the Rev. F. L. Edwards, and Mr. S. Hillier (Devizes).

It was decided that the War Memorial Fund should remain open for another year, and that a final appeal should be made to the towers which had not yet subscribed.

BELL RESTORATIONS.

The Secretary announced the receipt of applications from the towers of Loders, Coombe Bissett, and Market Lavington for grants towards the cost of the restoration of bells. Each one of those cases, he said, was thoroughly deserving, and his proposition that a grant of two guineas to each should be made was agreed to.

It was decided the secretary should forward the Guild's congratulations to Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes, on the occasion of his recent golden wedding.

On the proposition of Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), seconded by Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (Ferndown), a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the Vicar, organist, and other church officials of the Minster, the incumbents of neighbouring towers, and all others who had helped towards the success of the re-union. Mr. Stewart (a past Master) mentioned that the Minster tower could vie with any other in regard to the long service of its ringers. Mr. Alfred Osman not only had rung for 50 years, but his father before him held a similar record, whilst Mr. Edward Tubbs also had seen 50 years' service in the belfry. Unfortunately, they were now unable to ring as often as they would like, but their services had been greatly appreciated. The Guild, too, greatly appreciated the welcome extended them that day by the Minster ringers (of which Mr. F. Hart is captain).

A cordial vote of thanks was also tendered the president for his appreciated presence and help, on the initiative of Mr. Hervey Beams, and Lord Shaftesbury responded. It would be his pleasure always to do all he possibly could for that excellent Guild (applause).

Afterwards there was ringing in several methods at various towers in the district, and as far distant as Fordingbridge, the methods including Grandsire, Stedman (Triples and Caters), Kent Treble Bob and Gambridge Surprise Major.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

By the kind permission of the Vicar, a combined practice, in connection with the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild, was held at Erlestoke on Wednesday, May 18th.

Ringers were present from Devizes (including Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, chairman of the branch, and Mr. E. Green, secretary), Bratton, Westbury and Trowbridge, and Mr. H. Sturgess, captain of the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

Erlestoke is a pretty village, and was formerly the property of the Watson-Taylor family who lived at Erlestoke House. The church contains six bells, and a brass plate in the porch records: 'This church, consecrated under the name of the Holy Saviour, was built to the glory of God, by the Lady Hannah Charlotte Watson-Taylor, wife of Simon Watson-Taylor, of Erlestoke Park, in memory of her father, George, 8th Marquis of Tweeddale. A.D. 1880.'

SIX BELLS FOR GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

NEW TREBLE DEDICATED.

A new treble bell was dedicated at the Parish Church, Goodrich, Herefordshire, by the Rev. H. L. Bickley, Vicar, on Saturday, May 14th. The Rev. Preb. H. E. Probyn, Rural Dean, and Vicar of Bridstow, and Preb. G. W. Turner, Vicar of Madley and hon. secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, were also present. About 40 ringers from various towers in the Ross district attended the service, which commenced with the hymn 'Ring forth, holy bells,' followed by prayers and Psalm 150. The lesson was read by Preb. Probyn, and after the Magnificat and Creed the dedication took place, followed by a few rounds rung on the bells by the local band.

The address was given by Preb. Turner, who took for his subject 'Bells, and the way in which they are rung.' Mentioning that bell ringing was a subject on which people were ill-informed, Preb. Turner gave a description of how bells were rung, how changes were produced, and said that, owing to the great difficulties of ringing, in his opinion only a small proportion of men became really proficient ringers. He appealed to those parishioners present to take an interest in their ringers, who were not seen at their work like choirmen, but with them contributed equally to the good of the Church.

The service terminated with the singing of the hymn 'Angel voices ever singing' and the Blessing pronounced by the Vicar.

Immediately following, 240 Grandsire Doubles were rung by a selected band. All the ringers present were entertained to tea by the Vicar on the Vicarage lawn, and, following this, the quarterly meeting of the Ross District of the Hereford Guild took place.

The Vicar expressed the regret of all present at the approaching departure of Preb. Probyn for St. Andrew's, Oxford.

Business concluded, ringing was resumed, short touches being the order of the day. All present had an opportunity of ringing in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor, the Vicar himself ringing the tenor very well to 120 of Doubles.

The work of adding the new treble has been efficiently carried out by Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham, who a few years ago rebung the old five bells in a new iron frame. The 'go' of all the bells was quite satisfactory to the ringers present, and Goodrich now possesses a very musical ring of six bells with a tenor of about 11 cwt.

W. P.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

'Owen Kay' sends the following: The first five constructional places of 'Superlative' Major produce the lead-head of 145236 plus extra pairs of bells from Minor to Infinity.

The first five constructional places of Shipway's Royal produce the lead-head of 153246 plus extra pairs of bells from Minor to Infinity. 15324678 is not 14523678.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES DICKENS. A TRUSTEE OF ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

Friend after friend departs;
Who hath not lost a friend?—Jas. Montgomery.

As briefly announced in our last issue, Mr. Charles Dickens passed away on Sunday, May 8th, at his residence at Sutton Coldfield. A few months ago Mr. Dickens had a serious illness, only just escaping pneumonia, but he had apparently recovered his usual robust health, and his death from heart failure, which occurred with tragic suddenness in the early hours of the morning, came as a great shock.

Born on March 2nd, 1817, Mr. Dickens, with his brothers Fred and Harry, were members of the Parish Church choir as boys, and curiosity led them to the belfry, where there was at that time a 'stony' band. Their interest being roused, they purchased a set of handbells from Barwell's, and so came in touch with Mr. W. H. Godden (then, as now, employed by Messrs. Barwell). Through this acquaintance they became imbued with a desire to learn change ringing, and eventually Mr. William Kent was engaged as instructor to a band of youngsters, and started them straight away on Stedman, and in a few months they rang their first quarter-peal, which was listened to outside by the late Henry Johnson, Alfred Thomas and Mr. Godden.

Charles Dickens became an excellent ringer, judged by that best of all standards—striking, at which he was an artist. Being a good striker himself, he was impatient with bad or indifferent ones, and nothing annoyed him more than when, meeting for a peal, he would find someone included in the band who was not, in his opinion, a first-class striker.

He had taken part in some noteworthy peals, but had never concerned himself with conducting.

He was also a keen business man, and had built up a good and lucrative business as a painter and decorator. Of late years this business had made such calls upon his time that he had few opportunities for peal ringing, but he had compiled a total of approximately 250, more than 200 of which were rung for the St. Martin's Guild, the rest being rung for the Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Midland Counties and Middlesex County Associations.

Mr. Dickens took part in the 11,111 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on December 26th, 1901, in 8 hrs. 2 mins., also the first peals of Cambridge in the City of Birmingham and Bristol in the county of Warwick. His first peal was one of Stedman Triples at Perry Barr, on July 27th, 1889.

He was elected a trustee of St. Martin's Guild in 1912 on the death of Thomas Reynolds, and held this office till the end.

Of powerful build and genial disposition, he was a well-known figure at Birmingham ringers' gatherings, and will be sadly missed by many.

The funeral took place at Sutton on Thursday of last week, the Rector officiating. After the committal sentences, a course of Grand sire Triples was rung round the grave by A. Walker 1-2, T. Russam 3-4, G. F. Swann 5-6, J. George 7-8. In the evening, a quarter-peal was rung on the Parish Church bells half-muffled, also the 'whole pull and stand' 56 times, denoting the age of deceased.

Chief mourners at the funeral were the widow and son (Maurice), Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dickens, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dickens and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dickens, Mrs. Woodford (London) (brothers and sisters-in-law); Mrs. E. Hall and daughter, Cheltenham (sister and niece); and Mrs. C. E. Hosted.

The bearers were Messrs. T. Hardy, P. Cassidy, A. Jeffs, George Smith, W. Betts, and G. Swann.

Among others present were Mrs. B. Witchell, and Messrs. Simpson, J. Adcock, Frank Lamb, D. Whittaker, J. Stevens, J. and A. Wood, and S. Tiribby.

On Tuesday evening, several touches of Stedman Cinques were rung on the half-muffled bells of St. Martin's, also the 'whole pull and stand' 56 times by the following: P. O. Laffin 1, E. T. Allaway 2, Fred Dickens 3, Albert Walker 4, James George 5, Morris J. Morris 6, F. Price 7, J. Pemberton 8, Ernest Mansell 9, John Neal 10, A. Paddon Smith 11, W. T. Froggatt 12.

And thus the Guild says 'Goodbye' to one who had been a loyal, capable and highly esteemed member for nearly forty years.

Charles Dickens was called away when he was apparently enjoying the best of health, at the comparatively early age of 56, leaving a widow and one son to mourn their loss.

Catch, then, oh catch the transient hour;

Improve each moment as it flies!

Life's a short summer, man a flower;

He dies—alas! how soon he dies!

Samuel Johnson.

A. P. S.

'SPliced' MINOR.

At Stapleford, Cambs, on Wednesday, May 18th, a spliced 720 of London and Wells Surprise: E. G. Hibbins 1, Miss K. Willers 2, W. A. Tack 3, A. E. Austin 4, R. Howard 5, E. H. Finch (conductor) 6. First 720 of spliced Surprise by all, and rung at the first attempt. Rung as the result of a visit to Chigwell on May 7th of two of the band, who wish to express their appreciation of the welcome received and the trouble taken to explain method splicing.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT'S RECORD MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Hambledon on Saturday last, and although the weather was somewhat uncertain, over 60 members and friends were present from Alverstoke, Bramshott, Fareham, Havant, Hambledon, North Stoneham, Netley, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Swanmore and Wickham, together with the Master and general secretary. The peal of six were kept busy during the afternoon until 4.30, when a very enjoyable service was held in the church, at which the Vicar (Rev. E. Kynaston) officiated. An excellent tea was provided at the George Hotel, and although more attended than was expected, they were all provided for in a short time.

The business meeting, which followed, was presided over by the Vicar, who is an honorary member of the Guild. Two probationers from St. Mary's, Portsmouth, were elected.

It was a very pleasant surprise to the members to see their old district secretary, Mr. E. J. Harding, sen., with them again, after an absence of over two years, and the Master said that it gave him great pleasure to propose that Mr. Harding be re-elected a member.—Mr. F. S. Bayley (Fareham) endorsed the Master's remarks, and the meeting unanimously supported the election.—Mr. Harding replied, saying that he was very pleased to be with them all again, and he hoped he would be spared to be amongst them more in the future.

Petersfield, Curdridge and East Meon were proposed as the venue of the next meeting, and on being put to the vote it was decided to hold it at East Meon on August 20th, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

The question of the Guild certificates was raised by Mr. W. E. Hunt (Hambledon), and the general secretary replied that he was only awaiting the signature of the Bishop, which is usually attached to them, before he distributed them to the district secretaries.

On the motion of Mr. T. Taylor, the meeting extended congratulations to Mr. G. Williams on his 70th birthday, which took place recently.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and also to the organist, and before the meeting closed a course of Grand sire Caters was rung in hand by F. A. Burnett 1-2, F. S. Bayley 3-4, G. Williams 5-6, F. W. Rogers 7-8, T. R. Taylor 9-10, at the local ringers' request. The members then returned to the tower for further ringing in various methods, including Cambridge Surprise.

As there was such a large gathering, the Portsmouth contingent, who had made the journey by road, together with Messrs. Williams, Pullinger, Bayley and Linter, visited Soberton, where ready permission was given to ring, and an enjoyable hour was spent in methods from Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. NORTHERN BRANCH AT SLEAFORD.

For the first time since the formation of the new district for Sleaford, the annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at that place on Saturday, May 14th. The hearty welcome extended by the members of that tower, and the excellent arrangements made for the comfort of the visitors, could not otherwise than impress gratitude and pleasure. Amongst the towers represented were the following: Basingham, Blankney, Branston, Ewerby, Gainsborough, Hale Magna, Heckington, Lea, Lincoln, Ruskington, Timberland, and Washington, in addition to the local company. Members of the Guild were also present from Pinchbeck, Spalding, and Surfleet of the Elloe Deaneries Branch, and Folkingham and Hough-on-the-Hill of the Southern Branch. An apology for absence was announced on behalf of Messrs. H. I. Bingay and C. W. Taylor, Grimsby. The bells of St. Deny's, a nice ring of eight, were available, and were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Evensong was held in the side chapel, and very well attended. The Vicar of Sleaford (Rev. W. Norton Howe) officiated, and Mr. R. Scott (secretary of the Sleaford District) presided at the organ. A most attractive address was delivered by the Rev. H. Law James (Guild Ringing Master).

Subsequently, between eighty and ninety members and friends adjourned to the Church Hall, where they partook of an excellent tea.

The business meeting followed, at which Mr. F. F. Linley (Northern Branch president) took the chair, being supported by the Rev. R. Bond (president of the Lincoln District) and members of the committee. The whole of the officers were re-elected. Six new honorary and thirteen performing members were elected.

On the recommendation of the committee, Mr. J. A. Freeman, proposed and Mr. E. Dawber seconded, that a grant of £3 5s. be made from the Northern Branch funds towards the re-hanging of Heckington bells.—On being put to the meeting this was carried.—A collection for the same purpose was taken at the service and tea tables, which realised the sum of £1 17s. 3d., thus bringing the amount to £5 0s. 3d.

In response to a desire from the members present, the president gave an account of the progress being made respecting the augmentation of the Cathedral bells, which proved most satisfactory.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the Rev. H. Law James for his address, Mr. R. Scott for presiding at the organ and making the necessary arrangements, the caterers and Mr. Linley concluded the business.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BRENTWOOD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr, on May 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 51 mins.: R. Heazel 1, J. G. Furlong 2, A. Rainbird 3, J. W. Leggett 4, F. G. Ringe 5, E. W. Furbank 6, H. Turner (conductor) 7, W. D. Leggett 8. First quarter-peal of Major by the ringers of 2nd and 4th.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church, for evensong, on Sunday, April 24th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: H. Mason 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, F. Radford 3, E. A. Etheridge 4, C. Hazelden 5, E. Radden 6, W. Freeman 7, G. Tomsett 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, G. Gibbs 10.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the North Berkshire Branch was held at Blewbury on Saturday, May 21st. By 3 p.m. there was a strong muster of ringers, and some well-struck touches were rung for the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Smith, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jonkyn, M.C., Master of the Guild, who gave the address. After service, about 60 members and friends were very kindly entertained to tea in the schoolroom by the ladies and churchwardens.

At the business meeting which followed, the secretary and treasurer's report showed the branch to be in a flourishing condition, both as regards members and funds, though during the year no less than £8 was spent in grants towards restorations and repairs of peals.

It was decided to hold next meeting at Stevenon in September.

LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday last, ringers attending from Aldershot, Ash, Brixton, Cranleigh, Enfield, Feltham, Guildford, Hounslow, Hillingdon, Norwood, Uxbridge, Seale and the local towers.

Various touches (including two by a band of ladies) were rung, and then the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. Marriott).

The members were afterwards entertained by the Vicar to a splendid tea.

At the business meeting, with Miss E. K. Parker in the chair, Miss Hodgson, of Staines, and Miss Bailey, of Ash, were elected members, and Leatherhead chosen for the next quarterly meeting in September.

St. Mary's Church was then visited, and the bells kept going until members were obliged to catch trains, etc.

ANOTHER RING OF SIX FOR HANTS.

On Easter Sunday, during morning service, a new treble bell at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, King's Somborne, Hants, was dedicated by the Vicar.

The old ring of five bells have been away to the Croydon Foundry to be retuned and the new treble added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have made a good splice and carried out the job in their usual excellent style, and King's Somborne now possesses a handy ring of six with a tenor of 12½ cwt.

A special service was held in the evening, the preacher being the Bishop of Southampton. A service touch of 720 Bob Minor was rung by the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild: H. C. Nettie 1, G. Pullinger 2, H. Cook 3, G. Noice 4, A. Goulding 5, W. Andrews (conductor) 6.

Prior to the service, the ringers were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith. The Vicar presided, and mentioned that although a brass tablet in the church stated that the new treble bell was given by public subscription, it was due mainly to the efforts of Mr. Smith that it was accomplished.

The bells were open for ringing on Easter Monday, and Mr. C. Johnston kindly travelled all the way from Coventry in order to be present, and members of the Guild attended from Winchester Cathedral and Stockbridge, good use being made of the bells.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have in hand the recasting of the six bells at Ropley, Hants, which are to be dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on May 4th.

NOTICES.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Owing to illness at Bolsover the June 4 meeting will, if arrangements can be made, be held at Cresswell (buses Clowne). Members may consider the fixture transferred to Cresswell unless they hear from me to the contrary. There are no cafes at Cresswell, so will intending visitors please advise me at the earliest possible date so that arrangements for tea can, if at all possible, be made with the Rector?—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenry branch. —Owing to unforeseen circumstances the meeting arranged for Norton Saturday, June 4th, is unavoidably cancelled.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on June 2nd and 30th, St. Pauls Cathedral on the 7th (6 to 7.30 p.m.), St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, 'The Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, on the 14th (8 p.m.), Southwark Cathedral on the 21st, 'St. Michael's,' Cornhill, on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye meeting will be held at Chartham on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open 3 p.m.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The May meeting of the Guild will be held at Warwick on Saturday, May 28th. The bells of St. Mary's (10) and St. Nicolas' (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea has been arranged for 5 p.m. at the Dale Temperance Hotel, near St. Mary's. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 28th. St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' will be open for ringing from 2 till 3.30 and after the meeting. A special service in the Parish Church (St. Peter's) at 3.45 p.m.; address by the Vicar of Brighton (Canon F. C. N. Hicks, D.D.). Meat tea at St. Nicholas' Hall, St. Nicholas Road, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea, 2s. 6d. each (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) allowed to resident members.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Haughley, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (5) available at 2.30, and at Wetherden (5), at Stowmarket (8) from 6 p.m. Tea on Haughley Vicarage Lawn at 4.30 p.m., 9d. each to all sending names by May 24th to Mr. J. W. Nunn, Haughley, nr. Stowmarket.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bourton on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Bourton (6), Mere (8), Buckhorn Weston (6), Kingston Magna (5).—R. E. P. Gorrington, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Leigh Parish Church on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —The bells of Garston Parish Church will be reopened on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Horsmonden on Saturday, May 28th. Nearest station Goudhurst. Tower open at 3.30. Service at 5. Business meeting after service.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The summer meeting will be held at Whitby, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Alwalton on Saturday, May 28th. Usual arrangements. —W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading, I.W., on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Lyonshall on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45. Business meeting after. — Jabez Preece, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge, Herefordshire.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Launton on Saturday, May 28th. Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Coleridge, R.D. Bells (6), Bicester (8) available.—E. A. Clifton, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at White Waltham (6 bells) on Saturday, May 28th, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas.

EALING PARISH CHURCH.—The dedication of St. Mary's bells will take place on Sunday, May 29th, at 3.15, by the Rt. Rev. the Archdeacon of Middlesex, D.D. All ringers and friends heartily welcomed to the service. The bells will be opened for ringing on Saturday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. on June 4th. Any members of the Central Council requiring a pull will be welcomed Ealing way. Likewise, all ringers. — J. H. Hunnisett and W. H. Hollier.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice at St. John's, Wilton Road, Victoria, Monday, May 30th, at 7.30. Meetings for June: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m., and Monday, the 20th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 14th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of the above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All those intending to be present kindly notify me in good time. Visitors welcomed. — Walter Scar, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rainford Parish Church on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested. — James Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, June 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. Peel tablet unveiling. Tea arranged for those only who advise Mr. W. Allen, 36, Church Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, not later than June 2nd. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, June 4th. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Will all who intend to be present please inform Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, by June 1st.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, June 6th. Committee meeting in Holy Sepulchre's Institute at 11 a.m. Service in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at 12 noon. Luncheon, followed by the business meeting, at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m. Application for lunch tickets, with remittance (2s. 6d.), must be made to Mr. T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton, on or before Monday, May 30th. Towers available: Kingsthorpe (6) from 10 to 11.30 a.m., St. Giles' (10), All Saints' (8), St. Edmund's (8) and Holy Sepulchre (8) from 10 a.m. throughout the day.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Geddington, Kettering.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Newton Abbot on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in St. Leonard's Chapel, at 12.15 p.m. Dinner in Ambulance Hall, East Street, at 1.0 followed by meeting. Highweek, Wolborough and St. Leonard's towers open for ringing.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 48th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th. 11.30 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. Canon F. C. Macdonald, of Purleigh. 12.15 p.m.: Meeting in Cathedral Hall. 1.30 p.m.: Lunch at Hicks' Restaurant, High Street, members 2s. each. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Writtle (8), Great Waltham (8), Widford (8), Springfield (6), Galleywood (8), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8). No ringing permitted during service and meeting. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the hon. secretary not later than first post previous Tuesday, May 31st.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, General Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit Monday, June 6th. Bells (8) available all day. Committee meeting 11.30 a.m. at the Church. Service in the Church at 12 o'clock. The address will be given by the Vicar of Thirsk. Dinner will be provided at the Golden Lion Hotel. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the secretary not later than June 1st.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday, June 6th. Ringing at Stow-on-the-Wold from 12 noon. Lunch (3/6) may be had at the Unicorn Hotel. Ringing at Bourton-on-the-Water. Service 3 p.m. Business meeting and tea at Lansdown. Please notify me for tea.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 41st annual meeting will be held at Hereford on Whit Monday, June 6th. 11.45: Unveiling peal tablet in Cathedral Tower. Service in the Cathedral 12.15. Preacher, Rev. G. H. Jobling, Rector of Kingsland. Dinner at Boothe Hall Hotel (2s. 6d.) 1 p.m. Mr. C. Edwards (Master) in the chair. Those intending to be present at the dinner should write to me for tickets of admission by June 1st.—Rev. Preb. G. W. Turner, Hon. Sec., Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Morpeth, on June 6th. The Watch Tower bells are open all day. Committee meeting at noon and Dinner (2/6 to members, 3/- to non-members) at 1 o'clock, at the Earl Grey Hotel, the Mayor of Morpeth, will welcome our members at the tower and at the dinner. Those coming to dinner please notify me by first post on June 1st.—E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District. — A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, June 11th. Bells at Bramford (6) also available during the afternoon and evening. Tea, 9d., at 4.45, to those sending their names by June 8th. Every ringer welcomed.—G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Road, Ipswich.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Stapleford on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next ringing meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. Watson, 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Brindle Parish Church on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. It is essential that those requiring tea should notify Mr. W. Sharples, Thorpe Green, Brindle, on or before Tuesday, June 7th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Sedgley, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. A tea will be provided, for which a small charge may be made.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS. — St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.—Annual outing will take place on Saturday, June 18th, at Brighton. Will members desiring to attend notify the hon. secretary by Wednesday, June 8th, to enable arrangements for reduced fares to be completed? — F. W. H. Sergison, York House, Watford Road, Wembley. Telephone: Wembley 1414.

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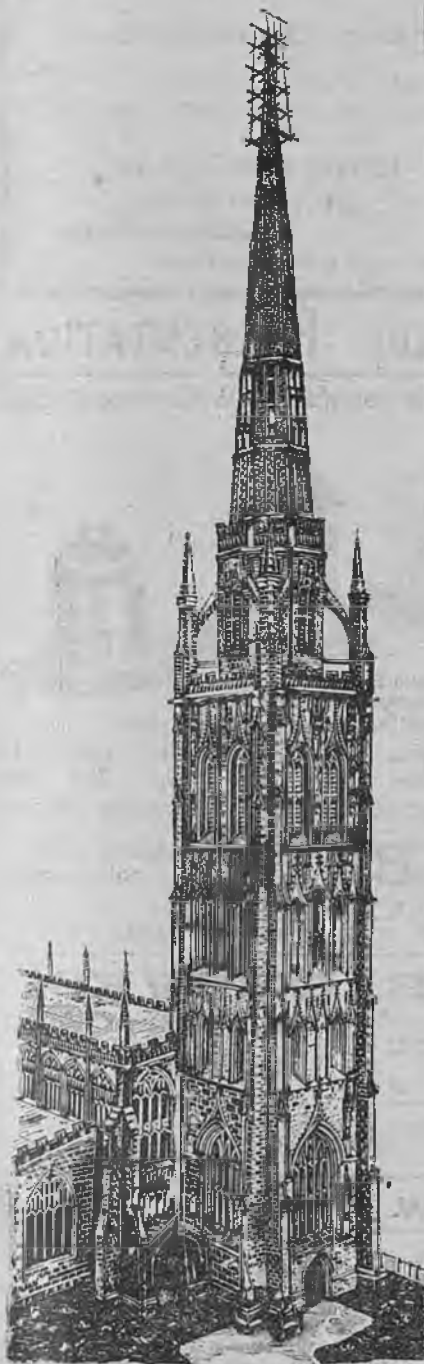
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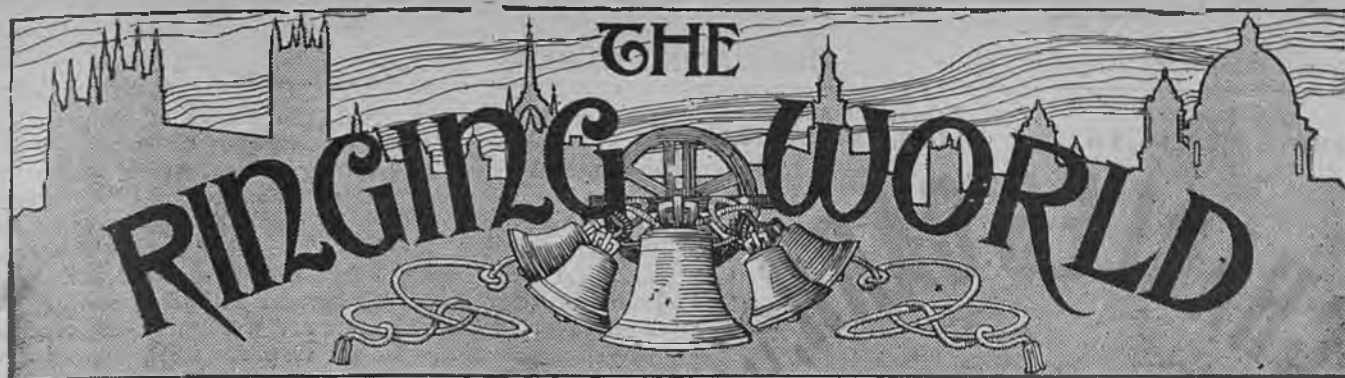
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The Central Council will be asked to solve a pretty little problem at its meeting next Tuesday, when the Rev. H. Law James will request the members to say, in effect, that the peal of Maximus recently rung at Ipswich was not Superlative Surprise. His motion is: 'That since William Shipway extended Superlative Surprise Major to Royal and the first peal of Royal was rung at Wakefield in 1826, the Council cannot accept any extension to Maximus which does not agree with the Major and Royal.' Will the Council once again have to admit its inability to settle the dispute? This is not the first occasion on which the extension of Superlative has been before the central body. In 1912, at Newcastle, Mr. James brought forward a motion designed to establish that Shipway's Superlative Royal was the correct extension of the Major. It was adjourned for a year to give the members time to consider the question, and at Winchester it was withdrawn after an amendment had been suggested that the Council did not feel competent to decide the matter.

Since that time various things have happened. The discovery was made that Shipway's Royal had been rung at Wakefield and recorded as Superlative, and a peal in the same method has been rung at Surfleet. Great controversy raged round the question, a rival school of thought contending that Shipway's extension is not the true extension. Then came the peal of Maximus at Ipswich, in a method different to Shipway's, and held to be the correct extension from the Major by those who differ from Mr. Law James. It is hardly possible, we think, for a large gathering such as will be present at the Mansion House on Tuesday to sit in judgment on such a contentious matter. To settle questions of this kind it needs, in the Council's organisation, a kind of Court of Appeal, which should consist, as it were, of the 'Law Lords,' that is of those members of the Exercise—not necessarily members of the Council—who have a really intimate knowledge of the technicalities of matters of this kind. They could hear the arguments and examine the figures of both sides, and then embody their views in the report to the Council. There are at least a dozen men in the Exercise capable of dealing with a subject such as this, and the Council, in forming its 'Court' to settle a controversy, could draw upon those who have remained outside the discussion.

At present, of course, no such means of settling disagreements in the Exercise exists, and a very few members of the Council will feel justified in giving a vote on such a subject unless confronted with overwhelming evidence. In the case of Superlative Surprise, the Council is

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facéd with the fact that the name of 'Superlative Royal' was given to a method rung over a hundred years ago, and we have had strong evidence recently that it has no desire to interfere with names given to methods by our ancestors, or even by our contemporaries if they can get their peal in first. The members are asked to make up their minds whether Shipway and Mr. Law James are right, and the several authors who independently evolved the Maximus are wrong; or whether the reverse is the case. In our view the mere ringing of a peal under some particular name does not necessarily justify the perpetual adoption of that name, but whether the Council will feel able to say which side is right and which is wrong in the Superlative controversy is doubtful.

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HERBERT LANGDON ... 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... 11
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GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*JOHN KENDRICK... .. Treble	HERBERT SHEPPARD 5
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... 2	GILBERT GUEST 6
WILLIAM GREEN ... 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
CHARLES W. COOPER ... 4	SOLOMON PARKER... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal and first attempt.

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GEORGE W. TRAYNE 4	ERNEST G. GARRARD Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

* First peal. Mr. W. E. Garrard arranged this peal and umpired it throughout, but was unable to take part through severe illness. The band hope he will soon be restored to health.

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Composed by W. CHARMAN.

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM AMBLER Treble	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 5
JOE GREENWOOD 2	*LEWIS RAWNSLEY 6
WILLIE PROCTOR 3	VERNEY BAIRSTOW 7
*ARTHUR J. SMALLBONES 4	MILLIGAN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by V. BAIRSTOW.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Bairstow.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK S. PRICE Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
ALLAN R. HICKTON 2	JAMES S. HUTCHLY 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

The conductor's 200th peal. It was intended to ring a 9,600 at the Bell Foundry, but owing to some misunderstanding the tower was not open. The band wish to thank the Vicar and steeplekeeper at Stanford-on-Soar for giving permission to ring at the above tower at so short notice.

EXMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF WITHEYCOMBE RALEIGH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	EDMUND SARGENT 5
JOHN OKE 2	†JOHN HAYMAN 6
ALFRED MONKLEY 3	†REGINALD TRUMAN 7
WILLIAM HOWE 4	JOHN SKINNER Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

* 100th peal for the Devon Guild. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal of Stedman.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*HARFORD G. TOVEY Treble	FREDERICK C. RICH 5
THOMAS F. KING 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
WILLIAM H. CROCKER 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
GILBERT H. HARDING 4	*KENNETH REED Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Messrs. Prescott and Rich. W. H. Crocker was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	HERBERT ACOCK 5
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 2	JOHN HOPE 6
WILFRED G. COOK 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS 7
H. CHARLES BOND 4	JOE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

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TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY W. GAYTON Treble	WILLIAM SHARP 5
PEARL INSKIP 2	WILLIAM STOCK 6
AMOS SMART 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW 7
BERNARD FISHER 4	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band, except the ringer of the 3rd.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK BELSEY Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS 6
JOHN BURLS 3	WILLIAM HAIGH 7
THOMAS BRAUMONT 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

Arranged and rung as a birthday peal for William Haigh, who has been connected with this tower for over 40 years.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

GEORGE BASFORD Treble	*FRED BARBER 5
JAMES T. WARD 2	HARRY PETTIT 6
JOHN R. MAIN 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
*ALBERT FLOWMAN 4	ARTHUR TOMPKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for the ringers of 4th, 5th and 6th, who hail from Wellingborough.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK Treble	FREDERICK BOREHAM 5
LAWRENCE POULSON 2	FRANK A. TURNER 6
*MAURICE T. SYMONDS 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7
FREDERICK A. POULSON 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by W. R. J. POULSON.

* First peal in the method on tower bells. Rung to commemorate fifty years' ringing at the above church by the 7th ringer, and in honour of H.M. Queen Mary's birthday.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	THOMAS BETTISON 5
*WILLIAM BARTON 2	THOMAS RILEY 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 3	*HAROLD KENT 7
CHARLES MASON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method. The band desire to thank the Vicar of Creswell (Rev. W. Key) for the use of the bells, as owing to illness the peal could not be rung at Bolsover.

CANTERBURY.—At St. Alphege's Church, on Wednesday, April 20th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.: Alfred Eley 1, Miss Edith M. Chambers 2, Miss Olive M. Sanders 3, W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., 4, Fred R. Weller 5, Fred G. Brett (conductor) 6.

GREAT TEW, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
MAURICE SMITH 2	*HERBERT IMPEY 6
*RUPERT R. LEWIS 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
*THOMAS IMPEY 4	†LEONARD CLIFTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

GEORGE VERNON Treble	HARRY PARKER 4
JOHN H. DAVENPORT 2	EDWARD JENKINS 5
JOHN S. ROYLE 3	CECIL RADDOCK Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Kent Minor by all. The conductor has now called Oxford and Kent Treble Bob on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

MARKET DEEPPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Double and Single Oxford, (4) Double and Single Court, (5) Double and Single Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Fulbeck Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON 4
MISS KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 2	JOSEPH O. LANDON 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	*GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in 12 methods. Arranged for Mr. Wells, who is 71 years of age, as he was unable to stand in the last similar peal through illness.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Lancashire, Stamford and Norwich.

Tenor 11 cwt

FRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	W. H. TURTON 5
GORDON TURNER 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

The above was arranged for the ringer of the third, who hails from South Anston, and was proposed a member of the association before starting, it being his first attempt for a peal. He is 17 years of age.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent, two of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

EDWIN JENNINGS Treble	JOHN HOLME 4
FURNESS WOODEND 2	JOSEPH W. HAYTON 5
JAMES THOMPSON 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

Treble and 3rd ringers belong to Kendal, 4th and 5th to Silverdale, 2nd to Brathay and tenor to Ambleside. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, May 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Woodbine, two 720's Oxford, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob.

*JOSEPH HERDMAN Treble	CHRIS. BOWERS 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	DAVID HORNE 5
†THOMAS PRATT 3	GEORGE JORDON Tenor

Conducted by CHRIS. BOWERS.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. First peal as conductor.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

DAVID SHATFORD Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 4
CYRIL D. NICHOLS 2	ROBERT G. BLACK 5
WALTER T. WILSON 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The conductor wishes to thank the band for arranging above peal at short notice for him.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 different six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT Treble	JAMES HUNT 4
*HARRY POCOCK 2	PERCY MERSON 5
*WILLIAM UNDERHILL 3	*FRANK CAVILL Tenor

Arranged by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by PERCY MERSON.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Doubles by remainder. Rung to celebrate Empire Day. The peal was made up of 10 six-scores, starting full quick six, 10 starting full slow six, 10 starting third change of quick six, and 12 six-scores, two with four singles, starting fourth change of quick six. Rung for the first time.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

H. BERNARD WELLS Treble	DANIEL COOPER 4
*THOMAS A. S. BLOXHAM 2	JAMES BATTERS 5
HERBERT WOOD 3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. BANNISTER.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, May 26, 1927, in Three Hours.

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, HARTPURY,

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

Being 42 six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM WASLEY Treble	THOMAS GAZEY 4
WILLIAM H. HARRIS 2	ALBERT MARTIN 5
H. HAYWARD 3	IVOR WHITING Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MARTIN.

Rung to celebrate Queen Mary's birthday.

HATHEROP, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

GEORGE J. WINTER Treble	*EMANUEL J. WOODROFF 4
JOHN HOPK 2	HERBERT ACOCK 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

EDGAR LEWIN Treble	A NORMAN GEARY 3
JOSEPH NORTON 2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4

ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on the bells by the M.C.A. The ringers desire to thank the Vicar for permission and Mr. and Mrs. Underwood for kind entertainment afterwards.

MILTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of eleven 240's of A. J. Pitman's arrangement and 20 extents with 10 different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE HENWOOD Treble	JOHN NOBES 4
DAN H. WOODLEY 2	PERCY W. FLETCHER 5
HUMPHREY R. COOPER 3	LESLIE F. PULLEN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

First peal for the ringer of the treble, who is in his 70th year; also first peal for the ringer of tenor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	H. STANLEY ROBINSON 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Attested by FRED HODGSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. This is the 50th peal together by ringers of 1-2 and 5-6 and 3-4 and 5-6.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

At 26, KIRKMANSHULME LANE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	FREDERICK PAGE 7-8
HARRY CHAPMAN 9-10	

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by FREDK. PAGE.

Witness: W. EDWARDS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

At 17, NORTH SIDE, CLAPHAM,

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

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Umpire: MR. A. W. COLES.

First peal 'in hand' by Mr. O. W. Roberts, and first in the method 'in hand' by the conductor.

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

A QUAIN BOOK.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

At the end of Mr. Lukis' article, to which I have referred in previous 'Notes by the Way,' is a list of works on bells published up to that time (1855). This was supplied by the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. The first thirty-nine books on the list were published abroad, chiefly in Germany or Rome. More than half the number are written in Latin, and are evidently very learned works. Copies of these can occasionally be picked up, and recently the catalogue of a Cambridge bookseller was sent to me which contained a couple, both in Latin and both early seventeenth century. The prices, if I remember, were quite moderate.

The list of English books on ringing is interesting, and I give it in full:—

Tintinnalogia, or the Art of Ringing improved, by T. W(hite). 18mo. 1668. This is the book alluded to by Dr. Burney in his *History of Music*, vol. iv., p. 415.

Campanalogia, or the Art of Ringing improved. 18mo. This was by Fabian Stedman.

Campanalogia improved, by I. D. and C. M., London Scholars. 18mo. 1702.

Ditto, second edition. 12mo. 1705.

Ditto, third edition. 12mo. 1733.

Ditto, fourth edition. 12mo. 1753.

Ditto, fifth edition, by J. Monk. 18mo. 1766.

The School of Recreation, or Gentleman's Tutor in various exercises, one of which is ringing. 1684.

Clavis Campanalogia, by Jones, Reeves and Blackmore. 12mo. 1768. Reprinted in 1796 and 1800?

The Ringers' True Guide, by S. Beaufoy. 12mo. 1804.

The Campanalogia, or Universal Instructor in the Art of Ringing, by William Shipway. 12mo. 1816.

Elements of Campanalogia, by H. Hubbard. 12mo. 1845, 1854.

The Bell, its origin, history and uses, by Rev. A. Gatty. 12mo. 1847.

Ditto, enlarged. 1848.

Blunt's Use and Abuse of Church Bells. 8vo. 1846.

Ellacombe's practical remarks on Belfries and Ringers. 8vo. 1850.

Ellacombe's Paper on Bells, with illustrations, in the Report of the Bristol Architectural Society. 1850.

Croome's Few Words on Bells and Bell Ringing. 8vo. 1851.

Woolf's Address on the Science of Campanology. Tract. 1851.

Plain Hints to Bell Ringers. No. 47 of Parochial Tracts. 1852.

The Art of Change Ringing, by B. Thackrah. 12mo. 1852.

Quarterly Review. Art. Church Bells. September, 1854.

Osborn's Manuscripts. Additional MSS., Nos. 19,368 and 19,373.

At the time this list was drawn up Mr. Lukis evidently had not yet obtained possession of his copy of the 'Tintinnalogia,' for it is said to be by T. White. White's book, 'A Rich Cabinet of Inventions,' was published in 1677, and the chapter on change ringing was re-issued about 1700 under the title of 'Tintinnalogia.' I have never seen a copy of Beaufoy's 'The Ringer's True Guide,' nor yet of Blunt's, Croome's or Woolf's books. It would be interesting to know if any ringer owns one, or if they are in any public library.

Yet another has to be added to this list. This is a book entitled 'The Shepherd's Kalender or the Citizen's and Country Man's Daily Companion.' It is a little book of 157 pages, and is dated 1702. I know of only one copy. It belongs to Mr. E. M. Atkins, and was picked up some years ago in the sixpenny box of a second hand book shop. In the preface the author tells us that: 'In this Labour'd Work you will find so many Useful and Profitable Things, that I am persuaded to be Constrained to acknowledge you never before found the like in any (of what Volume soever) and I have digested them into so Easie a Method that any ordinary Capacity may Comprehend what has so long been handled in Ambiguous Sentences, Dark and Abstruse, to keep all but those that are very learned in Ignorance.' What these so many Useful and Profitable Things are we may learn from the title page, where they are given as 'many Things that

are Useful and Profitable to Man-kind with above Two Hundred Wonderful Curiosities, never before Published. Also, a Discourse of the Eclipses of the Sun and Moon with Rules to know when they will happen. Infallible Signs of the Weather. To know when Wet or Dry, and when sudden Storms arises. Hot or Cold Weather by living Creatures, A Curious Observation never made Public before.

'An Account of the Lucky and Unlucky Days throughout the Year. The Mosaick Wand to find out Hidden Treasures; The Calculation of Nativities and to Resolve all Lawful Questions.

'To which is added,

'The Country Man's Almanack, Directing when to Bleed and Dyet the Body; A Treatise of Bees, Warrens, ordering of Cattle, Hawks, and how to Kill Vermin. The Measuring Land and Timber: The Art of Ringing: The true Value or Worth of a Single Penny: Or a Caution to keep Money.

'Being above Forty Years' Study and Experience of a Learned Shepherd.'

If I had space I should like to quote some of the many recipes given, and perhaps some of my readers might put them in practice and see how they worked. For instance, if you want to stop a dog barking at you in the night time you must take the skin off the Forehead of an Hyena, boil it and smock it over the burnt Hoof of a Cow twice or thrice, and so carry it about with you, and so long as you do this the dogs will not only be silent, but run away from you as fast as they can. Which is a very useful thing to know. So, too, are the rules for keeping away ghosts and how to know what to do when you are in love, and much more.

Among all this quaint matter a treatise on ringing seems odd enough, but our learned shepherd was evidently a keen member of the Exercise and could not forbear to include a chapter on his favourite pastime. He promises us a plain and easie Introduction to the Most Curious Art, and healthful Exercise of Ringing Musically on 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 Bells. But he hardly keeps his promise. He goes no further than 'The Old Trebles and Doubles on Six Bells,' which is a plain course of Bob Minor. He thus begins his chapter: 'Since a Knowledge of this Art has been much desired by many and is a very Healthful as well as Pleasant Exercise, I have placed an Introduction to Young Ringers in this so useful a Book of Rareties, though at first sight it may appear a Digression from the rest; however since I have designed this Work to fit every one as near as may be I cannot but Conclude that this will be desired by many and cannot be hurtful to none.'

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Felkirk on Saturday, May 14th, when members attended from Barnsley, Wath, Sandal, Horbury, Royston, Crofton, Wortley, Armley, Hoylandswaine, Cawthorne, Darfield, South Kirkby, and the local company. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and at the invitation of the Vicar (Rev. H. S. P. Coster) a short service was held, which was well attended. Tea followed in the old schoolroom, to which about 30 sat down.

At the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, a vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of Mr. F. Edwards, a late member of the South Kirkby company and a chorister, the members standing for a few moments in silence.

Wentworth and Shelley were proposed for next meeting, Wentworth being selected by 15 votes to 8.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Vicar and churchwardens, and to the local company for their hearty welcome.

Afterwards, ringing continued in various methods until 9 p.m., when the members made tracks for home highly satisfied with the day's proceedings.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. THIRD ANNUAL RINGING COMPETITION.

To comply with the general request that the annual ringing competition be held on the Saturday nearest Empire Day, the third contest was held at the tower of St. Elli's Church, Llanelli, Breconshire, on Saturday, May 21st. The church is delightfully situated, overlooking the valley, leading from Crickhowell to Abergavenny, and possesses a fine peal of six bells, the tenor being between 400 and 500 years old. The competition was open to members of the Guild, a shield being presented to the winning band. Several bands (competitors last year) were unable to attend this year's competition. The Guild was again fortunate in getting Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, to act as adjudicator, and he carried out his duties in his usual satisfactory way. The order of ringing and the points obtained by the several bands were:—

Morrison	...	...	219
St. David's, Brecon	...	...	191
Cadoxton	...	...	227
Llanelli	...	...	231
St. Mary's, Brecon	...	...	186
Llangatlock	...	...	201
Baglan	...	...	216

The maximum number of points obtainable was 240. Llanelli headed the competition, but owing to a rule that a local tower should be handicapped nine points, they were relegated to second place. Cadoxton were thus the winners, and they have now won the shield two years in succession. Certificates were presented to the first three teams.

Mr. Fussell, in his report, complimented the Guild on such a good muster, and stated that the standard of ringing was not up to that of previous competitions. Several of the bands competing last year have broken up, and the new ringers have made great strides in the art of change ringing. The teams kept fairly good compass, and were fairly efficient in the methods rung.

The company present were entertained to a cold luncheon at the Church Hall, when the Rector, the Reverend W. Gurnos Davies, was in the chair. He was supported at the cross table by the Rev. T. W. B. Thomas (curate), Rev. E. R. J. Jones (Brecon), Rev. H. C. Willis (Brynmawr), Mr. W. R. Williams (churchwarden), Mr. W. H. Fussell (adjudicator), Mr. Charles Powell (hon. treasurer), and the hon. secretary stated that the completed design had that day been handed him.

The competition commenced at 11 a.m., and terminated at 4 p.m. Tea was served at 6.30 p.m., the adjudicator afterwards delivering his award. The shield was presented to Mr. J. E. Bloxham, the captain of Cadoxton band, by Mrs. Davies, the Rector's wife, whilst the certificates were presented by Mr. W. R. Williams (churchwarden).

The thanks of the ringers were heartily accorded the Rector, Mrs. Davies, and the ladies who were responsible for the catering, on the proposition of Rev. T. R. Jones. After the Rector and his warden had responded, three hearty cheers were accorded them all. Mr. W. H. Fussell came in for very special thanks, and the hon. secretary, in proposing them, remarked how greatly they were indebted to Mr. Fussell for having journeyed from Slough at great inconvenience to fulfil his duties so well. Mr. Fussell had previously promised to present the Guild with a design for their membership card, and the hon. secretary stated that the completed design had that day been handed him by Mr. Fussell, who, it may be added, had spent a great deal of his time in executing the beautiful and appropriate work shown thereon. Members present were afforded an opportunity of inspecting the design. It is hoped to have the certificates ready for the annual meeting, when the Lord Bishop has intimated his desire to present them to the captains of the several towers.

Led by the Rev. W. Gurnos Davies, three hearty cheers were accorded Mr. Fussell for the great interest he has taken in the Guild since its formation four years ago, to which he suitably responded.

GARSTON BELLS REHUNG.

Garston Parish Church bells have been rehung in ball bearings by a local firm, and they were opened for ringing on Saturday last. Ringers attended from Grassendale, Halewood, Hale, Birkenhead, Woolton, Frodsham, and the local company. A service was held, in which Archdeacon Howson and Canon Rowe took part, and an address was given by Canon Elsee (president of the Lancashire Association).

Touches in a variety of methods were rung on the bells, and the 'go' gave satisfaction to all present.

DARLINGTON RINGER'S FATAL FALL.

Mr. Fred Cooke, a member of the band of St. John's, Darlington, died in Greenbank Hospital, on May 21st, as the result of a fall. The deceased, who was 51 years of age, was by trade a joiner, and was fixing new spouting to the roof of a house when the ladder on which he was standing slipped, and he fell to the ground. He received severe head injuries, to which he later succumbed.

He was a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and will be much missed in the belfry at St. John's.

On Sunday evening, May 22nd, his colleagues rang a half-muffled touch of 1,008 Grandsire Triples: T. Scollick 1, A. Coates 2, F. W. Johnson, jun., 3, F. W. Johnson, sen., 4, J. W. Dawson 5, W. Broadley (conductor) 6, H. Taylor 7, H. Broadley 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, who from 1914 was works manager of the Glasgow Iron and Steel Company, Ltd., one of the most important under-ribs of its kind in Scotland, has been appointed general manager. For four years Mr. Lewis was president of the West of Scotland Iron and Steel Institute, and as a speaker and writer on matters relating to the industry has made valuable public contributions.

As a ringer, Mr. Lewis has also done a great deal of work for the Exercise, the most important, perhaps, being his investigations into the strains and stresses set up by bells in motion, and their effects upon church towers. Mr. Lewis represents Cambridge University Guild upon the Central Council, and is a member of the Methods Committee and the Towers and Belfries Committee. The great claims of business have prevented him taking much active part in ringing in recent years.

Some idea of the importance of the concern of which Mr. Lewis is now the head may be judged from the fact that the company works six collieries at Wishaw and Motherwell; the Wishaw Iron Works, Wishaw Cement Works, Wishaw Ammonia Works, Harburn Limestone Mines, in Midlothian; and the Lamplugh Iron Ore Mines in Cumberland.

Mr. Edwin Shepherd, who has been for so many years a stalwart in the Devon Guild, and who is chairman of the Exeter Branch, reached his 100th year for the Guild last Saturday, and is, we believe, the first to do so, although Mr. F. J. Davey, if he has not actually reached the century, is very close indeed.

It is never too late to begin ringing, or to ring one's first peal. Mr. George Henwood, of Milton, Berks, has rung his first 5,040 when in his 70th year.

A secretary for the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association has at length been found, the duties, which for some time have been temporarily discharged by the general secretary, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, having been taken over by Mr. Percy Smith, of Fairview, Littlebourne.

A sum of about £350 is required for the restoration of the tower and bells at Tilsforth, a little Bedfordshire village with about 160 inhabitants. A fete in aid of the fund is to be held to-morrow, and ringers will be welcome. Those who cannot go, can send their contributions to the Vicar. Any help will be much appreciated.

A new banking company, writes a correspondent, has been formed for the special benefit of bell ringers, with offices at Warrington—Messrs. Soundbow, Headstock and Co., Ltd.

Mr. Wm. Keeble, of Kelvedon, Essex, recently lost his eldest son, killed on the road by a motor lorry whilst cycling to his work. All ringers will sympathise with the family in their bereavement.

A team of touring ringers propose to visit Scotland in June, and hope to attain the distinction of being the first peal band to ring in kilts. The company will include such well-known men as 'Harry,' of Manchester, and it would be worth a long journey to see him ringing in the Scots' national dress, complete with sporran.

At the annual meeting of the Beaconsfield company on May 23rd, Mr. R. Buckland was elected to the office of foreman of the belfry for the year.

STEDMAN DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your readers may be interested to have a few details of the arrangement of the six-scores rung in the peal of Stedman Doubles at Bishop's Hull on Empire Day. Some five or six years ago I worked out the whole extent of Stedman Doubles. Fifteen 120's were well known at the time, viz., 10 with two singles and five with four singles. To these I added 165 more, starting from the 11 remaining ways, making a total to be rung with two singles 120, and another 60 with four singles, grand total 180.

The peal at Bishop's Hull was selected from these. The calling of each was strictly adhered to, viz., singles on 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 3-4, 3-5, and 4-5; and two 120's with four singles, 1-2, 3-4 repeated; 2-3, 4-5 repeated. I may add the peal was not rung at the first attempt.—Yours faithfully,

Taunton.

JAMES HUNT.

HOYLANDSWAINE RINGER WEDDED.

On Easter Monday, the marriage took place at St. John's Church, Hoylandswaine, of Miss Alice Simpson and Mr. Fred Broadhead, the ceremony being performed by the Vicar (Rev. J. Hewetson). The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. W. Simpson, is a Sunday School teacher attached to the above church, and the bridegroom, the eldest son of Mr. W. Broadhead, is a local ringer and a member of the choir. Immediately after the ceremony, the bells pealed forth their joyful music, and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was brought round by: W. Marsden 1, L. Wilkinson (conductor) 2, W. Chappell 3, E. Crosland 4, S. Fielding 5, E. Brookes 6.—A 360 in the same method was also rung by: E. Crosland 1, L. Wilkinson (conductor) 2, W. Chappell 3, S. Fielding 4, T. Noble 5, E. Brookes 6. Afterwards, the ringers adjourned to the Rose and Crown, the bride's home, where a reception was held, and were just in time to convey to the happy couple their best wishes for their future happiness, before their departure for Blackpool, where the honeymoon is being spent.

The ringing was also in honour of the 21st anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. WHITSUNTIDE ARRANGEMENTS.

Among the arrangements which are being made for the enjoyment of visitors to London in connection with the Central Council meeting, are river trips, social gatherings, and plenty of opportunities for ringing.

The private launch, 'Sovereign' (accommodation about 65), has been reserved for the Council. The party will leave Westminster on Sunday afternoon at 2.25 sharp, and, proceeding down the river for Greenwich, will leave to at Bankside for the purpose of hearing St. Paul's bells from the water. The famous Greenwich Naval Hospital will be visited, also Greenwich Park and Observatory, and the party will return at 6.30. Charge, including tea, about 4s. (according to number). Names to be given in early to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. A. Young.

A personally conducted party, provided sufficient number of names are sent in, will be taken to Kew Gardens on the Bank Holiday afternoon. In the morning, a visit to the dome of St. Paul's, or other place of interest, will be arranged if a sufficient number so desire.

RINGING.

The following towers will be open for ringing:—

Sunday, June 5th: St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 5 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 5.15 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7th: St. Paul's Cathedral, 6 to 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 6 to 7.30 p.m.

On Saturday, June 4th, visitors will be welcomed at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, between 6 and 9 p.m.

Mr. W. E. Garrard will be pleased to welcome visiting ringers to St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on Whit Sunday, at 10.50 a.m. and 5.45 p.m., and on Whit Monday at 10.30 a.m.

Should any of the Central Council members care to visit one of the rural beauty spots of Kent, there will be ringing at Chislehurst Parish Church on Whit Sunday, at 9.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Trains every half-hour from Charing Cross and London Bridge (ten miles).

Visitors will also be welcome at All Saints', Fulham, on Sunday, from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.

SOCIAL MEETINGS.

Saturday, June 4th: King of Denmark, Old Bailey, 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, June 5th: King of Denmark, 7 p.m.

Monday, June 6th: The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, 7.30.

Tuesday, June 7th: The Bedford Head, Maiden Lane, Strand, 7.45.

THE COUNCIL'S BALANCE SHEET.

The balance sheet for the year ending Whitsuntide, 1927, is as follows:

Receipts: Balance in bank £67 6s., affiliation fees £14 2s. 6d.; interest on stock £4 2s. 5d., sale of publications £7 10s. 5d.; total, £93 1s. 4d.

Expenditure: Committee expenses, Rev. A. T. Beeston (records) £1 17s. 2d., Mr. E. A. Young (postage, stationery, etc.) £7 9s. 4d.; 'Ringing World' (printing) £38 16s.; balance in bank £44 18s. 10d.; total, £93 1s. 4d.

ANOTHER LONG PEAL ATTEMPT IN LANCASHIRE.

A RECORD LENGTH.

All being well, eight members of the Lancashire Association intend to attempt on Saturday, June 11th, at the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less, Samlesbury, near Preston, a long peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 22,086 changes, starting at 7 a.m. The tenor here is 18 cwt.

Mr. E. Jenkins writes that some apology is perhaps due for this rather late notice. Application was made for Mottram bells on May 3rd for this event, but the answer 'No' did not arrive until May 21st, which has left very little time to arrange for another tower. Samlesbury are 'O.K.' except the ropes, but it is hoped to obtain a new set in time for the peal.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28th, a quarterly meeting of the Christchurch District was held at Fordingbridge, those present including Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary), Mr. Preston (district secretary), Mr. Townsend (Poole), Mr. Romaine (Salisbury), and members from Brockenhurst, Bournemouth, Christchurch, Ringwood, Fareham, North Stonham, Poole and Salisbury. Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, was also a very welcome visitor, and added one more to his already long list of towers.

The bells have recently been put in order by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the fifth, sixth and seventh have been recast, the others retuned and the whole rehung with ball bearings, and the work has been carried out in the usual excellent style of this firm. Fordingbridge now possesses a very musical octave with a tenor of 14 cwt.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by the Master, it was decided to hold a meeting at Milford-on-Sea in September, the date to be left to the discretion of the district secretary.

Mr. Rolls (Salisbury) was elected a compounding member, and votes of thanks passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

5,408 OF LONDON, SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE AND BRISTOL.
BY THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The plain course: 2345678

4263857 London.

3527486 Cambridge or Superlative.

2345678 London.

23456 M W H

63542 — 2 —

24536 — — —

26435 2 —

46532 —

56234 —

The second W and the second M are produced by inserting a lead of Bristol.

Four times repeated.

Also five more parts starting from 54326.

Join the two five parts together by omitting the 2W in the first course of any one of the first five parts (omitting the lead of Bristol), which comes to the W in one of the second five parts. Ring these five parts and omit the W to get back into the first five parts.

Reduce to 5,024 by omitting the last two M in a part and the first M in the next part, and do this a second time.

This ingenious production by the Rev. H. Law James will be studied with interest by Surprise ringers. That a true peal containing these four methods is possible will come as a revelation to many.

An attempt was made to ring it at Warnham, Sussex, on Saturday, but, although the band were experienced Surprise ringers, they were unsuccessful.

BIRMINGHAM AND SHEFFIELD RINGERS.

FRATERNAL MEETING AT DUFFIELD.

For very many years, a great bond of friendship has existed between Sheffield and Birmingham, and periodical visits by Birmingham men to Sheffield, and vice versa, have been paid.

Thanks to a happy thought on the part of Mr. Albert Walker, Birmingham, this feeling of friendship was still further cemented by a gathering which took place at Duffield on Saturday, May 28th.

A more ideal place could hardly have been conceived, for Duffield lies practically half-way between the two towns. Not only was it suitable by virtue of position, but Duffield was for many years the home of the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood, and meeting together on this spot conjured in the minds of many of those present many incidents and associations in connection with that past giant in the art.

Upwards of 50 ringers were present—22 from Birmingham, 20 from Sheffield, and the remainder from Derby and Duffield. The Birmingham contingent called at Derby on their way to Duffield, and arrangements had been made for them to ring at St. Andrew's, where they found an excellent ring of ten bells recently augmented and retuned by Messrs. Taylor and Co. These bells called forth a good deal of admiration, and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were soon brought round.

Thanks were expressed to the Ringing Master of St. Andrew's, Mr. C. E. Hart, for arranging for permission to ring, and to Messrs. A. H. Ward, W. Wallis and C. Draper for meeting the visitors.

The party then proceeded by bus to Duffield, where the Sheffield men were waiting. Ringing in various methods took place, including London Surprise Major, Cambridge Royal, Duffield Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, etc.

A substantial meat tea was awaiting the visitors at the Bridge Inn, and afterwards Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, briefly referred to the happy relations between Sheffield and Birmingham. He said he was glad to have the opportunity of visiting Duffield, and to pay a tribute to the splendid work done by the late Sir Arthur Heywood. They were also pleased to see with them that day Mr. Thos. Russam, a well-known and respected Birmingham ringer.

Mr. Percy J. Johnson and Mr. S. F. Palmer also expressed the pleasure of the Yorkshiremen at being present, Mr. Palmer saying that all credit for the organisation of the gathering was entirely due to Mr. Albert Walker.

Mr. Walker expressed thanks to the Vicar of St. Andrew's, Derby, and to the Vicar of Duffield, for so readily giving permission to ring, and specially thanked Mr. and Mrs. S. Dawson, of Duffield, for making such splendid arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

During the afternoon, a collection was made towards the restoration of Duffield bells, and a pleasant evening was afterwards spent renewing old friendships and with the handbells. It was decided unanimously to make the affair an annual event.

J. F. S.

LONG SERVICE.

At St. Mary's Church, Broughton Astley, Leicestershire, on May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: W. Arnold 1, J. Brunt 2, C. Carr 3, A. Bodycote 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5. Rung on his 70th birthday, as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, the captain of the local band and a service ringer at the church for 54 years.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The 41st annual festival of the above association was held at East Retford on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Anston, Barlborough, Collingham, Cuckney, Edwinstowe, Gamston, Gainsborough, Rotherham, Tickhill, Shireoaks, Sutton-on-Trent, Misterton, Wheatley, Warsop, Worksop, East Retford and Ordsall. The three towers, East Retford (10), Ordsall (6), and West Retford (6), were available, by permission of incumbents, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., and the following methods were rung: At East Retford, Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major; and at West Retford and Ordsall, methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise. At the service an eloquent and appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. Alfred Parkinson from St. Luke xiv. 17. The preacher dealt with the duties of ringers and the encouragement they should receive from the clergy, the disappointments the enthusiasts had to put up with in all games and pursuits of life. Being a great footballer and cricketer himself, he knew how trying it was for half a dozen men only to turn up to time for a game where 11 players were required, and the other five to come later or send the most frivolous excuses for absenting themselves. The leaders had to enlist the service of substitutes, and carry on the game with a brave spirit and make many sacrifices. Was it not the same in bell ringing, and more difficult, too, where substitutes could not be found? Yet the leaders went on year by year in country villages and towns, and tried to carry on bravely. He appealed to all present to take the greatest interest in their noble art, and to put life and inspiration into their leaders by attending all practices and Sunday ringing regularly and punctually.

Tea was served at Cooke's Cafe, where 55 sat down, presided over by the Rev. A. Parkinson. At the business meeting which followed, the hon. secretary's report was accepted. It dealt with the year's work in detail, and hinted at his resignation on account of increasing ties and advancing years.

The hon. secretary, however, agreed to accept office for another two years, and all other officers, including the president, vice-presidents, and assistant secretary, were re-elected on bloc.

The next meeting will be held at Edwinstowe on June 25th.

Seventeen new members were duly enrolled, and the question of a competition for the new silver cup, which Mr. Crawford, of Rampton, had offered in memory of his late father, who was an enthusiastic ringer and a committeeman, was left in the hands of a small committee of five to draw up rules, etc., and report as early as possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of East Retford for his address and for the use of bells and presiding over tea and meeting. Also to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson and Rev. G. E. Summers, of Ordsall and West Retford respectively, for the use of the bells. The former sent an apology for absence from the meeting, as he was away from home, and wished the association every success.—The Chairman briefly replied, and the meeting terminated. The towers were then again visited, and ringing continued until 8.45 p.m.

H. H.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. LICHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

A well attended meeting of this branch took place at Langport on Saturday, May 21st. Over 30 sat down to tea in the Church Room, ringers being present from Yeovil, Martock, Stoke-under-Ham, Ilminster, Drayton, Curry Rivel, Street, and from such distant Dorset towers as Dorchester and Buckhorn Weston. The president of the branch (the Rev. G. W. Saunders) conducted a short service in the Parish Church, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Plaxton).

A business meeting followed the tea, the president being in the chair, supported by the vice-president (the Rev. A. Rhys James, Vicar of Drayton) and the Vicar.

The Chairman said he was most pleased to see such a good meeting. He thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and for making all arrangements, especially for arranging for them to have a choir. He was pleased to see the choir boys had come to tea, and he thought they must intend to become ringers, as they had stayed on for the meeting. He also thanked Mrs. Plaxton for playing the organ, and ladies who had provided such an excellent tea.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Ilminster.—The Misses Eva Sibley and Jessie Bailey and Mr. J. Rice, all of Ilminster, were made members.

The President read a circular letter from the general secretary (Mr. J. T. Dyke), which is being sent to the clerks of all Church Councils in the diocese, asking their support to a scheme of insurance of ringers. He brought this to the notice of the ringers because clerks of parochial councils, as well as Vicars, sometimes possessed waste-paper baskets, so he advised the members to see that it was brought before their Councils, and to do their utmost to support it.

By kind permission of the incumbents, the bells of Curry Rivel and Drayton, Machelney and Huish Episcopi were available. The Secretary (Mr. F. Farrant) expressed the thanks of the meeting for the privilege.

Langport and Huish bells were made good use of until late, the methods rung including Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Stedman.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT AT SWINDON. NEW TREBLES GIVEN BY RINGERS.

Two new treble bells have been added to the six in St. Mark's tower, Swindon, and were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Swindon (Dr. R. T. Talbott) at the monthly meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association on Saturday, May 21st. One new bell was the gift of the late Mr. O. W. Layng, a former Swindon ringer, and the money for the other was raised by the local ringers. The Archdeacon, in his address, said the augmented peal would be a valuable asset to the town and neighbourhood of Swindon, in the same way as the peal which was recast and rehung in the Parish Church, and it was a beautiful thought that the bells of both parishes would be pealing out a welcome and answering each other, filling the whole district with beautiful sound. The ringers had a very sacred and happy work to perform in calling people to worship on Sundays, but chiefly he wished them to associate the bells with three great events—Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide.

After a few touches of Grandsire Triples, etc., on the bells, tea was partaken of in Maxwell Street Schools, the catering being admirably done by the wives of St. Mark's band, under the supervision of the captain's wife (Mrs. G. Lawrence).

After tea, the Vicar (Canon A. G. G. Ross) thanked the Archdeacon for his presence and for dedicating the new bells.

The Archdeacon, in responding, said it gave him great pleasure to be in the company of so many efficient campanologists. They had with them that afternoon Mr. Hopper, who had acted as hon. secretary to the scheme to raise the money for the new bells, and within a very short period had seen the consummation of his work, and he hoped this would be acknowledged. Ringers were artists in a very fine sense. Ignorant people said that anyone could ring bells, but this was not so. Only a trained person could ring in a skilled sense.

Mr. Ernest Bishop congratulated the St. Mark's parish on completing their peal of eight, which he considered were of a very fine quality.

After tea, a return to the tower was made, and ringing in various methods was continued until 9 p.m.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on the perfect splice, which goes to make a nice light peal of eight, tenor 11 cwt. The following towers were represented at the dedication: Bristol, Gloucester, Faringdon, Stratton (St. Margaret's), Barcote, Elkestone, Devizes, Swindon Parish Church and the local band.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ATTENDANCE AT THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The spring meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Combe, near Woodstock, on Saturday, May 21st, when the following towers were represented: Aston Bampton 1, Combe 8, Barton 6, Ducklington 1, Eynsham 1, Freeland 2, Yarnton 2, Wootton 1, Woodstock 1, Witney 3, Steeple Aston 2, Rousham 6, Standlake 1, Stonesfield 2, Stanton Harcourt 1, and Kidlington 2. Among others present were the Revs. G. Ward-Jackson (Rousham), H. K. Norton (Stonesfield) and C. Tristram (Ducklington). The meeting began with a ringers' service at Combe Church, and the Vicar of Combe, the Rev. J. H. Pearson, preached an inspiring sermon from the text, 'Fellow workers in the Kingdom of God,' in the course of which he spoke of the valuable work which ringers and Guilds like the Oxford Diocesan Guild were doing.

After tea, a business meeting was held at which the Rev. F. R. Marriott (Rector of Wootton and Rural Dean), chairman of the branch, presided. He welcomed all new members of the Guild, and expressed gratitude to all who had made the meeting a success.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Everts, jun.) reported an increase in the half-year of 24 new members, three towers and one honorary member. Last year the amount collected from 21 hon. members was £5 13s., and from 17 towers £9 17s., a total of £15 10s., half of which was due to the general Guild. At the end of 1926 the balance in hand was £20, and after certain expenses, which would not be so heavy in a normal year, they were now left with a balance in the bank of £23 8s. 9d.

On the proposition of the Chairman, who thanked Mr. Everts for carrying out the double position of secretary and treasurer, the report and balance sheet were adopted.

It was decided to hold the autumn meeting at Aston Bampton.

Mr. T. W. Bond reported that he had attended the Guild committee meeting at Reading in April, and the Master had then remarked on the falling off of the attendance at the Guild's annual festival. Their branch was spoken of as a growing and strong branch, and he (Mr. Bond) appealed to the members to attend the festival, which would be held at Oxford.

Several new members were elected to the Guild, after which Mr. Everts called attention to the death of an old hon. member, the Rev. W. Bryant. It was agreed to send a letter of condolence to his relatives.

The question of making a donation to the General Restoration Fund was referred to the annual meeting.

The Secretary spoke of the advisability of obtaining more young members, and emphasised the desirability of getting members to attend the service after ringing, a view with which the Chairman concurred. He advocated the making of a rule that where possible ringers should attend once on Sunday.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE EXTENSION. CENTRAL COUNCIL TO BE ASKED TO DECIDE.

The Central Council next Tuesday are to be asked for a decision upon the much discussed question of the true extension of Superlative Surprise. Since the last meeting, a peal of Royal, which is Shipway's method which was rung over a hundred years ago at Wakefield, has been rung at Surfleet, and a peal of Maximus in a different method, but also designated Superlative, has been rung at Ipswich.

The Rev. H. Law James, the advocate of Shipway's extension, has given notice of motion: 'That since William Shipway extended Superlative Surprise Major to Royal, and the first peal of Royal was rung at Wakefield in 1826, the Council cannot accept any extension to Maximus which does not agree with the Major and the Royal.'

'Owen Kay' now writes that like a war horse he 'scents a battle from afar,' and as he is not able to take a part in it, he wishes to do 'the next best thing,' i.e., to see that those who do are well armoured to meet the onslaught of the opposing forces.

To this end he draws the attention of friends, who value truth and order, to the lead heads produced by the first five constructional places of 'Superlative' Major, and the first five constructional places of Shipway's Royal.

The figures which follow, he says, will speak for themselves:—

'SUPERLATIVE.'

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216453	21645387
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Lead head 145236, if	Lead head 14523678, if
no other places.	no other places.
Lead heads of four possible	Lead heads of four possible
Single methods.	Single methods.
(1) 135264	(1) 13527486
(2) 156342	(2) 13527486
(3) 164523	(3) 13527486
(4) 142635	(4) 15738264
One Double method, irregular	One Double method: 'Superlative.'
and false.	15738264
Royal.	Maximus.
1234567890	1234567890et
2143658709	2143658709te
1246357890	1246357890et
2164538709	2164538709te
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2614357890	2614357890et
6241538709	6241538709te
2614583079	2614583079e
6241850397	624185037e9
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2648105937	*2648105t3e79*
** Transpose by	** Transpose by
5371920486	537192e4t608

Lead head 1452367890 if	Lead head 1452367890et if
no other places.	no other places.
Lead head of Single method with	Lead head of Single method with
Round Block progression.	Round Block progression.
1573920486	157392e4t608
Double Method, like Minor, Irregular;	Double Method Irregular, but
Round Block progression	can be converted into a Regular
in three leads only.	Single Method by omitting the
	Extreme when the Treble is
	behind.

SHIPWAY'S METHOD.

Minor.	Major.
123456	12345678
214365	21436587
124635	12463578
216453	21645387
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261543	26154378
625134	62513487
261534	26153487
625143	62518374
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265413	*26581734*
** Transpose by	** Transpose by
53718264	53718264
Lead head 153246 if	Lead head 15324678 if
no other places.	no other places.

Lead head of Single Method.
156342

Double Method impossible without altering at the second cross section.

N.B.—This Minor is not a Surprise Method ascending to arbitrary definition.

Royal.
1234567890
2143658709
1246357890
2164538709

2615437890
6251348709
2615384079
6251830497

2658103947
** Transpose by
5371920486

Lead head 1532467890 if
no other places.

Lead head of Single Method.
1573920486

N.B.—This Royal can be converted into a Double Method by making 8th's place at the second cross section, and it then becomes Shipway's so-called ('Superlative') Royal.

Lead head of Single Method.
15738264

Double Method Irregular.
N.B.—This Major is a Surprise Method according to arbitrary definition, which shows the uselessness of making any arbitrary definitions when dealing with scientific problems.

Maximus.
1234567890et
2143658709te
1246357890et
2164538709te

2615437890et
6251348709te
2615384079e
625183047e9

2658103t4e79
** Transpose by
537192e4t608

Lead head 1532467890et if
no other places.

Double Method like the Major, Irregular.

Lead head of Single Method.
157392e4t608

P.S.—'Owen Kay,' in face of the above figures, would like to learn what claim Shipway's method has to the title of 'Superlative.'

SUFFOLK GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT HAUGHLEY.

On Saturday, May 28th, a district meeting was held at Haughley, which was surprisingly well attended considering it is only a five-bell tower. Members were present from Stowmarket, Debenham, Stoke Ash, Thornham, Marlesford, Leiston, Campsey Ash, Ufford, Sproughton, and other places, including two visitors from Cambs.

A committee meeting was held in the study at the Vicarage, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. White), over which the genial and popular president, Archdeacon Farmiloe, presided.

Tea was served on the Vicarage lawn, to which about thirty-five sat down, after which the company were invited to face the camera.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon to Stedman, St. Simon's, Grandsire, and Plain Bob, in which some of the local band took part.

The bells of Wetherden (advertised as five) were at the disposal of members during the afternoon, and to many it came as a surprise to find the tower contained six bells. Touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Bob Minor were brought round.

A move was then made to Stowmarket, where the eight bells were available during the evening, touches in various methods being rung.

It is desired to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to all concerned in making the arrangements for what proved to be a most pleasant afternoon. This result should act as a stimulus to further effort in this direction.

LAVENHAM DISTRICT AT LITTLE WALDINGFIELD.

A meeting of the Lavenham District was held at St. Lawrence's Church, Little Walsingham, on Saturday, May 21st. Twenty-five members attended from Lavenham, Long Melford, Monks Eleigh, Great Henny, Sudbury, Acton and the local band. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Melling), who gave an interesting address on the duties of bell ringers. Tea was served in the Parish Room, the Vicar presiding.

On the proposition of Mr. A. Symonds, seconded by Mr. S. Gridley, Preston was chosen as the next meeting place in July, and it was also decided to leave the actual date to the secretary, so as to avoid the clashing with neighbouring meetings, as was the case that day.

Four new ringing members were elected, and Mr. F. Johnson, churchwarden, kindly consented to enter as an honorary member.

Mr. W. R. J. Poulson proposed, and Mr. A. Symonds (district secretary) seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. E. H. Melling for presiding and for the use of the bells, also to the ladies for arranging the excellent tea.

The Vicar, in replying, said how pleased he was to meet the ringers at that the first meeting ever held at Little Walsingham. He hoped he would soon be meeting them there again.

A collection was taken for the Church Restoration Fund, and amounted to 14s. 7d.

The touches rung during the day were very short and few, owing to the bad 'go' of the bells, an unmusical peal of five, but a quickly arranged musical evening more than compensated those members who stayed an extra hour.

THE BELLS OF DEVON.

A 'RINGERS' GUIDE.

There has just been published a revised list of church bells of Devon corrected up to date. It is published at 1s. 6d. by Messrs. W. Pollard and Co., of Bampfylde Street, Exeter, and should be of great value and interest not only to Devon ringers, but also to ringing visitors to the county. This new addition has been prepared by the Rev. Maitland Kelly (ex-president), Rev. E. S. Powell (president), and Mr. T. Laver (secretary of the Devon Guild). It contains a list of all the churches in Devon with three bells and upwards, giving in each case the weight of the tenor, the date when any work was last done, and by whom. This last information is, of course, of great importance to any touring ringers, as it enables them to judge what prospect they may find of a ring of bells being fit for a peal. Great care has evidently been bestowed upon the work to make it as accurate as possible.

It is interesting to quote from the Preface: An inventory of church bells throughout England was ordered to be made in Edward the Sixth's reign, in the year 1553. Subsequent to this date no further general record of bells in the county of Devon was made until the middle of the 19th century. In the years 1864-1865 the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, although well over 70 years old, ascended every church tower in the county, with but two or three exceptions, and catalogued the inscriptions and measurements of the bells. This monumental work was published by the Exeter Diocesan Architectural Society, and it must always remain as the basis of all further publications on the subject. But it is a book which can hardly become generally accessible, and on this account Mr. C. Pearson published an abbreviation of Ellacombe's list in 1888, brought up to date and bearing the title, 'The Ringers' Guide to the Church Bells of Devon.' A supplement to this book was published by him in 1900, and it is this supplement revised to date that the present editors are now offering to the ringing Exercise and others interested in church bells, with the permission of Mr. Pearson. In order to keep the book within limits of the smallest purses, and thus render its contents of wider circulation, this edition is confined strictly to an actual catalogue of the bells in the various towers. Fuller information can be obtained from Mr. Pearson's book, which is still obtainable from the publishers.

The following comparative list of the church bells in the county of Devon in the years 1553, 1865, 1900 and 1927 is interesting:

Rings of	1553.	1865.	1900.	1927.
Twelve bells	—	—	—	2
Ten bells	—	1	4	4
Eight bells	—	19	52	75
Six bells	—	137	183	228
Five bells	35	122	93	66
Four bells	216	64	37	22
Three bells	183	96	75	57
Total	434	439	444	454
Number of bells in rings of three to twelve	1,588	2,139	2,393	2,624

It will be observed that while the number of towers in which there are installed three or more bells has remained almost constant during four centuries, there has been a steady tendency to increase the number of bells in the respective bellfries. Previously to the middle of the last century, this desire generally took the form of recasting the few, though often heavy, bells, number three or four, into a new peal of five or six. In the last fifty years the influence of half-pull change ringing has made itself felt with the demand that more opportunity for variety should be given, and has thus fostered the increase to eight and more bells in a tower. In this respect, as in many others, the beneficial effects that have issued from the establishment of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers in the year 1874 can be seen.

FORTY YEARS ON.

Forty years ago on Whit Monday, May 30th, 1887, twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths attempted to ring Mr. H. W. Haley's peal of 10,030 Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, London, but, unfortunately, got out in the last course after ringing upwards of 9,900 changes in 7 hours and 35 minutes: J. Pettit (conductor) 1, H. Springall 2, S. E. Joyce 3, C. F. Winney 4, E. Gibbs 5, G. T. McLaughlin 6, F. E. Dawe 7, E. E. Clark 8, W. Greenleaf 9, F. G. Newman 10, E. Horrex 11, J. M. Hayes 12.

When the band came out of the tower they were met by Mr. A. P. Heywood (as he then was), of Duffield Bank, who had journeyed to London to hear the ringing. After expressing his sorrow at their bad luck, he kindly invited them to the Bell Tavern to partake of a substantial meat tea, which he had liberally ordered for them. Few of this band are now left.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

In honour of Queen Mary's 60th birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at St. John's Church, Stanmore, on Thursday, May 26th, in 49 mins.: E. Leversuch 1, R. G. Ilsley 2, C. Cook 3, S. Hoare 4, C. Dyke 5, F. Edwards (conductor) 6, G. A. Hughes 7, F. Hawkins 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, May 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): S. Common 1, H. Payne 2, E. Tall 3, F. Mursell 4, T. White 5, J. Faithfull (conductor) 6, F. Cole 7, A. Newman 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 29th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for evening service, 1,216 Norfolk Surprise Major: R. Bullen 1, Miss E. Chapman 2, C. W. Roberts 3, J. Bennett 4, W. Hewett 5, E. F. Pike 6, R. Sanders 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.

BARNES.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Mackrill 1, H. Barrett 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. C. Stacey 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, F. Hendy 8.

FELKIRK, YORKS.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for matins, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Kellsall 1, A. Cole 2, H. Chant 3, D. Smith 4, M. Perry 5, J. T. White (conductor) 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by all the band.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—For evening service, on Sunday, May 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Sir John Herschel: H. Harding, sen., 1, N. Harding 2, G. Grover 3, J. Goacher 4, W. Savage 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

ALDERMASTON.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Nash 1, S. Quintin (conductor) 2, S. Collins 3, T. Aberly 4, A. T. Frankum 5, H. Smith 6, R. Frankum 7, R. Aberly 8.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for evening service, at St. Giles' Church, 720 Carlisle Surprise: W. Thornley 1, R. H. Cox 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, W. R. Drage (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday evening, May 22nd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original) in 40 mins.: E. H. Kilby 1, E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, Miss R. Hawksworth 4, Miss E. Chapman 5, H. Kilby 6, R. A. Fardon (conductor) 7, R. Sanders 8.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on June 30th, St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th (6 to 7.30 p.m.), St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, 'The Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, on the 14th (8 p.m.), Southwark Cathedral on the 21st, 'St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of the above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All those intending to be present kindly notify me in good time. Visitors welcomed. —Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Rainford Parish Church on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested. —James Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, June 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. Peel tablet unveiling. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Owing to illness at Bolsover, the June 4th meeting is transferred to Creswell (buses Clowne). New peal of 8 by Taylor's. Tea will be provided as usual. The Rector of Creswell writes: 'Come early and stay late.'—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, June 6th. Committee meeting in Holy Sepulchre's Institute at 11 a.m. Service in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at 12 noon. Luncheon, followed by the business meeting, at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m. Towers available: Kingsthorpe (6) from 10 to 11.30 a.m., St. Giles' (10), All Saints' (8), St. Edmund's (8) and Holy Sepulchre (8) from 10 a.m. throughout the day.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Geddington, Kettering.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Newton Abbot on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in St. Leonard's Chapel, at 12.15 p.m. Dinner in Ambulance Hall, East Street, at 1.0 followed by meeting. Highweek, Wolborough and St. Leonard's towers open for ringing.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit Monday, June 6th. Bells (8) available all day. Committee meeting 11.30 a.m. at the Church. Service in the Church at 12 o'clock. The address will be given by the Vicar of Thirsk. Dinner will be provided at the Golden Lion Hotel.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 48th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th. 11.30 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. Canon F. C. Macdonald, of Purleigh. 12.15 p.m.: Meeting in Cathedral Hall. 1.30 p.m.: Lunch at Hicks' Restaurant, High Street, members 2s. each. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Great Baddow (8), Writtle (8), Great Waltham (8), Widford (8), Springfield (6), Galleywood (8), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8). No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, General Sec. and Treas., 45, High St., Saffron Walden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting for ringing only will be held at Hawkshead on Whit Monday. Bells (6) will be available all day.—W. T. Clark, Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 41st annual meeting will be held at Hereford on Whit Monday, June 6th. 11.45: Unveiling peal tablet in Cathedral Tower. Service in the Cathedral 12.15. Preacher, Rev. G. H. Jobling, Rector of Kingsland. Dinner at Bootlie Hall Hotel (2s. 6d.) 1 p.m. Mr. C. Edwards (Master) in the chair.—Rev. Preb. G. W. Turner, Hon. Sec., Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The forty-ninth annual meeting will be held at Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water on Whit Monday, June 6th. Important business, including Jubilee Meeting arrangements, election of officers. Luncheon may be had at the Unicorn Hotel, Stow-on-the-Wold, 3s. 6d. Ringing at Stow from 12 noon. Ringing at Bourton-on-the-Water up to 3 p.m. and after business meeting. Service at 3 p.m. Tea at the Lansdown, free to all members, upon notification by Saturday, June 4th. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Cheltenham will conduct the service, with Canon White, of Bourton-on-the-Water.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Morpeth, on June 6th. The Watch Tower bells are open all day. Committee meeting at noon and Dinner (2/6 to members, 3/- to non-members) at 1 o'clock, at the Earl Grey Hotel, the Mayor of Morpeth, will welcome our members at the tower and at the dinner.—E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly Meeting, Ipswich District.—A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, June 11th. Bells at Bramford (6) also available during the afternoon and evening. Tea, 9d., at 4.45, to those sending their names by June 8th. Every ringer welcomed.—G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Road, Ipswich.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. —A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, June 11th. 8 Bells. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. —H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Brindle Parish Church on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. It is essential that those requiring tea should notify Mr. W. Sharples, Thorpe Green, Brindle, on or before Tuesday, June 7th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. Watson, 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Sedgley, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. A tea will be provided, for which a small charge may be made.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting at Kimpton on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Vicarage by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Whyte Venables). Will all who can please attend this meeting?—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be at Lutterworth on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited, a good meeting being hoped for. — W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—The annual ringing day will be held on Saturday, June 11th. The bells (8) available all day. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5 p.m. It is necessary that visitors requiring tea let me know by the 9th inst. A cordial welcome to all.—Granville C. Bixby, Hall Street, Long Melford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting for combined practice in 10-bell methods will be held at St. Martin's Church, Epsom, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available at 6 p.m. Will those attending please learn either Plain Bob, Treble Bob or Cambridge Surprise Royal?—A. C. Hazelden, Guildford.

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wentworth on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Those requiring tea please apply to G. West, The Square, Wentworth, by Tuesday, June 7th. — A. Panther, Sec. (pro tem.), 25, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Wednesday, June 8th.—S. Hopper, Hon. Branch Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Overseal on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea at Schools 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea (1s.) must notify Mr. J. W. Cotton, 50, Gresley Wood Road, Church Gresley, near Burton, by the previous Thursday. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Vale of White Horse Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, June 11th. Service at 3.30. Tower open 2.30. Those requiring tea should notify secretary, G. A. Webley, Southampton Street, Faringdon, by Wednesday, June 8th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — The next meeting will be held at Merrow on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 7th. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A service will be held at the Liverpool Cathedral on Saturday, June 11th. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6.30. St. Luke's bells will be open for ringing from 3 to 4.30. Tea 1s. each. Members intending being present please send word to Archdeacon Howson, 3, Gambrian Terrace, Liverpool. Business for meeting: Election of branch sec.—Walter Hughes.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Stapleford on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Church 7 minutes from Shelford Station. Short service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. 'Minglepen' gardens, near the church, will be open to any ringers and friends, by kind permission of Mrs. Goldsmith-Martin. A hearty invitation is extended to all.—F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —A monthly meeting will be held at Steeple-Ashton on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bourne on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by June 14th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South District.—A business meeting will be held on June 11th at St. Mary's, Woolwich. Tower open from 4 to 8. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business after. Will those coming to tea please let me know before the 15th?—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cadeleigh on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, June 14th?—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The annual joint meeting of the Barnsley and District, the Doncaster and District, the Sheffield District and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Please send names to Mr. M. C. Fowler, 26, Northcliffe Road, Conisborough, near Doncaster, by Thursday, the 16th.—F. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chaddesley Corbett on Saturday, June 11th. Bells will be available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. All those requiring tea must notify me by June 14th latest. Charge, 1s. per head.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready at 3.15. The usual tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome. And Ruislip July 9th.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea, at the invitation of the Vicar (Rev. S. K. Lockyer) and friends. Business meeting after. A good gathering at this annual event is hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The first general quarterly meeting will be held at Earl Shilton, near Leicester, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) also Barwell (8) will be available. Fuller details later. —Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Brightling on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Parish Recreation Hall at 5.30, through the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. E. A. W. Haviland). Business meeting to follow. Half fares (maximum 1s.) allowed to members.—G. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—By kind permission of the respective clergy, a joint meeting of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Associations will be held at Halifax on Saturday, July 9th. Further details later.—W. H. Shaker and P. J. Johnson, General Secs.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, July 2nd. In connection with this the Southern Railway have agreed to issue return tickets at single fare, by any train, available for that day only. Those requiring the necessary signed voucher, which must be handed to the booking clerk when applying for the cheap tickets, should apply to me without delay. Please make this as widely known as possible.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

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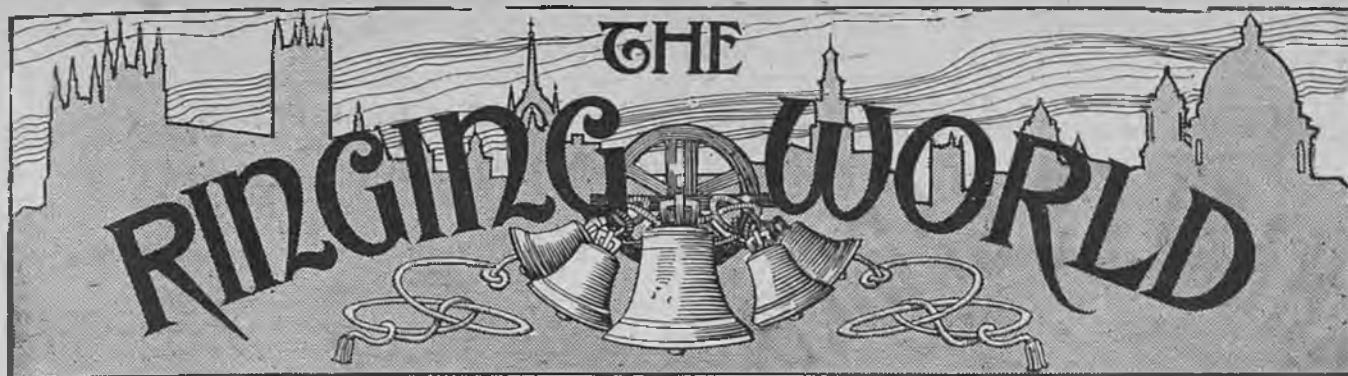
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AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 27½ cwt.

HARRY HEAP Treble	ARTHUR RIDYARD 6
FRED CORRINGER 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
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SAM HOLT 5	FRED PAGE Tenor

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THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

HERBERT SHEPPARD Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 5
*ALFRED E. BACON 2	†JAMES H. RAPER 7
ROBERT PICKERING 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
HERBERT KNIGHT 4	†JOSEPH E. SYKES 9
JOHN GOODMAN 5	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. Tenor

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters and first attempt. † First peal on ten bells. † 'Enuff Sed.' This peal was specially arranged for J. E. Sykes (Huddersfield), J. H. Roper (King's Lynn), and A. E. Bacon, who were elected life members of the Guild. The ringers of the 3rd, 4th and 6th belong to Wolverhampton, the 8th to Coseley, and the remainder to Dudley. R. Pickering was elected a performing member of the Guild.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

HARRY SEAR Treble	FRANK ROLLINS 6
*CYRIL D. NICHOLS 2	HARRY MARLOW 7
BERTIE O. SODEN 3	WALTER SEAR 8
FRED HOPPER 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE 9
CHARLES W. BIRD 5	WILLIAM ROGERS Tenor

Composed by the late J. CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
GRANDEATHERS' PEAL.

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	JAMES PARKER 6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	FRANK BLUNDELL 7
ARTHUR J. WEALE 3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 8
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On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. WILKINS Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	FRED C. MAYNARD 7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS 3	JAMES BENNETT 8
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 9
CHARLES A. HUGHES 5	WILLIAM MORLEY Tenor

Arranged by CHARLES W. ROBERTS and R. CONGREVE PRIDGON.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS R. SHARMAN... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 5
MISS DOROTHY TARLTON ... 2	JOHN P. TARLTON ... 6
FRED KNOWLES ... 3	*WILLIAM SWAIN ... 7
GEORGE FREEBREVY ... 4	ALFRED MOULD ... ..Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREVY.

* First peal of Major in the method. Rung in honour of the sixtieth birthday of Her Majesty Queen Mary (May 26th).

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

*WILLIAM IRELAND ... ..Treble	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... 5
†NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	JOHN SOUTER ... 6
ALPHEUS BERRY ... 3	CLEMENT J. MORE ... 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4	GEORGE ARCHER ... ..Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by C. J. MORE.

* One hundredth peal. † First peal in the method, also 25th peal.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THÉ-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MAURICE LINGS... ..Treble	†BRIAN BRAY ... 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... 2	†JACK BRAY ... 6
CHARLES H. BIRD ... 3	JACK ALMOND ... 7
GEORGE HOBBS ... 4	†BERNARD GILLATT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal, and proposed a member before starting. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples as conductor.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*DAVID G. TAYLOR ... ..Treble	ALFRED J. WYATT ... 5
†SIDNEY WYATT, JUN. ... 2	*PERCY MERSON ... 6
SIDNEY WYATT ... 3	*GEORGE COLES ... 7
WILLIAM H. COLES ... 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

* First peal of Kent. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. This peal was arranged for Mr. S. H. Green. The conductor, from Southborough, Kent, was proposed a life member of the association before starting.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret.

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

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... ..Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 2	FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
JOHN A. COLE ... 4	GEORGE GILBERTTenor

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HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MORRIS J. MORRISTreble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 5
CHARLES COTTRELL ... 2	WILLIAM DAVIES... .. 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 4	WILLIAM C. RHODES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Albert E. Norman, of the St. Martin's band, to Miss Beatrice Jackson, which took place at St. Martin's earlier in the day.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT RICHARDSON ... ..Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 6
*CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	WILLIAM PYE ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 4	*WALTER AYRE ... ..Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Abbey Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM HUTTON ... ..Treble	E. GEOFFREY BENSON ... 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	JACK JUDGE ... 6
RICHARD J. R. CHAUNDRY... 3	FREDERICK W. WOODWARDS 7
RICHARD DAVIES ... 4	CHARLES SPICER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

The ringer of the 5th was elected a life member of the Guild previous to starting, and this was his first peal of Triples on tower bells.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN NOBES ... ..Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL ... 5
*MISS RUBY HAZEL ... 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 3	PERCY DYKE... .. 7
JACK HONEY ... 4	PERCY FLETCHER... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal.

EDMONTON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..Treble	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 5
*ALICK CUTLER ... 2	*EDWARD H. KING ... 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN... 3	WILBY J. HAZELL ... 7
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, May 18th, 720 of Bob Minor was rung to welcome into the world the little son of the conductor, Mr. J. Brackley: F. Devoil (first 720) 1, H. Greenhill 2, Mrs. W. H. Edwards (first 720 inside) 3, F. Foot (first 720) 4, J. Brackley (conductor) 5, W. H. Edwards 6.

PLYMOUTH.—On Thursday, May 18th, at Stoke Damarel Church, Plymouth, 720 London Surprise Minor: E. W. Marsh 1, W. Wonnacott 2, Rev. E. S. Powell (first 720 in the method) 3, W. Rundle (conductor) 4, W. G. Hiscott 5, T. G. Myers 6.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER AYRE Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Augustine,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL Treble	EDWARD H. KING 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2	WALTER J. BOWDEN 6
*ALICK CUTLER 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
JOSEPH W. PARKER 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Willesden,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY 5
WALTER AYRE 2	HARRY KILBY 6
WILLIAM PYE 3	*CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz., 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Double Oxford.

LEWIS CAMP Treble	HARRY WRIGHT 4
GEORGE CAMP 2	EDWARD SITCH 5
CHARLES HARRINGTON ... 3	ARTHUR BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BRADLEY.

First peal of Minor on the bells and by all except conductor. Rung by St. Mary's service ringers before evensong, as a farewell peal for Canon S. L. Brown, D.D., R.D., twelve years Rector of Fryerning, on his departure for Brentwood, Essex.

MERIDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, May 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt.

THOMAS WILLIAM CHOWN Treble	ALFRED E. BACON 3
*WILLIAM MILLER 2	JAMES H. RAPER 4
JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..	... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WM. CHOWN.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FREDERICK WELLER ... Treble	*GEORGE HILL 4
PERCY MARCHANT 2	JAMES A. HART 5
*ROBERT PLAYFORD 3	*CHARLES J. HART Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... Treble	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 4
EPHRAIM RANDS 2	JAMES GEORGE 5
MISS D. EVA LEWIS 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich, Mr. James Hutchby kindly standing out to reduce the band for Minor. It was a wedding peal to Mr. Albert E. Norman and Miss Beatrice Jackson, who were married at St. Martin's, Birmingham, the same day.

STEBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... Treble	WALTER SMITH 4
*BASIL REDGWELL 2	ERNEST TOWNSEND 5
†FRANK E. HARRINGTON ... 3	†JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by J. JENNINGS.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal. † First peal as conductor in seven methods.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Sunday, June 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

RONALD H. DOVE ... Treble	S. WILFRED CHAPMAN ... 4
JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
BERTRAM W. RANDS 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

Rung by the Vicar's special request on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Also a 'coming-of-age' peal for the treble ringer.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*R. SWIFT Treble	†G. E. ENGLAND 4
†W. A. SWIFT 2	†L. SWIFT 5
*E. G. SWIFT 3	*F. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by W. A. SWIFT.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. † First peal inside.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 31, 1927, in One Hour and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRED HODGSON 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Umpire: MR. JOHN AMBLER.

Rung to speed the parting with the ringer of 7-8, who is leaving the district for Penwortham, Lancs, his brother ringers wishing him every success in his new enterprise.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, June 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

IN TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 1-2	S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 3-4	*N. M. ASHETON (Jesus) 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

* First peal.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Our learned shepherd, having first stated the number of changes to be had on different numbers of bells, proceeds to give a short discourse 'Of Peals.' The Musicalness of the Changes not being very intelligible to ordinary Ringers and the best many times Puzzled and at a loss to find them out, the more Judicious Professors concluded it necessary to cast Peals that so Musical Notes might the better strike the Fancy and lead them to a more feasible and easier to a true understanding in Ringing rendering it (for their Encouragement) the more taking and delightful for every Peal on Bells Tuned, to the Principals of Musick express the Notes for in a Peal of Six Bells. You have exactly the six Musical Notes, viz., La, Sol, Fa, Mi, Re, Ut. But to make them charming and harmonious they must be struck with skill and deliberation gradually striking or leading with the lowest Note and so rising up to the highest, and then down again to the lowest, causing the Fourth Bell to Hunt up to the Seventh; and then dog'd, unless prevented by the Treble and so any other of the number Seven, so that in the compleat number of Changes of the first striking there shall not be rung over twice the same. And in this doing you must have a Musical Ear, and a Steady Hand to observe the least Defect and mend it: to mend or reverse it by dodging or falling in course as the Bells hunt up or down by putting in between or taking place in a compleat Harmony.

I confess I am at a loss to follow much of this paragraph, and I suspect that our author was not quite such an authority on ringing as he would suggest. It was not like this that Fabian Stedman wrote. You have no doubt to pay close attention to what he says, and at times read him slowly and carefully; but if you do you can always be sure of what he means. Stedman was a first-class writer. Our learned shepherd, for all his brag, is in quite another class. And, perhaps, the chief difference between the two is the perpetual one—clear and exact writing necessitates clear and exact thinking, and the reason why so many men's writing is so difficult to follow is just because their thinking is neither clear nor exact.

The next thing our author deals with is Cross Peals. 'Having,' he says, 'already laid the Ground Work for plain peals to introduce the Learner, I now proceed to Cross Peals. These are so Termed because of their Intricacy or Cross method wherein divers Notes moving as it were at once Cross each other, some moving up and others down at the same time; and that the Learner may the easier find it out and comply with it let him observe that one Note carried (called) the Hunt is a Guide to the rest, making one constant motion and uniform throughout the Peal, differing from that of the other Notes through keeping a Continual Motion through the several Notes stricken, viz., From the leading to the striking behind and so thence to the Lead, which Motion up and down is reckoned the compleat Course, tho' some Peals on Five Bells as the Old Doubles, etc., consist only of single Courses, every single Course admitting 10 Changes; and twelve Courses are a compleat Peal; other Peals on Five Bells as the London Paradox, etc., consist of Double Courses 20 Changes going to every Course, and 6 Double Courses to the Peals; but on 6 Bells there are double and single Courses, viz., 12 Changes to

every Single Course as in Grandsire Bob, etc. The Change in which the Hunt leaves leading is properly the first Change in every Course and in Cross Peals all the Courses agree in three Respects (1) in the motion of the Hunt, (2) in the Motion of the remaining Notes, (3) in the making of the Changes which being exactly taken Notice of may serve as a certain Guide to the Rest some few Changes in each Peal Excepted.'

An example is then given in New Doubles, which, spite of its name, is one of the oldest methods that was ever practised. We have descriptions more or less muddled of Doubles and Singles on Four Bells, and 'the Peals called the Old Doubles and singles on Five Bells.' In this there is a curious direction that 'the Treble Moving down out of the Fifth Place, the bell that comes into it must Remain Silent till the Treble Hunts up to it again.' It looks as if each bell was set up in turn for eight changes, all the five being rung only when the treble was in fifth's place. If so, this was a rather interesting experiment to get more variety in five bell ringing, but probably was never more than a local experiment.

There is no mention of any similar thing in Stedman, nor, I think, in any other ringing book, and our author is so obscure that one cannot be quite sure what he does mean. Unfortunately, he gives no figures.

The extracts I have given are a fair sample of the book. As an explanation of ringing, even of ringing in the late seventeenth century, it is of no value, but it is a quaint and interesting survival from the early days of the Exercise.

LAVENHAM RINGER HONOURED.

PRESENTATION TO MR. A. SYMONDS.

There was a happy gathering at the Cook Inn, the headquarters of the Lavenham ringers, on Saturday, May 28th, when a social evening was held in honour of Mr. A. Symonds, the change-ringing instructor, who has now completed fifty years' ringing at SS. Peter and Paul's Church. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. R. J. Poulson, and the vice-chairman was Mr. F. A. Turner. Mr. F. A. Poulson was steward. Mr. F. G. Symonds, of London, was also present. The programme commenced with a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells by Messrs. F. A. Turner, M. T. Symonds, F. Leeks, F. F. Mortlock, and F. A. Poulson. Mr. K. Loveday rendered 'My Irish home, sweet home' as a vocal solo. Bow bells were heard 'as rung by the Ancient Society of Collogo Youths,' this being given from a Columbia gramophone record. Selections on a peal of sixteen handbells were cleverly rendered by Messrs. M. T. and S. H. Symonds, F. A. Turner and F. F. Mortlock, the items including 'Drink to me only,' 'Last Rose of Summer,' 'Blue Bells of Scotland,' etc.

Mr. F. A. Poulson submitted the toast of 'Absent Lavenham ringers,' while 'The SS. Peter and Paul's Society' was proposed by Mr. F. A. Turner, who coupled with it the name of Mr. Arthur Symonds, and congratulated him on ringing that afternoon a bell of nearly one ton in weight, despite his being in his 70th year.

The chairman then presented Mr. Symonds with a framed photograph of the present Lavenham company, adding that he hoped Mr. Symonds would be spared to add many more years to his ringing career.

Mr. Symonds, in reply, thanked the ringers for their kindness, and especially their loyalty to him. His teaching of upwards of fifty ringers had been a real labour of love to him.

The company then accorded Mr. Symonds musical honours, and the pleasant evening terminated with the 'linking of hands' and the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

Mr. Symonds' family has a long record in the ringing world; Mr. A. Symonds' father, grandfather, and four uncles were ringers before him. His three sons, two daughters, two grandsons and four cousins are also ringers.

MR. E. CUTSFORTH'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles 1, Grandsire Triples 16, Grandsire Caters 1, Minor in three methods 2, Erin Triples 1, Stedman Triples 35, St. Clement Triples 1, Bob Major 4, Oxford Treble Bob Major 2 (including 17,824 record at Heptonstall), Kent Treble Bob Major 9, Double Norwich Major 12, Superlative Surprise Major 8 (including 11,232 record at Bolton), Cambridge Surprise Major 3, London Surprise Major 3, Bristol Surprise Major 1, Ipswich Surprise Major 1; total 100. Rung in 37 towers in four counties for five associations.

'LADS' AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

CHESTER RINGERS' VISIT TO LEICESTERSHIRE.

Six 'lads' of the Chester Diocesan Guild, Messrs. H. W. Wilde, J. Morgan, G. Jones, A. E. Richards, W. Thomas and J. W. Clarke, went to Loughborough for a week-end among the bells. Five of the company viewed the countryside in state from an Austin 'Twelve,' while the other one viewed the dust they made from the saddle of a Rudge motor-cycle. Speeding along at about 90 miles per hour (more or less), they viewed the ever-changing scenery—meadows and woods, villages and wireless aërials, petrol pumps, and inns sped by in their turn. Some may doubt that all these delightful scenes were passed by, but in spite of the pathetic appeals—written in large letters—of the petrol pumps to 'fill up your tank,' and the equally pathetic, but unwritten, appeals of the inns to do the same thing, no tank received any attention until much later in the day. A halt was made at Uttoxeter, where a course of ham and tongue was called and quickly brought round. On reaching Derby just before 7 p.m., the aforementioned 90 miles per hour had to be somewhat modified, as one or two policemen, with bobs 'before,' put the whole band into the 'slow.' However, Loughborough was reached about 7.30, and after coursing round the town for nearly half an hour, the hiding-place of the Bell Foundry was at last discovered. Here the party was met by Mr. J. P. Fidler, who, pausing only to tap Mr. Richards a few rounds on Farndon bells, led the way to Stamford, where Mr. Reader joined in, and the delightful ring of eight were soon ringing out the tune of Kent. This was followed by touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Double Norwich. By 9.30 p.m., a jolly company were settled at the Great Central Hotel, Loughborough, the headquarters for the week-end, and a long-felt want was put right by a few courses of that very old method, 'What's yours?' And so to bed.

Some were up early next morning—and some were not. However, after doing full justice to the excellent breakfast fare provided, and visiting some of the important sights of the town, including the Post Office and Woolworth's, the Bell Foundry was reached about 10 a.m. Here, by the kindness of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., a delightfully interesting morning was spent in watching the progress of the many and varied jobs the firm has on hand. The bells of Farndon Church, Cheshire, which are at present at the foundry for tuning, were again 'lapped' by Mr. Fidler for the edification of Mr. Richards, himself a Farndonian. Mr. Jones, not to be outdone by Mr. Fidler, took up the hammer and tapped the tune, 'Now the day is over.' Perhaps the tune was a little inappropriate for the time of the day, but ringers, like sailors, don't care!

Passing through the various departments, the carillons for Shanghai and America were seen in course of construction, and 'Great Peter,' the giant of 12½ tons for York Minster, was seen on the tuning machine. On reaching the foundry carillon, Mr. Richards, as an organist, was asked to render an item, but as he had unfortunately forgotten his music he was unable to oblige. Before leaving, the fascinating little ring in the campanile was 'sampled,' touches in several methods being rung on both the front and back six.

After lunch, the campanile was again visited, and a peal of Minor in four methods was rung in 2 hrs. 27 mins. This was the first peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild in Leicestershire. Mr. W. Thomas, who rang the treble, felt that his three weeks of hard training to be 'in form' for the task had not been in vain!

Some few minutes were spent in listening to the peal of Royal which was in progress at the Parish Church, before Mr. Fidler piloted the party to Kegworth, where there was a ringers' meeting in progress. On the fine old ring of six, some enjoyable touches were brought round, including Cambridge and Spliced Treble Bob. The Rector welcomed the visitors at tea, and a pleasant few minutes were spent in a friendly chat.

Mr. Fidler had arranged for the bells of Disworth, a new ring of six, to be available in the evening, and, as Mr. Sutton and four lady ringers decided to join in, some little skill in packing was required to get everybody into two cars. However, with a little squeezing it was managed, and the quaint old-world village of Disworth was soon reached. Touches of Double Bob, Woodbine, Spliced Treble Bob, Cambridge and Plain Bob were rung. Before leaving, the Rector was good enough to show the visitors some of the interesting sights of the village, including, with the kind permission of the tenants, the interior of a beautiful old thatched house.

The packing process had then to be repeated, and, in spite of the difficulty the drivers had to get to the controls, Loughborough was safely reached about 9.30 p.m.

Mr. Fidler took charge again quite early on Sunday morning, and introduced the 'lads' to the band at the Parish Church. The opportunity to join in the ringing on this fine-toned ring of ten was greatly appreciated.

After dinner, preparations were made, rather reluctantly, for the return journey. Bags were tied on, carburettors flooded, and Mr. Fidler waved farewell to his fellow-countrymen.

The first stop was made at Trowell, where the band was welcomed by the Rev. C. M. V. Hickey, who has recently moved there from Christleton, Chester. A touch of Spliced Treble Bob was rung before tea, very generously provided by Mr. Towleson. It was strange that Mr. Hickey should leave a parish where the bells are much out of tune and arrive in another where the same state of things exists.

The clerk of the weather, who had so far been exceedingly kind, at this point decided to make a change, and by the time Uttoxeter was reached rain was falling steadily. The acquaintance of the Uttoxeter Parish Church ringers was made, and half an hour's ringing enjoyed before pushing on towards home. The five gentlemen in the car smoked in peace under the shelter of the hood, but the motor-cyclist received a free bath.

The company would like to take this opportunity of expressing their grateful thanks to all those who helped to make the week-end the success it was, and especially to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. for the privilege of viewing the foundry and for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. P. Fidler, whose unsparring efforts did so much towards the making of an ideal week-end.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM LAMBERT.

WELL-KNOWN BOLSOVER RINGER'S LONG CAREER.

Ringers in the Midlands will regret to hear of the death of Mr. William Lambert, of Bolsover, who passed away at the age of 71 years on Tuesday, May 31st, after a short illness. Mr. Lambert rang his last peal, one of Superlative, on March 12th this year, and only rang once after that date for Sunday service.

Coming to Bolsover in 1902 from South Yorkshire, Mr. Lambert has been one of the mainstays in the Bolsover band during the whole of the 25 years. Besides being most regular in his attendance for Sunday service ringing, he had also taken part in many of the notable peals rung in the district. He took part in the first peals of Yorkshire and Peterborough Surprise ever rung, the first peals of Norfolk, Pudsey, Rutland, Cambridge Royal, Double Norwich Caters, and Royal, the first of Bristol and London Major by the Sheffield District Society.

In his day, the late Mr. Lambert was a really good handbell ringer, having rung peals of Double Norwich, New Cambridge and Superlative.

Commencing to ring at the early age of 10, Mr. Lambert could lay claim to having been a ringer for 61 years.

He was borne to his last resting-place in the Parish Churchyard on Saturday last by his fellow ringers, others attending from Chesterfield, Sheffield Cathedral, Rotherham, Ecclesfield, Staveley, Eckington, Mansfield, Killamarsh, and North Wingfield to pay their last tribute to so worthy an example in the Exercise.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Jesse Moss, Arthur Craven, Arthur Knights, and George Lewis. Owing to illness near the church, only one course of Treble Bob could be rung with half-muffled clappers. The bells were again rung half-muffled for service on Sunday.

Wreaths were sent from the Sheffield District Society and the local company.

Mr. Lambert had rung 353 peals, made up as follows: Bob Minor, on handbells 1; Treble Bob Minor, tower bells 28, handbells 1; Surprise Minor, 6; Kent Treble Bob Major, 35, on handbells 4; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 25, on handbells 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 10, on handbells 2; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 5; Grandsire Triples, 2; Grandsire Caters, 7; Bob Major, 14, on handbells 4; Bob Royal, 5, on handbells 1; Double Norwich Major, 53, on handbells 1; Double Norwich Caters, 1; Double Norwich Royal, 3; Stedman Triples, 5; Stedman Caters, 10; Stedman Cinques, 1; Spliced Treble Bob Royal, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 54, on handbells 3; Yorkshire Surprise Major, 16; Peterborough Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 13, on handbells 1; London Surprise Major, 14; Bristol Surprise Major, 1; Norfolk Surprise, 14; Rutland Surprise, 2; Pudsey Surprise, 2; Forward Royal, 1; total, 334, on handbells 19.

EIGHTY YEARS A RINGER.

MR. G. SLINGSBY'S LONG CONNECTION WITH ALDINGTON CHURCH.

The monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild was held at Aldington on May 28th, by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. G. S. Long, to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. G. Slingsby, who has been a ringer at the church for 80 years. The bells were raised soon after 3 p.m., and a 120 of Bob Minor was rung, Mr. Slingsby ringing the treble, followed by a good 720 of Kent Treble Bob: F. Good 1, J. Garrett 2, G. Swaffer 3, C. W. Everett 4, H. C. Castle 5, E. Powell (conductor) 6. First 720 by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Tea was provided at the Rectory, and was followed by the business meeting, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at New Romney on June 11th and the outing on July 16th.

Mr. Slingsby has been presented by the Rector with a small model of the Aldington treble as a memento of his long connection with the church and bells.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

At Barnes, on June 3rd, in honour of H.M. the King's birthday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, H. Dyas 4, C. Hunt 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, G. C. Rice 7, P. Stratton 8.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**RESIGNATION OF YORKTOWN DISTRICT SECRETARY.**

A meeting of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 28th, when members were present from Chertsey, Weybridge, Hawley, Farnham, Bagshot, Yorktown, Pirbright, and the local band. Ringing during the afternoon on the five bells included Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles. The service was taken by the Rev. Canon Chalacombe, who also kindly provided tea on the Vicarage lawn. Canon Chalacombe presided at the meeting, supported by the Rev. Ellswood, of Hawley.

Mr. Nye gave a brief account of the business transacted at the committee meeting of the proposed Guildford Diocesan Guild held the previous Saturday.

It was proposed to give £1 to Mr. B. Hawkins, of Hawley, for instruction given to the Yorktown band.

It was with great regret that the meeting was asked to accept Mr. J. B. Hessey's resignation as hon. secretary on the ground of ill-health. The Chairman asked Mr. S. G. Armstrong (the Ringing Master) to convey his and all the members' wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. H. J. Chaffey was elected to carry on the secretary's duties to finish the year, and Mr. Armstrong offered to help with the work.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman for his kindness in providing the tea, officiating at the service and presiding at the meeting.

Afterwards, Canon Chalacombe invited the 17 members present to a game of bowls on the lawn, and after a pleasant game more refreshments were served, and time came all too soon for the 'trek' home at the close of one of the most pleasant meetings.

MUNIFICENT GIFT TO BRAINTREE AND BOCKING.

On Saturday, May 28th, at St. Mary's Church, Bocking, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Wiffen 1, L. Wiseman 2, W. J. Nevard 3, W. Arnold 4, F. Claydon 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6, A. Saunders 7, L. W. Wiffen 8. Rung on the occasion of the opening of a recreation ground for Baintree and Bocking, presented and endowed by Mr. William Julien Courtauld, J.P., C.C., at the cost of £20,000. The same gentleman has recently built for the district a cottage hospital costing £30,000, and his latest gift is a town hall for Baintree, now in course of construction, the contract price of which is over £40,000. The town hall will be surmounted by a tower containing clock and Westminster chimes. The heaviest bell is to weigh 39 cwt. The work of erecting the clock and chimes has been entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, who have also in hand the re-hanging in an iron frame the ring of six at Stisted, an adjoining village.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH DORSET BRANCH.**

A quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Bourton, on Saturday, May 28th. In the absence of the Vicar, who was away in Cheshire for the baptism of his grandchild, the Guild service was read by the Master, Rev. R. H. Gundry, and a stimulating address was given by the branch secretary, Rev. R. E. P. Gorringe. The churchwardens were in attendance, and the singing, which was of remarkably hearty character, was accompanied with marked ability by Mr. W. Hosmer, the organist, who is himself a ringer.

Ample justice was done to tea in the Vicarage Room, and during the course of the proceedings a telegram was read from the Vicar, wishing those present a happy time.

At the subsequent business meeting it was decided to continue monthly practices during the summer, except in July.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens, the local ringers, the organist and the preacher.—Mr. W. Hosmer briefly replied, and extended a cordial welcome to the visiting ringers.

Some sixty ringers were present from all parts of the county. The towers of Mere, Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna were available, besides the tuneful ring of six at Bourton. Good practice was obtained in Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and several beginners were successfully piloted through their first Plain Course or six-score.

A NEW COUNTY BORDER ASSOCIATION.**FORMATION OF EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

A meeting was held at Placelands, East Grinstead, on Saturday last, when a new society, to be called the 'East Grinstead and District Guild of Bell Ringers,' was formed. Its main object is to encourage the art of bell ringing by giving opportunity for learning new methods, by helping struggling bands and by bringing the skilled and unskilled ringers together for practices. The Guild will in no way interfere with the existing county associations; in fact, it should help them, as its members should be able to go to the county meetings, feeling more confidence, having improved their ringing 'at home,' so to speak.

The following towers sent delegates to the meeting: Penshurst, Oxted, Coleman's Hatch, Chiddingstone, Cowden, Turner's Hill, Balcombe, Crawley, Hartfield, Cuckfield and East Grinstead.

Mr. Oliver Sippetts (Crawley) was unanimously elected Master of the new Guild.—Any ringers in the neighbourhood are welcome to join the Guild, the hon. secretary of which is Mr. G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

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THE

LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING IN LONDON.

The annual meeting of the Central Council was held in London on Tuesday, the business proceedings taking place in the Conference Chamber of the Mansion House, by the courtesy of the Lord Mayor. This was the first session of the thirteenth Council, and the affiliated Associations and Guilds were represented as follows:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, T. Faulkner and A. A. Hughes.
Bath and Wells: Mr. J. Hunt.
Belfordshire: Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker and Mr. A. E. Sharman.
Cambridge University Guild: Mr. E. M. Atkins.
Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. C. A. Clements, Messrs. E. W. Elwell, R. Sperring and R. D. Langford.
Devonshire: Rev. E. S. Powell, Messrs. E. W. Marsh and F. J. Davey.
Doncaster and District: Mr. H. Walker.
Dudley and District: Mr. S. J. Hughes.
Durham and Newcastle: Mr. W. Story.
Ely Diocesan: Mr. R. Dennis.
Essex: Messrs. C. H. Howard, G. R. Pye, E. J. Butler and W. J. Nevard.
Gloucester and Bristol: Messrs. W. A. Cave and F. Guise.
Hertford County: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake and Mr. W. Ayre.
Kent: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Messrs. E. Barnett, J. H. Cheesman and T. Groombridge.
Ladies' Guild: Miss E. K. Parker, Messrs. W. H. Shaker and P. Crook.
Lancashire: Rev. Canon Elsee and Mr. W. H. Shaker.
Lincoln Diocesan: Rev. H. Law James, Rev. H. T. Parry and Mr. R. Richardson.
Mandaff and Monmouth Diocesan: Messrs. J. W. Jones and W. Bolton.
London County: Messrs. T. H. Taffender and A. D. Barker.
Middlesex: Messrs. F. A. Milne, C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier.
Midland Counties: Messrs. W. Willson and F. Bailey.
Norfolk: Mr. A. L. Coleman.
Oxford Diocesan: Rev. Canon Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. F. Hoggood and J. Evans.
Peterborough Diocesan: Messrs. F. Milford, R. G. Black, T. Tebbutt and F. Hopper.
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.
Salisbury Diocesan: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. S. Hillier and T. Harvey Beams.
Sherwood Youths: Mr. A. Coppock.
Stafford Archdeaconry: Messrs. H. Knight and T. J. Elton.
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. J. D. Matthews, J. Parker and F. Smith.
Suffolk: Rev. H. Drake, C. Mee and C. J. Sedgley.
Surrey: Messrs. J. D. Drewett and C. Dean.
Sussex: Mr. J. T. Rickman.
Swansea and Brecon Diocesan: Mr. A. J. Pitman.
Truro Diocesan: Mr. W. H. Southard.
Warwickshire: Messrs. H. Argyle and F. W. Perrens.
Winchester Diocesan: Messrs. G. Williams, H. Barton and A. H. Pulling.
Worcestershire: Messrs. C. A. Binyon, R. G. Knowles and T. J. Salter.
Yorkshire: Messrs. P. J. Johnson and J. Cotterell.

The following honorary members also attended: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. A. T. Beeston, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, J. George, H. Wilde, J. S. Pritchett, J. W. Parker, J. Griffin and E. A. Young, hon. treasurer and secretary.

The gathering was the largest on record, and as soon as the members had taken their places the proceedings opened with prayer, and the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Rowland Blades) welcomed the Council to the City.

On behalf of the Bishop of London, Archdeacon Holmes also welcomed the Council.

The President (Rev. Canon Coleridge), the hon. treasurer and secretary (Mr. E. A. Young), and the hon. librarian (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) were re-elected by acclamation.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Edwards, Mr. T. Metcalfe, Alderman R. B. Chambers, Mr. Pryce Taylor (who cabled from New York), Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. H. Chapman, W. Haigh, G. Chester, Rev. A. H. F. Boughay, Messrs. C. E. Borrett, E. H. Lewis and Cyril Johnston (the last named also being in New York).

Acknowledgments from relatives of deceased members had been received, in reply to letters of condolence sent by the secretary, from Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Papillon and Mrs. Matthews.

The balance sheet, the abstract of which was published in 'The Ringing World' last week, was presented and passed, the Secretary announcing that during the year no less than five new associations had come in, viz., Barnsley and District (one member), Doncaster and District (one), Sherwood Youths (one), Truro Diocesan Guild (one), and East Derbyshire (two).

The report of the hon. librarian, showing a sale of 150 of the new Major and Cater Methods, and about the same number of the other publications as in previous years, was adopted.

At the suggestion of the librarian, a committee was formed to go through certain papers and books in his keeping to see if they were worth preserving.

It was also decided to revise and reprint the 'Rules for a local company,' and the following committee was appointed for the purpose: Canon Elsee, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. E. W. Elwell and Mr. H. W. Wilde.

The following hon. members retired by rotation: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope, J. H. B. Hesse, J. Griffin and E. A. Young, and they were re-elected. The Rev. A. T. Beeston, Mr. Cyril Johnston and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith were also elected hon. members to fill vacancies which had occurred.

The Standing Committee was elected as follows: The president, Canon Elsee, Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. Law James, and C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, J. Griffin, E. A. Young, J. S. Pritchett, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, Pryce Taylor, W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, J. D. Matthews, A. Paddon Smith and the Rev. A. T. Beeston.

The Peal Collection Committee reported that the collection of Treble Bob compositions was proceeding, and it was hoped to have the additions typed by the next meeting. The committee was reappointed as follows: Revs. H. S. T. Richardson and E. S. Powell, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde, J. W. Parker and Miss E. K. Parker.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards presented the report of the Literature and Press Committee, whose principal work during the year had been to collaborate with the secretary in revising 'Rules and Decisions.' The report was adopted, and the following members were elected: Revs. A. T. Beeston and F. L. Edwards, Messrs. G. P. Burton, W. Willson, A. Paddon Smith and J. S. Goldsmith.

The Methods Committee, Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. E. H. Lewis and J. A. Trollope, were re-elected with the addition of the Rev. E. S. Powell, and authority given to the committee to re-issue the 'Collection of Minor Methods' after revision.

The report of the Peals Analysis Committee, as already printed in 'The Ringing World,' was adopted, and the committee re-elected as follows: The Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. J. W. Parker and G. Williams and Miss E. K. Parker, with thanks for the great work they had again done.

Reports of the Towers and Belfries Committee were made by Major Hesse and Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and a letter was received on the subject from Mr. E. H. Lewis. Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. E. A. Young and J. H. B. Hesse were re-elected.

The Records Committee report was presented by the Rev. A. T. Beeston and adopted, and the members re-elected, viz.: Revs. A. T. Beeston, H. Law James and Mr. T. H. Beams.

The Nomenclature Committee, Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. G. P. Burton, A. D. Barker, T. H. Beams and A. L. Coleman, reported through Mr. Drake that in view of the resolution carried at the last meeting the committee had been unable to do anything during the past year.

After a long and animated discussion as to the reappointment of the committee, it was resolved to thank the committee for their services, and that the committee be dissolved.

The revised copy of the Council's 'Rules and Decisions' was presented by the hon. secretary, and instructions given for printing a second edition of 300 copies.

On the motion of Mr. T. H. Taffender, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker, the following resolution was passed: 'That the Council approach the British Broadcasting Company with a view to the broadcasting during the evening programmes of a series of instructional talks on change ringing, with handbell demonstrations.'

A committee was appointed to give effect to the resolution, consisting of Messrs. Taffender, Cockerill, Hughes, Matthews and Young.

A resolution was moved by Mr. G. Williams, and seconded by Mr. A. H. Pulling, to amend the rules of the Council in order that the agenda might be published twelve weeks instead of two weeks before the Council meeting, the proposed change involving as a consequence the sending of notices of motion three months instead of three weeks before the meeting.

The motion was carried by a large majority.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed 'That the Council shall issue, at a small charge, peal diplomas for the encouragement of young ringers.'

After discussion, in view of the diversity of opinion prevailing, it was decided to postpone the matter for a year, to enable representatives to consult their associations.

In accordance with notice, the Rev. H. Law James proposed, and Mr. R. Richardson formally seconded, 'That since William Shipway extended Superlative Surprise Major to Royal, and the first peal of Royal was rung at Wakefield in 1826, the Council cannot accept any extension to Maximus which does not agree with the Major and the Royal.'

This led to a lengthy debate, in which wide divergence of view was revealed among the 'experts,' and eventually an amendment was carried to the effect that in view of this disagreement no good purpose would be served by coming to a definite decision on the subject.

On the proposition of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, it was resolved: 'That a committee be appointed to report

to the Council on the legal relationship between (a) bells, (b) ringers and (c) ringing respectively on the one hand, and (d) the incumbent, (e) the churchwardens and (f) the parochial councils respectively on the other hand, and any other legal matters affecting the Exercise. And, further, to consider the advisability of issuing a statement on these matters for the guidance of ringers and other persons affected.

The committee of lawyers was appointed, consisting of Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Mr. F. A. Milne and Mr. E. W. Elwell, to carry out the task.

The Standing Committee recommended Hereford as the place of next year's meeting. Mr. W. A. Cave proposed Bristol, in view of the Diocesan Association's jubilee festival next Whitsun; and the Rev. E. S. Powell suggested Plymouth. On being put to the vote, Hereford was selected.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Lord Mayor and Archdeacon Holmes, also to Sir Frank Dyson, the astronomer, who on Sunday afternoon personally conducted a party round Greenwich Observatory, and to the president of the Council.

Social gatherings in connection with the Council were held at the Coffee Pot on Monday evening and at the Bedford Head on Tuesday evening, while St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Clement Danes' bells were utilised after the meeting.

WEDDING BELLS.

The wedding of Mr. Edmund J. Hobbs, the well-known and greatly respected ringer of Husborne Crawley, Bedfordshire, to Miss Rose A. Wright, took place at the Parish Church, Husborne Crawley, on June 1st. The bride was given away by Mr. C. Matthews, a member of the Woburn company, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. Rust, a former secretary of the Beds Association.

As the happy pair left the church, the bells were fired and rung to a touch of Minor by the Woburn company, who were all present. In the evening, the Husborne Crawley company intended to go for a peal, but owing to the indisposition of the ringer of the 3rd a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260) was substituted: Albert Fleet, sen. 1, Albert Fleet, jun., 2, Cyril Sinfeld 3, William Peacock 4, Harry Fleet 5, Horace H. Smith (conductor) 6.

On the previous Monday the Woburn company presented Mr. E. J. Hobbs with a beautiful clock as a mark of their great esteem.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NEW CANTERBURY DISTRICT SECRETARY.

At a by-meeting of the Canterbury District, held at Chartham, on Saturday, May 28th, the difficulty of finding a district secretary was overcome by a proposition, made by the chairman (Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore) that Mr. Percy W. Smith, of Littlebourne, Canterbury, should be elected to the office. This was duly seconded and carried by the meeting.

Before tea, which was held at the Railway Tavern Hotel, Chartham, numerous touches were rung on the six bells, including the following methods: Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire. Cambridge Surprise was also attempted, but the result would not merit its being called successful!

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Canterbury, Wingham, Wye, St. Nicholas', Wickham, Folkestone, Braybourne, Littlebourne and Sturry.

A NEW LEICESTER VICAR.

The induction of the Rev. H. Hurst, the new Vicar of St. Margaret's, Leicester, took place on June 3rd, and a special touch of Grandsire Caters was rung for the service by G. Humphries 1, G. S. Morris 2, A. Ballard 3, E. Whitehead 4, R. Barrow 5, E. Bagworth 6, A. Disney 7, N. S. Bagworth 8, E. Morris (conductor) 9, R. Grant 10. On June 4th an attempt for 5,016 Grandsire Cinques was unfortunately lost after 1½ hours' excellent ringing, owing to tenor clapper breaking: G. Humphries 1, E. Whitehead 2, E. Morris (composer and conductor) 3, J. Morris 4, A. Disney 5, R. Barrow 6, E. Bartram 7, A. Cattell 8, R. H. Bartram 9, G. S. Morris 10, J. E. Sykes 11, J. Grant 12.

A GRANDFATHERS' PEAL.

The grandfathers of the Royal Cumberland Youths met at Shore-ditch on Saturday, and rang a peal of Stedman Caters—it would have been more appropriate had it been Grandsire—and it was probably the first time such a peal has been rung. It was intended to ring Cinques, but the illness of one of the band at the eleventh hour caused the substitution of Caters.

The idea of this peal was conceived with the view of marking the 80th birthday of the 'father' of the Cumberland, Mr. Ben Foskett, in November last, when it was lost. The band, nevertheless, wish to convey to him their best wishes for many more birthdays. The average age of the company is over 59 years, and their average of membership of the society over 31 years.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, April 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: Eric Allman (first quarter) 1, G. Addison 2, J. Bradshaw 3, R. Sherratt 4, A. Allman 5, J. Parker 6, J. Brassington (first quarter as conductor) 7, A. Asbury 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BECCLES.—At St. Michael's Church, on May 29th, for evening service, 1,040 Kent Treble Bob Royal: F. Borrett 1, G. Howlett 2, C. Parnell 3, J. Eldridge 4, G. Gower 5, C. Clarke 6, R. Riches 7, F. Sayer 8, W. Barrett 9, E. Goate 10. First touch on ten by ringers of 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th.

WESTON, BATH.—On May 29th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: *Celeia Woodburn 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, R. Cousins 3, *F. Merrett 4, G. Cross 5, *W. H. Crocker (conductor) 6. *Longest touch in the method.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: G. Saunders 1, W. Webb 2, F. Tubb 3, F. Cherritt 4, S. Childs 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

TWICKENHAM.—On Sunday evening, May 22nd, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Bradford 1, F. E. Hawthorne 2, H. Belcher 3, G. Bradford (first quarter-peal with an inside bell) 4, E. A. Morris 5, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, E. V. Beadle 8.

BRINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for morning service, 1,260 Kent Treble Minor in 50 mins.: A. Robinson 1, E. Sibley 2, W. H. Anstin 3, W. R. Parker 4, J. C. Dean 5, W. J. Dove (conductor) 6.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, May 22nd, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,264 Bob Major: W. E. G. Hewson 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, Miss B. M. Mills 3, E. E. Bish 4, J. W. Chapman 5, T. W. Welbourne (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, J. L. Watkins 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8.

WEST EALING.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for morning service at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 46 mins.: C. Edwards 1, J. H. Hummsett 2, P. Clarke 3, R. Thompson (conductor) 4, H. Belcher 5, W. H. Hollier 6, E. Harris 7, A. Fulwell 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Edwards, wife of the ringer of the treble.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for Sunday evening service, May 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 50 mins.: H. M. Page 1, H. Ellis 2, H. A. Folkard 3, H. Belcher 4, F. Norris 5, D. Stevens 6, H. Stevens 7, C. W. R. Grimwood 8, J. W. Driver (conductor) 9, A. Harung 10.

RYDE, I.O.W.—On Sunday, May 15th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from Holt's Original, in 49 mins.: A. White 1, A. Brading 2, J. Tauson 3, R. J. Snow 4, P. Long 5, H. Barton (conductor) 6, A. R. Ward 7, T. Kemp 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 15th, for evening service at St. Giles', Camberwell, S.E., 1,400 Kent Treble Bob Royal: W. Berry 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. E. Moye 3, A. N. Hardy 4, T. W. Taffender 5, J. Milner 6, R. Bullen 7, G. A. Card 8, A. F. Harris 9, J. R. Gammon 10.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, May 15th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. Nelson 1, W. Nutt 2, F. Foster 3, J. Foster 4, F. Price (conductor) 5, A. Davis 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 6th. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. H. E. Grindley, who is resigning the living through ill-health.

WILLENHALL.—On Sunday, May 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: I. Evans 1, E. Hartin 2, S. H. Coley 3, E. Trubshaw 4, C. Law 5, C. Wallater 6, B. H. Pountney (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, A. Reed 8.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday evening, May 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the occasion of the Bishop of St. Albans preaching at the evening service: H. Dix 1, C. Leman 2, E. Bowley 3, W. Hodgetts 4, T. Norris 5, H. Hodgetts 6, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 7, A. W. Dix 8.

BRENTWOOD.—On Sunday, May 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: J. Peters 1, A. Rainbird 2, H. Turner 3, R. Heazel 4, E. Furbank 5, F. G. Ringe (conductor) 6, W. Leggett 7, A. Pryke 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, May 8th, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples, by: Miss E. E. Hardcastle 1, J. W. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, E. E. Bish 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. L. Watkins 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, S. Gardner 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On May 8th, for matins and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. T. Goodchild, 1,174 Stedman Cinques: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, G. Twitchen 2, R. Coles 3, G. Hinton 4, G. White 5, E. R. Coles 6, E. Markman 7, J. W. Wilkins 8, F. Boxell 9, C. E. Smith 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, A. E. Butler 12.

SPROTBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 240 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Harding 1, E. Short 2, W. H. Metcalfe 3, W. Athron 4, W. Dent 5, E. Stacey (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy and respect for Mrs. Smith, who died in Switzerland on Sunday, May 1st. Mrs. Smith was the wife of the Rev. Sydney E. Smith, former Rector of Sprotborough, who accepted an appointment in Switzerland four years ago.

PENISTONE.—On Sunday, May 8th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 46 mins., for evening service: H. Roebuck 1, J. Tinker 2, F. Barraclough 3, N. Brownhill 4, A. Champion 5, H. Sykes 6.

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The last annual meeting of the Winchester Guild as at present constituted is to be held on July 2nd at Guildford. The Southern Railway Company have consented to issue day return tickets at single fares on production of a voucher. Early application for these vouchers should be made to the general hon. secretary.

The first twelve-bell peal in Birmingham was rung on June 3rd, 1773. This was a 5,324 of Grandsire Cinques.

The opening of the bells at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, took place on June 4th, 1814. It was on June 4th, 1762, that the new peal of ten bells at Bow, Cheapside, by Lester and Pack, were rung for the first time.

Next Monday is the anniversary of the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob, rung at Debenham in 10 hrs. 32 mins. in 1892.

The first peal in America was rung at Christ Church, Philadelphia, where Henry Haley called Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples on June 9th, 1850. The tenorman was changed during the course of the peal, R. Dodd, a man with only one leg, ringing for the first 2½ hours, the peal being then finished by J. Davey.

Harold Kest, one of the young ringers at Bolsover, who commenced to pull a bell in October, 1925, has now rung eight peals in the following methods: Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, two peals of Superlative Surprise, New Cambridge Surprise, Yorkshire Surprise and Norfolk Surprise. All were rung at the first attempt without any practice except Bob Major and Cambridge. He is 16 years of age, and his performances must, we think, constitute a record.

A RINGERS' GUIDE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I ask you to insert a final appeal for the particulars for my handbook on the rings of bells?

A number of secretaries have sent me the required information, and have stated that they have other information they could give me if I would like it.

I should be glad of every bit they could send; it will all help to make the book useful. It would take a long time for me to write in person to all those who have so kindly written, so I want to thank them all through the medium of 'The Ringing World.'

The required information is place, county, name of church, number of bells, weight of tenor, and practice night.—Yours truly,
60a, Fairfield Road,
Bromley, Kent.

SIDNEY H. WIGHTMAN.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

An excellent meeting was held at Tring on May 21st, members and friends attending from Berkhamsted, Linslade, Bletchley, Hemel Hempstead, Apsley, King's Langley, Bushey, London and the local tower. Good practice was obtained from rounds to Double Norwich, both before and after tea.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, and an excellent address given by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake. Tea followed in the Co-operative Hall, presided over by the Vicar, who had invited the ringers to be his guests. The president of the association (Mr. F. Smith, of Bushey) also honoured the meeting with his presence.

After a sumptuous tea had been put 'out of course,' the Vicar was unanimously voted to the chair, and was elected an honorary member of the association.

Redbourn (six bells) was chosen for the next meeting, to be held at the end of June. A practice meeting was fixed for Apsley, on June 1st.

Very hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and his generosity, to the organist for her services, the preacher for the real 'ringers' address, and the president for his presence.

A course of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' being completed, the ringers returned to the tower to finish off the best meeting Tring has had for a very long time.

W. A.

MR. E. C. GOBEY'S 200 PEALS.

Minor: 1 method 7, conducted 6; 2 methods 5, conducted 3; 3 methods 5, conducted 5; 4 methods 2, conducted 2; 5 methods 2, conducted 2; 7 methods 10, conducted 10; 10 methods 1, conducted 1.

Triples: Grandsire 13, conducted 10; Stedman 25, conducted 7.

Major: Plain Bob 8, conducted 4; Kent Treble Bob 35, conducted 20; Oxford Treble Bob 3; Double Norwich 14, conducted 1; Duffield 4; Spliced Treble Bob 15, conducted 13; Little Bob 1; Spliced Plain Bob and Canterbury 1; Cambridge Surprise 7; New Cambridge 1; Superlative 9; Real Superlative 1; London 1; Bristol 1.

Caters: Grandsire 2; Stedman 13, conducted 1; Spliced Grandsire and Stedman 1.

Royal: Plain Bob 2; Kent Treble Bob 9, conducted 5; Spliced Treble Bob 2, conducted 1; total 200, conducted 91, including a 9,120 of Spliced Treble Bob.

BELLS RESTORED AT ST. MARY'S, EALING.**ARCHDEACON'S ANSWER TO CRITICS.**

'To those who would say it was waste of time and hard-earned money to provide church bells, and that it were better to sell them and divert the money to some worthier purpose, he would reply, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by the more spiritual and elevating, softening, and ennobling elements that enter into his life." For one man or woman to whom the sound of bells is disturbing, there are ninety-nine to whom they appeal with a sense of gladness, pathos, peace, and solemnity.'

This was the answer to those who criticise the spending of money on church bells given by the Archdeacon of Middlesex on Sunday week, in a sermon which he delivered after dedicating the recast bells at St. Mary's Church, Ealing.

He preached from the text, 'To what purpose is this waste?' This cry of the disciples when applied to many things in life, he said, was very plausible, but mischievous. Each had his own gifts, and it was shameful if any became so infatuated with his own ideals that he could not conceive of any task or aim in life that was of the least importance except his own. There were many who would do well to remember that the very best work done in this world seldom had any visible, tangible, or immediate result, and that the influence of beauty, whether it be beautiful art, beautiful music, beautiful literature, or the chiming of beautiful bells, was an unseen and subtle influence, infinite and imponderable. The poet, musician, and artist had a noble part to play in this world: it was theirs to instruct, to elevate, to soothe, and humanise. It may be said that the bell is a singularly sympathetic instrument. You may have realised this, as I did on visiting a famous foundry wherein, as one spoke, bell after bell caught up some little tone of one's voice that harmonised and broke the silence with faintly sweet vibration. This vocal sympathy extends to every department of our life and experience. For any one who has a spark of historic sensibility, the sound of bells cannot but recall the distant past. Bells, indeed, are the sole audible witness of those remote Middle Ages that first used them as we use them now, and the old English from whom we have descended and to whom we owe so much. Bells, again, for many of us, are eloquent of home memories, especially when we are away from home: of happy years of childhood in some remote town or village in a distant shire. They help us to celebrate great national events as perhaps no other vocal agent can; they sound the hope of every new-born year, the joy of the marriage feast, the desolation and yet the hopefulness of the hour of death. And for multitudes who seldom or never enter a place of worship, the daily or weekly call to prayer that echoes from the innumerable spires and towers of our great cities brings its messages of gentle reproof and serious reminder of higher things. The Passing Bell, the Curfew, the Sanctus, the Angelus—what varied associations are not awakened in every mind by these familiar names? For bells are surely in the truest sense religious things in a pre-eminent degree, and it is as such that they should ever be used. Faber has not hesitated to give them this divinely symbolism of all when he says, in the well-known hymn:

'Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing,
The voice of Jesus sounds o'er land and sea.'

I would ask you, concluded the preacher, to remember at all times this sacred meaning of bells, and to find in the pealing and the chiming of them something of that sense of self-consecration which should belong to all we do for the service of man and for the worship of God.

The dedication service will long be remembered by those who were privileged to be present. After a shortened evensong, the choir rendered the anthem, 'Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky' (part of Tennyson's 'In Memoriam'). The hymn, 'Immortal, invisible God only wise,' was sung while the choir was proceeding to the west end of church, where Archdeacon Bevan dedicated the bells, after which they were rung for two minutes. At the close of the service, Julia Ward Howe's battle song, 'Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,' was sung, and after the blessing the bells pealed forth to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

For a number of years it was known that something must be done to the bells at St. Mary's. The 'go' had become very bad, and a crack developed in the tower. It was decided last year to call in experts, and they were firmly of the opinion the bells should not be further rung until restoration had taken place. The old frame had done service for about 80 years, and although it had been strengthened from time to time, it was felt that to make a good job of it the whole frame must come out and an entirely new one put in. In the meantime, the repairs and strengthening of the tower were put in hand under the able supervision of Mr. Bradley, one of the churchwardens.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. were entrusted with the work of retuning and rehanging the bells. The whole massive cast-iron frame and fittings are of the very latest modern type, and are carried on 15in. girders built firmly into the walls of the tower. The bells are hung on ball bearings.

On Saturday, June 4th, members of the Central Council in London for the annual meeting were invited, with all ringing friends, to try the bells from 6 till 9 o'clock, and between 50 and 60 availed themselves of the opportunity. All were loud in their praise of the easy

going and great improvement in tone which has been effected. St. Mary's ringers were congratulated again and again upon being in possession of such a fine ring.

Mr. Fidler, representing the founders, came specially down from Loughborough for the occasion. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Messrs. Dick Lane and G. Smith in charge of the work, which was a most difficult undertaking. Owing to the position of the tower, the bells, framework and girders had to be taken into the body of the church and special scaffolding erected to take it all over the gallery to a position under the tower. In addition, owing to complaints from near residents (the tower overshadows a large number of houses), the louvres have been boarded up, so that it is hoped that in future there will be less grumbling than formerly. Although peals will be restricted, there will be plenty of ringing. For years St. Mary's company have regularly rung for service from 10 till 11 a.m., and 5.30 till 6.30. There is also a practice night once a week from 7.30 till 9 p.m., and visitors are always welcome.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My attention having been drawn to the letter of Mr. Richard Caldicott in your issue of May 27th, re Coventry Cathedral bells, I feel that it is due to your readers that certain erroneous impressions which it creates should be corrected.

Mr. Caldicott states that 'we are left with a set of chimes instead of the magnificent peal of bells now irretrievably lost.' Now, our Cathedral tower not being strong enough to withstand the strain set up by a peal of bells rung in the English manner, it is impossible to have them thus hung, but the present peal, which consists of the original ten bells recast, with two additional ones, making 12 in all, has been cast on the five-tone principle in ringing sizes, with the holes drilled ready to receive the bolts for the attachment of the headstocks necessary for ringing purposes, should a suitable campanile at any subsequent period be built.

The antithesis drawn by Mr. Caldicott between the former peal and the present chimes is therefore entirely erroneous. The bells are not a mere set of chimes, but a ringing peal, ready at any time for the addition of the wheels and headstocks. I would also point out that Mr. Caldicott appears to draw no distinction between volume and quality in relation to the tone of bells.

Any comparison between the volume of sound produced by ringing and by chiming is entirely misleading, and this is obviously the comparison to which Mr. Caldicott refers; but the beautiful mellow quality of tones of the present peal is universally acclaimed as immeasurably superior to that of the former one, and this opinion is endorsed even by those who at first were strongly opposed to the scheme of recasting. How glorious, therefore, would be the combination of lovely mellowness of tone with majestic volume of sound produced by this peal, if at any time it could be hung for ringing!—Yours faithfully,

W. H. BRAZIL, M.D.

The Quadrant, Coventry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Horsmonden on May 28th, and, considering the somewhat remote position of the church, was well attended. Upwards of 20 members attended from Lamberhurst, Penshurst, Frittenden, Plaxtol, and Tunbridge Wells. Service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. Smith-Marriott), and this was followed by the business meeting in the schoolroom, the Rector presiding. Five new members of Hawkhurst band, two of Marden, and one of the local band, were elected.

In replying to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, etc., the Rector expressed his pleasure at meeting the members. He had been told by their district secretary that it was thirteen years ago that they met there, and he was very glad to see so many members present. He was sorry that, owing to the distance from the village to the church, they had been unable to provide a tea, but he did not like the idea of the members going away without some refreshment, and he therefore asked their district secretary to see that they had some, and he would be pleased to defray the cost.

This concluded the business, and the members adjourned to the tower, where touches of Minor from Plain Bob to London were rung.

The bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and the 'go' of them is excellent.

A very successful meeting of the Ashford District was held at Rolvenden on May 21st. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. G. Andrews. The organist, Mr. Ward, also kindly accompanied the singing. Tea was partaken of at the Bull Hotel, where 30 members and friends representing four different districts sat down.

Mr. F. White presided at tea and the business meeting, at which Brabourne was selected for the next meeting in June.

Mr. Tribe welcomed the visitors, and the tower was afterwards visited till about 9 p.m.

This was a record meeting for the district, and eight methods were rung.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar and all who made the meeting such a success.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION.

The forty-second annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Brighton on Saturday, May 28th. The towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Churches were open for ringing from 2 till 3.30 and at 3.45. There was a good attendance at a special service in the Parish Church (St. Peter's), an able address being given by the Vicar of Brighton (Canon F. C. N. Hicks, D.D.) on the text, 'That ye may be able to stand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand.' Afterwards, between 70 and 80 assembled at St. Nicholas' Hall, where an excellent tea had been prepared, and was much enjoyed by all, the Vicar of Brighton presiding.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar was nominated to the chair, and was supported by Mr. J. T. Rickman (Master) and Mr. F. B. Tompkins (vice-president).

The following new members were elected: The Vicar of Brighton (Canon F. C. N. Hicks, D.D.), vice-president; Messrs. D. Streete, T. Fieldwick, F. Pollard (Turner's Hill), H. Bissenden and C. Payne (Christ Church, Blacklands), H. Colley (Heene), and F. Pocock (Battle).

The report, which has already been published in these columns, and balance sheet were adopted, the sound position of the association's funds being greatly appreciated, there being £107 12s. 3d. in hand on general account, £50 in reserve fund, and £62 1s. 6d. in benevolent account.

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected, also the following: Master, Mr. J. T. Rickman; hon. treasurer, Mr. Ellman Brown; hon. general secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone; hon. peal secretary, Mr. F. Bennett; hon. auditors, Messrs. W. C. Hart and R. J. Dawe.

The meeting decided to invest a further £50 in War Loan Stock.

The motion to discontinue the analysis of peals rung and points per tower was carried, thus eliminating the competition for the challenge bell. The rules will be altered accordingly.

The Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) was re-elected to represent the association on the Central Council.

Lewes, Brighton and Eastbourne were mentioned for the annual general meeting in 1927, the voting result in favour of Brighton.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Brighton for the use of the bells, the service at St. Peter's, and his very helpful address was enthusiastically passed; and, on the motion of the Master, this was extended to the Vicar of St. Nicholas' for allowing the use of his bells and St. Nicholas' Hall for the tea and meeting.

Ringling was again resumed and continued until close on 9 o'clock.

The following towers were represented: Angmering, Battle, Bolney, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Chichester, Christ Church (Blacklands), Chiddingly, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), East Grinstead, Heene, Heathfield, Keymer, Lower Beeding, Lindfield, Seaford, Shoreham, Slinfold, Turner's Hill, Uckfield, Warnham, West Grinstead; also non-resident members.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

The inclemency of the weather was no doubt partly to blame for the somewhat small attendance at the meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association at Waltham Abbey, on Saturday, May 21st, but those members who braved the weather were well rewarded. Proceedings opened with a touch of Stedman Triples, followed by Kent Treble Bob Major, but Double Norwich failed to materialise. More members having arrived, Stedman Caters was the order. At the Cock Hotel an excellent tea was successfully 'turned in' by all present. At the subsequent business meeting, the District Master (Mr. L. Gray) was in the chair, and three new members were proposed, but owing to some complication in the rules of the association their elections were held over.

The meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks to the Clergy for so kindly giving permission to ring, and to the local ringers who arranged the meeting.

The company then dispersed, some to look around the town, others to enjoy the 'supreme delights of Ye Olde English Fayre,' while a few enthusiasts climbed the steps to the top of the tower to enjoy the excellent view. At 6.30 the bells were again set going, and touches in most of the standards were brought round.

Between 25 and 30 members attended the meeting, and it was a great pity that a 'Cinques' band could not be mustered.

SURPRISE RINGING AT NORTON, STAFFS.

On Sunday, May 22nd, for matins, 720 Chester Surprise: O. Williams 1, C. S. Ryles 2, W. C. Lawrence (conductor) 3, W. Corfield 4, F. Triner 5, J. E. Wheeldon 6.—On Monday, May 23rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Mountford 1, C. S. Ryles 2, H. Wibberley 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, F. Triner (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6.—Also 720 Chester Surprise: O. Williams 1, C. S. Ryles 2, W. C. Lawrence (conductor) 3, F. Triner 4, J. E. Wheeldon 5, J. Walley 6.—On Thursday, May 26th, for evensong, on Ascension Day, 240 each of London and Wells and 360 of Cambridge: W. Corfield 1, C. S. Ryles 2, F. Triner 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BARNES.—On Whit Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, W. C. Stacey 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, F. Hendy 8.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: R. Worthy 1, W. Ellerington 2, Miss L. Lancaster 3, J. Hill 4, J. W. Passman 5, T. Metcalfe 6, T. Lancaster (conductor) 7, S. Yates 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2nd and 6th.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—For evensong, on Whit Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): J. Brunt 1, C. H. Webb 2, F. Bodycote 3, A. Bodycote 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5. Arranged for C. H. Webb, of Croft.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Whit Sunday, June 5th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes, Thurstans) in 47 mins.: F. Oliver 1, E. Roberts 2, G. Elliott 3, F. Richardson 4, G. Lewis 5, G. Burrows 6, C. Smith (conductor) 7, E. Green 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong on Whit Sunday, June 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: S. O. Bone 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, H. Hills 4, R. C. H. Steel 5, J. Martin 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, H. C. Taylor 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Whit Sunday, June 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 53 mins.: E. Jones 1, W. E. Oakley 2, H. G. Milton (first quarter of Stedman) 3, S. E. Edwards 4, G. Seamon 5, W. J. Norris 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, E. M. Elliott 8.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, being ten and a half different callings, in 42 mins.: H. Gash 1, C. J. Tricker, jun., 2, J. Kent 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 5, C. Gash 6.

BRENTWOOD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr, for matins, on Whit Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins.: *C. Pryke 1, J. C. Furlong 2, J. W. Leggett 3, A. Rainbird 4, *A. Pryke 5, E. W. Furbank 6, H. Turner (conductor) 7, G. Miles 8. * First quarter-peal.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Whit Sunday, June 5th, for morning service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: G. Marshall 1, W. Falconer 2, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, W. E. Ticehurst 5, J. B. Blake 6, M. R. Heffer 7, C. Smithers 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, 720 New London Pleasure: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

COBHAM.—On Sunday, May 29th, at St. Andrews' Church, after a Confirmation service, 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins.: A. Roberts 1, W. James 2, G. Shotton 3, E. Matthews 4, W. W. Thorne 5, W. Hobden (conductor) 6.

GLOUCESTER.—On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, at St. Lawrence's Church, Barnwood, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Hawkes 1, J. Trappitt, jun. (Croydon) 2, G. Condie 3, J. Gillett 4, W. H. Harris 5, J. Austen 6, A. A. Waite (conductor) 7, A. Smith 8. Rung to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. Gash 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, S. Stilwell 3, F. E. Hawthorne 4, L. Mannering 5, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 6, C. Gash tenor (covering). Rung after meeting short for Triples. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of the treble, 2nd and 4th.

LODDON, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, May 29th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: F. A. Finch (conductor) 1, R. A. Warman 2, S. W. Copling 3, Miss V. Beckett 4, T. Beckett 5, C. F. Sayer 6, H. W. Barrett 7, F. H. Davey 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 3rd and 4th.

SWANMORE, HANTS.—On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, 720 of Grandsire Minor, with 34 Bobs and two Singles: W. Allen 1, W. Linter 2, A. Millard 3, E. Jacobs, sen., 4, H. Ainsley 5, R. Linter (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except A. Millard and W. Linter.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. H. Green 1, W. Larter (conductor) 2, W. Collison 3, Miss D. E. Orlebar 4, D. Findlay 5, A. Richardson 6, H. Markwell 7, E. Mays 8. The hand welcomed Miss Orlebar, who has just returned from a six months' tour abroad.

NOTICE.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Swanage on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Address by Ven. H. G. Izard. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on June 30th, St. Magnus' on the 23rd, *'The Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, on the 14th (8 p.m.), Southwark Cathedral on the 21st, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting. William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly Meeting, Ipswich District.—A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, June 11th. Bells at Bramford (6) also available during the afternoon and evening. Tea, 9d., at 4.45. Every ringer welcomed. — G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Road, Ipswich.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, June 11th. 8 Bells. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. — H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Brindle Parish Church on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — The next ringing meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. Watson, 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Sedgley, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. A tea will be provided, for which a small charge may be made.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting at Kimpton on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Vicarage by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Whyte Venables). Will all who can please attend this meeting?—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Stapleford on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Church 7 minutes from Shelford Station. Short service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. 'Minglepen' gardens, near the church, will be open to any ringers and friends, by kind permission of Mrs. Goldsmith-Martin. A hearty invitation is extended to all.—F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wentworth on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. — A. Panther, Sec. (pro tem.), 25, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A service will be held at the Liverpool Cathedral on Saturday, June 11th. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6.30. St. Luke's bells will be open for ringing from 3 to 4.30. Tea 1s. each. Members intending being present please send word to Archdeacon Howson, 3, Gambrian Terrace, Liverpool. Business for meeting: Election of branch sec.—Walter Hughes.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — The next meeting will be held at Merrow on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be at Lutterworth on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited, a good meeting being hoped for. — W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week practice meeting will be held at Finchley on Thursday, June 16th. Bells available from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Next Saturday meeting at Harrow Weald, July 9th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bourne on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by June 14th. — S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — South District.—A business meeting will be held on June 18th at St. Mary's, Woolwich. Tower open from 4 to 8. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business after. Will those coming to tea please let me know before the 15th?—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cadeleigh on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, June 14th?—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

LAVENHAM.—The annual ringing of Lavenham bells will be held on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready 2 p.m. All are welcome.—A. Symonds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. — The annual joint meeting of the Barnsley and District, the Doncaster and District, the Sheffield District and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Please send names to Mr. M. C. Fowler, 26, Northcliffe Road, Conisborough, near Doncaster, by Thursday, the 16th.—F. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Fillongley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome; kindly notify early.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Walton on Saturday, June 18th, bells (5) will be open from 3 o'clock onwards. Tea is being arranged in the Rectory grounds by kind permission of the Rev. B. M. Bird. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 16th? A hearty invitation is given to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rose Dene, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 10, Warbreek Road, Blackpool.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held at North Elmham on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open 2.30.—W. J. Howson, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Great Staughton on June 18th. Service in Church 4.30. Tea followed by business meeting at the 'Robin Hood' 4.30. All ringers welcome. Those wishing for tea please notify by June 14th to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton Vicarage, Cambs.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chaddesley Corbett on Saturday, June 18th. Bells will be available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. All those requiring tea must notify me by June 14th latest. Charge, 1s. per head.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready at 3.15. The usual tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome. And Ruislip July 9th.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bugbrooke on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (5), 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who want tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 14th.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea, at the invitation of the Vicar (Rev. S. K. Lockyer) and friends. Business meeting after. A good gathering at this annual event is hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brightling on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Parish Recreation Hall at 5.30, through the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. E. A. W. Haviland). Business meeting to follow. Half fares (maximum 1s.) allowed to members.—G. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3.0. Tea and general meeting at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5.0. Tea will be 1/- to fully paid-up members, to others 1/6. Please send word by the 21st inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—First general quarterly meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, June 25th. Red Buses (cheap return fares) every ¼ hour from Newark, Leicester and Bond Gate, Nuneaton, also many local buses. Bells (8) also Barwell adjoining (8) will be available from 2 p.m. A short service will be held at Earl Shilton 4.30. Tea at 5 at moderate charge to those who notify Rev. E. Pillifant, the Vicarage, not later than Thursday, 23rd. Committee meet at 3.30; general meeting follows tea. A good representative attendance is hoped for.—E. Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec. 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Ash on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Members wishing to be present will kindly send post card to me before Wednesday, June 22nd.—P. W. Smith, Dis. Sec., Fairview, Littlebourne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Twyford, Berks, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) at 3. Short Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 5. Guild reports obtainable. All ringers welcome. Kindly let me know number for tea by Tuesday, June 21st.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treas., 'Merrel,' California, Wokingham.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Loddon, on Saturday afternoon, June 25th. Bells (8) will be available. Tea will be arranged followed by business meeting; full particulars next week.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, July 2nd. In connection with this the Southern Railway have agreed to issue return tickets at single fare, by any train, available for that day only. Those requiring the necessary signed voucher, which must be handed to the booking clerk when applying for the cheap tickets, should apply to me without delay. Please make this as widely known as possible.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

YORKSHIRE AND LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the above Associations will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Halifax. The following rings of bells will be available, Halifax Parish (12). All Souls (8), Northowram (8), Queensbury (8). Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head and applications for same must reach Mr. F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Akroydon, Halifax, not later than first post Tuesday, July 5th.—W. H. Shuker and P. J. Johnson, Hon. Joint Secs.

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UPTON, OVERCHURCH.—At St. Mary's Church on June 4th, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles (1,440 changes) in 48 mins.: W. Jones 1, J. Smith 2, R. G. Edwards (conductor) 3, R. Hazelhurst 4, G. R. Edwards 5.

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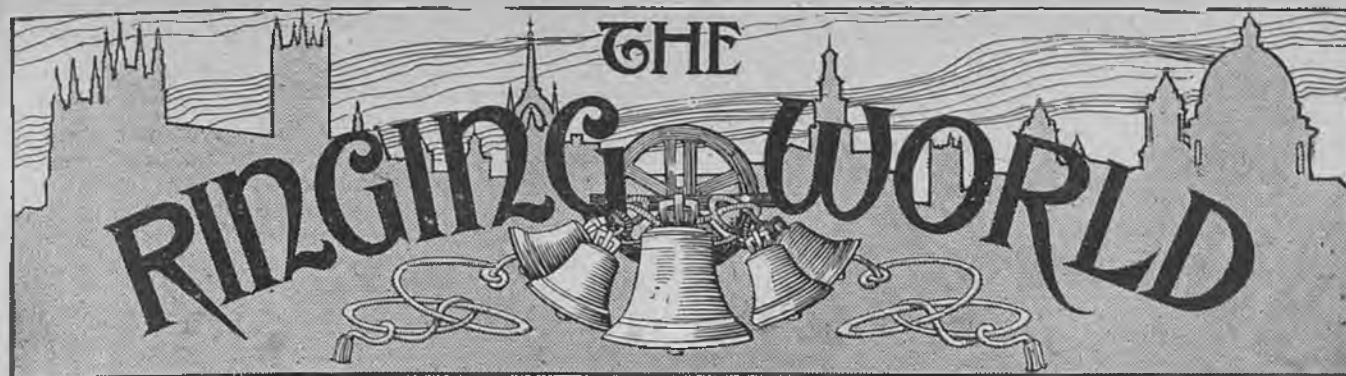
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S WORK.

That there is a growing interest in and appreciation of the work of the Central Council was manifest by last week's gathering in London, at which not only was there a record number of members present, but more associations were represented than ever before, while the Hon. Secretary was able to announce that no fewer than five fresh societies had become affiliated during the year. This shows that the many ringing units throughout the country increasingly recognise the value of having a central body which, without actually controlling the Exercise, can advise and guide it, and in many ways, notably in the publication of books and pamphlets connected with the practical side of ringing, render a service which neither individuals nor associations would be prepared to undertake. There was a period when the Council appeared to be losing its hold upon the concerns of the Exercise; it was composed largely of men out of touch with the rising generation of ringers, and there was danger of it dying from atrophy. Since the war, however, there has been a marked change. New members with new ideas have been elected, and if they are not all orators, they are men of practical knowledge of one or more of the varied branches of our Art, and are cognisant of the advances which are being made in ringing and of the aspirations and needs of ringers.

The first meeting of any new Council, such as that in London last week, is always largely concerned in routine business, but nevertheless it provided animated discussion on more than one question, and to these matters we hope to be able to revert later. For the moment, however, let us say that on the whole the meeting was one of the most successful of the long series, and if only the associations would give a little more active assistance in providing the Council with useful work, the value and the prestige of the central body would be enhanced still further. After all, the Council can only be what the affiliated organisations make it. It exists to serve their interests through the interests of the Exercise as a whole, and the more the associations individually help the Council the more are they likely collectively to benefit. As for the social side of the gathering, never was it more cordial than this year. Hitherto in London, members have been left very largely to their own devices in finding entertainment, but thanks to the organising skill of the Hon. Secretary, and his genius for getting into touch with the right people, there was this Whitsuntide a round of engagements, which were enjoyed and appreciated by all who took part in them. To those who think that such things as Central Council meetings should be confined to

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business only, we would say that never was there a greater fallacy. The bringing together of men from all over the country in social intercourse not only creates brotherly feeling, but facilitates the interchange of ideas and knowledge which must eventually be disseminated throughout the rank and file of the associations.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	*REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 3	†ERNEST W. MARSH ... 8
JAMES E. DAVIS ... 4	*FRANK J. DAVEY ... 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 100th peal. The ringers of the 6th and 8th are from Plymouth, and the ringer of the 9th is from Exeter.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

JOSEPH MORRIS ... Treble	HARRY MORGAN ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	CHARLES W. BIRD ... 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	PERCY HARRISON ... 8
C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... 9
*JOSEPH H. FENTON ... 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First 'touch' of Royal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NETHERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BOLWER'S FOUR-PART, No. 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MAGRICE SWINFELD ... Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2	JOHN CURTIS ... 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4	JOSEPH SLADE ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This peal was specially arranged in honour of the wedding of Mr. Greville Worthington and Lady Diana Duncombe, which took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on this date.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

HARRY WARD ... Treble	HARRY LOFTHOUSE ... 5
PERCY MASSAM ... 2	†LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 6
*CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 3	HAROLD L. JONES ... 7
GEORGE WM. STEEL ... 4	THOS. WM. STRANGEWAYS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAYS

* First peal of Treble Bob inside. † First peal of Treble Bob and first peal for the above association. First peal in the method as conductor. Ringers of 5th and 6th from Armley, and 3rd from Leeds Parish Church, the rest are Rothwell ringers. Rung to commemorate the Whitsuntide Festival, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	CHARLES CLARKE 6
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES CUTTING 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

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WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

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On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	ARTHUR MARTIN 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Sunday, June 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

F. OVERTON Treble	J. B. BUDD 5
*J. KENNINGTON 2	F. H. DEXTER 6
S. BROMFIELD 3	C. W. TAYLOR 7
H. MINGAY 4	A. SWAIN Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal in the method.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 5, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE Treble	ALFRED H. PULLING 5
SAM E. TAYLOR 2	FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT 6
PERCY J. SPICE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
*GEORGE KENWARD 2	GEORGE GILBERT 6
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* 50th peal and first peal of Stedman. Specially rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. A. E. W. de Shailier), and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. W. Elliott.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN W. UNWIN Treble	SAM E. TAYLOR 5
GEORGE KENWARD 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
WILLIAM SPICE 3	†FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 7
PERCY J. SPICE 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent.

HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

RICHARD J. BIRCH Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
STEPHEN BAKER 2	HORACE WHITEHEAD 6
WILLIAM BIDNELL 3	CHARLES TURNER 7
CHARLES R. MILLWAY 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor

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

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Whit Monday, June 6, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PIKE Treble	*SIDNEY T. RACKHAM 5
ALBERT ADDICOTT 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
SAMUEL JONES 3	*WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
PERCY JONES 4	CHARLES GREEDY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

* First peal of Treble Bob and first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Treble	PERCY JONES 5
WILLIAM PIKE 2	†SIDNEY T. RACKHAM 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	ALBERT ADDICOTT 7
CHARLES GREEDY 4	SAMUEL JONES Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT ADDICOTT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman and 50th peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung to celebrate the wedding of the daughter of Mr. Albert Williams, towerkeeper at Llangibby.

ST. LAWRENCE, RAMSGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Treble	CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 5
RICHARD J. BIRCH 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
HORACE WHITEHEAD 3	CHARLES TURNER 7
STEPHEN BAKER 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

The conductor's 200th peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Millway.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

*HENRY CRABB Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN 5
GEORGE WINES 2	JAMES CROSS 6
†HARRY PAGE 3	TOM PAGE 7
HERBERT DAVIES 4	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method. This peal was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. D. S. Jones, B.A., who was inducted to the living on Thursday, June 2nd, 1927.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

RICHARD J. BIRCH Treble	CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 5
STEPHEN BAKER 2	*LUTHER J. HONESS ... 6
HORACE WHITEHEAD 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

PERCY E. JONES Treble	WILLIAM HORNER 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	RICHARD CARTER 6
JAMES H. LUCAS 3	FRANK CORKE 7
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4	THOMAS SMITH Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

First peal as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF ST. BLAISE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

JOHN A. COLE Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 7
HENRY HUTTON 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

First peal rung in the method.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
EDWARD G. GRINDALL ... 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	ERNEST E. GRIMES 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	THOMAS W. LAST Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

VINCENT TIPTON Treble	GEORGE DENT 5
FREDERICK WHITBY 2	HARRY SMALE 6
WILLIAM MORRIS 3	JOHN CORDELL 7
LEWIS A. CORDELL 4	WILLIAM WHEELER ... Tenor

Composed by J. PAGET.

Conducted by G. DENT.

First peal in the method in the county, for the Essex Association, and by all. Rung at first attempt.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, SUPERLATIVE, BRISTOL AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5408 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE W. STEERE Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
JOHN A. COLE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung. It contained 100 leads of London, 25 each of Superlative and Cambridge, and 19 of Bristol.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN HALL Treble	GEORGE WILSON 5
*MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2	GEORGE BAILEY 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. A birthday compliment to J. G. Rumsey.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On St. Barnabas' Day, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*J. A. WAUGH Treble	†E. D. LILLYWHITE 5
H. R. NEWTON 2	*G. RADFORD 6
C. F. WINNEY 3	J. RUMLEY 7
W. E. JUDD 4	*W. H. SEABROOK ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

* First peal. † First peal with the society.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY V. SEAR Treble	*EPHRAIM LATHALL 5
FREDERICK C. TOMPKINS ... 2	HARRY SEAR 6
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 3	WALTER SEAR 7
CHARLES W. CLARKE 4	WILLIAM F. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by H. SEAR.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to W. Sear.

BRENCHELEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

LEWIS NEWMAN Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	HERBERT J. HAMMOND Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

This peal was published in 'The Ringing World,' May 20th, 1927.

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CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*H. COOMBS Treble	F. DERRICK 4
T. WYATT 2	*N. COOMBS 5
L. MOORE 3	H. KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal. Rung in honour of Mr. J. A. Laver's 22 years' service as churchwarden of the above church.

FORD END, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 of Cambridge and Woodbine, two of Kent, three of Oxford.
Tenor 5 cwt.

WILLIAM WINDLEY Treble	ERNEST CLARK 4
HERBERT DEVENISH 2	EDWARD KEMP 5
HARRY WAIN 3	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by E. P. BUCKINGHAM.

First peal on the bells. The circle in this tower is only four feet across.

BRATHY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN & FURNESS BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Bob Minor.

EDWIN JENNINGS Treble	FRED HINDLE 4
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	THOS. B. NEWTON 5
FURNESS WOODEND 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal of Minor for the 4th ringer. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Fred Chambers (of St. Michael's, Blackburn) and Miss Shaw, which took place at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on the above date.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LENCs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Single Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN J. JUTSON Treble	WALTER WILSON 4
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 2	JOHN WALDEN 5
HERBERT LOWMAN 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

This peal was rung on the 35th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the treble.

DARFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Whit Monday, June 6, 1927, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Burton Treble Bob, Ecclesfield Delight, Rochester Treble Bob, Woodcock's Delight, Nelson's Victory, London Victory and Morning Star. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN Treble	ALBERT NASH 4
ARTHUR PANTHER 2	HERBERT CHAMBERLIN ... 5
ROBERT J. RICKETTS 3	ARTHUR GILL Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

KENNETH CATER Treble	WILLIAM BOTT 3
*ANDREW BROWN 2	ROWLAND ADAMS 4
THOMAS WISE Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal and first attempt. The first peal on the bells.

STONEHOUSE, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cyr.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK SIMMONDS Treble	FRANK PONTING 4
ARTHUR HARMER 3	HARRY BARRATT 5
JOHN JOYNER 3	ALBERT ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by F. PONTING.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 4th and 5th.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church of SS. PETER and PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F. sharp.

CYRIL M. MITCHELL ... Treble	HARRY ARGENT 4
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 5
*JOHN BURLS 3	GEORGE MORRAD Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* 25th peal on these bells. Arranged as a birthday peal for Muriel (aged four), daughter of the conductor, and for the ringer of the 4th and Mrs. Argent, whose birthdays are on the 10th, 10th and 12th respectively.

HANDBELL PEAL.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	GEORGE WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7-8

Composed by CALEB FENN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire: W. ARNOLD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank Claydon. The conductor's 100th peal on handbells.

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only £9 in hand in the bell repairs fund, and unless something very pressing arose, it would be advisable to let that accumulate before making grants. The meeting unanimously endorsed the decision of the committee.

Mr. E. J. Butler, South Western Division, moved that in future, with the permission of the incumbents and Parochial Church Councils, collections should be taken at the annual general and annual district meetings for the bell restoration fund.

The Master thought the idea an excellent one, and it would avoid the appeals to individual towers.—Mr. T. Faulkner said he felt some parish might object to money being collected in their church and taken away for non-parochial purposes.

Canon Lake said he saw no difficulty in making the collection at the Cathedral service, for 99 per cent. of those present were members of the Ringers' Association.

Mr. W. Keeble seconded, and the proposition was carried.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. L. W. Wiffen, a discussion took place on the agenda of the Central Council.

The Master proposed thanks to Canon Lake for the use of the Cathedral, and to Canon Macdonald for his helpful address.

Canon Lake, in reply, said the ringers were always welcome at the Cathedral. He congratulated the association on the increased interest in ringing throughout the diocese, and the number of restorations which were being carried out. The association could be assured that whoever was Sub-Dean at the Cathedral in two years' time, there would be a hearty welcome for the association's jubilee celebration (applause).

The members took lunch together, and there was ringing during the day in the following towers: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Haddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (8), and Boreham (8). The methods rung included Stedman Cinques and Triples, Cambridge Royal, London, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich, etc.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

JUBILEE AND MASTER'S COMING OF AGE TWO YEARS HENCE.

On Whit Monday, members of the Essex Association gathered at Chelmsford in large numbers from all parts of the county for the 48th annual meeting of the association. The interesting announcement was made that in two years' time, when the Essex Association will celebrate its jubilee, the present Master, Mr. C. H. Howard, will celebrate his coming of age in the office, and arrangements will be made for the double celebration. Proceedings at the meeting opened with service at the Cathedral, which was conducted by Canon Lake, Rector of Chelmsford and Sub-Dean of the Cathedral. There was a large attendance of ringers. The sermon was preached by Canon F. C. Macdonald, Rector of Furseleigh. The Rev. J. W. Horsley, St. Peter's, assisted, and the lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard.

After the service, the annual meeting was held at the Cathedral Hall. The Master presided, supported by Canon Lake, Canon Macdonald, and Mr. F. J. Pitstow, hon. secretary and treasurer.

The Master presented his report as follows:—For the two previous years we have had to record a decline in our membership. This year we have the pleasure of announcing an increase. The total membership of 1,032, although not a record, is evidence that we have arrested the decline, and we may again look to the future with confidence. 99 towers are now affiliated. Great Totham has ceased to be in union, but Colchester St. Leonard, Farnham, Fyfield and Chigwell appear as new towers. We deplore the loss by death of several of our very old and esteemed members: Canon Papillon, who occupied the position as honorary secretary in the early days of the association, and afterwards became its first Master, did much to raise the status of ringers in his day. The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre was for many years hon. secretary, succeeding Canon Papillon. Since relinquishing office he had kept up a lively interest in the work of the association, and his frequent presence at such meetings as his age would allow him to attend, was much appreciated by his old friends and colleagues. The memory of both of these past officers will ever be held in grateful remembrance for the vast amount of work they did for the association in their time. The Rev. E. Lees, Vicar of Brentwood, and the Rev. C. H. Holt, Vicar of Hornchurch, were both lovers of bells, and took a great interest in ringers and ringing. We have lost in these two warm supporters. Mr. Hugh T. Scarlett was for many years closely connected with the Walthamstow St. Mary band. In his early days he was very instrumental in teaching and coaching young bands, and his name frequently appeared in the peal column. We have also lost Mr. C. A. Wendon, of Great Bromley, an old supporter; Mr. A. Wright, of Chelmsford; and Mr. W. Jay, who were all members of long standing. Mr. F. W. Coster, a young and promising ringer, who soon after joining the Romford band, rang his first peals of Stedman, Double Norwich, and Treble Bob. Mr. W. H. Dyson was one of the founders. Up to the time of his death he was honorary secretary of the Northern Division. His efficient services and influence will be much missed, and his demise has caused a vacancy that cannot be easily filled. Sixty-nine peals have been rung during the year—60 on tower bells and nine on handbells, viz.: Stedman Cinques 1, Stedman Caters 2, Bob Royal 1, London Surprise 12, Superlative 12, Cambridge 6, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 8, Treble Bob Major 2, Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 2, Grandioso Triples 1, Surprise Minor 4, Minor in seven methods 2, Minor in one or two methods 3, and Doubles 3. Of the nine on handbells, two were Treble Bob Major, and four Bob Major. Mr. W. Keeble again heads the list of conductors with 42 to his credit. The majority of the peals were of a very high standard. No less than 30 were rung in Surprise Major methods, an indication that our younger members are not aspiring to peal ringing in the simpler methods, which, if practised more, would stimulate interest, and improve the quality of the striking. The attendance at meetings has been excellent. Quite a number of restorations have been carried out during the year. At Wanstead, the bells have been overhauled, a new treble added at St. Leonard's, Colchester, and two troubles at Kirby-le-Soken to complete the octave. The ring of six at Newport has been rehung; much needed rope guides have been fixed at Farnham, and two trebles added to the ring of six at Dunmow, making one of the finest rings of eight in the county. The ring of eight at Baintree is to be rehung in a new frame. At Stisted, the ring of six is to be tuned and rehung in an iron frame and provision made for two trebles to be added at a later date. The rings of five at Rickling and Great Easton are to be rehung in new frames. At Fyfield the bells are to be rehung and frame strengthened. Our finances are very satisfactory. The income from subscriptions and peal booking fees is £61 19s. 9d., and expenditure £48 2s. 1d. A sum of £20 has been placed to the reserve fund, leaving a balance in hand of £21 18s. 1d., against £28 0s. 5d. brought forward from the previous year. The Reserve Fund has increased from £121 17s. to £147 9s. 10d., of which £9 is earmarked for bell restoration purposes. Our healthy financial position is very largely due to the officers of the association for the care and attention they give to their respective duties, and we tender to them our best thanks for their untiring efforts to increase and extend the usefulness of the association in the diocese. Finally, our grateful thanks are due to the clergy for the hearty welcome we receive at our meetings, for the use of their bells, the arrangements for services, and for the helpful and encouraging addresses. Without their aid and co-operation it would be impossible for us to carry on our work.

The Master added that the association was in a strong financial position. After meeting expenses they had been able to set aside £20 to the reserve fund. The bell restoration fund was increased by £5 2s. 8d., the interest on £100 the association last year decided to devote to bell restorations. The membership was steadily increasing; for a few years they decreased, but this year there had been a considerable increase to 1,032, which was within five of the highest number the association ever touched. While the members could congratulate themselves on the increase, there were still many towers not in union with the association.

'TOO MUCH MONEY.'

Mr. T. Faulkner moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet, and congratulated the district hon. secretaries and Masters on their economic use of the association's money. To his mind, these district officers hardly spent enough, and he suggested more money should be spent in missionary work by holding meetings at the towers which were not in the union, in an endeavour to interest ringers in the association. He considered the association was accumulating too much money in the reserve fund; so long as the association was poor and happy he should be very sorry to see a great accumulation of money. The prosperity of the association did not rest in the accumulation of money; so long as the work was paid for, and a small balance remained he thought the money could be more usefully employed than being in the post office at 2½ per cent.; the association might get 100 per cent. from missionary work.—The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Master said he had tried to pile up a reserve because he believed in having a reserve, and in the many concerns to which he belonged he always looked for a reserve, because no one knew when an evil day might come. In an association like theirs it was not necessary to go on piling up the reserve. Last year it was decided to start a bell restoration fund, and £100 of the reserve fund was invested in 5 per cent. War Loan, not 2½ per cent. as previously stated by Mr. Faulkner, and the interest credited to that fund. He always felt that £150 might be the sum to aim at as reserve. When he became Master the reserve was very low; his ambition then was to see 1,000 members and £100, and both these had been exceeded now, the reserve being £147 9s. 10d. and the total worth of the society £157 9s. 10d. There was a good deal of missionary work going on, although more might be done. Many of the district secretaries had arranged meetings for the purpose of bringing other towers into the association. The officers worked the accounts most economically, and some refused to take anything for their expenses. The association was indebted to the officers for the strong financial position.

THE OFFICERS.

The election of officers followed. The Master quitted the chair, which was occupied temporarily by Canon Lake, for the election of Master for the coming year. Mr. C. H. Howard was unanimously re-elected for the 19th year.

Canon Lake said he wished to congratulate the association upon securing Mr. Howard again. No one was more keen on bells than Mr. Howard had been. He was a member of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, and members felt his experience when bells came to be considered. The Master was most keen about his work, and was most delightful to all the members of the Diocesan Committee.

Mr. Howard, in returning thanks for his re-election as Master, said he was extremely thankful for the confidence shown in him. This was the 19th year he had been elected Master, and in two years' time, when they hoped to celebrate the jubilee of the Essex Association, he should be celebrating his coming of age, so if he then asked for his pension the members must not be surprised (hear, hear). The question of the jubilee had been discussed by the committee, and by next year the association would be called upon to elect a committee to carry out the celebration. He well remembered celebrating the coming of age of the association: they had Canon Lake with them then. He hoped that he would be Rector and Sub-Dean to welcome them at their jubilee. The Master said he was looking forward with great pleasure to the jubilee of the Essex Association, and he was sure all the members were likewise interested (applause).

Mr. F. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden) was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. The Master thanked Mr. Pitstow for what he had done for the association, and said they were very fortunate in having such a capable secretary to succeed the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre.

Mr. Pitstow returned thanks for his re-election, and said he should continue to do his very utmost for the association. Thanks were also due to the district secretaries for all the work they did.

The General Committee was appointed as follows: Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips, Messrs. W. Lincoln, T. Faulkner, F. Donch, W. Keeble and the officers; Peal Committee, Messrs. F. Pitstow, T. Faulkner, G. R. Pye, W. Keeble. Messrs. W. H. Theobald and G. W. Faulkner were re-elected auditors and thanked for their past services.

Mr. F. E. Haynes, Cambridge, was elected a non-resident life member; Mr. A. Meadowcroft, Galleymoor, was elected a member. Mr. J. Brewster, Harwich, one of the oldest members of the association, was elected a life member.

RESTORATION FUND NOT INTENDED FOR ROPES.

The Master reported that the General Committee had considered an application for a contribution to the new bell ropes at Harwich Church, and they came to the conclusion that the bell restoration fund was not exactly created for supplying new ropes, and stated that there was (Concluded on previous page.)

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**PRESENTATION TO LATE GENERAL SECRETARY.**

The fourth annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Northampton on Whit Monday. The Guild service was conducted in the beautiful and ancient Church of Holy Sepulchre, one of the very few round churches in the country, by the Vicar (Rev. Canon F. S. Keysell), who also gave a very able address. Luncheon was served at the Plough Hotel, 74 sitting down, and this was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Master, Mr. F. Wilford, others present including Canon F. S. Keysell, Rev. J. O. Hichens, Rev. J. White, Rev. C. H. L. Hopper, Rev. E. C. C. Channer, Messrs. W. T. Wilson (treasurer), S. F. Millward (auditor), R. G. Black (general secretary), F. Barber, H. Baxter, T. Tebbutt and W. Bost (branch secretaries).

Apologies for absence were received from the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, Rev. R. C. Thursfield, Miss Thursfield, Miss Hepburn, Rev. A. M. Johnson, Rev. J. P. de Putron, Rev. L. C. Shreatfield, Rev. C. J. Watkins, Canon J. P. Frend.

The secretary's report and statement of accounts were adopted, as was also the auditor's report.

There being no new nominations sent in for officers, the whole were re-elected en bloc, as follows: President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough; Master, Mr. F. Wilford; treasurer, Mr. W. T. Wilson; general secretary, Mr. R. G. Black; auditor, Mr. S. F. Millward.

A presentation was made by the Master on behalf of all the members to Mr. D. J. Nichols, for several years secretary of the Central Northants Association, and, later, of the Peterborough Guild, from its formation until he was obliged to retire owing to ill-health. The presentation took the form of a roll of notes (£31), accompanied by a framed certificate, placing on record the Guild's sincere appreciation of the services Mr. Nichols had rendered to the old association and the Guild, the formation of which was largely the result of his efforts. The Master briefly recalled the work Mr. Nichols had done, and said that although he had been obliged to resign his office, the memory and the value of his work would remain.

Mr. Nichols, in reply, thanked the members for the presentation, and the Master for his kind remarks as to what he had done for the Guild, and added that he began to serve in the belfry when he was nine years of age, and ringing had been a real joy to him. All he had done was for love of the church and of ringing. He was pleased to say he was in a little better health (applause), and he had not abandoned hope of once again taking his place as a ringer.

On the committee's recommendation, a grant of £5 was made from the Belfry Repairs Fund to Kingsthorpe for improvements in the ringing chamber.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Thrapston.

The Master stated that the new Bishop of Peterborough had expressed a wish to meet the members of the Guild, and it was decided that his Lordship be asked to fix a date during the summer months and a meeting arranged.—The General Secretary suggested it might be made an annual event as a summer festival.

Mr. F. Barber moved a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the several rings of bells that day, to Canon Keysell for conducting service, and for his address, to the officials of the Northampton Branch, and the general secretary for the splendid arrangements they had made for the meeting, which undoubtedly was a success.

Mr. Nichols congratulated the general secretary on the able manner in which he had discharged his duties during his first full year of office.—Mr. S. F. Millward supported this.

During 1926, forty-one branch meetings were held, and the attendance was above the average. Fifty-nine peals were rung, an increase of 12, there being 16 different conductors, 21 members rang their first peal, and received certificates, 71 rang their first in a method or number of methods, and 130 different ringers took part in these peals, which were rung in 41 different churches.

The first peals of Treble Ten and London Surprise Major by the Guild were rung during the year. There are 97 towers in union with the Guild, an increase of three, 74 honorary members and 619 ringing members, an increase of 38, and 129 non-resident life members, making a grand total of 822.

The collections at the services for the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to £15 16s. 5d., and the balance in hand on that fund is £69 7s. 5d. The receipts on the general account were £41 2s. 4d., and the expenditure £31 2s. 4d., which shows £10 balance on the year's working, this being considered very satisfactory.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Master for presiding.

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DEVIZES.—On Monday, April 18th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: R. Swift 1, J. Ottaway 2, L. Swift 3, E. G. Swift 4, W. A. Swift (conductor) 5, G. England 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. T. L. Jones, of Bangor, president of the North Wales Association, and until recently an active ringer, is shortly to be married to Miss Thomas, a member of the teaching staff of the Sunday School attached to his church. Mr. Jones is 86 years of age, and takes a keen interest in the North Wales Association, of which he was one of the founders.

We regret that in our issue of June 3rd, through a slip on the part of a correspondent, it was stated that Mr. W. Keeble, of Kelvedon, had lost a son in a motor accident. The fatality befell the eldest son of that other well-known Kelvedon ringer, Mr. W. Elliott, with whom much sympathy has been expressed.

The peal of Stedman rung at St. Martin's, Epsom, by the College Youths, on May 21st, was Thurstans' four-part. The ringer of the 4th was G. W. Frayne.

'Uncle Joe' Sykes says he had a rollicking time at Whitsun in 'peal ringing.' On Saturday, after 1 hr. 40 mins. for Cinques at Leicester, the tenor clapper broke; on Monday, a change course occurred after 2 hrs. 40 mins. in Stedman Cinques at Wolverhampton; Cambridge Surprise Minor at Fillongley, on Tuesday afternoon, was stopped after an hour on account of a neighbouring fete; and they met one short at Exhall in the evening. He managed a peal at Higham-on-the-Hill on Wednesday morning, a funeral prevented a start at Bulkington in the afternoon, and they were one short at Bedworth in the evening. Yes, Joe; you did have a rollicking time.

'Curious' wants to know why the band at Frinsted, Kent, had to have six attempts before they could ring one 120 of Stedman, as all of the band have rung a peal of Stedman Triples. He would also like to know why three of the band of five fell off their bicycles on the way home. Were they really looking at an owl overhead?

Jasper Snowdon was born at Ilkley on June 18th, 1844. On June 20th, 1790, a peal of 6,016 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Mary's, Battersea, 'being the most ever rung true on the bells.'

Forty-five years ago next Thursday the first peal was rung by the Midland Counties Association. This was a peal of Grandsire Triples at Derby.

THE FIRST PEAL OF ST. BLAISE SURPRISE.

The first peal of a new Surprise method has been rung at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, as recorded elsewhere in this issue. The method was produced by the Rev. E. Bankes James as a rival to Superlative, but, although the 2nd and 3rd never get behind with the tenor, there is, we are informed, a difference of opinion as to which method gives the better music.

The name was suggested by the Rev. Canon E. C. Kirwan, Rector of Holy Trinity (the pro-cathedral of the new diocese), St. Blaise having been associated with the ancient town of Guildford.

The figures of the method will be published as soon as space permits.

DEATH OF A LOUGHBOROUGH RINGER.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. Samuel Smith, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, who passed suddenly away on Sunday morning, June 5th. Deceased was working up to Saturday dinner time at Messrs. J. Taylor and Co's Foundry, where he had been employed for some forty or more years, as foreman in the joinery department, and appeared to be in his usual health. About five o'clock on Sunday morning he complained of feeling a little cold, and before the doctor had arrived he had passed peacefully away.

'Sam,' as he was known, was a safe ringer and an excellent striker, and was always willing to help a learner up the steps which he found rather a task to climb.

He had been a member of the Midland Counties Association and All Saints' Society, Loughborough, for 44 years, ringing some 60 peals, including the record length, at that time, of Superlative Surprise Major on Whit Tuesday, 1894, on the bells of the Parish Church.

Deceased, who was 67 years of age, leaves a widow, son and daughter to mourn their loss.

He was laid to rest on Wednesday, June 8th, the service being of a quiet and impressive character, conducted by Rev. Canon G. W. Briggs. With those present at the service were Mr. E. Denison Taylor and Mr. J. Oldham, representing the firm. In the evening, 1,277 of Grandsire Caters was rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect by his fellow ringers, and this was followed by the 'whole pull and stand': J. Onslow 1, W. Thorley 2, J. Saddington 3, E. Cartwright 4, J. Grundy 5, C. Harriman 6, E. Leslie 7, J. Hutchby 8, E. Reader (conductor) 9, H. F. Stubbs 10.

MR. ALF. BACON'S 100 PEALS.

Doubles: Plain Bob 2, Grandsire 1, Stedman 1, three methods 1.
Minor: One method 25, two methods 7, three methods 6, four methods 1, six methods 1, seven Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1.
Grandsire Triples: 2.
Major: Plain Bob 12, Kent Treble Bob 29, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich 2, Superlative Surprise 1.
Kent Treble Bob Royal: 4.
Plain Bob Maximus: 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1.
Total, 100.

ICKLETON CHURCH BELLS.

CENSURE ON CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

CHURCHWARDENS SUSPENDED; VICAR REPORTED.

A serious situation has resulted from the steps taken to restore the bells at Ickleton, Cambs. It will be remembered that the tenor broke and put an end to the ringing of the peal of six. At first it was proposed to recast this bell and rehang the rest. When the bells were taken out it was found two others were cracked, and it was then decided to recast the whole and, if possible, add two trebles to make eight.

A faculty had been obtained for recasting the broken tenor, and on Thursday of last week, the Chancellor of the diocese (Mr. Kenneth M. MacMorran) presided at a Consistory Court, held in the south transept of Ely Cathedral, when the Vicar of Ickleton (Rev. P. H. Cooke) asked that the petition might be amended for the recasting of the whole of the bells of the church.

Mr. Cooke said it was originally decided that one bell be recast. Mr. Weir saw the bells, and when they were taken out two more were discovered to be cracked. Afterwards, when they got them to the foundry, Mr. Johnston advised them to have the whole six recast, and he (Mr. Johnston) would arrange to give them a much better peal, and that they decided to do. So that what they asked was that the application be changed for the recasting of the six bells instead of one.

The Chancellor said he understood the bells had already been recast. The faculty, for one, was dated January 21st. Mr. Cook and his churchwardens were the trustees and guardians of those bells. What did they mean by sending them to a bell founder without referring to anybody?

Mr. Cook said they carried out the advice given them. The Chancellor pointed out that the advice was that one bell be recast.

In reply to a question by the Chancellor, the Vicar said the bells were moved about last November from the belfry.

The Chancellor: It is rather serious, you know. He added that the mischief had been done some months before the petition was delivered.

Mr. Cooke said the bells were taken away then, but were not recast until about a month ago.

The Chancellor: What right had you to take the bells away from your town? They were not your bells.

Mr. Cooke said he did not act on his own opinion.

The Chancellor said he did not know whether Mr. Cooke realised that he could be deprived of his living—not by him (the Chancellor), of course. He saw they had the bells from 1729 to 1755. On account of that wrongful action the bells were lost for ever, and, of course, no order that he could make would restore them. The less he said about the founders the better, because he would never have allowed them to touch those bells in any circumstances. 'You people seem to think you can do any mortal thing you like,' added the Chancellor. It was perfectly idle to ask him for a confirmatory faculty. Mr. Cooke might tell his churchwardens they were suspended from office, and he would report them to the Archdeacon and tell him they were not fit and proper persons to hold office, and he would report him (Mr. Cooke) to the Bishop for acting in a most improper way.

THE RECORD PEAL ATTEMPT.

EARLY END IN SAMLESBURY RINGING.

The attempt to ring a peal of record length at Samlesbury, Lancs, on Saturday, came to an early end. The peal was a 22,096 Double Norwich Major by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, but only about 22 courses had been rung (with the tenors parted) when 5 and 8 'shifted'—when dodging on the front, and it was not noticed until the 5th was going out behind, too late to rectify the error. Ringing had then been in progress 1 hr. 22 mins.

Time would still have permitted of an attempt for a record length, but the band were unanimous in declining to start again. Perhaps a little excuse will be pardoned. The bells are tremendously noisy in the ringing chamber, and that is why the band would not start again. Had nothing occurred, the conductor would certainly have called the bells round when the tenors came together at a little over 9,000 changes, as it would have been impossible to stand the strain of that terrible din for 13 hours.

The Vicar has promised to do his best to have the bells quietened in the ringing chamber, and expressed the hope that the attempt would be made again, if possible, under better conditions.

The band would like to express their appreciation of the promptitude of Messrs. Taylor and Co. in the quick despatch of the ropes, which were delivered a day before the promised date, and also to the Vicar and the local band, who did everything that was possible to ensure the success of the peal.

The thanks of the band were also expressed to Messrs. H. Langdon, W. Wilson, E. Morris, J. W. Parker, H. W. Wilde and many others for their good wishes.

Suffice it to say, the band are not downhearted and by no means beaten. Should favourable circumstances arise, the attempt will be made again.

The band comprised Messrs. E. Cutsforth, T. B. Worsley, J. E. Bibby, T. Barlow, J. H. Riding, G. Lindoff, A. E. Peglar, and E. Jenkins (conductor).

SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR.

A PEAL RUNG IN FOUR METHODS.

Although method 'splicing' opened up a new field of enterprise for ringers and the linking of different methods on six, eight or ten bells, has resulted in a number of peals on this plan being rung, it is not long since that the splicing of the popular Surprise Major methods was looked upon as something outside the realm of practical achievement. Then came the production of a peal of Spliced Superlative and Cambridge, but the ringing of it seemed a bit of a 'facer', and no hand appears even to have put it into practice. Recently, the Rev. H. Law James dropped a bombshell into the Exercise by composing a peal in which London, Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major were all united in a five thousand. It is a masterpiece of construction, and ringers have had the opportunity of studying it, since it appeared in the columns of 'The Ringing World' a fortnight ago.

Unlike some of the peals lately rung in more than one method, where there has been half a peal of one and half a peal of another, this composition in fifty courses has at least two methods and sometimes three in each course. From start to finish, there are in the 169 leads no fewer than 119 changes of method, sometimes at bobs, sometimes at plain leads. The first and last leads of the course are London, and the main plan is to join them with a lead either of Superlative or Cambridge. Bristol, the sauce piquant of the composition, is not added with the same regularity, for on one occasion in each of the ten parts it occurs after the Superlative or Cambridge, and on the other occasion in each part it is put in before the Superlative or Cambridge. The composition itself is in two separate halves, to join which one lead of Bristol has to be sacrificed, so that the peal can be rung to contain 100 leads of London, 25 leads of Superlative, 25 leads of Cambridge and 19 leads of Bristol.

These are some of the facts about the extraordinary composition by the Rev. H. L. James. It presented to an enterprising band a unique opportunity, which was seized by a company of which Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, is the conductor. They met on May 28th at Warnham to attempt to ring it, and found the task not less difficult than they anticipated. The first start ended at the second lead-end: the next lasted ten minutes; then came half an hour's ringing, and afterwards the bells got away again, and there seemed every hope of completing the peal, but a shift course occurred, and the bells were stopped at the ninth part end after almost three hours' ringing, much to everyone's disappointment.

The ringing was not without its incidents, some of them amusing, as, for instance, when, on one occasion the conductor, in turning the bells out of London, called 'Superlative—no, Cambridge—No-o-o, bust it! Bristol.' Everybody laughed, but they made it Bristol in the end. Even though the conductor calls all the changes of method, the switch over is not quite a simple matter; in effect, it introduces work which seems strange, as, for example, when the bell that has done trouble work behind in Cambridge or Superlative has one blow in 3rd's and runs straight back up to 8-7-8 when turning into London at a plain lead, or when, after 7-8-8 in London, a bell goes down to one blow in 5th's and returns to a dodge behind in the intermediate work of Cambridge. Moreover, the complexity of the job is not simplified by the fact that in going into or out of London the hunting course of the bells is suddenly reversed; or by the fact that there are, in a sense, 56 different 'switches.' Thus one may go from each of five different positions in London to the five corresponding places in each of Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol. Similarly, there are five from Bristol to London, Cambridge and Superlative; five from Cambridge and five from Superlative to London and Bristol respectively, and in Cambridge and Superlative there are, in addition, three plain-lead switches to London. Each 'switch' gives its own different little sequence of work, and as there are only 119 switch places, it is obvious the work never gets monotonous from repetition. Indeed, it is continually springing surprises on the ringer, and is fine exercise in mental acrobatics.

Well, having got 'so near and yet so far' on the first occasion, it was only natural the band should desire to make another attempt, and they met last Saturday for the purpose. There was no second start this time. Except for slight trips, caused by momentary hesitations, the ringing went well, and the striking for the most part was of a high order. At the end of three hours and twenty minutes the bells ran round, and another mark in ringing history had been made. The band were justifiably pleased with their performance, and appreciated the congratulations of three well-known London ringers (who motored down to hear some of the ringing, and pronounced what they did hear as 'excellent'), and of members of the Warnham company, to whom, and to the Rector, thanks are given for the use of the bells.

The peal, as rung, contained 3,200 changes of London, 800 changes each of Superlative and Cambridge, and 608 changes of Bristol. Superlative and Cambridge were rung in alternate parts.

WEDDING BELLS.

Wedding bells rang out merrily at St. Catherine's, Feltham, on Saturday afternoon, June 11th, when Mr. A. J. Lewis, a much respected member of the local band, was wedded to Miss D. E. Staniford. After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal by the Middlesex County Association, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 40 mins.: W. H. Hollier 1, A. Cutmore 2, A. H. Fulwell 3, R. A. Fardon (conductor) 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, H. Belcher 6, A. J. Trappitt, sen. 7, F. Corko 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE WHITSUN MEETING.

The most largely attended meeting in the history of the Central Council was that held at the Mansion House, London, on Whitsun Tuesday, when nearly a hundred members were present, representing 38 societies. The meeting was opened with prayer, offered by the president (Canon G. F. Coleridge), who said it was his pleasant duty to inform them that the Lord Mayor of London and the Archdeacon of London had come to welcome them. It was exceedingly kind of both to spare a few moments from their many pressing engagements to come there to greet them (applause).

The Lord Mayor, who was received with applause, warmly welcomed the Council to the Mansion House. The ability and distinction with which the bell ringers of this country carried on their calling was, he said, well known, and in no other part of the world were bells so well rung as they were in England. He had just returned from Belgium, where there were a great number of bells, but the bells of this country were unequalled in many ways (hear, hear). He should have been sorry to miss that meeting, because he felt they represented a body doing a valuable work in connection with the Church by ringing the bells which pealed throughout the land (applause).

The Lord Mayor having left to keep another engagement, Archdeacon Holmes welcomed the Council as the representative of the Bishop of London, and in the name of the Church. Bell ringers, he said, combined in their activities the two elements of Church and State. Bells were used wondrously in connection with both, and they had a great influence, whether heard above the clash and clamour of a noisy city like London, or in the quiet of the country villages and lanes, and to all who heard them they carried some message, although the recipient might hardly be conscious of it. Wherever they went they felt always at home when they heard the bells beginning to ring—bells were a great national instrument. The Archdeacon added that he wanted to leave one thought with them; it was the necessity for throwing oneself enthusiastically into one's local work; if they did that, their interest and influence would extend through the whole area in which their society operated. Thus they would be able to take part in the bigger work and give a helping hand to those who had not had the same opportunities as themselves. In the name of the Bishop of London he gave them a most hearty welcome to the diocese (applause).

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Council then proceeded to the business of the day.

The Hon. Secretary (temporarily in the chair) said only one nomination had been received for the office of president, and he had great pleasure in announcing Canon Coleridge duly re-elected. He trusted he would have another happy term of office (applause).

Canon Coleridge, in acknowledging his re-election, thanked the Council for the honour they had again conferred upon him. He told them three years ago he was getting much too old for that chair ('No, no'). There were many others far more competent than himself to occupy it ('No'). He would do his best during the next three years, or during such part of it as he might be alive. Although he had plenty of energy yet, they knew perfectly well he was not up to the mark in ringing circles, because he could not get about as much as he used to do. As for these new developments which came crowding upon them, they were told in Standing Committee that only five people understood some of them. He (the speaker) was not one of the five (laughter). Continuing, the President said that only one nomination for the office of hon. secretary and treasurer had been sent in, and that was on behalf of the present holder of the office. He was sure they could not have a better (applause), and he declared Mr. Young duly elected by acclamation (applause).

Mr. Young thanked the members, and said the Council's wishes and work were nearest his heart. The years were passing, and he thought they should be scanning the faces of some of the younger men who would be able to take over the duties and carry them out better than he had done. Perhaps in three years' time, now that he had given them due warning, they might think of that.

The President congratulated Mr. Young upon his recovery from a painful illness. When he saw Mr. Young in hospital about three weeks earlier he had doubts whether he would be able to carry on and be present that day. He had a most valuable assistant, and they were much indebted to her for all she had done for them. Mr. Young's recovery had, happily, been rapid, and they were all delighted to see him in his old place (applause). Many of them must also have been thinking of their former secretary, who had likewise recovered from a serious operation recently undergone. They were delighted to see him with them after apparently a perfect recovery of health (applause).

One nomination only had been received for the post of hon. librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn being re-elected.

Apologies for absence were then read, and letters received from relatives of three deceased members acknowledging expressions of sympathy and condolence sent by the hon. secretary.

On the motion of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, who had audited the accounts, the balance sheet was adopted, the Secretary pointing out that five fresh associations had joined during the year. A special welcome was extended to the representative of the Truro Diocesan Guild, the affiliation of which carried the territory of the Council into Cornwall.

THE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

In his report the Hon. Librarian said: Except for the business done with the newly-published 'Major and Cater Methods,' the sale of publications has been much the same as last year. There was a brisk demand for this book in the first few weeks after publication, but there has not been very much since. However, it is gratifying to be able to hand over a cheque for £7 10s. 5d. as the result of the year's sales instead of drawing upon the funds of the Council, as I have been compelled to do in the past few years. The stock of publications at present amounts to 34 copies 'On the Preservation of Bells,' 264 copies 'Cards of Instruction on the Care and Use of Bells,' 117 copies 'Rules and Decisions of the Council,' 1,238 copies 'Glossary of Technical Terms,' 43 copies 'S.P.A.B. Conference Report,' 280 copies 'Peal Collection, Section I.,' 481 copies 'Peal Collection, Section II.,' 685 copies 'Peal Collection, Section III.,' 219 copies 'Major and Cater Methods,' and a large supply of Corrigenda Leaflets of the Peal Collections. As to the library proper, it fulfils the purpose for which it was intended, though the number of those who make use of it is not very great. It is still short of the following numbers of 'Bell News' in the years when that paper overlapped 'The Ringing World': 1912, Nos. 1561, 1594, 1595, 1596, 1598, 1913, Nos. 1605, 1606, 1625, 1631; 1914, Nos. 1658, 1675, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1687, 1688, 1689, 1696, 1697, 1700; 1915, Nos. 1717, 1729, 1735, 1737, 1739, 1741, 1755, any of which I shall be glad to receive. There are one or two books, and there is a considerable amount of written work by the late Sir Arthur Heywood and others, as to the value of which I am very doubtful. I should not, however, care to undertake the responsibility of destroying any of this. But I would suggest to the Council that it should appoint one or two experts in these matters who would go through the contents of the library with me, and report as to their value.

The report was adopted.

Mr. C. H. Howard raised the question of reprinting the pamphlet 'Rules for a local company,' for which, it was pointed out, there was a demand.—It was resolved that the Rules should be revised and reprinted, and the following committee was appointed to carry out the work: Canon H. J. Elsee, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. E. W. Elwell and Mr. H. W. Wilde.

It was also announced that the Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. J. A. Trollope would go through the books and papers with the librarian to dispose of those not worth keeping.

NEW HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President said the Standing Committee had considered the question of how best to fill up the vacancies among the hon. members. They recommended that the Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. Cyril Johnston (who were not now representatives of an association) should be elected; that would leave one vacancy in case they wanted to elect someone specially to the Council.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed that Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Editor of 'The Ringing World,' should be elected to this vacancy, and the suggestion was at once agreed to, and the three gentlemen mentioned were unanimously elected.

After the introduction of new members to the president, the election of the Standing Committee took place. The president, Canon Elsee, Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. Law James, and C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, J. Griffin, E. A. Young, J. S. Pritchett, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston and Pryce Taylor were re-elected, and Messrs. W. A. Care, C. T. Coles, J. D. Matthews, A. Paddon Smith and the Rev. A. T. Beeston were added to the committee.

COMMITTEES' REPORTS.

The Council next turned to the consideration of committees' reports, the first being the Peal Collection, presented by Miss E. K. Parker. Since the last meeting of the Council, the committee stated, a final appeal was made in 'The Ringing World' for one-part compositions of Treble Bob, which resulted in about 500 further compositions being sent to the chairman, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. This entailed a great deal of work in discovering duplicates, etc., and the work was practically completed and ready for typing, when Mr. Richardson removed to Hereford. In consequence, the completion was delayed for a time, but the committee hope to present the completed collection at the next meeting.

The report was adopted, and the committee re-appointed as follows: Revs. H. S. T. Richardson and E. S. Powell, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde, J. W. Parker and Miss E. K. Parker.

The report of the Literature and Press Committee, presented by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, must needs begin, it said, on a sad note. Since the last meeting of the Council, the committee stated, the hand of death has bereft us of our convener, the Rev. C. E. Matthews, and our first duty is to pay tribute of respect to the memory of one esteemed and beloved by a wide circle of comrades in the art of ringing. During the past twelve months the committee has continued to collaborate with the hon. secretary of the Council in the preparation of a revised edition of 'Rules and Decisions.' A draft copy of the revision will be presented to the Council and suggestions for certain alterations and additions will be submitted for approval. There has been little else to call for action on the part of the committee. Individual members have kept in touch with the British Broadcasting Company and have used their endeavours to obtain due recognition for change ringing. At the same time, we have the satisfaction of noting that one of the main purposes of the establishment of this committee is being in large measure achieved. Both the London and provincial Press has in recent

times devoted far more attention to bells and bell ringing than was the case a few years ago, and statements with reference to change ringing have shown a great advance in the matter of accurate information. Even that familiar feature of popular literature, the 'Triple Bob Major,' is seldom encountered in print nowadays, and the appearance from time to time of quite well-informed articles or paragraphs affords welcome proof that the ideals of the Council are being attained to a gratifying extent.

The report was adopted and the committee were re-elected: Revs. F. L. Edwards and A. T. Beeston, Messrs. G. P. Burton, W. Willson and A. Paddon Smith, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith was added.

'MINOR METHODS' TO BE REPRINTED.

The Rev. H. Law James reported for the Methods Committee. As they all knew, he said, the Collection of Plain Major Methods was in print and on sale, and he was very pleased to hear that a large number of copies had been sold. So far as last year was concerned, they were very well pleased. With regard to the future, he understood that the 'Collection of Minor Methods' was to all intents and purposes out of print. There were two things to which the committee might turn their attention in the immediate future: the reprinting of the Minor Methods, with the addition of bobs and singles, and 720's; or they might go on to the Treble Bob Major methods. Having published the Plain methods, he thought it was only fair to the Exercise that they should reissue the Minor methods, and he hoped the Council would empower them to do so during the coming year. He had had a letter from Mr. Lewis saying that his time was so much occupied that he would only be able occasionally to give them help. As, therefore, the committee could not expect much from Mr. Lewis, they suggested that the Rev. E. S. Powell should be added to the committee. They would still have Mr. Lewis in the background, but the three other members would do the work and submit it to Mr. Lewis for his final approval.

Mr. J. A. Trollope asked the Council, and through it the Exercise, to let the committee know, in view of the reissue of the Minor methods, if the six-bell ringers had any suggestions to make with regard to what should be put into the book, and the way in which bobs and singles should be shown. Three years ago one of their members rather criticised the book, and in issuing the Major methods they adopted some of the suggestions made. If the six-bell ringers wanted anything included in the reprint, as far as it was possible to be done, they should let the committee know, and not wait until after it appeared and then complain about it.

The President emphasised this appeal to the six-bell ringers. He said that until the committee knew what the six-bell ringers wanted they would be working somewhat in the clouds; what they would like to do was to come down to realities.

The committee's report was adopted, and it was agreed that a reprint of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' should be proceeded with. The committee, consisting of Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. E. H. Lewis and J. A. Trollope were re-elected, and the Rev. E. S. Powell added.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston moved the adoption of the Peals' Analysis Committee's report, which was printed in 'The Ringing World.' He said the committee were grateful to the Exercise for the care which had been taken in sending reports of peals for publication. He was sorry to say that there had been a number of omissions of conductors' names. Perhaps the mention of this fact would lead to greater care.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said that when defective reports were received, they were returned to the sender for correction, whenever possible, but in some cases no address was enclosed, and this course could not then be followed.

The report was adopted, and the President thanked the committee for their work.

THE SOCIAL SIDE.

Members began to arrive in the Metropolis on Saturday, and on Sunday many found their way to the various belfries. For the afternoon, arrangements had been made by the hon. secretary for a river trip to Greenwich and a visit to the Observatory. A party of 26 availed themselves of the opportunity, and boarded the steamer 'Ich Dien' at Westminster, leaving at 2.30. Going down river, great interest was taken in the various wharves, docks, shipping and bridges, especially the Tower Bridge, which happened to be opened for a Swedish steamer as they passed.

By the courtesy of the Astronomer Royal, Sir Frank Dyson, the Observatory was opened to the party, and he himself met them and personally conducted them over the most interesting of the buildings. The description of the giant telescopes and how they are worked was closely followed, and all felt that they had been the recipients of very rare and great honour. At the end of the visit, Mr. E. Alex. Young, on behalf of the party and also the Central Council, expressed their warmest thanks to the Astronomer Royal for his kindness.

A further walk through the beautiful park and gardens brought the party to the Rangers' House, where, in this fine old Georgian building, tea had been provided for them. The ladies of the party wandered back through the charming flower gardens and avenues, whilst also enjoying the distant music of St. Alphege's (Greenwich) bells, to which church most of the men folk had gone to ring for evening service, the bells having been placed at their disposal through the forethought of Mr. Thornton, who joined the party on their arrival at Greenwich. A return to Westminster by water ended an enjoyable and memorable day.

On Monday afternoon, another party enjoyed a trip by river to Kew Gardens, and there were also certain unofficial visits to spots of interest in and about the city, with Mr. Young as guide. His great knowledge of the antiquities and history of these little-known corners of London was interesting and instructive, and his kindness was highly appreciated.

In the evening there was an enjoyable party at the renowned 'Coffee Pot,' the headquarters of the College Youths, and after the Council meeting on Tuesday, there was a large gathering at the Cumberlands' headquarters, the Bedford Head. Canon Baker was in the chair, and handbells and songs, as well as friendly intercourse, caused a pleasant evening to pass all too quickly.

A REMINDER TO MEMBERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On comparing the number of signatures on the roll with the number of members which I made during the day, I am of opinion that four or five members at the Mansion House on Tuesday, did not sign their names as requested. If they will notify me, I will see that their names are entered on the official minutes.

I take the opportunity to remind a few of the members that the following payments were not made to my secretary as requested, viz.: 33 railway vouchers at 2d. each, and five bottles of ale at the luncheon at 6d. each still remain unpaid. I trust it is only necessary for me to issue this reminder.—Yours faithfully, E. ALEX. YOUNG.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY AT CRESWELL.

On Saturday, June 4th, about 40 members of the above society turned up at a meeting at Creswell, from Anston, Bolsover, Dore, Eckington, Ecclesfield, Handsworth, Killamarsh, Pudsey, Rotherham, North Wingfield, Wortley, Worksop, Norton, Sheffield Cathedral, St. Mario's and Whittington. The fine little peal of eight recently installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co. were in great demand during the afternoon, practically every touch being successfully brought round.

The peal is hung in a very attractive brick tower faced with stone, and the ringing chamber is approached by an excellent staircase of cement and steel chippings. Electric light is installed and windows are on all sides of the ringing chamber. Not every tower with a new peal has had such attention paid to details which affect the ringers' comfort as has been shown at Creswell, and any incumbent with little experience of bells and their appurtenances, who is thinking of having a peal, would lose nothing by paying a visit to this little country village tower.

Tea was provided in the local church school through the good offices of Mr. Bacon, of the local company, and several ladies, when a party of a dozen or so rolled in from Bolsover, who had been present at the interment of the late Mr. William Lambert, whose death was notified in our columns.

The business meeting was carried through according to programme, when four new members were duly elected, and the secretary was requested to convey the society's sympathy to the widow and family of the late Mr. Lambert.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, who had so unhesitatingly granted use of the bells at short notice (owing to illness at Bolsover), and to the local company and ladies for their efforts to make the visit a success.

Ringing was further indulged in, from Bob Minor to London Surprise, until bus and train time necessitated an all too hasty parting from this fine little peal of bells.

MR. W. KEEBLE'S HANDBELL RECORD.

Mr. W. Keeble, of Kelvedon, has completed one hundred peals on handbells, and his list of performances includes the greatest number of Surprise peals rung 'in hand' by any ringer; also the greatest number of Major methods yet rung on handbells. These handbell peals have been rung with 50 ringers, including three brothers of three different families.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Treble Bob, seven methods	1	1
Bob Major	39	37
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	21	17
Double Norwich Major	6	5
Superlative Surprise	9	*4
New Cambridge Surprise	4	1
London Surprise	5	1
Bristol Surprise	3	1
Bob Royal	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	1
Stedman Triples	1	
Stedman Caters	2	
Stedman Cinques	1	

* Includes one silent.

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MR. W. H. SHUKER'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles 1, Grandsire Triples 13, Grandsire Caters 1, Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 27, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Stedman Triples 30, Double Norwich Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 18, Cambridge Surprise Major 2; total 100. Rung in 34 towers and four counties.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSES JUBILEE YEAR
ARRANGEMENTS.**

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held on Whit Monday at Bourton-on-the-Water. The Bristol contingent had a beautiful run from the city, leaving at 7 a.m., travelling through the delightful scenery of Didmorton towards, and through, Cirencester, thence on to Northleach, where some excellent change ringing was done. Then another nine miles of the most beautiful part of the famous Cotswold Hills and Stow was reached. Proceedings commenced officially with ringing and lunch at Stow, where Mr. Withers, of Birmingham, gave the writer good proof that the reputed weight of the tenor, 28 cwt., is more likely to be 21 cwt. or even less. There was a very happy meeting with an old friend, founder and pioneer, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and this gathering revived the historical work of the association. The next move was to Bourton-on-the-Water, where a service had been arranged for 3 p.m. by Canon White, of Bourton-on-the-Water, and the sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon of Cheltenham, who, in the course of his address, made a suggestion that ringers might consider a plan of ringing whereby the uninitiated might know whether the bells were being rung for practice or for a useful purpose.

The business meeting followed in the Parish Rooms. The hon. treasurer was able to report progress in all directions, and the annual accounts showed an increased balance of £10 5s. 5d. upon the year's work. It was agreed by a 20 per cent. vote to allow incumbents to become members upon the basis and payment of performing members. They will now pay 1s. 6d. per annum instead of 5s. as before.

A question of insurance of bell ringers whilst 'within the church' for the purpose of ringing bells, at 6d. per annum, was allowed to 'lie on the table.'

It was unanimously agreed that a memorial tablet to the late Mr. G. H. Phillott, of Cheltenham, a foundation member, be placed in St. Mary's Church, Cheltenham, as a recognition of his valuable work.

The jubilee meeting of the association, which will occur next year, was discussed, and the arrangements of the Bristol United Guilds were fortified.

Rev. C. D. P. Davies (foundation member and Past Master) was elected Master for the jubilee year. In acknowledging his election, he said he felt after the kind way he had been elected to the mastership he would be ungrateful not to accept, and thanked the meeting for the great honour conferred upon him.

Mr. W. Cave was appointed to take charge of ringing during the jubilee year meeting.

All the other officers were re-elected.

A vote of thanks to the Ven. Archdeacon of Cheltenham, Canon White, of Bourton-on-the-Water, Mr. B. Phillips, and the organist, for their kind help, was proposed by the hon. secretary and seconded by Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the retiring Master, Mr. A. Wright, was also given.

Tea was then partaken of, and after further ringing the visitors dispersed. At this stage the Bristol charabanc was converted into a pantechmicon. It was a most enjoyable day.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.**

A successful district meeting was held at Overseal on Saturday, June 11th, when about twenty ringers were present from Burton (St. Paul's), Ashby, Newhall, Seales, Appleby Magna, Melbourne, and Higham-on-the-Hill. The light peal of eight were kept going during the afternoon in Doubles, Triples and Minor, two ringers scoring their first touches of Bob Minor.

An excellent tea was provided in the schools, this being followed by the usual business meeting. The Rector (the Rev. H. E. Worthington), on behalf of the visitors, thanked the lady helpers for providing tea, and also welcomed the newly-appointed Rural Dean, the Rev. J. N. Philpott, of Coleorton, who subsequently became an honorary member of the association. One ringing member was elected, and the next meeting fixed for Coleorton on July 23rd, on the invitation of the Rector.

The Rev. J. N. Philpott gave a short address at the service which followed, after which further ringing was indulged in.

The two clergy then placed their cars at the disposal of the ringers, and conveyed a party to Netherseal, where further ringing brought the meeting to a close.

NOTICE.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Summer meeting of the above branch will be held at East Ilsley, Berks, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8), at o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 1/- 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mrs. W. Hibbert, East Ilsley, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, June 22nd, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on June 30th, St. Magnus' on the 23rd, Southwark Cathedral on the 21st, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bourne on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South District.—A business meeting will be held on June 18th at St. Mary's, Woolwich. Tower open from 4 to 8. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business after.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

LAVENHAM.—The annual ringing of Lavenham bells will be held on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready 2 p.m. All are welcome.—A. Symonds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Barnsley and District, the Doncaster and District, the Sheffield District and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each.—E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome; kindly notify early.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Walton on Saturday, June 18th, bells (5) will be open from 3 o'clock onwards. Tea is being arranged in the Rectory grounds by kind permission of the Rev. B. M. Bird. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rose Dene, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 10, Warbreek Road, Blackpool.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held at North Elmham on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open 2.30.—W. J. Howson, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Fillongley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Great Staughton on June 18th. Service in Church 4.30. Tea followed by business meeting at the 'Robin Hood' 4.30. All ringers welcome.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton Vicarage, Cambs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready at 3.15. The usual tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome. And Ruislip July 9th.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

NORFOLK GUILD.—Aylsham District.—A meeting will be held at Wroxham (to-morrow) Saturday, June 18th, at 3 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea, at the invitation of the Vicar (Rev. S. K. Lockyer) and friends. Business meeting after. A good gathering at this annual event is hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Parish Recreation Hall at 5.30, through the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. E. A. W. Haviland). Business meeting to follow. Half fares (maximum 1s.) allowed to members.—G. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3.0. Tea and general meeting at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5.0. Tea will be 1/- to fully paid-up members, to others 1/6. Please send word by the 21st inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 on the Rector's lawn (if fine). All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BARNESLEY ASSOCIATION.—Hoylandswaine Cup contest takes place on Saturday, June 25th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Ringing commence at 3.15 p.m. It is essential that those requiring tea should please notify Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, on or before Wednesday, June 22nd, as accommodation elsewhere is very limited.—A. Panther, Sec. pro tem.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Warfield (8 bells) on Saturday, June 25th, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Duffield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (10) open from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcomed.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—By invitation of the Vicar, the next quarterly meeting will be held at Minehead (10 bells) on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than June 21st how many members from your tower will be present.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—First general quarterly meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, June 25th. Red Buses (cheap return fares) every $\frac{1}{4}$ hour from Newark, Leicester and Bond Gate, Nuneaton, also many local buses. Bells (8) also Barwell adjoining (8) will be available from 2 p.m. A short service will be held at Earl Shilton 4.30. Tea at 5 at moderate charge to those who notify Rev. E. Pillifant, the Vicarage, not later than Thursday, 23rd. Committee meet at 3.30; general meeting follows tea. A good representative attendance is hoped for.—E. Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec. 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Ash on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Members wishing to be present will kindly send post card to me before Wednesday, June 22nd.—P. W. Smith, Dis. Sec., Fairview, Littlebourne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Twyford, Berks, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) at 3. Short Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 5. Guild reports obtainable. All ringers welcome. Kindly let me know number for tea by Tuesday, June 21st.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treas., 'Merrel,' California, Wokingham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough District.—An annual meeting will be held at Yelvertoft on Saturday, June 25th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by June 20th?—W. Bott, Dis. Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Dukeries District.—Next meeting at Edwinstowe on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) ready early. A meat tea will be provided at 1s. 9d. per head in the Church Institute at 3 p.m., only for those who notify Frank Martin, Villa Real Cottage, Edwinstowe, Mansfield, not later than the 22nd inst. Please note this is important. By kind permission of the Rev. A. Mansell, Perlethorpe bells (6) (two miles in Forest) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. only. Ringers from kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. Cheap return buses from Retford and Worksop.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on June 25th, when the bells recently rehung, will be open for ringing. A tea will be provided by the Rector, and all ringing friends will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, June 25th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided). Motor leave St. Stephen's Church at 2 p.m. Will those requiring a seat in the motor kindly notify by 21st inst?—C. H. Jennings, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Egerton on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. The usual tea arrangements will be made. Please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 22nd.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Alderton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea by the invitation of the Rector (Rev. A. D. Pennington) at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. All those intending being present please notify me by the 21st inst.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Bingham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Meat tea 1s. 6d. each. It is important that those who intend being present to advise the Rev. H. R. M. Hutt, Bingham Rectory, Notts, not later than June 23rd. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Rammore Common on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 5, with tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please let me know by June 22nd?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Loddon on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) will be available at 2.15 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) will be provided by Mr. T. Gordon at the Church Rooms at 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those who want tea please notify to the secretary not later than Thursday, June 23rd. All ringers welcome.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Sowerby on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. W. Sutcliffe, 43, Providence Place, Sowerby Bridge, not later than Tuesday, June 21st.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, June 25th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, June 21st?—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, June 25th. Bells: All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (6) available from 3 p.m. onwards. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome.—L. Moon, Branch Sec., Ramleh, Park Lane, Newmarket.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The annual meeting of above district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Co-operative Café. All ringers welcome. Cheap tickets available from Fenchurch Street, via Tilbury. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 29th.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623). —The 304th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. All visitors welcome.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dochester Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Abbotsbury on Thursday, June 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Monday, June 27th? All ringers welcomed.—W. J. Benger, Hon. Sec., 21, North Square, Dorchester.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, July 2nd. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., general meeting at 2 p.m. Service in the Pro-Cathedral (Holy Trinity) at 4 p.m. Preacher: Bishop of Winchester. Tea at 5 p.m. The meetings will be held at Ward Street Hall. Bells available: S. Nicolas' (10), Holy Trinity (8), Godalming (8), Shalford (6). Tea 1s. for visitors, 6d. for members. Will those requiring tea please notify by June 28th? Cheap tickets by Southern Railway. Those requiring vouchers to obtain should apply to me without delay. All ringers and friends welcome.—G. Pullinger, 14, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Weighton on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available from 1 p.m. Service in All Saints' Church at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea in Girls' School, Hungate. Applications for tea tickets (1s. 9d. per head) to be made to Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Waldyoe Cottages, Market Weighton, not later than Wednesday, June 29th.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Aldenhams, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells open 3.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after. Ringing till 8.30. Fast trains to Bushey 1.15 and 1.40 from Broad Street, 2.40 from Euston. Other trains at frequent intervals. Bushey nearest station. Cheap fares. Number for tea by June 29th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenhams Road, Bushey, Herts. Note.—Beautiful country. Excellent tea. Good company.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and a six-bell contest will be held at New Mill (near) Huddersfield, on Saturday, July 2nd. Draw in school 2.45 p.m. Will all those requiring tea (1s. 6d. each) please send their names not later than Monday, June 28th, to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow in Church Hall. South Weald bells (6) will be available during the evening.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Stretford Parish Church on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells at Parish Church (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided free. Will all wishing to attend please let me know on or before Wednesday, June 29th? All ringers welcome.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

YORKSHIRE AND LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the above Associations will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Halifax. The following rings of bells will be available, Halifax Parish (12). All Souls (8), Northowram (8), Queensbury (8). Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head and applications for same must reach Mr. F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Ak oydon, Halifax, not later than first post Tuesday, July 5th—W. H. Shuker and P. J. Johnson, Hon. Joint Secs.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The meeting arranged for the month of June has been postponed.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

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LONDON.—On Tuesday, May 24th, at St. Clement Danes', Strand, for Confirmation service, conducted by the Bishop of Kensington, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Bryant 1, R. Bullen 2, G. Cole 3, Miss F. E. Chapman 4, R. Sanders 5, F. I. Hairs 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, E. G. Garrard 8.

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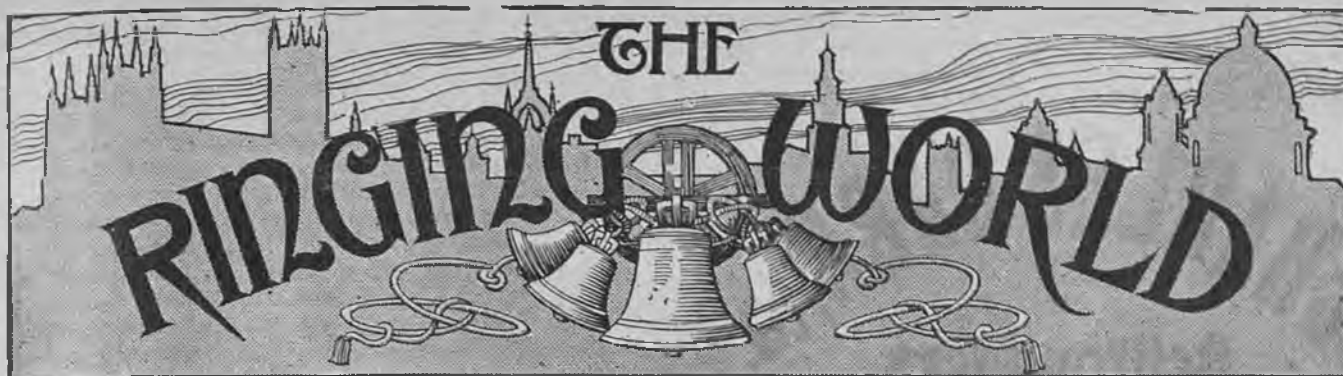
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THE ICKLETON CASE.

The censure passed by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Ely in connection with the recasting of Ickleton Church bells was severe, and Vicar, churchwardens and bell founders came under the condemnation of Mr. MacMorran. In as far as the church authorities failed to comply with the requirements of ecclesiastical law, it is not for us to question the judgment of the Chancellor. From the reports which we have read, he does not seem to have entered into the merits of the case, but to have decided off-hand to suspend the churchwardens and report the Vicar to the Bishop for their failure to apply for the faculty before the work was done. In view of his comments, however, it would have been interesting to know what would have been his attitude towards the proposed restoration of the bells, had he gone into that side of the question, when faced with the fact that the tenor was actually broken and two other bells were cracked; while the frame was in such a condition that it was damaging the tower. Obviously neither the bells nor the frame could be left as they were, unless they were to remain in perpetual dilapidation. Even the most rabid desire for the preservation of ancient bells and buildings could not overlook the fact that at any rate half the bells must be recast; and that the safety of the fabric required a new frame. If the church authorities erred at all, therefore, it was only in their zeal to do the best they could with the least loss of time.

The censure of the bellfounders, however, is, we think, upon altogether another footing, and totally undeserved. It is not their business to apply for the faculty, nor is it their responsibility to see that one is obtained before they begin the work entrusted to them. They merely carry out the instructions given to them, and if the work done is something which they may have recommended, it does not make them any the more liable for seeing that the legal requirements are carried out. We are still wondering why (if he was correctly reported) the Chancellor said: 'The less I say about the founders the better.' I should never have allowed them to touch these bells in any circumstances.' According to one report which we have seen he also said that the Press would be doing him a great service if they reported that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were in no circumstances to be authorised by faculty in that district to interfere with any bells or church towers. If the Chancellor really did say this, and we can hardly believe it is a figment of the imagination of the reporter, words fail to express our surprise. One may well ask what this well-known and reputable firm has done which should debar them from making contracts in

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the Ely Diocese? The Chancellor spoke from a privileged place on a privileged occasion, but having asked the Press to broadcast such a statement, it would have been but bare justice had he given his grounds for such a sweeping ban. He certainly could not have pronounced this judgment from the case before him, for, as far as we can gather, he had not even heard the evidence of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and it is English law as well as English justice that a person should be heard before he is condemned. What, then, was the information upon which Chancellor MacMorran acted, and who was his informant? The public, we think, have a right to know. The position, as the Chancellor left it, is a threat to the whole progress of bell restoration and to the initiative of bell foundries, at any rate in the Diocese of Ely, and we hope this matter may be carried further.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTER.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... ..	... Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ...	7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... ..	... 2	JAMES BULLOCK	8
HARRY R. PASMORE ... ..	... 3	CHARLES S. BURDEN	9
HENRY R. NEWTON ... ..	... 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	10
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... ..	... 5	ALFRED B. PECK	11
HERBERT LANGDON 6	WALTER PRIME	12 Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

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On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... ..	... Treble	JAMES BENNETT	7
GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	... 2	ARTHUR HEAD	8
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... ..	... 3	HAROLD W. CLARK	9
CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	... 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	10
*FRED HOPPER ... ..	... 5	WILLIAM PYE	11
†DANIEL COOPER ... ..	... 6	JAMES GEORGE	12 Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ellen Hopper, second daughter of the ringer of the fifth.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirt, Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN ... ..	... Treble	ALBERT E. SELLERS	8
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... ..	... 2	JOHN H. HOWELL	7
GEORGE DOWLING ... ..	... 3	WILLIAM A. HUDSON	8
HARRY N. IMESON 4	WILLIAM MIDDLETON ...	9
EDWARD RICKETT 5	JOHN W. HOBSON	10 Tenor

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On Wednesday, June 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK Treble	THOMAS F. KING 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	FRED LAMBETH 7
JESSE FRANCIS 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 8
JOSEPH T. DYKE 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 9
*TREVOR HOLLOWAY 5	†NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by the late J. CARTER. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	RICHARD LYNCH 6
HARRY E. WILLS 2	JOSEPH ATKINSON 7
THOMAS McMORRAN 3	ROBERT TAIT 8
WILLIAM WILSON 4	WILLIAM E. LYNCH 9
CECIL HARRISON 5	GEORGE F. WILMOT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This is the first peal upon the light ten. First of Bob Royal by association, and first Royal by all except the conductor. The ringer of 2nd late of Croydon.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM R. DRAGE 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 3	STAFFORD W. GREEN ... 8
EDWARD C. MERRITT 4	JOHN DEARLOVE 9
*FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	
ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	JOHN BROWN 5
*THOMAS F. HEWERTSON 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6
WILLIAM ROBINSON 3	WILLIAM WILSON 7
FREDERICK HINDLE 4	RICHARD DENNISON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WILSON.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters, Mr. E. Jennings, of Kendal, kindly standing out to reduce the band for Triples. The ringers of the treble, 4th and 7th from Blackburn, 5th from Houghton, 6th from Southport, 2nd, 3rd and tenor from Furness Branch.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY STALHAM Treble	WILLIAM R. DRAGE 5
GEORGE H. SHUKER 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	JOHN DEARLOVE 7
EDMOND J. HOBBS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal in the method on the bells, and the 100th peal by Mr. W. H. Shuker. Messrs. Hobbs and W. Shuker were elected members of the association previous to starting.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TRAPPITT Treble	REGBEN SANDERS 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
*DANIEL COOPER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

ALFRED MOULD Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
REGINALD BOULTON 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
WILLIAM H. T. KING 3	JACK BAILEY 7
GEORGE FREEBREV 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by GEO. FREEBREV.

This peal, which has 22 courses, with 4-6-8 and the 6th its full extent home, is now rung for the M.C.A. the first time. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (Rev. A. E. Clarke) for granting permission to ring, and to the towerkeeper for having everything in readiness.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

DAVID ANSCOMB Treble	JOHN BEAMS 5
GEORGE HOAD 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
JOHN H. WHITE 3	ARTHUR C. OTWAY 7
WILLIAM COOK 4	GEORGE MARRINER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD BULLEN Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Deputy, Thomas Robinson, a former churchwarden of St. Botolph's and representative governor of the Bishopsgate Foundation since 1893.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST B. BETTS Treble	THOMAS K. DRIVER 5
ARNOLD BLACKBURN 2	WILLIAM HORAN 6
JAMES INGHAM 3	LESLIE W. C. MORRIS ... 7
FRED HODGSON 4	HERBERT L'EELE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by FRED HODGSON.

The ringer of the 3rd is from Mytholmroyd, 5th from Middleton, 6th from Todmorden, 7th from Armley, tenor from Birstall. The rest belong to the local company.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Wednesday, May 18th, in 40 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Long 1, F. W. Brinklow 2, P. L. Bishop 3, A. W. Dix 4, T. H. Norris 5, W. E. Oakley 6, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 7, G. Hughes 8.

LONDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK A. FINCH... ..Treble	CHARLES F. SAYER 5
ROBERT A. WARMAN 2	THOMAS BECKETT 6
*STANLEY W. COPLING 3	*HARRY W. BARRETT... .. 7
†MISS VIOLET BECKETT 4	FRANK H. DAVEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK A. FINCH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Miss Beckett is only 17 years of age, and great credit is due to her for the masterly way she rang her bell. She was elected a member of the Guild previous to the peal, which was rung for the Dedication Festival.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, June 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALPHRUS J. BERRY ... ..Treble	ARTHUR G. BLANCELL 5
BERT CHILVERS... .. 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
*ALBERT G. HARRISON 3	HARRY MOSS 7
†NOLAN GOLDEN 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... ..Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by Wm. C. RUMSEY.

* 25th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Major.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JAMES PAGETT ... ..Treble	JACK BAILEY 5
WILLIAM POYSER... .. 2	JOHN W. GLEW... .. 6
ALFRED MOULD 3	*CYRIL J. PORTER 7
GEORGE FREEBREY 4	JOSEPH LORD ... ..Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER.

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus.

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND CANTERBURY MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Being 2,512 changes of each. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	WILLIAM MARTIN 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
JOHN BURLS 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ...Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William Martin.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F flat.

JOSEPH DEAN ... ..Treble	JOHN BURSTON 5
*ERNEST SIBLEY 2	ISAAC BENNETT 6
FRANK BURGESS... .. 3	THOMAS WISE 7
†ALBERT E. HOWARD 4	ALFRED BECKWITH ... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. ‡ First peal for the above Guild. First peal of Triples as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were recast and relung.

MANGOTSFIELD.—At St. James' Church, on May 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: J. G. Jeffries (conductor) 1, E. Palmer 2, C. Harding 3, W. Hewitt 4, T. James 5, T. Marsh 6, P. C. Williams 7, J. W. Jeffries 8. First quarter in the method by all except ringers of treble and seventh.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM A. SIMMONS...Treble	JIM HURRELL 5
HENRY WOOD 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
WILLIAM A. MARTIN 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
ERNEST B. CROWDER 4	HENRY NORGATE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Joseph Law, who joined the St. John's Deptford Ringers' Society in 1875.

ASH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER ...Treble	FREDERICK FAIRBEARD 5
WILLIAM SPICE 2	ARTHUR H. SAXBY 6
HENRY J. CASTLE 3	HARRY PARKES 7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4	HARRISON SMITH ... ..Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and first peal since rehanging: by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being perfect.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE ... ..Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
*MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
GEORGE BAILEY... .. 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED ROWLEY ... ..Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
SAMUEL BAKER 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 6
*HENRY A. FARLOW 3	REUBEN HALL 7
JOHN C. ADAMS 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES. Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

* First peal of Bob Major on an inside bell. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY ... ..Treble	ARTHUR MARTIN 5
GEORGE MARTIN... .. 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
PHYLLIS M. MOSS 3	*THOMAS GOODCHILD... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	JESSE ELDRIDGE... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

WANDSWORTH.—At Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, on Friday, May 20th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: T. Bolton 1, J. Herbert 2, H. Ellis 3, H. Dyass 4, S. Brown 5, W. H. Worsley 6, E. Cassell (conductor) 7, W. Williams 8. First quarter-peal on the bells, which were recently hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th are Sunday service ringers of St. Mary's, Putney.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

ERNEST WITBERS Treble	JOHN PERKINS, JUN. 4
ARTHUR TAYLOR 2	EWART ANDREWS 5
JAMES BRADLEY 3	GEORGE MOORE Tenor

Conducted by J. BRADLEY.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.	Tenor 12 cwt.
ERNEST MOORE Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE 4
ARTHUR MOORE 2	HARRY PARKER 5
GEORGE VERNON 3	JOHN S. ROYLE Tenor

Conducted by J. S. ROYLE.

First peal as conductor.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being two extents of Oxford and five extents of Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES G. BATES Treble	*THOMAS MILLER 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	JAMES H. RAPER 5
THOMAS W. CHOWN 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal on six bells. On the ancient chalice at this church the name of the parish is spelt as 'Hyom.'

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINES.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 8, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.	Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.
BERNARD GILLATT Treble	WILLIAM HARRINGTON 4
BRIAN BRAY 2	GEORGE HOBBS 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by G. HOBBS.

The ringer of the 4th is from Elsham, and this was his first peal.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*JOHN BEVAN Treble	JIM HURRELL 4
CYRIL BRETT SMITH 2	PERCY BRETT SMITH 5
WILLIAM R. WINGATE 3	ROBERT BRETT SMITH Tenor

Conducted by R. BRETT SMITH.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Lydia Brett Smith and Percy Brett Smith.

FRINSTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one six-score of Stedman, 13 of Plain Bob, 14 of Grandsire, and 14 of Canterbury Pleasure.	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A.
P.O. A. R. OCKWELL, R.N. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD 3
WILLIAM SPICE 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 4
GEORGE GILBERT Tenor	

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal on the bells, and first peal in a five bell tower by all.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED STUBBS Treble	JAMES M. NICKERSON 4
FRANK KIRK 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	AMOS SMART Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

First peal in seven methods as conductor.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
ALBERT NASH Treble	ALF E. PARSONS 4
*FRED LOWE 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER 5
*HERBERT MELBOURNE 3	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD D. SMITH Treble	A. E. AUSTIN 4
JOHN MOULE 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by W. MILLER.

Messrs. Howard and Tack are from Barley, Herts, Austin from Shelford, Cambs, the rest from Leytonstone.

LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, four 720's of Kent, one 720 of Plain Bob.

CHARLES E. WEBB Treble	FURNESS WOODEND 4
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON 5
WOODBURN NEVINSON 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. L. Argyle, Vicar of Langdale, and Miss M. Oliver.

EWHURST, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 4
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL 5
BERNARD WELLS 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, June 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 1-2	HERBERT LANGDON ... 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpires: JOHN W. ROWBOTHAM and THOMAS BENNEY.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at All Saints' Church, Sedgley, on Saturday, June 11th, in beautiful weather, and upwards of forty members attended. The bells were at the disposal of the members from three o'clock, and they were kept merrily going in various methods until service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. G. H. Maydew (curate). The Vicar, the Rev. Dr. T. G. Swindell, D.D., read the lesson and also gave an eloquent address. After service, an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a bountiful tea was in readiness. The business meeting followed, at which the venerable Vicar presided, being supported by the Rev. G. H. Maydew and Mr. E. A. Babbs, churchwarden. Apologies were announced from Mr. H. Mason and Mr. A. J. Skelding.

Business of a routine character having been disposed of, three new honorary and several performing members were added to the roll.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Hagley, subject to the usual permission being obtained. The quarterly peal will be attempted at Sedgley, and the arrangements are left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting at Sedgley, for the service, for his inspiring address, for the use of the tower and bells and schoolroom, and for his courteous conduct in the chair at the business meeting; also to his colleague, the Rev. G. H. Maydew, and to the organist, who, although blind, ably played for the various hymns and other parts of the service, and the ringers are more than grateful to him. Thanks were also given to Mr. B. Fullwood for the part he played, he having everything in readiness, and to his loyal band of ringers; also to Mrs. Fullwood for preparing the tea, and to those ladies who assisted her in looking after the wants and comfort of the visitors, also to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a successful and happy one.—The Vicar replied on behalf of all concerned, and then closed the meeting with prayer.

RE-OPENING OF ROPLEY (HANTS) BELLS.

INCREASED FROM FIVE TO SIX.

Tuesday, May 31st, was a day to be remembered by the inhabitants of Ropley, Hants, the occasion being the dedication of the church bells after restoration and an addition of a treble to make a ring of six. The whole cost of the work has been defrayed by Miss Hagen, 'in memoriam of friends of the donor.'

The old five were in a bad state, and had not been rung for a long period. Their silence was, however, joyously broken on May 31st by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild collected together by the Master at very short notice, owing to the date (May 4th) originally fixed for opening having been postponed by the Bishop. The old bells have all been recast (each bell retaining its old inscription) and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. They are mounted on a steel frame with ball bearings. The tenor is 15 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp; diameter, 43 inches. The total weight of the bells is 50 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Mr. F. E. Collins represented the founders at the opening. The ringers, as well as parishioners, were all entertained to tea before the dedication service, which was fixed for 7 p.m.

After the dedicatory prayers had been read by the Bishop, a few rounds on the bells were rung. In addition to the Lord Bishop, other clergy present were the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. C. Geldart), the Rural Dean (Rev. E. C. Peakes), with Rev. H. M. Lewis and Rev. R. T. Shea (Four Marks), and the Rev. C. Trumbrell (Beauworth), while Mr. R. C. Turner was at the organ. The Bishop's address on bells and their message was an interesting and inspiring one.

Immediately after the service, and as the congregation dispersed, the bells were heard in Bob Minor for the first time, a well-struck 720 being brought round by the following members of the Guild: R. Linter 1, G. Williams (conductor) 2, G. E. Chappell 3, F. S. Bayley 4, F. E. Collins 5, J. H. Shepherd 6. Short touches in others methods were also rung by other ringers present who were able to stay, amongst whom were the hon. general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), Messrs. Noice and Paine (Winchester), Nash (Southampton), and W. Linter, son, (Swanmore).

The whole work in connection with the restoration has been excellently carried out by the well-known Croydon firm, and it is hoped a band of ringers will soon be organised locally.

It should be added that a brass plate has been fixed on the south wall of the church, which is inscribed: 'To commemorate the gift of Marianne Sophia Hagen of the church bells, and the provision of a new treble bell, this brass is dedicated by Ropley parishioners, 1927.'

THE TILSWORTH BELL FUND.

At the fete held at Tilsworth, Beds, on Saturday, June 4th, in aid of the fund for the restoration of the tower and bells, the sum of £153 was cleared, which, with about £47 already in hand, brought the total to £200. Collecting cards have been circulated for this fund for a long time, and the committee are now anxious to get them in, and hope to realise another £100 from this source.

If their hopes are fulfilled, they will only need about another £50, unless they decide to add another bell. The committee thank all who have helped them in the past.

'THE ANTIENT ORDER OF PEAL SNATCHERS.'

FALLING BRICKS CAUSE ADJOURNMENT.

On Saturday, ye daye of grace, ye convector of 'Ye Antiient Anathematised Order of Free Peal Snatchers' did order ye members of ye 'Lodge of Light' to foregather in ye steeple of Barston, of good fame and fayre cuntrye.

Someone said it was only one mile from the station, and after one hour's walk through truly beautiful lanes, alongside which the harebells waxed amazing plentiful, oh, good augury, we wished we could meet ye one-mile merchant! Then 'ye Grand Prime Peal Snatcher' opened the lodge on the first degree, known as 'the degree of steeple keepers,' and after working this interesting degree through all its stages, viz., oiling really rusty gudgeons, raising ropes used only for foot chiming, adjusting slide bolts, etc., all of which was made the more interesting inasmuch as the bells had never been rung for ages. The gudgeons were the rustiest the lodge had even seen, the ropes were so hard that even the Past Grand Rope Smith had to use the gravedigger's pick as a marlinespike. The G.P.P.S. then opened on the second degree, known as the 'Degree of Stay Busters,' and explained the system of stays in this steeple, stays fixed by Bagley when he fixed the bells. Before closing on this degree, the lodge, as a body, anathematised the gentleman who cracked the third. The lodge then opened on the third, or 'Gudgeon Benders' Degree,' and with due solemnity rang just ten whole pulls, with all the pomp and panoply which is meet and proper for such an occasion, before passing on to the 'Grand Sublime Degree of Tower Twisters.' Immediately on opening in this difficult degree, to which only the most intrepid brethren of this antiient order are admitted (few are read in, but many read out), two bricks fell out of the tower wall and dropped on the floor just above the treble ringer's head, loosening showers of mortar and the dust of ages on all concerned. This caused the G.P.P.S. to adjourn from gudgeon bending to refreshment, more safety and pleasure being the result thereof. The lodge then ascended the steeple, and the 'Past Grand Clapper Turner' showed the brethren several more 'courses' of loose bricks ready to be shaken down, and ably illustrated to the brethren the results obtained when these fell in the proper place, by dropping one of these bricks on the patriarchal belfry spider. On the way to the house of call, named very appropriately the 'Brickmakers' Arms,' the G.P.P.S. expounded to the brethren the wonderful proposition, 'Peals Asinorum,' viz., 384 bricks equal one cubic yard, one brick falls each ten changes, twelve bricks fall per six-score, 504 bricks fall per peal, so that, at the rate of one peal per week, in ten years there would be no steeple. He was just going on to explain the difference in the gravity of a brick which dropped from the clock chamber to the treble ringer's 'think box,' to a brick which dropped on the ringer who missed his last half turn, when the brethren arrived at the Rest House, and proceeded to discuss the gravity of something else, and the discovery that the ale here also cost 6d. So the lodge did reopen on the highest, or 'Peal Washers' Degree.' In the opinion of the G.P.P.S., this is the most pleasurable degree to work of all the degrees, as it never causes aches or pains to anything except the right elbow. The lodge was declared closed after the singing of 'The shades of knights were trooping past'; and, good Sir, he it known that all the brethren paid for their beer—why? because Boniface was looking.

UNCLE JUSTACUSS.

P.S.—The harebells on the roadside were in ringing order. Poor Bagley's bells were not. Would that the parish paid more attention to centennials than the annuals.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Steeple Ashton on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Knubley, M.A.), and tea was provided in the Parish Room, and followed by a short business meeting, Mr. G. D. Heginbotham (chairman of the branch) presiding.

The election of the two new members elected at the special meeting was confirmed, and Mr. Frank Penn, of Westbury, was elected an unattached member.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of those present to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist, and to those who arranged the tea.

Canon Knubley, in reply, said how pleased he was to have the meeting there, and said he would convey the thanks to the organist. He invited those present to walk round the Vicarage garden.

Ringers present included Mr. T. King, of Bath, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, Loughborough, and members from Steeple Ashton, Bishop's Cannings, Bratton, Devizes (St. Mary's and St. John's), Erlestoke, Keovil, Holt, Westbury, Warminster and Trowbridge.

Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung, and ringing also took place at Keovil, where the bells were available for the evening.

A special meeting of the branch was held at Bromham on Saturday, May 28th, when ringers were present from Bromham, Chippenham, Chirton, Devizes (St. Mary's and St. John's), Holt and Rowde. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung, and two new members were elected to the Guild.

SALISBURY GUILD'S LOSS.**DEATH OF MR. WALTER BISHOP, OF SWANAGE.**

The Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild has suffered a great loss by the death of Mr. Walter G. Bishop, who passed away at Swanage from heart failure on Trinity Sunday. He had attended the branch meeting on the Saturday evening, and was walking home when he collapsed at the top of a steep hill. He was helped home, but died on the following morning.

Walter Bishop was one of the mainstays of ringing in the Wimborne Branch, and had been for thirty years a member of the Swanage tower, where he did most of the conducting. He was in charge of the bells, and made it his duty to see that everything in the tower was kept clean and in good order. He always gave of his best, and nothing that required attention was too much trouble to him. He was chiefly responsible for training the young ringers, and many ringers, not only at Swanage, owe their skill to his painstaking tuition. He would be found in the tower whenever there was anyone to teach, sometimes four evenings a week, and never seemed to grudge the time. It must have been disheartening when pupils to whom he had given hours of his time got slack, or dropped out; but if he felt it he never showed it—he was as ready as ever when any new 'colts' came along.

Always willing, always hardworking, always even-tempered, always courteous, Walter Bishop's death has come as a great blow to his many friends, outside as well as inside the tower; and in the latter has left a gap which it will be impossible to fill, and an example which all would do well to follow. He is mourned as one who was, in every way, a good man.

PRESENTATION TO MR. A. H. PULLING.

A pleasing little ceremony took place at Bramshott Parish Church, Hants, on Wednesday evening, June 15th, when Mr. Alfred H. Pulling, conductor of the Holy Trinity Guild, Guildford, who has been acting as honorary instructor at Bramshott, was presented with a solid oak copy of an old English bracket clock, in appreciation of his valuable services. The clock bore the following inscription: 'Presented to Mr. A. H. Pulling by the Bramshott church ringers and friends, in appreciation of his valuable services, generously given, as instructor, June, 1927.' The presentation was made by Mr. W. H. Wright, churchwarden, and Mr. Pulling suitably replied.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Thursday, April 21st, for a wedding, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. W. H. Strickland 1, H. A. Barnett 2, Miss Upsher 3, S. W. Crabb 4, C. A. Button 5, J. G. Nash 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, N. Tomlinson 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Bletchley, on Saturday, June 4th, when about 50 members attended, representing Bletchley, Beachampton, Fenny Stratford, Loughton, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Simpson, Shenley and Woughton, with visitors from the Herts, Bedfordshire and Northants Associations. The bells were ringing from 2.30, and the members attended service. The choir was in attendance, and the singing was of a very hearty character. The address, given by the Master, the Rev. G. W. O. Jenkyn, completed a most enjoyable service. Tea was served on the Rectory lawn, and was followed by the business meeting, the Rev. L. Moxen, of Newport Pagnell, being in the chair.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) presented the report of balance sheet, which showed the branch to be in a good financial position, having £10 invested and £12 ls. 8d. balance in hand.

The Rev. L. Moxen was again re-elected president, and Mr. W. Sear secretary and treasurer, with the thanks of the meeting for services rendered during his 13 years of office.

The places of meeting were chosen for the year, and Bletchley was once again selected for the annual festival next year.

The Master complimented the branch on its financial position, and spoke of what had been suggested in other branches of the Guild as to utilising some of the money to assist to convey parties of ringers to other parts of the branch to teach change ringing in those towers where there was a desire to learn. After a discussion, the proposal had the approval of the meeting, and the Secretary suggested that it should be left to him to arrange matters when required.

The usual vote of thanks was passed by the Chairman, Rev. L. Moxen, to the Master for preaching, the choir, and to the ladies for providing tea.—This was suitably responded to.

It is interesting to relate that one young enthusiast walked that day from St. Albans to Bletchley, a distance of 27 miles, and enjoyed the ringing, staying to the last, and then joined the train for home. This concluded a very happy meeting. Ringing during the afternoon was up to the standard, the methods ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to London Surprise Major.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Thursday, June 16th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) at St. Mary's Church for the wedding of Miss E. Mildash and Mr. Scott: G. Saunders 1, W. Webb 2, F. Tubb 3, F. Cherritt 4, B. Tubb 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

HESWELL, WIRRAL.—On Bank Holiday, June 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles (1,440 changes) in 48 mins.: W. Jones 1, J. Smith 2, G. R. Edwards (conductor) 3, J. Lea (longest length) 4, R. G. Edwards 5.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal at Tipton on Saturday was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. Alfred Rowley, who is a member of the local band. He has now called a peal of Bob Major from each bell in the tower, each peal a different composition. He has rung 50 peals and called 25 different peal-compositions in the four standard methods on these bells.

The only peal on fourteen bells, Stedman Sextriples, was rung at Birmingham five years ago to-day.

The peal of ten at Taunton were opened on June 25th, 1885. Taunton is one of the most recent additions to the rings of twelve.

Ninety years ago next Tuesday, Henry Dains was born.

On June 30th, 1833, Elijah Roberts 'tapped' a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham.

CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I make known to the Exercise, through your columns, that since your last issue I have received for the Central Council Library those numbers of 'Bell News' which were required, and that that collection is now completed.

At the same time I should like to suggest that if any reader of 'The Ringing World' can offer or obtain the offer of any book or other publication which might be of value to the library, I hope he will communicate with me.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

Broadlands, Caversham.

Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

Quite unintentionally we did an injustice last week to the Whitley Bay company, when we stated that the peal rung at Warnham, on June 11th, was the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major. On May 14th, 1924, the Whitley Bay band rung Mr. J. W. Parker's 5,056 of Spliced Superlative and Cambridge, and the writer of last week's article must apologise to that talented company for the oversight. It is another illustration of the shortness of human memory. The footnote to the peal of Spliced London, Superlative, Bristol and Cambridge should have said: 'First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods.'

DEATH OF MR. H. G. PARSONS.

RINGER AND COUNTY CRICKETER.

On Friday, June 10th, at the advanced age of 87 years, Mr. H. G. Parsons ('old Harry') received his last call. In spite of his great age, he was quite active until a few months ago. Although not a great ringer, he was, in his younger days, a regular Sunday ringer at St. Mary's, Ealing, where he was steeplekeeper for about 30 years.

He was also a well-known figure in cricket circles in the earlier part of his life, having played for Middlesex as far back as 1863. He was also coach to many famous cricketers, including the three brothers Studd, and from 1872 to 1914 he was umpire for the Marlborough Blues.

He was interred in the Ealing Cemetery on Monday, June 13th, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on his favourite bells by the following: F. S. Palmer 1, E. J. Walton 2, P. E. Clark 3, J. H. Hunnisett 4, R. Thompson 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, E. Harris 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A JOINT MEETING OF SOCIETIES.

The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern Area of Yorkshire was held at Conisborough on Saturday last, when upwards of 50 members attended, each district being well represented. The fine peal of eight were kept very busy until five o'clock, when a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar of Conisborough (the Rev. H. Lee), who gave the ringers a very hearty welcome, this being the association's first visit since his induction as Vicar. An excellent tea was provided by the local company in the school adjoining the church, to which about 60 sat down.

The business meeting was held immediately after tea, the Vicar taking the chair. Eight new members were elected, these being Messrs. R. Fletcher and T. Cooper (Rawmarsh), G. Turner (South Auston), T. Huddleston, S. Huddleston, J. Myers, K. Jubb and A. Hague, of Ecclesfield. The Vicar and his churchwarden, Mr. H. Thirlwall, were elected as hon. members of the association.

An invitation given by Rawmarsh to hold the next meeting at that place was accepted, the date being fixed for October 22nd.

The Secretary gave a report regarding the testimonial to the late vice-president, Mr. F. Willey, and the meeting fully endorsed the manner in which the committee had used the money subscribed, and the hope was expressed that Mr. Willey's stay at Southport would be of great benefit to him and restore him to health again.

A vote of condolence with the relatives of two old members of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. W. S. Plant (Ranmoor) and Mr. W. Lambert (Bolsover), was passed by all standing in silence for a few moments.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and the schools, to the ladies for their services at tea, and to the local company, were heartily carried, and replied to by the Vicar and Mr. Harrison. This brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

ICKLETON CHURCH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The sympathy of all ringers, clerical and lay, will be extended to the Vicar and churchwardens of Ickleton in the painful position in which they have been placed by the surprising judgment delivered by the Chancellor of the Ely diocese, reported in your last issue. In view of what has been said, it may be well to give the dates and founders of the bells from 'The Church Bells of Cambridgeshire':—

Ickleton 6. Tenor F, etc.

1. Lester and Pack, 1761.

2. Thomas Newman, of Norwich, 1729.

3. William Chapman, London, 1781.

4. Lester and Pack, 1755.

5. Newman, of Norwich, 1729.

6. Thomas Lester, of London, 1751.

Now, it will be evident to anyone who knows anything about the subject that these bells have very little archaeological value or interest; in fact, for practical purposes, none at all. And yet we have an official in the responsible position of a diocesan chancellor speaking of them as being 'lost for ever,' etc.—language of gross exaggeration, and quite absurd when one considers that three or four of these priceless antiques were found to be cracked! The Chancellor is a lawyer, and cannot, of course, be expected to be a bell expert. In dealing with matters connected with bells he has therefore to rely upon information and advice supplied by others. In this case his mentor was a well-known architect connected with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, who had been employed by the Ickleton folk for the restoration of their tower only, but who could not resist the temptation of dipping his finger into the campanological pie as well. Hence *Illæ Lachrymæ*. The effect of his interference was manifested in the Chancellor's remarkable statement that he would not have allowed 'the firm in question' (i.e., the Croydon Foundry) to touch any of the bells, for it is no secret that Simpson tuning is anathema to the S.P.A.B.! It is satisfactory to learn that the Vicar and churchwardens have had the full support and confidence of their Parochial Church Council, that matters have since been amicably adjusted with the Chancellor, and that, as far as can be seen, the work will now proceed smoothly and peacefully.

Perhaps ringers will bear in mind that two trebles are still required to complete the octave, and that here is an opportunity for showing their sympathy to the harassed authorities of Ickleton in a practical way!

The moral of all this is clear. In every diocese the Chancellor should have at his elbow an individual or committee who know something about bells and the needs of ringing, and who will be prepared, if necessary, to remind him that the church tower is not a museum for cracked (if rare) specimens, but a building for the keeping and use of musical instruments, which from time to time are in need of repair and renewal.

H. B. WOOLLEY.

Long Stanton.

CHURCH COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION OF CONFIDENCE.

At a meeting held on June 13th the Church Council of Ickleton passed a resolution, in which they expressed their entire confidence in the Vicar (the Rev. P. H. Cooke) and churchwardens respecting their conduct in the application to the Chancellor of the diocese for a faculty for the church bells, and the church secretary was requested to forward the resolution to the Bishop of Ely and the Archdeacon.

PARISHIONERS' SUPPORT.

Mr. P. Webb, the leader of the ringers, informs us that the church authorities and committee are being warmly backed up by all the parishioners, rich and poor alike. Nearly everyone in the village is subscribing, including Nonconformists, widows and old-age pensioners, and they are amazed at the treatment which the Vicar and churchwardens received.

It is hoped that the scheme, not only to restore the tower and bells, but to add two trebles, may be carried out in its entirety. The work on the tower has been completed, and with generous support it will be possible to add the two new bells. Subscriptions should be sent to Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Cambs. He acknowledges with thanks the following contributions: Collected at Herl's meeting at Braughing, 18s.; Mr. W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, 5s.; Sawston ringers, 10s.; Mr. J. Oldacre, 5s.; Mr. E. G. Hibbins, 5s.; Rev. H. B. Woolley, 10s.; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, £1; Rev. R. F. R. Routh, 5s.; Ely Diocesan Association, £5; Mr. F. Nunn, 2s.

DEATH OF VETERAN DEPTFORD RINGER.

The St. John's, Deptford, Society has lost its oldest member by the death, at the age of 85 years, of Mr. Joseph Law, who joined the band in 1875, when the bells were first installed. Mr. Law remained a regular ringer at the church until three or four years ago, when he left the neighbourhood. He continued ringing almost up to the time of his death, which took place at Plumstead on May 17th.

BELLS OF BOSTON 'STUMP.'

A RESTORATION APPEAL.

The bells at the famous Lincolnshire Church of St. Botolph, Boston, familiarly known as 'Boston Stump,' have long been in a state of dilapidation, and the Mayor (Councillor James Tail) has issued a public appeal for their restoration. The Mayor says it is absolutely necessary, in order to obtain satisfaction, to recast and rebang the bells. No funds are available for the work, which it is estimated will cost £800.

The dates of the present bells range from 1657 to 1785. The first mention of the bells in Boston Church is in 1553, when it is said there were 'five great bells in the steeple and a sanctus bell.' The Corporation records state that the bells were repaired in 1627. A sixth bell was added previous to 1709, for that year a faculty or licence was granted to recast the 'immense old bell hanging in the tower, which was of little use and imperfect sound, and publishing the holy hours imperfectly, and of the metal of the said bell to make three smaller ones. Two of these bells to be added to the six now in the tower, and the third bell to be for the clock to strike upon, and to tell the hour to the people loudly and clearly, and to place the same on the lantern or highest part of the tower, to place and suspend the same for the better and more audible hearing of the sound thereof.'

It may be mentioned in passing that this 'immense old bell' was the one which, Dr. Stukeley says, 'could be heard six or seven miles round, with many old verses upon it, and which was knocked to pieces about the year 1710, without taking the inscription.'

The large clock bell, directed to be melted and recast, weighed above 4,000 lb. The new clock bell, at that time cast from part of it, weighed only 533 lb. The large clock bell was of the kind called, from the shape, a saucer bell. It was suspended in the tower lantern. The new clock bell, cast in 1709, was suspended below the leaden roof of the belfry; this bell is said to have been cracked in the year 1754. In 1758, a new clock bell was directed to be made, the weight of which was not to exceed 1,000 lb. This was the bell upon which the clock struck at the time referred to.

The clock and chimes are first mentioned in the Corporation records in 1614, when John Tomlinson was admitted a freeman gratis, 'he agreeing that he will, during his life, keep the clock and chimes in order, and all the ironwork and wires belonging to the same, and to keep all the chambers and bell-lofts clean during his life.' In the year 1732 new chimes were ordered; they struck upon the eight-peat bells. They became imperfect, however, and ceased to play in 1832. In 1825, the Corporation subscribed £100 towards a new clock, which was fixed in the ringing chamber in 1827, the entire cost attending it being about £900. It was refitted in 1853, and fixed in the bell chamber; the cost of refitting and refixing was £85 3s. 10d. The quarters struck upon the two bells cast out of the great bell in 1709. The old figures, called 'quarter-jacks,' were sold in 1853.

The second bell of the six in the tower, being cracked, was also recast in 1709, and the eight bells were first chimed in the steeple on December 17th, 1710. The sixth bell was recast, and the bells generally put in order in the year 1758, by Thomas Eyre, the 'Pyrotechnus de Kettering.'

Mt. George Gilbert Scott, the architect, says: 'The bells were originally rung from the little stone galleries which run round the second storey of the tower, on the level of the window sills, the ropes passing through the heads of the windows, thence for a considerable height through the interior of the wall, and over blocks or pulleys, set in openings of the walls of the belfry. The holes through which they passed may yet be seen in each window-head, and also in the belfry above.'

Thompson, in his account of the church written 75 years ago, said: 'The ringers now stand on the groined stone roof. The tenor bell of the present peal weighs 2,400 pounds. The rehanging of the bells in 1853 cost £25. Until about 15 years back a bell used to be rung about five o'clock in the morning. This originated probably, in an intent to call labourers, workpeople, and servants to their daily toil. The same bell was rung again at eight o'clock in the evening, this being no doubt the continuation of the ancient curfew bell. Now, although in this utilitarian age, the practice of continuing memorials of hygone customs has become unfashionable, we think the tolling of these bells may be defended upon utilitarian principles. The morning bell prepared those whose inheritance is labour, for the commencement of that labour; whilst the evening bell marked the termination of the active period of another day in a salutary and impressive manner, and had a tendency to excite feelings and thoughts which everyone would be made better by indulging in.'

The only known peal rung on the bells was Stedman Triples by the Lincoln Guild on October 11th, 1913, rung under the most difficult conditions. The big ringing chamber is close under the bells, and a great dome rises in the centre of the floor which almost hides each ringer from the man opposite. There is a tradition that a peal had previously been rung at the 'Stump' after the Battle of Waterloo, and the ringers were taken to London and feted and made much of.

STISTED BELL FUND.

Amount already acknowledged, £130; Mr. W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley, £1; Harlow Common ringers, 10s. 6d.; Halstead ringers, 1s.; total, £131 11s. 6d. All subscriptions should be sent to Mr. H. F. Cooper, Stisted.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

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THE VALUE OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

For the Towers and Belfries Committee, Major J. H. B. Hesse said that during the year he had inspected five towers, and in each case the work had either been completed or would be carried out when funds were available.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said, although as a committee they had not been given a definite job to do, they were working with a view to improving the towers and belfries. He had been very busy inspecting towers in his own diocese. He had never known a time when so much desire was shown to have bells put in order. He put it down largely to the fact of the great number of branch meetings that their Guild held. Ringers attended these meetings, and visited a tower, perhaps, where the bells had been restored, and they went back dissatisfied with their own. That, he thought, did more to get bells put in order than any amount of talking about it outside. He put this before the Council as an important advantage of branch meetings. He thought this, often more than peal ringing, got bells put in order. A band might visit a tower and condemn the bells as unringable, but if the authorities said they had no money, that was where it would end. But that was not the case if the matter were 'boiling' in the locality. In all cases where he had made inspections, the work was going forward or had been done and given satisfaction.

The Hon. Secretary said he had received a letter from Mr. E. H. Lewis, who reported that he had during the past year given advice in two cases. One was Bow, where he found the arrangement of the twelve bells was very interesting, and about as good as it could be. The other was that of a big bell which was to be swung through 90 degrees only, and particulars as to the amount of thrust were wanted. He had made the necessary calculations and forwarded them in order that they might be placed on record. With regard to the committee, individual members could still do much in giving advice, but it did not seem as if there was much for them to do collectively, at least until the steelmakers had discovered a special steel which would withstand corrosion and be sold at a price which was cheap enough for bell frames.

The Rev. H. Drake said he was interested to hear that members of the committee had visited towers to report on the condition of bells. He did not know that was part of their work. He had also had a good deal to do this last year in visiting and reporting, and it would be of assistance if members of the Council felt they could call on the committee to visit a tower and reinforce the advice given.

The President said he was perfectly certain Major Hesse and Mr. Jenkyn would do so as far as their other duties permitted.

The reports were adopted, and the following re-elected on the committee: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. E. A. Young and Major J. H. B. Hesse.

THE YEAR'S RECORDS.

The Records Committee's report was as follows: First peals in new methods have been rung by (1) the Chester Diocesan Guild, viz., 5,152 Belgrave Surprise Major, 5,024 Clarendon Surprise Major; (2) Hertford County Association, viz., 5,184 New Gloucester Surprise Major, 5,040 Original Triples; (3) Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, 5,040 London Bob Triples. Record lengths have been rung by (1) Lancashire Association, 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major, 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major; (2) the Chester Diocesan Guild, 5,088 Double Bob Major, 'in hand.' Peals in methods spliced together for the first time have been rung by (1) the Chester Diocesan Guild, 5,184 Plain, Double and Reverse Bob Major, in hand; (2) Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, 5,076 Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters; (3) the Kent County Association, 5,152 Plain Bob, Double Norwich, and Double Oxford Bob Major, 5,088 Plain and Double Oxford Bob Major; (4) Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, 5,095 Plain Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples; (5) Midland Counties Association, 5,096 Plain and Little Bob Major, 5,024 Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Major; (6) Middlesex Association, 5,073 Erin, Stedman and Grandsire Caters. The first peal of Reverse Bob Major 'in hand' has been rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston, in moving the adoption of the report, said about three years ago the Council authorised the committee to have copies of the records typed. He was sorry there had been delay in getting that done, but they were now completed, and had been handed to the secretary of the Council. The purpose for which the copies had been typed and placed in the hands of the Council was that they might be examined in order to find out the mistakes which in any work of that kind would almost inevitably take place. Already mistakes had been found, and they would be duly corrected.

The report was adopted.

THE NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. Drake, for the Nomenclature Committee, said the committee were in a difficulty to know what to do. In the minutes passed that day it was stated that an amendment was passed. It was also recorded that he had asked that the amendment should be turned into the form of a rider, but that was not supported, and the amendment was turned into a full resolution. When this amendment was put there was really no proposition before the meeting, and the result was the committee did not know where they were. The committee's report, as Mr. Burton pointed out afterwards in 'The Ringing World,' was still before the Council; it was neither accepted nor rejected, and

he (the speaker) felt that, as a committee, they could do nothing more than leave it there. They had done what they were asked to do, and unless the Council asked them to do anything further he did not see what they could do. Mr. Drake went on to say that the amendment passed at the last meeting, in his opinion, ruled out one of the motions on that day's agenda. The amendment was 'That this Council, while urging on the Exercise the extreme importance of choosing suitable names for new methods, declines to interfere with such rights as bands and individual ringers at present enjoy of giving names to new methods. And, further, is of the opinion that no alteration should be made in the names of old and historical methods, except where urgently necessary.' The committee, in their report, had provided some scheme by which the Council could review the method of affixing names. With that in view, he asked the Council to take the amendment as a rider, in which way it would have qualified and not wrecked the report. The Council, by the amendment, declined to interfere with the names, but he must point out that that action would, in his opinion, prevent them considering the motion on the agenda later in the name of Mr. Law James (laughter).

Mr. T. H. Beams said the effect of the amendment passed last year was to nullify everything the committee did. He left it to the Council to judge whether it was done purposely. Their work having been nullified, there had been nothing left for them to do during the past year, but there was a way out of the difficulty. If they wanted the committee to go forward, they must give them instructions as to the lines upon which they wished them to go forward, or else they should choose a new committee.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said if they would read last year's amendment they would see it left a nice loophole, and when he drafted it he intended that it should wreck the report of the committee (laughter). It did not say that the Council declined to interfere or do nothing in the naming of all methods, but said the Council declined to interfere with such rights as ringers and bands had at present. As a matter of fact, such rights as they had were subject, and always had been subject, to revision by anybody. If he, or anyone, published a method and the Exercise did not care for the name given to it, they could alter it, and always had altered it. What he objected to, in moving the amendment, was laying down autocratic rules, without appeal, for naming all methods, past, present and to come, and making wholesale alterations in the names of methods which had been rung. What they wanted to do was to leave the matter in a loose state in which it could be adapted to circumstances. A band who rang a method could call it what they liked, but if they called it by an unsuitable name the Exercise had the right to refuse to agree to it. With regard to the procedure on the amendment, it was an amendment to a report which had been moved and seconded at the previous Council, and he thought Mr. Drake was in error when he said it was not so.

EXIT!

The Rev. H. Law James proposed that the Council's thanks be given to the committee for what they had done; they had read their report and would make what use of it they could.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore thought from last year's amendment the committee were done away with. He suggested the committee might now be dissolved.

The President said by the amendment carried last time the committee could not possibly go on with any work in the direction of their report, and they had confessed that that day. As there was no work for them to do, he imagined the committee would come to an end unless they reappointed it and gave it something definite to do.

Mr. C. T. Coles said the committee was appointed three years ago because of the dissatisfaction and confusion which arose through various methods having more than one name. The primary object was that they should go into the matter and settle the correct names; whether they went beyond the terms of their reference he would not say. He did not agree that the amendment last year interfered with the later motion which was to be considered. This latter referred to an extension of a method and not to the naming of one.

Mr. J. Hunt said in his opinion the committee went much too far by trying to change names that had been known to the Exercise for hundreds of years. Last year they put nine or ten resolutions in their report. He believed some members would have supported two of them, but the committee wanted to carry the whole lot at once.

The Rev. H. Drake said the committee merely compiled a list of names of methods to which objection might possibly be raised, and left it to the Council to decide on what lines they wanted the alterations made. They put their recommendations in the form of a number of resolutions, which could still be put one by one; they did not ask the Council to adopt them all. Some of the resolutions were things which they could all agree with and were really necessary. He would like to move, if nothing else, that the president put the resolutions to the Council one by one without discussion, and, if there was any opposition to them, those who objected could lay their views before the committee during the course of the year, and the committee would try to meet them. There was a desire in the Exercise that something should be done, and if the Council did not re-elect the old committee he hoped they would elect someone else. Mr. Drake added that it was most outrageous thing that recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' should have taken the form of an attack on the Editor, who was one of those most in favour of doing something to get rid of the present confusion which exists in these names.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said it seemed to him that although this committee had nothing to report, they were going to spend a long time discussing it (laughter), which seemed to him absolutely futile. By 29 votes to three at the last meeting they gave the committee what he thought was their quietus on the report. The committee did an infinite amount of work and produced 13 resolutions, all of them controversial, and now they actually proposed they should discuss them individually at that meeting. (Mr. Drake: No, not discuss them). He begged to move that the committee be thanked for their services, but be not reappointed.

Several members rose together to second this.

The Rev. H. L. James pointed out that between that and the next meeting the Collection of Minor Methods would be revised, and the Methods Committee would see that the names in that publication were settled satisfactorily.

Mr. Beams: Satisfactorily to Mr. Law James (laughter).

Mr. J. W. Parker said the names of the Minor methods had already been decided by the Analyses Committee, and were accepted by the Council. Failing amendment, the names given by the Analyses Committee must stand.

Mr. Beams said the committee were given three things to do: to review existing nomenclature, to prepare suitable topographical names and formulate a plan for the application of such names. That was what they did, and the Council neither accepted nor rejected the report.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith: Will it bring the matter to a head if I move that the report be rejected and the committee given an opportunity to resign (laughter).

On being put, Mr. Pritchett's motion was carried by a large majority.

METHODS COMMITTEE TO SETTLE NAMES.

When the Council resumed after the luncheon interval, Mr. J. A. Trollope said, as the Council had decided to reissue 'Minor Methods,' and in that reissue the question of names would arise, he would like the Council to empower the committee to deal with names: that was to say, to give the committee power to deal with the whole matter at their discretion. He thought the Council could trust them, because they had just issued the 'Major Collection,' in which the names used had, he believed, met with pretty general approval.

The Rev. H. Law James, in seconding, said the committee would, as far as possible, adopt the names given to the methods by those bands that rang the first 720 in each case.

Mr. W. Willson was opposed to the Council giving the committee the power asked for. To give the committee discretion would grossly interfere with what had been done before, and they were asking for powers which had just been crushed with the previous committee. They had taken the power from one committee and were now asked to give it to another. He knew Mr. Trollope was blessed with a certain amount of confidence, but he thought this was asking too much (laughter).

Mr. Trollope said it was only a question of what names had got to be put into the publication for which the Methods Committee were held responsible. What the committee would have to decide was not a question of finding names for the methods, but of choosing the most suitable names from those already given. The whole thing was covered by the resolution passed last year. He had then fully in mind the whole of these contingencies; there was nothing new in what he was now asking for.

Mr. T. Faulkner said that Council had already stultified itself by washing out the work of three years of the Nomenclature Committee. Might he suggest that instead of the Methods Committee arrogating to themselves the powers to select titles for methods which might or might not be rung, Mr. Trollope should add to his committee the names of the members of the Nomenclature Committee, so that the whole of their work for the last three years should not be lost. He would propose this as an amendment. The Council had thrown a wet blanket on the six-bell ringers of the country, and on their behalf he must make a protest against it.

Mr. Trollope said they by no means desired to throw over the Nomenclature Committee's work entirely. What they wanted was to be able to use a certain amount of discretion in order to take the best of everything. They did not want to put in alternative or additional names, but to consider them all, including the Nomenclature Committee's list, and the Analysis Committee's list, for final selection, and they could not complete the book until that was done.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said he saw no harm in the resolution if it were properly understood that all the committee proposed to do was to make the best selection from existing names, and loyally accepted the Council's decision that they did not want any change of names. If Mr. Trollope would give that pledge it ought to satisfy the Council, and he thought it would.

Mr. Trollope: That is exactly what we want.

Mr. A. D. Barker said the Nomenclature Committee was appointed to do this work three years ago. They had presented a report, which was neither accepted nor rejected, because the Council accepted Mr. Trollope's motion, which nullified all the committee's efforts. Now Mr. Trollope was asking for the same power to go into the question again with his own committee.

On being put, Mr. Trollope's motion was carried by a large majority.

TO APPROACH THE B.B.C.

The Council then came to the notices of motion, and for the convenience of Mr. T. H. Taffender, who was prevented by duty from

remaining to the end of the meeting, the proposal standing in his name was first discussed. It was: 'That the Council approach the British Broadcasting Corporation with a view to the broadcasting during the evening programmes of a series of instructional talks on change ringing, with handbell demonstrations.' This matter, he said, had come before his association (the London County) on account of the unsatisfactory matters which took place a little time ago in the 'Children's Hour,' and they also thought it would be more edifying to the public if the talk took place in the evening programme. The association thought the Council would have more influence behind it than an individual association would have, and suggested that the Council should elect a committee to approach the B.B.C. Personally, he thought it might be taken up by the Literature and Press Committee.

Mr. A. D. Barker seconded.

Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said it would be better if the committee were formed of men living in London.

Rev. C. D. P. Davies spoke in strong support of the motion. He had never listened to the 'Children's Hour,' he said, so he did not know what happened then, but he had listened to ringing of all sorts. What had struck him about the Broadcasting Corporation was that they were absolutely ignorant of the real principles of change ringing, and showed it by the tantalising way in which change ringing was 'faded away' about the two sixes before the end of a course of Stedman Cinques. The B.B.C. wanted educating, and he was sure they were open to education if approached in the proper manner. He wrote to them himself and got a perfectly courteous reply, but nothing came of it. If they had a committee as suggested, it would be most advisable that they should consist of people in London, who could go personally to the B.B.C., if necessary.

Mr. A. A. Hughes said he was afraid they would find a great deal of difficulty in dealing with the B.B.C. The corporation's efforts were devoted to pleasing the public. Members of the Council had all heard the very atrocious efforts of chiming on the bells of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. He had listened and shuddered, but members of the public, who did not understand change ringing, had told him that they much preferred to hear the chiming at St. Martin's to the broadcast from Bow, Cheapside, when they had heard Stedman Cinques as it ought to be rung. If the Council appointed a committee, they had got to overcome that very big difficulty of the B.B.C.'s idea of the public preference for chiming.

Mr. H. W. Wilde supported the motion, and said he believed they could educate the public if they could get an able speaker to give a series of short talks, with handbell illustrations.

The motion was carried, and a committee appointed consisting of Messrs. T. H. Taffender, W. T. Cockerill, A. A. Hughes, J. D. Matthews and E. A. Young.

MARKET LAVINGTON BELLS RESTORED.

The bells at Market Lavington have been reopened after restoration, the ceremony being performed on June 4th by the Archdeacon of Wilts, who is a great lover of bells and bell ringing.

Market Lavington bells, six in number, which were recast some fifty years ago, have been rehung in an iron frame, with new bearings and clappers. The vibration of the bells when rung in their old oaken frame had caused the masonry of the tower to become somewhat dislocated, and this has been placed in a thorough state of repair.

Perhaps the most gratifying feature of the work is the fact that it has been paid for. To be faced with an expenditure of something in the neighbourhood of £500 was no small task for a parish of the size of Market Lavington, but so well did the parishioners and others interested respond to the appeal for funds that the whole sum has been practically secured. This happy result is partly due to the generosity of Lord Warrington, of Clyffe, who added fifty per cent. to every contribution. Grants towards the restoration fund were also made from the Diocesan Church Building Society and the White Bequest.

The ringers present at the reopening included the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), the vice-chairman, Mr. B. Cook (Bratton), the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Francis (Trowbridge), and the secretary, Mr. F. Green (Devizes), Messrs. G. England, G. Swift, S. H. Sutton (Devizes), T. Holloway (Westbury), and E. Perrett (Rowde).

The ringers present, with employees of the firm which had in hand the work in the tower, were the guests of the Vicar at tea, during which the company was visited by the Archdeacon.—On behalf of the ringers, Mr. Heginbotham welcomed the Archdeacon to that part of the diocese, and the latter suitably replied.

Thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality were voiced by Mr. Cook, and Mr. Sturton, in his reply, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many ringers present.

In addition to those mentioned, the visitors included ringers from Bishop's Canning, Erlestoke, Warminster, Zeals and Bourton. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

The ringers were unanimous in their appreciation of the manner in which the work to the bells and the tower had been carried out, and of the much improved tone of the ring.

Great thanks are due to Mr. F. Green, the secretary of the branch, who, at the request of the Vicar, made arrangements for the ringing at the reopening service.

BEGINNERS' PROGRESS.

On Tuesday, May 24th, at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,278 changes) in 52 mins.: Miss Mabel Robertson 1, Miss Anna Cushing 2, Miss Durrant 3, Miss Helen Bill 4, Arthur Haistead 5, J. Rampley 6, P. Sadler 7, G. Mayers 8, J. F. Duffield (conductor) 9, P. S. Thompson 10. This was Miss Robertson's first quarter-peal, and the first by Miss Cushing with an 'inside' bell.

At St. Matthew's Parish Church, Stretford, on May 19th, 720 Bob Minor: C. W. Birchall 1, C. Norman Birchall (first 720) 2, W. Wigglesworth 3, H. Chapman 4, T. Birchall 5, Wilfred Moss (conductor) 6.

At Tring Parish Church on Empire Day, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Cherry 1, C. Badrick 2, K. Bishop 3, F. C. Reeve 4, J. Pulett 5, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake 6, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8. First 504 by ringer of 3rd, who only started to learn change ringing in January this year.

At Sharnbrook, on Empire Day, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes) in 42 mins., consisting of 360 each of Kent, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob and 180 of Plain Bob: W. Surridge 1, W. Cooper 2, A. J. Barcock 3, R. C. Allen 4, F. Allen 5, E. C. Allen (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2nd, 5th and 6th, and first as conductor.

At Mere, Wilts, on Whit Sunday, for morning service, 168 Grandsire Triples: C. Bunce 1, G. Bunce 2, J. Gray 3, H. Keates 4, E. Coward 5, W. Keates 6, F. A. Coward (conductor) 7, E. Doddington 8. This is the first touch ever rung on the bells by a local band.

APARTMENTS.

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NOTICE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rostherne, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. Edward Davies, Rostherne, Cheshire, by Tuesday, June 28th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on June 30th. *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea, at the invitation of the Vicar (Rev. S. K. Lockyer) and friends. Business meeting after. A good gathering at this annual event is hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brightling on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Parish Recreation Hall at 5.30, through the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. E. A. W. Haviland). Business meeting to follow. Half fares (maximum 1s.) allowed to members.—G. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3.0. Tea and general meeting at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5.0. Tea will be 1/- to fully paid-up members, to others 1s. 6d.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 on the Rector's lawn (if fine). All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BARNESLEY ASSOCIATION.—Hoylandswaine Cup contest takes place on Saturday, June 25th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Ringing commences at 3.15 p.m.—A. Panther, Sec. pro. tem.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Warfield (8 bells) on Saturday, June 25th, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Duffield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (10) open from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcomed.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—By invitation of the Vicar, the next quarterly meeting will be held at Minehead (10 bells) on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Alderton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea by the invitation of the Rector (Rev. A. D. Pennington) at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — First general quarterly meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, June 25th. Red Buses (cheap return fares) every $\frac{1}{2}$ hour from Newark, Leicester and Bond Gate, Nuneaton, also many local buses. Bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m. Barwell (8) from 4 p.m. A short service will be held at Earl Shilton 4.30. Tea at 5. Committee meet at 3.30; general meeting follows tea. A good representative attendance is hoped for.—E. Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Ash on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—P. W. Smith, Dis. Sec., Fairview, Littlebourne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Twyford, Berks, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) at 3. Short Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 5. Guild reports obtainable. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treas., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on June 25th, when the bells recently rehung, will be open for ringing. A tea will be provided by the Rector, and all ringing friends will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Egerton on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. The usual tea arrangements will be made.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Summer meeting of the above branch will be held at East Hlsley, Berks, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8), at o'clock. Service 4.34. Tea at 1s., 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Bingham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Meat tea 1s. 6d. each.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 5, with tea and meeting to follow.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Loddon on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) will be available at 2.15 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) will be provided by Mr. T. Gordon at the Church Rooms at 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. — Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Sowerby on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, June 25th. Bells: All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (6) available from 3 p.m. onwards. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome.—L. Moon, Branch Sec., Ramleh, Park Lane, Newmarket.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on June 25th at the Parish Church, Builth Wells. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5. Tea provided by Rev. Archdeacon Church Jones.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623). —The 304th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Monday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. All visitors welcomed.—Leonard E. Pirstow, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Abbotsbury on Thursday, June 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Monday, June 27th? All ringers welcomed.—W. J. Bengier, Hon. Sec., 21, North Square, Dorchester.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The annual meeting of above district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Co-operative Café. All ringers welcome. Cheap tickets available from Fenchurch Street, via Tilbury. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 29th.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, July 2nd. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., general meeting at 2 p.m. Service in the Pro-Cathedral (Holy Trinity) at 4 p.m. Preacher: Bishop of Winchester. Tea at 5 p.m. The meetings will be held at Ward Street Hall. Bells available: S. Nicolas' (10), Holy Trinity (8), Godalming (8), Shalford (6). Tea 1s. for visitors, 6d. for members. Will those requiring tea please notify by June 28th? Cheap tickets by Southern Railway. Those requiring vouchers to obtain should apply to me without delay. All ringers and friends welcome.—G. Pullinger, 14, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Weighton on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available from 1 p.m. Service in All Saints' Church at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea in Girls' School, Hungate. Applications for tea tickets (1s. 9d. per head) to be made to Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Waldyoe Cottages, Market Weighton, not later than Wednesday, June 29th.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting and a six-bell contest will be held at New Mill (near) Huddersfield, on Saturday, July 2nd. Draw in school 2.45 p.m. Will all those requiring tea (1s. 6d. each) please send their names not later than Monday, June 28th, to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Leadenham (6) on Saturday, July 2nd. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow in Church Hall. South Weald bells (6) will be available during the evening.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Aldenham, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells open 3.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after. Ringing till 8.30. Fast trains to Bushey 1.15 and 1.40 from Broad Street, 2.40 from Euston. Other trains at frequent intervals. Bushey nearest station. Cheap fares. Number for tea by June 29th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts. Note.—Beautiful country. Excellent tea. Good company.

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells at Parish Church (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided free. Will all wishing to attend please let me know on or before Wednesday, June 29th? All ringers welcome.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, July 2nd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 28th? — H. Baxter, Branch Sec., Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, July 2nd. St. Michael's bells available after 3. Tea in the Kepier Hall at 5. Those intending to be present please advise Mr. R. Parkinson, 1, North View, Fence Houses, not later than June 30th.—Geo. S. Taylor, Dis. Sec.

BROMSGROVE. — The re-opening of the Parish Church bells will take place on Saturday, July 2nd. Short service at 3.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All ringers welcome. Will intending visitors notify me by June 30th?—H. F. Martin, Churchfields, Bromsgrove.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Hamer on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—James Wm. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea provided. All welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 28th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting on Saturday, July 2nd, at Ecclesfield. Committee meeting 4.30 p.m. Visitors are specially asked to send in their names for tea to Mr. F. Mortimer, The Cross, Ecclesfield, not later than June 30th.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 2nd. Tea 5.30. Will all who intend to be present please inform Mr. A. Rowley, 88, Church Street, Stone, not later than Wednesday, June 29th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, July 2nd. Evensong at 4 p.m. in the Cathedral. The Very Rev. the Dean of Wells will address the ringers. Tea, 5 p.m., at Wickenden's, followed by business meeting. Bells: Cathedral, 3 to 3.50 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. approx.; Chewton Mendip, Cheddar, Ditchat, and Shepton Mallet towers will be open from 8 to 9 p.m. Kindly let me know by June 27th how many will want tea.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting at Knebworth, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8), available at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. All welcome.—Geo. T. Croft, 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch. —Quarterly meeting at Tilston, on Saturday, July 2nd. Service 4.30. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify me before June 28th.—J. W. Clarke, Rake Lane, Eccleston, Chester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, July 4th, at 8.15. Good attendance desired. Ringing during July: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 3rd, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 4th, at 6.30, and the 18th at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 12th, at 8. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

YORKSHIRE AND LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the above Associations will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Halifax. The following rings of bells will be available, Halifax Parish (12). All Souls (8), Northowram (8), Queensbury (8). Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head and applications for same must reach Mr. F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Akroydon, Halifax, not later than first post Tuesday, July 5th.—W. H. Shuker and P. J. Johnson, Hon. Joint Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The annual branch meeting will be held at Croston Parish Church on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to all who notify Mr. P. Ascroft, Highfield Road, Croston, not later than Wednesday, July 6th. A good attendance is requested. Business: Election of branch representatives and officers. It is also the centenary of the record peal on these bells (10,080 changes), and the peal board will be on view.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on July 9th. Bells (10) available from 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Members' subscriptions due at this meeting. Applications for tea to reach Miss L. Foulk, 1, King Street, Duffield, by July 6th.—Molly Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, July 5th? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halewood, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested, business important.—Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8), recently recast, will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Will members please note the date and place of Blackburn branch annual meeting and social, August 13th at Whalley?—J. Watson, 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — The annual meeting for this district will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 6th?—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Wasingborough, near Lincoln, on Saturday, July 9th, with a view to the formation of a Lincoln branch. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will all who intend being present notify Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, before Wednesday, July 6th?—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, and business meeting to follow. Stanmore bells open during the evening. Usual charge for tea, but will all who require same please let me know by the Wednesday prior to meeting? All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 9th, from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at Pabb's Restaurant. Heston July 30th. Ask for a cheap ticket on railways.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Day trip to York on July 16th. Bus leaves Doncaster at 9 a.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. (including lunch and tea). Will all who intend going notify me before July 7th?—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

NORFOLK GUILD.—Practice meetings will be held at Hethersett (8) July 2nd, Honingham (6) July 16th; both 3 p.m. Young ringers particularly welcomed.—B. Thompson, Dis. Sec., 148, The Avenues, Colman Rd., Norwich.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, July 16th. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held on Saturday at Consett Parish Church, when the bells of Consett (8) and Blackhill St. Aidon's (8) will be available after 2 p.m. for ringing.—H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

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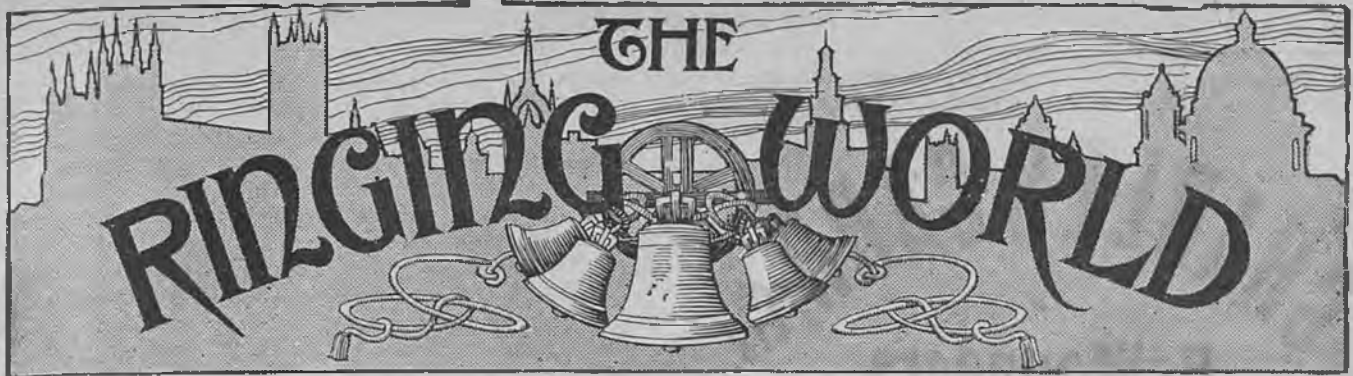
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The Nomenclature Committee set up three years ago with definite instructions to deal with the naming of methods received the coup de grâce at the last meeting, after having been partially strangled twelve months ago. They were appointed to bring method naming to something like order out of the chaos which previously existed; and because they tackled their task with a greater zeal and thoroughness than the majority of the members had apparently anticipated, their whole report, with some of which at any rate there was pretty general agreement, was side-tracked. That was last year. It was done by a speciously worded amendment, and placed the committee in such a position that they did not feel warranted in doing anything further. That being so, the Council on Whitsun Tuesday decided there was no further use for the committee, and they were politely given the 'order of the boot.'

The treatment of the committee was, we think, a bad precedent, and is not quite the kind of thing that will induce members to take up work for the Council. No one wants to give a year or two's thought and labour to a subject, at the request, be it remembered, of the Council itself, to find the whole time wasted and the work deliberately wrecked. The committee may have erred on the side of over-elaboration of their task, and the Council may have been somewhat frightened at the prospect of having a dozen separate recommendations to discuss, but we are almost tempted to think that it was the committee and not their proposals which led to entire rejection of their work. Had the Methods Committee been doing this thing, there might, we fancy, have been no torpedoing. Doubtless they would not have gone as far as the Nomenclature Committee went, but they have the ear of the Council, as was shown when they had the intrepidity to ask for power to rename at their full discretion the methods in the 'Minor Collection,' which they are going to republish. They toned down their request when objection was raised, but it will be interesting to see what really happens.

At the moment the names given by the Analysis Committee hold the field, but those who remember the Salisbury meeting will recollect that there are disagreements between these two committees as to the correct names to be given to certain methods. The Council adopted the committee's report, and, by so doing, having now said they have no use for the Nomenclature Committee's proposals, have settled the names in the Minor Collection. As far as the Council are concerned there is only

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one name for each method. For what purpose, therefore, do the Methods Committee want discretionary power? Is it merely to ensure that their own views on the disputed names shall prevail? As our readers are aware, we have no love for many of the names which the Council adopted on the recommendation of the Analysis Committee, but we think there ought to be loyalty to the Council's decisions. It is unfortunate that the Council does not always know exactly what it has done in the past. It was quite obvious at the Mansion House, despite a gentle reminder by Mr. J. W. Parker, that the Council imagined there were still methods in the collection with a variety of names, and it is quite certain they did not appreciate that in 1923 they had themselves settled each one. Had they realised this, we imagine they would not have given even the limited powers of revision to the Methods Committee which they gave in such a haphazard way.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS. 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*EDWARD EVANS Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	HARRY R. ROPER ... 8
*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
WILLIAM P. GARRATT ... 4	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 10
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
ALBERT A. FLEMING ... 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Superlative Maximus. Mr. Wiffen had not previously struck a blow in it. Composition, W.2H.W.3H repeated.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
JAMES H. RIDING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS 3	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ... 7
JAMES ALDERMAN 4	ARTHUR TILSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

First peal for ringers of 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th, who are local ringers. Rung on the occasion of the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Williams, being made a Canon.

DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*THOMAS BANKS Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5
*CHARLES F. VASEY 2	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 6
WILLIAM L. GOFTON 3	ADAM DEAS 7
†WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... 4	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

* First peal on eight bells. † First on eight with a bob bell. First in the method on the bells. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 4th are local.

DERBY.—On Sunday, June 12th, at the residence of Mr. Geo. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins., on handbells: A. Mould 1-2, Jack Bailey 3-4, W. Wallace (conductor) 5-6, P. Tate 7-8. Longest length by all except the conductor.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. ALKMOND.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY FLETCHER Treble	*HERBERT G. FRETWELL ... 5
WILLIAM LANCASTER 2	THOMAS STIMPSON 6
WILLIAM POYSER 3	*GEORGE WARRINGTON ... 7
*REGINALD H. BODLTON ... 4	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by J. LORD.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	HARRY KILBY 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ROBERT A. FARDON 7
MISS RUBY HAWKSWORTH ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE
Miss Hawksworth's first peal in the method.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.	Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr.
JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	SYDNEY G. ARMSTRONG ... 5
*WILLIAM M. STONE 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	GEORGE W. STEERE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal and first attempt.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. LUKE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
ISAAC EMERY 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Arranged and rung for the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, June 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

JACK STOPP Treble	WILLIAM C. HUGHES 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 6
REGINALD S. COOK 3	HENRY GOLDING 7
HERBERT GATES 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

First peal in the method in the county and by all the band. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the diocese, and in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday.

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SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
ALFRED B. PRICK 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

RICHARD J. R. CHAUNDY ... Treble	WILLIAM STONE 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	JACK JUDGE 6
JACK HONEY 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE
The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.	Tenor 13 cwt.
*REGINALD J. LAWMAN ... Treble	JOSEPH B. FENTON 5
JOSEPH A. FENTON 2	ERNEST W. TIPLER 6
WILLIAM TAYLOR 3	WALTER MALINS 7
ALFRED G. GRANT 4	PERCY W. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by W. MALINS.

* First peal of Triples.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 5
EDWARD G. GRINDELL ... 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT 6
FRANK L. FISHER 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
CHARLES E. FISHER 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY VALENTINE SEAR ... Treble	EPHRAIM LATHALL 5
ALBERT J. GREEN 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 6
FREDERICK C. CASE 3	HARRY SEAR 7
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 4	SYDNEY FOSKETT Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	*FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
JAMES FLEETV 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
GEORGE WIFFEN 3	WILLIAM BURGESS 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

* First peal in the method inside.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in E.

J. EDWARD CAWSEY Treble	FREDERICK G. LEWIS 5
ARTHUR WALKER, SEN. 2	ARNOLD HILL 6
GEORGE CLARK 3	* WILLIAM TATTERSHALL 7
FREDERICK CLARK 4	PERCY GLEDSTONE Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

* First peal of Major. The ringer of the 7th kindly made up the band after meeting short.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN, PRESTON & FURNES BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	JAS. HARRISON 5
THOS. WILSON 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
* STANLEY HONODR 3	FRED HINDLE 7
MISS CLAYTON 4	JOHN BROWN Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Major. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 7th from Blackburn, 4th, 5th and 8th from Houghton, 3rd from Lancaster, and 6th from Kendal.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

* J. J. PETHARD Treble	C. A. BINYON 5
† A. J. TAYLOR 2	J. D. JOHNSON 6
W. D. SPARROW 3	† E. WITHERS 7
J. C. PERKINS 4	G. MOISEY Tenor

Conducted by C. A. BINYON.

* First peal. † First peal inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Edwin Knight (aged 83 years), the oldest ringer, and to Sir Julius Sladden, churchwarden (aged 80). The band were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. J. E. Knight, whose kindness was much appreciated.

NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. WONNACOTT ... Treble	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT 5
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS 6
HARRY TIPPETT 3	FRANK J. DAVEY 7
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE 4	ERNEST W. MARSH Tenor

Composition unknown. Conducted by REV. EVERARD S. POWELL.

First peal on the bells, and first in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the hospital fete, which was held in the town that day.

BOWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* EDWARD HARROLD Treble	ALFRED HACKETT 5
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2	† BERNARD C. ASHFORD 6
* JOHN ROUND 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
WILLIAM BROWN 4	ALBERT TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Taylor, who kindly entertained the band at the close of the peal.

CHORLEY, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* ARTHUR HATCH Treble	ALFRED BLOGG 5
EDWARD LAWSON 2	WILLIAM FOWLER 6
FRED RIGBY 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES 7
JOHN H. GARTSIDE 4	GEORGE HEWITT Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major by all except ringers of 3rd and 4th.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER T. BENNETT ... Treble	ALFRED T. PODLYON 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	WILLIAM POSTON 6
JAMES W. TRAPPIST, JUN. ... 3	JOSEPH WILLIAMS 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON 4	JOHN CLARK Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KEEVLL, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 21 cwt.

S. LUDLOW Treble	A. BAILEY 4
S. GINGELL 2	L. CAVE 5
W. J. BANWELL 3	H. HAINES Tenor

Conducted by A. D. ROWLEY.

First peal by all. All are members of the local band.

COOMBE, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY & WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Whit Monday, June 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb.

JESSE R. COTTREL Treble	ALBERT E. ARTELL 4
HARRY P. FLOYDE 2	FREDERICK APPLETON 5
GEORGE H. COX 3	WILLIAM BUTLER Tenor

Conducted by H. P. FLOYDE.

First peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 17 cwt.

* GEORGE A. JOHNSON ... Treble	* THOMAS BANKS 4
* CHARLES F. VASEY 2	† WILLIAM H. JOHNSON 5
* JAMES TEMPLE 3	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells. All the band are service ringers at the above church, except the conductor. The ringers of 2nd and 5th are also ringers at the Cathedral. This is the first peal in Durham with local ringers taking part. It was rung at the first attempt. At the conclusion of the peal the Vicar came up into the tower and congratulated the ringers.

EXETER.—On June 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, in 55 mins., with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of Mr. Thomas Snow, J.P., an ex-Mayor of the city: H. H. Thomas 1, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 2, R. Davey 3, J. Hosgood 4, C. Routley 5, W. H. Brewer 6, A. H. Goad 7, W. H. Bailey 8.

DENFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THRAPSION BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

LESLIE GROOM Treble	*GEORGE JEFFS, JUN. ... 4
*GEORGE H. ROBERTS ... 2	†CYRIL WILSON 5
FRANK KIRK 3	JAMES M. NICKERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal in four methods with a bob bell. Rung for the Dedication Festival, also as a birthday peal for the two daughters of the ringer of the treble, also on the eve of the 34th anniversary of the conductor's wedding day. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Groom after the peal.

WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's each of Stedman, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and 30 Grandsire, comprising ten 240's of Pitman's arrangement and ten ordinary 120's. Tenor 6½ cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE A. NEWTON ... Treble	*CECIL E. CARR 3
ERNEST MORRIS 2	CHARLES H. WEBB 4
†HENRY BIRD Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Doubles. † First peal and a birthday compliment. First peal on these bells (made five in 1911). Rung on the 112th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

AUBREY BAILEY Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
WILLIAM SHARP 2	HENRY STAPLETON 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	AMOS SMART Tenor

Composed by AMOS SMART.

The ringer of the 5th was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

HAMPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE GRIFFITHS ... Treble	GEOFFREY TAYSON 4
ALHC J. TAYLOR 2	HERBERT TAYSON 5
FRED ARROWSMITH ... 3	WALTER TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

* First peal in Minor.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

THOMAS PRATT Treble	CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... 4
*GERALD FINCHER 2	DAVID HORNE 5
GEOFFREY LEWIS 3	W. RANFORD Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY LEWIS.

* First peal. The peal was rung as the quarterly peal for the Ledbury District.

WALWORTH.—On Wednesday, May 25th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. E. Davis (conductor) 1, W. Spice 2, J. Emery 3, J. Bennett 4, F. Pike 5, E. Brett 6, C. W. Roberts 7, R. Sanders 8.

CLYDE, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 240's of Pitman's, eight of Morris' arrangement and ten differently-called six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERIC ARNOLD Treble	*JAMES RANDLE 3
*GEORGE J. PRICE 2	GEORGE BREEZE 4
JAMES P. HYETT Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal inside.

NEWTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, June 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

*PERCY WILKINS Treble	*HARRY PHELPS 4
*WILLIAM LOCKE 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
*FREDERICK PHELPS ... 3	RUBERT SHARP Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Double Court Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*THOMAS TURNER ... Treble	WALTER T. WILSON 4
MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN ... 2	THOMAS GARLEY 5
*JAMES MITCHELL 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First attempt for a peal.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Durham, York, London, Wells, Norwich, Primrose, and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JESSE W. HARRISON ... Treble	FRANK CORKE 4
PHYLLIS M. MOSS 2	HARRY WINGROVE 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

First seven-method Surprise peal by all the band and by the branch.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being the Rev. E. Banks-James' seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES G. BATES ... Treble	JAMES H. RAPER 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	CHARLES FREEMAN 5
THOMAS W. CHOWN 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the bells and by Messrs. Bates, Chown and Freeman.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*DAVID SMITH Treble	HARRY EYRES 4
HARRY W. HOWARD 2	HARRY PARKER 5
†ARTHUR HANN 3	ALBERT H. BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal and 14 years of age. † First peal inside.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(PETERBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz., Fulbeck Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, College Single, Cambridge Surprise, Primrose Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Double Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL ... 4
MISS KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 2	HORACE M. DAY ... 5
JOHN J. JUTSON ... 3	WILLIAM TILLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in 14 methods by all, and rung at the first attempt. The band were met by the Vicar (the Rev. Stainby), and congratulated on ringing a well-struck peal.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDLESEX. THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents with 12 different callings.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

* WILLIAM A. LEWIS ... Treble	PERCY E. JONES ... 4
JAMES H. LUCAS ... 2	FRANK CORKE ... 5
* HENRY J. LUCAS ... 3	FREDERICK A. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. HOWARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

FRANK E. HAYNES ... 1-2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	* ROBERT HOWARD ... 7-8

Composed by W. GARRARD. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal on handbells.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART PEAL.

RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 1-2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 5-6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 7-8

Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

FIRST PEAL AT WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS, LEICESTERSHIRE.

Another page in the history of the church bells of Leicestershire was completed on Saturday week, when the first peal was accomplished on the bells at Willoughby Waterleys or Waterleas (often erroneously produced on maps and signposts as Waterless). A preliminary visit was made some days before by Messrs. Webb (Croft) and Bird (Broughton Astley), the former to splice and attend to ropes, and the latter to remove some of the refuse, etc., deposited on and around the bells by his feathered namesakes, the birds. This undoubtedly led to ultimate success, and, as reported elsewhere, a peal was rung at the first attempt. Mr. E. Morris took notes of the inscriptions and marks for his book on Leicestershire, and at the conclusion of the peal the Rector most kindly invited the band to tea, and further entertained them with splendid selections on the piano from Mendelssohn, Schubert, Haydn and other classical composers beyond the writer's imagination. Afterwards, handbell tunes were played by Messrs. Webb, Morris and Newton, and a course of Grandsire Triples, with Messrs. Carr and Bird, concluded a most enjoyable afternoon.

Mr. Webb thanked the Rector and Mrs. Ingham for kind permission to attempt this peal and their splendid entertainment, which Mr. Ernest Morris seconded, emphasising the fact that it had fulfilled a personal ambition of his, by adding yet another tower (the 93rd) to his list of Leicestershire churches. All went home feeling like the village blacksmith—'something attempted, something done, had earned a night's repose.'

YORKSHIRE RINGERS' OUTING.

A party of Yorkshire ringers, consisting of Messrs. W. Idle (Batley), G. Naylor (Lightcliffe), F. W. Dixon (Guiseley), Mr. and Mrs. J. Cotterell (Bradford), Mr. and Mrs. F. Paymons (Halifax), Mr. and Mrs. Hardcastle (Bradford), Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson (Leeds), F. W. Dixon (Guiseley), Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fearnley (York), together with their guide and counsellor, Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey, decided to spend the Whitsuntide week-end in Essex, and, thanks to the joint labours of Messrs. T. Maude, with Mr. H. Dew and Mr. H. Springham, of Bishop's Stortford, a most enjoyable time was spent. Some undertook the long journey by road, while others travelled by rail, all safely reaching Bishop's Stortford on Saturday evening, June 4th. After making acquaintance with mine host of the Chequers Hotel, and a bountiful tea, a visit was paid to the neighbouring parish church, but owing to the bad go of the bells, and service time approaching, only a short touch of Stedman Caters was rung. Sunday morning saw the visitors at Stansied, where the inviting light peal of eight were set going to Treble Bob and Double Norwich. On the Sunday evening, thanks to arrangements kindly undertaken by Mr. George Dent, the bells at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow Moor, were at their disposal, touches of Treble Bob and Stedman on the light ring of eight being much enjoyed. It was a novel experience to find the congregation boldly entering the church porch through the moving bell ropes at this church, though the delightful surroundings of the adjoining Harlow Moor makes a typical English country scene.

Monday morning opened with an attack on the ring of eight at Sawbridge, where a pleasant hour was spent in ringing Treble Bob and Stedman. Next on the programme was Hatfield Broad Oak, where the splendid avenues of lime trees, and the beautiful old church, left much more pleasing memory than the dusty belfry and the heavy going ring of eight. A move was next made to Dunmow, where some of the party hoped to qualify for a 'Dunmow Fitch', but found on their arrival that the custom had lapsed. Ample compensation was found, however, in the splendid ring of eight in the Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, the beautiful tone and go of the bells being much appreciated, while the genial welcome from the Vicar, the cathedral-like proportions of the church, and the thoughtful provision of refreshments by the Vicar of Dunmow, were much appreciated. After lunch saw the party en route for Thaxted, which has a magnificent 15th century church, and a draught of rope to its bells (90 feet) which invited a draught of another type after ringing. A hurried visit to Saffron Walden completed the day's ringing, and the proceedings ended at the Chequers Hotel, Bishop's Stortford.

Here opportunity was taken by Mr. Maude, as representing the visitors, to thank Mr. Henry Dew, of Bishop's Stortford, for the many courtesies received by the party, and stated that Mr. Dew would, conditional on his acceptance of the distinction, be elected a life member of the Yorkshire Association, as a slight memento of his kindness in arranging all the details of this delightful week. On rising to reply, Mr. Dew was accorded musical honours, the member for York upholding the tradition of his famous city in surprising fashion. In his reply, Mr. Dew stated how pleased he was to welcome the party at Bishop's Stortford, and to have the pleasure of once more hearing the 'clinking course,' and trusted that he would many times have the pleasure of meeting the visitors at Bishop's Stortford.

Tuesday saw some of the party on the return journey, while others had Central Council duties to call them to London. This opportunity is taken to thank the respective clergy for kindly granting the use of their bells, and to all the steeplekeepers, who went to so much trouble to make the week-end a successful and pleasant outing.

P. J. J.

THE PEAL AT DURHAM CATHEDRAL.

By a coincidence, the peal of Bob Major, at Durham Cathedral, on June 18th, was rung on the day of the marriage of Mr. Ernest A. Gallimore, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gallimore, of Lichfield, to Miss Ethel H. Soulsby, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Soulsby, of Esh-Winning, Durham. The bridegroom, baritone lay clerk at Durham Cathedral, also rings at the Cathedral. He belongs to an old ringing family in Lichfield, his father being still a ringer at Lichfield Cathedral, while his grandfather completed over 50 years at the same Cathedral as ringer, the latter part as captain. The ringers expressed their good wishes for the future happiness of the bride and bridegroom.

One of the selected band at Durham was prevented from taking part in the peal at the last moment, and the method had, therefore, to be changed to Bob Major, the treble man filling the gap at a minute's notice. Great credit is due to him, as he had never struck a blow on eight bells before.

A RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers at St. John's Church, Weston-super-Mare, had a delightful day's excursion for their annual outing, when they visited Bournemouth. The drive was through the most beautiful Somerset and Dorset scenery, and they were enabled to enjoy ringing at Poole, St. John's and St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and, on the way home, at Blandford. At each tower they had a cordial reception from the representatives of the local ringers, to whom thanks are given. The successful and happy day was largely due to the kindness of a local lady.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

A by-meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Ash on Saturday last. Over 40 members were present from various towers, including Canterbury, Deal, Sturry, Folkestone, Wickhambreaux, Wingham, Littlebourne, St. Nicholas and Dover.

The Rector of Ash (the Rev. Barton) very kindly made the arrangements for tea, which was held in the Village Hall at five o'clock, after a short service in the church.

The Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore presided over the business meeting which followed, and at which three new members from Dover were elected.

St. Nicholas, on July 23rd, was suggested for the next meeting.

After the business was concluded, the Chairman, in answer to a question by Rev. Barton, explained how a tower could become 'in union' with the association, and it is sincerely hoped that Ash will join the association.

The tower was open from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., during which time some enjoyable ringing took place.

NORTHANTS RINGERS IN LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, June 16th, the ringers of Wicken Parish Church, and one or two friends, held their annual outing. Arriving at Loughborough at 10.30, the party made their way to the Bell Foundry, where Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. had kindly given permission for them to look over the foundry. After a very interesting inspection, in the course of which they saw the great bell for York Minster, and heard the carillon for Albany, New York, the party were taken to the campsite, where touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major were brought round, the ringers being interested in the raising and lowering of the light bells. After dinner, the memorial tower was visited, where a special recital had been arranged and was much appreciated. A move was then made to Leicester, where the party were met by Mr. E. Morris and his father, who had arranged ringing at St. Margaret's for them.

A course each of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal were rung, to the delight of the ringers, some of whom had not seen more than eight ropes hanging in a tower before. After tea, a call was made at Northampton, where Mr. Tom Tebbutt had made arrangements to ring at St. Edmund's, a touch of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich and a good course of Cambridge being the finish to a delightful day's ringing. The party wish to thank, through 'The Ringing World,' all those who so kindly helped to make the outing such a pleasant one.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Chaddesley Corbett on Saturday, June 18th. The branch was well represented, nearly 50 members being present. A welcome visitor was Mr. W. Smith, of the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

A service was held in the village church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. D. Thatcher) gave the Branch a warm welcome, and in the course of a helpful address alluded to the spirit of brotherhood in the bell-ringing movement.

Tea was partaken of at Mr. Perrin's tea rooms, Mr. Perrin being one of the local ringers. During the meal, the Vicar of Bromsgrove (the Rev. T. C. de la Hey) and Mrs. de la Hey arrived.

The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar of Chaddesley Corbett presided, supported by Mr. A. Hackett (Ringing Master of the Branch), Mr. T. J. Salter (Central Council representative), Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary), and Mr. A. E. Parsons.

Mr. T. J. Salter welcomed the Vicar of Bromsgrove and his wife to the meeting, and Mr. de la Hey in replying explained why the meeting, which was to have been held at Bromsgrove, was put off. He gave the association a very hearty invitation to hold the September meeting at Bromsgrove, and said he would be delighted to extend to them the same hospitality as he had intended for the June meeting.

On the motion of Mr. J. Woodberry, it was unanimously decided to accept the Vicar of Bromsgrove's kind invitation, and hearty thanks were tendered to the Rev. T. C. de la Hey.

Great pleasure was evinced at the return of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons, and all present expressed the opinion that they looked wonderfully well after their holiday tour and rest.

Mr. T. J. Salter, the Central Council representative, laid before the meeting some of the proposals suggested by the Central Council, especially with regard to diplomas for the young ringers.

On the suggestion of Mr. A. E. Parsons, it was decided to leave the matter over until the January meeting, when it could be thoroughly discussed.

On the proposition of the Secretary, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Chaddesley Corbett for presiding, for arranging the service, for the use of the bells, and also for allowing the meeting to take place at so short a notice. He also thanked all those who had helped to make the meeting a success.

The Vicar, in reply, said that although new to ringers' meetings, he had thoroughly enjoyed their visit and their company.

The members then returned to the tower, and several touches in various methods were brought round. This closed a really delightful meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Ipswich men have not been long in putting a second peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus to their credit. They scored another on Saturday.

The first peal at All Saints', Poplar, Grandsire Caters, by the Royal Cumberlands, was rung for the consecration of the church on July 3rd, 1823.

Norwich, where many first peals were rung, can claim the first peal of Double Oxford Bob, which was rung on July 6th, 1832.

The famous first performance of Holt's Original at St. Margaret's, Westminster, took place on July 7th, 1751, when John Holt himself called the bobs from manuscript.

The death has occurred at Brighton, after a long illness, of Mr. John Jay, at the age of 61 years.

The meeting of the Northern District of the Herts Association at Knebworth to-morrow has been cancelled on account of some slight defect having developed in the tower.

A former ringer at Taunton and Wells, Mr. Frederick Benjamin Wickenden, died on Monday in his 93rd year. He had the distinction of having celebrated a silver wedding with each of his two wives.

Mr. C. N. Sharples, formerly a ringer at St. John's, Blackpool, has passed Class I. in Natural Science in the recent Cambridge Tripos, and has been awarded a scholarship of £40 and prize of £3 for books. He is the first student from Blackpool Secondary School to pass in Class I.

BOSTON BELLS.

RINGERS' LOYALTY AND TRIBULATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the article 'Bells of Boston Stump' appearing in your last issue, you may care to have the comments of a ringer from the tower in question. For many years the absence of good ringing has been the concern of those who realise what campanology can mean, but this attitude has been confined to a few ringers whose enthusiasm has taken them farther afield and has not permeated the general public. Gradually this pressure by the interested ringers has caused the appeal to take its present form, but there is still the opinion held by the enthusiasts that the vital importance of the appeal is being missed by a large number of people in the town. Boston, with 20,000 inhabitants, possesses this solitary peal of eight bells, which have only given rise to unfavourable comment, and are quite out of keeping with the magnificent character of the building in which they are housed. Not only have the bells failed to call forth the interest of the inhabitants, but ringers of experience in the district give them a wide berth.

The bells and fittings have been in a dilapidated condition for so many years, and it has been a great struggle to keep together a band whose efforts have chiefly been confined to ringing Grandsire Doubles on the back six, with a tenor 30 cwt. Only on very rare occasions has it been possible to attempt short touches of Grandsire Triples, and peal ringing has been absolutely out of the question. Altogether, the present generation here have only once experienced a peal, when, as stated in your last week's issue, a peal of Stedman Triples was successfully rung at the 13th attempt, on October 11th, 1913. Experienced ringers of this country will quite realise what it has meant for a band to keep together under these circumstances.

The Mayor and the Vicar are closely associated with the appeal, and it is realised that it is imperative that, to obtain complete satisfaction, the bells should be recast before rehangings, and we hope this appeal may reach not only the public in the immediate neighbourhood of Boston, but people so definitely interested as ringers in all parts of the country. For a number of years it has been disheartening for those who have stuck so manfully to their task in trying week by week to obtain some kind of ringing for Sunday services, but we have carried on loyally in the hope that a time would come when something would be done. The estimated cost is about £800, and as no funds are available for this work, we do hope that some sympathy will be forthcoming, from both far and near, and any donations to the fund, however small, will be gratefully received by the Mayor of Boston.—Yours faithfully,

F. DEWEY.

6, Orchard Street, Boston, Lines.

BOTTESFORD BELLS SILENT.

The condition of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Bottesford, has recently caused alarm, and on expert advice it has been deemed wise to cease ringing them.

The ancient oak beams and supports are badly worm-eaten and decayed, and are not strong enough to carry the weight of the bells when ringing. The bells (eight in number) date back to 1450.

At a meeting of parishioners it was stated that the present frame puts too great a strain on the masonry of the tower to which it is fixed, and a new iron frame set on rolled-steel girders was suggested as the best means of saving the stonework of the famous tower and steeples from further damage.

ICKLETON CHURCH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having known the Chancellor for many years, I was greatly surprised at his remarks, especially with regard to the bell founders. It seems to me that he allowed a feeling of offended dignity to get the better of his discretion, and gave utterance to obiter dicta which I am sure he has since regretted.

Speaking as a lawyer, and with all respect to the Chancellor, I differ from him in his attitude to the bell founders. His duty is to decide whether the work contemplated ought to be done, and not who is to do it; that is quite outside his functions, and is a matter for the Vicar and Parochial Council when the faculty has been obtained. I cannot see that the slightest blame attaches to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, to whom, in my opinion, the Chancellor owes the 'amende honorable.'—Yours faithfully,

J. S. PRITCHETT,

Recorder of Lincoln.

Hill Top, King's Norton.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOW SIX BELLS BECAME ONE.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Truro Branch was held at St. Piran's Church, Perranwell, on Saturday. The hay harvest somewhat affected the attendance, but, nevertheless, thirty members represented the towers of St. Newlyn East, St. Agnes, Kea, Kenwyn, Gwennap, St. Gluvias, St. Budock, Mabe and Truro Cathedral.

Ringings commenced at 2.30, and the good ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.) was kept going to rounds and Grand sire Doubles for two hours. The usual service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Hills), and an interesting address given by the Rev. F. J. Driscoll, Priest-Vicar of Truro Cathedral, in the course of which he referred to many of the beautiful inscriptions on old bells, which continually reminded people of prayer. He also alluded to the large bell at Briage, Cornwall, which is reputed to weigh nearly 30 cwt., and has the inscription, 'The people desire many bells, but one sufficeth God.' This was inscribed when this bell was cast about a century ago from a previous ring of six. It appeared that the ringers at that time consumed a large quantity of beer in the belfry, and ignored the Vicar when he reprimanded them for their behaviour, so the Vicar, being determined to put an end to this abuse, had all the bells cast into one.

After the service, the ringers adjourned to the Sunday School, where an excellent tea was awaiting them. This was provided by the lady ringers of Perranwell.

On the motion of Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Southeard, the Vicar and all the local ringers were thanked for extending such a warm welcome to the Guild.

The Vicar said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild to Perranwell, and thanked them for the keen interest some of the visitors had taken in his own band and for helping them with change ringing.

It was decided to try and arrange the next quarterly meeting at St. Columb Minor, an unaffiliated tower, and thus try to get that band to take an interest in the Guild.

Ringings recommenced at 6 p.m., and continued until 9.15, when another adjournment was made to the Sunday School for supper. The local ringers were again thanked for their excellent hospitality, and this brought the ninth quarterly meeting held in the Truro District to a close.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HISTORICAL TOWER.

The spring meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday, when the old-world village of Bonington was once more visited by numerous ringers from many places, and the historical bells were again rung in some of the methods that they rang 60 or more years ago, when Squire Proctor's talented band was in its glory.

The Rector welcomed the visitors, provided tea and presided at tea and the business meeting, and also rang his first course of Stedman Triples. It was very appropriate that this should be upon his own bells.

The old band have all departed with the exception of two, one of whom was present, Mr. S. Page, who is 78 years of age. In spite of that, he took part in a number of touches, including Superlative Surprise and Double Norwich. His ear is as keen as ever for good striking, and his memory serves him well, both as to methods and tales of ringers of bygone years.

Thirty-one sat down to tea, including the president of the association, who honoured the meeting with his presence. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, Rev. W. E. Mills, for his generosity.

DEATH OF WOOLTON'S CHIEF RINGER.

After a short illness, Mr. B. Trevit, chief ringer of Woolton Church, passed away and was buried at Runcorn on Thursday of last week.

In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, an attempt for a half-peal was made, but came to grief after ringing 1,500 changes: R. Hulme 1, H. Grace 2, E. Humphries 3, P. Boardman 4, J. Gardner 5, J. Seddon 6, W. Hughes 7, P. Sumpter 8.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

'SUMMER' MEETING IN THE RAIN.

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch took place on Saturday last, at that delightful place known as Dyrham Park. This is always looked forward to as the annual summer meeting, the beautiful estate, through the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Blathwayt), being thrown open to the members. The Bristol party met at St. Stephen's Church, and drove over by motor, but before reaching Dyrham the rain began to descend, and the weather did not realise the poet's description of 'Flaming June,' for there was no brilliant sunshine to welcome the party, such as greeted them last year. What promised to be a delightful afternoon and evening was marred by the inclement weather. Nevertheless, the members made the best of it, and tracks were made to the church and belfry. The Rector was at the church to welcome the visitors, and conducted parties around, and related the history of the building, which possesses a beautiful specimen of a Norman font.

The members found the bells going like tops; on the instruction of the Rector, Mr. F. Tyler (of Messrs. Llewellyn and James, Bristol) had spared no pains to see the bells were in perfect order.

A short service was held, which was followed by a walk (in the rain) through a part of the well-kept gardens, and around the slopes of the lake, on which some of the members wanted to go punting. Tea was served in the Rectory, and 52 members sat down, the Rector assisting in waiting upon the guests. Afterwards, Mr. Harding proposed, and Mr. F. Leaker seconded, a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector for his great kindness. The Rector was given a cordial reception, and, in responding, said how he regretted the state of the weather, as the whole of the grounds and park had been thrown open to them. He welcomed them for their annual summer meeting, and hoped they would continue to come, and that next year the weather would be kinder to them.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) stated the quarterly meeting had to be changed from Coalpit Heath owing to the illness of the Vicar's sister, and he was pleased to say he had arranged for it to be held at Olveston on Saturday, July 23rd. This was endorsed by the meeting.

Arrangements had been made to enjoy the evening in the park, but, as this was out of the question, an adjournment was again made to the tower until 7.30.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH MEETING AT ALDERTON.

The summer meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Alderton on Saturday, and was attended by upwards of 40 members from the following towers: Leckhampton, St. Mark's (Cheltenham), Swindon, Leigh, Ashchurch, Prestbury, Winchcombe, Dumbleton, Beckford, Radgeworth, and the local tower, together with friends from the Worcester area.

The bells were raised in peal, but the tower, with its light ring of six bells, being so small, a number availed themselves of the opportunity, while waiting their turn to ring, of a look round the quaint old village and the Rectory grounds.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. D. Pennington), and a full choir was present. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, was partaken of in the Village Hall, the number of willing helpers testifying to the Rector's popularity.

The business meeting followed, with the Rector (who is branch chairman) presiding.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Yeend) in a short report welcomed friends from the Worcester Association, particularly Mr. James Hemming, secretary of the Southern Branch, and suggested that it might be possible to arrange a joint meeting between the two associations, seeing that the two counties were so intermixed in that area.—Mr. Hemming, replying, welcomed the suggestion, and said he would bring the subject forward at their next meeting at Offenham.

The following members were elected: Rev. H. M. Merryweather and W. W. Theobald (hon. members), Misses F. Blowing, L. Benfield and E. Greening (Elkstone), Miss Nora M. Bibby and Miss Vera M. Pully (performing members).

Prestbury was selected for the annual meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. A. D. Pennington and his many willing helpers for all they had done to make the gathering so successful.—The Rector, replying, said how pleased he had been to welcome the branch, for he loved the bells and always had the ready support of the ringers of his parish. He hoped he would have the pleasure of seeing them all again in the near future.

The tower was again visited, and much useful practice obtained.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Wrexham on Whit Monday, when about 30 members were present.

The business meeting was held in the Church House, and tea was provided by the Wrexham members at Roberts' Cafe. Service followed at St. Giles' Church, at which the Rev. E. Parry officiated and delivered an appropriate address. The reverend gentleman also presided at the meeting, and a vote of thanks was duly accorded him for his services.

The bells of St. Giles' Church were rung during the day in a variety of touches.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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REVISED RULES.

The revised copy of the Council's 'Rules and Decisions' was presented by the hon. secretary for ratification. It had been carried forward, he said, largely by the work of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and they now had a book which would be something more than merely a second edition of the original publication. What he felt as hon. secretary and what Mr. Davies had felt before him, was that they had not had in the previous book something of such value that they could use with outsiders in anything more than a minor way. Their decisions for years past had not been incorporated. For a time, at the end of each Council, it was the custom to issue a leaflet embodying the decisions during the preceding three years, but that practice had been dropped for some time. As secretary, he had found that it was necessary occasionally to demonstrate who and what they were. This was an age of propaganda, when a man was judged by the shouting which came from the housetops, and he had felt that if he had a little book which contained something about the Council and its work, it might be very usefully used on occasion when he desired to impress people with what the Council was and did. When, two or three years ago, he suggested that they should have a new edition, he had partly in mind a booklet which could be used in this way and which would run to a greater number of pages than the present one. Accordingly an admirable little preface had been contributed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. It was proposed to give a list of the affiliated Guilds and associations, and to add a little detachable certificate showing the election of each member and the association he represented. This would be signed by the president and honorary secretary. He thought there were some members who would like to have such a certificate mounted and placed in a little frame, because if a man had his heart in any particular form of work he did not mind other people knowing it. He also proposed to include a list of the places where the Council had held its meetings, and as a matter of interest to incorporate as an appendix a specimen of their minutes, and he had chosen one at Ipswich last year, which was typical of their work. Further, it was proposed to have as a frontispiece a picture of the late Sir Arthur Haywood, the founder of the Council. Mr. Young then proceeded to detail the various decisions of the Council in past years, which would be added, and made a further proposal that, in future, instead of circulating to the affiliated associations 'The Ringing World' summary of the proceedings published immediately after the meeting, the official minutes should be published about January and copies of these sent to the affiliated bodies.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who moved that the alterations to the rules be made, thought the last of Mr. Young's proposals was a very practical one, as the circulation of the minutes in the early part of the year would help to reawaken interest in the Council's proceedings at a time when the members were beginning to think of the next meeting.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded.

Mr. J. W. Jones asked why January was selected for the publication and circulation of the official minutes. He suggested they should be published as soon as possible after the meeting. Most of the members had to present a report to their associations, and if they had these minutes before them in July or August it might be of assistance.

Mr. Young explained that, immediately after the meeting, 'The Ringing World' report of their proceedings appeared, then there came the summer holidays, and before they knew where they were the end of the year was on them. After Christmas they began to think of what they were going to do at the next meeting, and that was the time, he thought, to stir up new interest. He thought the effect of the publication would be lost if the minutes were brought out too soon.

Mr. Jones said they owed something to their associations. They would all be holding quarterly meetings before January, and some of them would be holding their annual meeting. They could not all be expected to take down in shorthand what was said. It was very belated to publish the minutes in January.

Mr. Taffender pointed out that members who wanted to report to their associations had the use of the full report which appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Shaker said the Lancashire Association published their report about November, and he thought the Council's official minutes ought to be out in time to be printed in that report. It was true they had 'The Ringing World' summary, but that was not the official report.

Mr. T. W. Faulkner said a member who could not make up his own report from 'The Ringing World' report was not worth his salt (laughter and hear, hear). He welcomed the hon. secretary's idea; in fact, he would make the date of publication later still, so that it appeared just before the Council meeting.

The hon. secretary's suggestion was agreed to, and the rules, as amended, were adopted. Instructions were also given that 300 copies should be printed.

EARLIER PUBLICATION OF AGENDA.

Mr. George Williams moved a resolution, which originated from the last annual meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, that the Rules of the Council should be so altered that the agenda should be published twelve weeks instead of two weeks before the Council meeting, involving the sending in of notices of motion three months instead of four weeks before the meeting. Mr. Williams said the feeling of the

Winchester Guild members was that more interest would be taken in the business of the Council by ringers generally if they had the opportunity of discussing at their annual or district meetings matters which were to come before the Council. That could only be done if the agenda were published earlier.

Mr. A. H. Pulling seconded the motion, which was supported by Mr. H. Barton and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

The Rev. H. L. James said at present some of the associations elected their representatives less than three months before the Council meeting, and in that case, for the first year of the Council, they might be debarred from putting down a notice of motion.

Replying to the Rev. Canon Elsee, the President said that any matter that arose between the last date for sending in notice of motion and the date of the Council meeting could be dealt with under the head of 'other business.'

The motion was carried.

SUGGESTED DIPLOMAS FOR YOUNG RINGERS.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed 'That the Council shall issue at a small charge, peal diplomas for the encouragement of young ringers.' He asked the members to put themselves in the position of the young ringers and to ask themselves what they would like the Council to do to give them encouragement? He had given serious consideration to the whole question of the young ringer, and he had looked carefully for any sign of movement from the young ringer. One day he saw in the columns of 'The Ringing World' this suggestion from a young ringer, that there should be diplomas given upon application to young ringers for the first peal rung, and that these diplomas should be issued through the Central Council. That suggestion was commented on with favour by another writer. He therefore suggested that the Council might consider the question of issuing a certificate, quite plain in form, giving particulars of the first performances of any ringer who might apply for the diploma. It could be small in size, and they might also issue with it a small case, which could doubtless be sold at small cost, in which these certificates might be kept. He thought it might prove a means of encouraging young ringers. He did not press for a decision that day. If the members liked, they could go home and talk it over with their young ringers and come to a decision next year, but he proposed that the Council entertain the idea.

The Hon. Secretary formally seconded.

Mr. C. H. Howard said that in his report as Master of the Essex Association he had commented on the fact that during the past year, out of 69 peals rung, no less than 42 had been rung in Surprise methods, which meant that the young ringer was not taking up peal ringing as one would like him to. Anything that would encourage the young ringer to start peal ringing would be an advantage to the Exercise. He supposed the idea was to issue diplomas for the first peals in each method?

The Rev. H. Drake said they had done something of the kind in the Suffolk Guild. They had considered the question with regard to Boy Scouts, as ringers. A scout leader, who was interested in ringing, had taken the matter up with the idea of getting proficiency in ringing recognised by the award of a badge. The reply which had been received was that it was impracticable, and that no Scouts' badge could be given for ringing. He (Mr. Drake) wondered whether, in connection with this suggested diploma, the Council could get into touch with the Boy Scouts' organisation and advise them as to how badges could be given to Scouts who helped in ringing.

Mr. T. R. Dennis said he felt the Council ought to go much further than they did at present in the encouragement of young ringers. There were a good many youngsters who would be encouraged if certificates were given, similar to those awarded by Trinity College of Music, in London, for progressive stages in music. If the Council granted certificates for progressive stages in ringing, he thought it would be a stimulus to young members of the Exercise. Moreover, he thought it would raise ringing in the estimation of a boy's parents, if they knew that the youth's efforts to progress were recognised by a body like the Council. He believed it would give them a much higher idea of the work which ringers did.

ADVOCATED 20 YEARS AGO.

Mr. W. Willson said he wrote on this subject over twenty years ago, but in those days he was told it was a 'wild cat' scheme. He was very glad the Council had to-day been converted to his views. In those days his plan was to have three grades of certificate, and not just one for the first peal. The ringer should get the top grade of certificate when he reached a Surprise peal.

Mr. P. J. Johnson thought it would not be wise to make a decision that day. His own opinion of the Council's functions was that they were very largely an advisory body, and that matters of this kind were much better left to the separate associations. For one reason, if the Council undertook it they would be saddling their secretary with a vast amount of additional work in signing the diplomas, and it was also an open question whether they could deal with the thing satisfactorily. In the Yorkshire Association a ringer had to be able to ring a 720 before he was admitted as a member. To his way of thinking, that was the goal for the young member to aim at. They had to choose between encouraging these young ringers and spoon-feeding them (hear, hear). From that point of view, he would rather the Council hesitated before it committed itself to a scheme of that kind. Perhaps the Standing Committee would consider the matter

and report to the Council at a future meeting, but he strongly deprecated any decision being come to that day to commit the Council to that particular scheme.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he thought if they limited the scheme to a ringer's first peal they would be on safe ground, but if they began to issue certificates at different levels of progress they would find themselves in deep water.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said his idea was that a certificate should be issued for the first peal in any method. If a young man rang his first peal, if it were only Grandsire Doubles, it would be published in 'The Ringing World,' the report would appear, and the performance should be open to criticism for at least a month. The ringer might apply for his certificate, but the secretary would not give it him until the report had appeared and a certain interval had elapsed. He would give a certificate for the first peal in every single method that the man might like to apply for. Many a young man rang his first peal in Doubles, and he honoured him for it.

Mr. J. George said more could be done by courtesy to the young ringer and helping him than all the certificates in the world, because if the young man had not the will to learn, nothing on earth could make him. Let them give a certificate to one, and another would become dissatisfied. It would cause trouble in the belfry, and he suggested they should quash the idea altogether.

Mr. H. Barton asked the Council to give the members the opportunity of considering the matter for another year. There was a distinct difference, he said, between a man who had not rung a peal of any sort and a man who, having rung a peal, rang another in a different method.

A member raised the question as to whether the Bath and Wells Association did not grant certificates of this sort, and Mr. J. Hunt replied in the negative. They taught the young ringer, and tried to get him through his first peal, but as regards any certificate they did nothing. He was admitted to the association when he had rung 120 of Doubles. He (Mr. Hunt) agreed that associations could deal with the matter better than the Council, and he thought representatives should have the opportunity of referring the matter to their members.

Mr. W. H. Southard said in the Truro Diocesan Guild they gave their members a certificate when they could ring the treble to 120 Doubles, and a medal when they could ring an inside bell.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards moved that the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill seconded.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn: In the meantime, members will, I hope, go back to their Guilds and talk about it.

Mr. Faulkner: And also find the young ringers (laughter).

The amendment was agreed to.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

The next motion on the agenda was the one considered the most contentious, and it was moved by the Rev. H. Law James, viz., 'That since William Shipway extended Superlative Surprise Major to Royal, and the first peal of Royal was rung at Wakefield in 1826, the Council cannot accept any extension to Maximus which does not agree with the Major and the Royal.' He did not intend, he said, to occupy the Council a long time. He dealt with the question at Newcastle; they had a long discussion there, and he came away with the feeling that, although he put the matter perfectly clearly, probably only five or six of the members were capable of understanding it. He did not intend to inflict any figures on them that day, and he had drawn up the resolution in a form that did not require him to do so. Let them go back to the old books and look at history. Let them take Double Norwich. Double Norwich Major, Royal and Maximus in strict theory were all the same method. When they got into the tower to ring them, they had three different methods to ring. Take another illustration: Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford, Kent or Cambridge Surprise. In these methods they got not only correct extensions, but they also got practical extensions. Go another step and take London Surprise. The Minor was extended to Major by somebody, he did not know who. Some thought it was by Annable. If it was by Annable, it was by a remarkable man. By no possible stretch of imagination would they prove to him (the speaker) that the Major was the same as the Minor on strict scientific grounds, but if, being able to ring the Major, he went into a six-bell tower and was asked to ring London Minor, having never rung it in his life before, he could ring the Minor and he could call a 720. Why? Because the Major was a practical extension from the Minor, although it was not a scientific one. Another classical instance was Stedman Doubles. Somebody extended it to Triples, Caters and Cinques. They all talked about ringing Stedman Cinques, but if they were going to say that Shipway's Royal was not Superlative, no peal of London Major or Stedman Caters or Cinques had ever been rung. What was sauce for the goose was sauce for the gander. They could not upset what was done by their forefathers a hundred years ago because somebody had got hold of some other theory. Shipway's was a practical extension, and a very fine method, that took a vast amount of ringing. If the Major and the Royal are to stand, then the Maximus must be the same.

Mr. R. Richardson formally seconded, remarking, amid laughter, that he would say nothing about the question, because he was not qualified to express an opinion.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he could not make out whether Mr. James went for the scientific extension or for the practical extension.

The Rev. H. L. James said he went for both. There were three groups. One was the scientific, one the practical and one combined both. All three had been used in the past.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said he hoped, without any disrespect to Mr. James, the Council would not carry the resolution, because he thought it was a meaningless resolution. It said they were not to countenance any extension to Maximus which did not agree with the Major and the Royal. That assumed that the Major and the Royal agreed with each other, and in his (the speaker's) opinion they did not do so. He considered them fundamentally different, and he was going to vote against the resolution.

NEW BELL AT DEANE.

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FAMILY'S GIFT.

Hampshire has gained another ring of six bells, by the augmentation which has been carried out at Deane, where the Rev. C. D. P. Davies has been Rector for some years. The new bell, making with the original five a ring of six bells, is dedicated 'to the honour and glory of God and for the use of Holy Church in loving memory of Owen John David Potts, elder son of Major and Mrs. G. A. Potts, of Penang, Straits Settlement, and grandson of Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Mrs. Davies, of Deane Rectory.' He was born at Deane on January 30th, 1920, and died on January 19th, 1927. The bell is given by his parents and the Rector and Mrs. Davies.

Cast at the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, who have also erected a new iron frame for eight bells in the tower, and have rehung the original five complete with entirely new fittings, the new bell weighs 4 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb., and bears the following inscription:—

'A.M.D.G.

et in memoriam

O. J. D. Potts.

Ecce Vocor Davidis pueri campana beati

Quando mane sono Domini Veniat ad Aram.

C. D. P. Davies, Rector, 1927.'

Translation of the Latin lines: 'Lo! I am called the bell of David, the blessed lad. When I sound in the early morn may ye come to the altar of the Lord.'

The bells were reopened and the new treble dedicated by Rev. C. D. P. Davies on Sunday, June 12th, in the presence of a congregation that filled the church. The sermon was preached by Canon G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne and president of the Central Council, who took for his text verse three of Psalm 40, 'And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even a thanksgiving unto our God.'

Lady Cooper, a warm supporter from the first of the scheme for rehanging the bells, and a generous donor to the fund, presided at the organ.

After the service, an opening touch of 720 changes of Bob Minor was rung by Rev. C. D. P. Davies (conductor) 1, Canon Coleridge 2, G. Williams 3, A. A. Hughes 4, W. T. Cockerill 5, W. Hunt 6. This was followed by touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor.

By the generosity of Rev. C. D. P. and Mrs. Davies, a splendid tea was provided at the Institute, to which full justice was done. Ringers present were Messrs. E. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), A. A. Hughes, W. T. Cockerill, F. S. Bayley, J. H. Shepherd, G. Williams, W. Hunt, G. Pullinger, and two local men.

The whole work has been excellently carried out by the well-known Whitechapel firm, and it is hoped that a band of ringers will soon be organised locally.

Of the £413 required for the work, there still remains £80 to be raised.

IPSWICH MEN AMONG NORFOLK TOWERS.

The annual outing of St. Mary-le-Tower Society took place on Saturday, June 18th. Leaving by charabanc at 6 a.m., the bells at Wilby were ringing by 7.30 a.m. After breakfast at the White Hart, Stradbroke, and a pull on the grand peal opposite, they went on to the grander peal at Redenhall. At Wymondham there was enough to see to occupy the whole day: ancient Norman arches blended with a costly unfinished reredos; 93 steps to the ringing chamber, which made the young members seek the nearest seat, whilst the veterans took the ropes and rang a good course of London. Dinner at the Royal, Attleborough, en route to Quindenham, with its round tower with four bells above four, Kenninghall and North Lopham, and last, but not least, Diss, where Double Norwich and Stedman were struck with precision. The tenors at Diss, Wymondham, Redenhall and Stradbroke each weigh about 25 cwt., and so harmonious were the peals of eight bells that no two members of the party could agree on their order of superiority, but all agreed that the outing was a success. No one broke down in the Stedman Doubles or fell off bicycles.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Friday, June 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Jones 1, C. Everett 2, H. Jones, sen., 3, H. Jones, jun., 4, H. Stopp (first quarter as conductor) 5, C. Jones (first quarter) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to T. Andrewes Uthwatt, late squire of the parish, who was interred on this day.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. EDWINSTOWE REVISITED.

With very pleasant recollections of the enjoyable visit to Thorsecy and Edwinstowe five years ago, and with a great desire to see old friends, North Notts Association decided to hold the midsummer meeting at Edwinstowe, calling at Thorsecy on the way thither. The bells of Perlethorpe (six) were, by the kind permission of the Rev. A. W. Mandall, placed at members' disposal from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and touches in three or four methods were brought round. At the conclusion of ringing, the ringers were met at the church gates by Mr. Argles and the churchwarden, and received a most hearty welcome. Lady Manvers and Mrs. Argles also expressed their appreciation of the ringers' visit, and the Rev. A. W. Mandall said it was a small recognition which the parson could show towards men who were enthusiastic about this branch of Church work.

On the way to Edwinstowe, the party were prepared for the usual rain, but, undaunted, bikes, motor-bikes, motor-car, and old 'Shanks's pony' landed them at their destination, where they had the pleasure of meeting other ringers, including ex-Sergeant W. H. Johnson, V.C., now of Nottingham and formerly of Worksoy. Ringers were present from Nottingham, Mansfield, Sprotborough, Worksoy, Sutton-on-Trent, Ordsall, and a full gathering of the local company.

Touches were rung in various methods, from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise, the two ladies from Sutton-on-Trent acquitting themselves admirably in the Surprise method. Tea was served in the Church Institute, presided over by the Rev. F. C. Day Lewis, Vicar of Edwinstowe, who offered a hearty welcome to all, and expressed his appreciation of the ringers' visit.

There was not such a large gathering as five years ago, but the inclement weather of the whole week doubtless had something to do with the meagre attendance.

On the proposition of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Wood, the Rev. L. Illingworth Butler, of Edwinstowe, was elected a vice-president.

The next meeting will be held at Gamston, on Saturday, August 20th.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Edwinstowe for the use of the bells and presiding over tea and meeting, and to the Rev. A. W. Mandall, of Perlethorpe, for granting use of the bells, was carried.—Rev. F. C. Day Lewis briefly replied, and the tower was then again visited, and ringing kept up until 8.30 p.m.

AN INTERESTING CENTENARY.

'PROFESSORS' PERFORMANCE AT CROSTON.

When the Lancashire Association meet at Croston on July 9th, a peal board recording a peal of 10,080 Bob Major, rung a hundred years ago, will be on view. The Croston Church magazine reproduces the following interesting record of the performance:—

GREAT FEAT IN CHANGE RINGING.

Early on Sunday morning, the 15th day of April, 1827, a select band of the Preston and Croston change ringers, expressly to agreement, ascended the tower of the Parish Church of St. Michael's, Croston, and in 5 hrs. 28 mins. completed an arduous task of 10,080 harmonious changes in the musical method of Bob Major, and conducted by Mr. Thomas Broderick, being the first of the method, and the greatest number of changes ever rung at one time on these bells. The professors of the art were stationed as follows:—

Treble.—Thomas Stazaker, Croston.

2.—John Smith, Preston.

3.—Rd. Smith, Croston.

4.—Thomas Broderick, Preston.

5.—John Smith, Croston.

6.—Wm. Cornall, Preston.

7.—John Ditchfield, Preston.

Tenor.—John Simpson, Preston.

We, the undersigned, professors of the art, having assembled for the purpose and heard the whole of the above peal, can testify that it was a fine struck peal.

THOMAS NELSON, Croston.

RD. BOWLING, Leyland.

JAMES NELSON, Croston.

EDWARD HALLIWELL, Leyland.

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.

On Saturday, June 18th, the one hundred and sixteenth ringing anniversary was celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham. The gathering, comprising about thirty ringers, was not so large as in former years. Many old friends were absent, probably on account of the unsettled state of the weather.

Several short touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise were rung during afternoon and evening.

The following towers were represented: Assington, Creetingham, Framsdon, Glemsford, Ipswich, Lawshall, Long Melford, Little Waldingfield, Otley, Polstead, Preston and Woodbridge (Suffolk), Braintree, Earls Colne, Gestingthorpe, Greenstead Green and Great Tey (Essex), Wisbech (Cambs), and Shipley (Yorks). Mr. Thomas King (former conductor of the SS. Peter and Paul's company) travelled from the last-named place to his native town, specially to be present once more at this annual gathering.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, June 26th, at the Cathedral, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: T. A. Doick 1, W. Falconer 2, P. H. Doick 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, J. H. Blake 6, M. R. Heffer 7, G. Marshall 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, June 26th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Williams 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 Woodbine: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: H. Gash 1, S. Stilwell 2, W. F. Ellingham (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, C. J. Tricker 4, J. Kent 5, C. Gash 6.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, June 26th, at the Church of St. Leonard for evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss B. M. Mills 1, Miss E. E. Harcastle 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, J. W. Chapman 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, J. L. Watkins 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, R. Sanders 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of 2nd and 6th.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. King 1, T. Abbot 2, J. R. Main 3, T. R. Hensher 4, F. J. Tite 5, H. Richardson 6, G. Basford (conductor) 7, H. Cooper 8.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Bunker (first quarter) 1, L. Smith 2, H. Cashmore 3, T. Read 4, F. Case 5, G. Cooper 6, T. Roberts (conductor) 7, G. Foddy 8.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: T. Lincoln 1, H. Head 2, R. C. Clark (Chelmsford, first quarter in the method) 3, H. Edwards 4, A. Head 5, F. G. Radley 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, W. E. Emery 8.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 19th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins.: H. Gash 1, C. J. Tricker, jun., 2, C. J. Tricker, 3, J. Kent 4, S. Stilwell 5, W. F. Ellingham (conductor) 6, G. Gash 7 (covering). First 720 as conductor.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' on June 19th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Bird (first quarter-peal) 1, H. W. H. Strickland 2, S. W. Crabb 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, G. Thurgood 6, C. A. Button 7, E. A. Hull 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, 1,168 Bob Major: J. Faithfull (longest as conductor) 1, G. Pullinger 2, H. Payne 3, W. Madgwick 4, Reg. Curtis (longest length) 5, H. Reeves 6, F. Cole 7, R. Brown 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, June 19th, for evensong at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: J. D. Harris (conductor) 1, J. J. Symons 2, A. T. Greenwood 3, F. W. Rogers 4, R. J. Stone 5, J. Paterson 6, C. J. Harding, sen., 7, J. Gates 8. Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service at St. Botolph's, City, 1,264 Double Norwich: W. Alps 1, R. Bullen 2, W. Hewett 3, J. Bennett 4, R. Grimwood 5, F. Hairs 6, R. Sanders 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.—On May 25th, at St. Peter's, Walworth, for evening service, a 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Davies (conductor) 1, W. Spice 2, I. Emery 3, J. Bennett 4, E. Pike 5, C. Roberts 6, E. Brett 7, R. Sanders 8.

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NOTICE.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Shelley on Saturday, July 9th. Tea will be provided for those who apply before July 6th to Mr. A. Goldthorpe, Redhill, Shelley, Huddersfield. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 7th and 21st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The annual meeting of above district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Co-operative Café. All ringers welcome. Cheap tickets available from Fenchurch Street, via Tilbury.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, July 2nd. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., general meeting at 2 p.m. Service in the Pro-Cathedral (Holy Trinity) at 4 p.m. Preacher: Bishop of Winchester. Tea at 5 p.m. The meetings will be held at Ward Street Hall. Bells available: S. Nicolas' (10), Holy Trinity (8) (12 to 1, 6 to 7.30), Godalming (8), Shalford (6). Tea 1s. for visitors, 6d. for members.—G. Pullinger, 14, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Weighton on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available from 1 p.m. Service in All Saints' Church at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea in Girls' School, Hungate.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting and a six-bell contest will be held at New Mill (near) Huddersfield, on Saturday, July 2nd. Draw in school 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Leadenham (6) on Saturday, July 2nd. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow in Church Hall. South Weald bells (6) will be available during the evening.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Stretford Parish Church on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells at Parish Church (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided free. All ringers welcome.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, July 2nd. St. Michael's bells available after 3. Tea in the Kepier Hall at 5.—Geo. S. Taylor, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hamer on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—James Wm. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea provided. All welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, July 2nd. Evensong at 4 p.m. in the Cathedral. The Very Rev. the Dean of Wells will address the ringers. Tea, 5 p.m., at Wickenden's, followed by business meeting. Bells: Cathedral, 3 to 3.50 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. approx.; Chewton Mendip, Cheddar, Ditchat, and Shepton Mallet towers will be open from 8 to 9 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The meeting at Knebworth, on Saturday, July 2nd, is cancelled.—Geo. T. Croft, 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Aldenham, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells open from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea at 5.30. Cheap trains to Bushey (nearest station) from Broad Street 1.15 and 1.40. From Euston 1.56 and 2.40. Other trains frequently. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, July 4th, at 8.15. Good attendance desired. Ringing during July: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 3rd, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 4th, at 6.30, and the 18th at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 12th, at 8. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

YORKSHIRE AND LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the above Associations will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Halifax. The following rings of bells will be available, Halifax Parish (12). All Souls (8), Northowram (8), Queensbury (8). Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head and applications for same must reach Mr. F. Salmous, 8, Salisbury Place, Akroydon, Halifax, not later than first post Tuesday, July 5th.—W. H. Shuker and P. J. Johnson, Hon. Joint Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The annual branch meeting will be held at Croston Parish Church on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to all who notify Mr. P. Ascroft, Highfield Road, Croston, not later than Wednesday, July 6th. A good attendance is requested. Business: Election of branch representatives and officers. It is also the centenary of the record peal on these bells (10,080 changes), and the peal board will be on view.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on July 9th. Bells (10) available from 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Members' subscriptions due at this meeting. Applications for tea to reach Miss L. Foulk, 1, King Street, Duffield, by July 6th.—Molly Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, July 5th? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halewood, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested, business important.—Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8), recently recast, will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Will members please note the date and place of Blackburn branch annual meeting and social, August 13th at Whalley?—J. Watson, 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — The annual meeting for this district will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 6th?—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Wellingborough, near Lincoln, on Saturday, July 9th, with a view to the formation of a Lincoln branch. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will all who intend being present notify Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, before Wednesday, July 6th?—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9th. Bells of Groby (6) available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m., and Ratby (6) from 5.45 p.m. till 8 p.m. Short business meeting in Ratby belfry at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James'. Waterpool (6 bells), on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Expecting a good muster present.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Singleton on Saturday, July 9th. Free tea to all who inform the Fylde branch secretary on or before Tuesday, July 5th. — C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chippenham Branch will hold their quarterly meeting at Colerne (8 bells) on Saturday, July 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hawkshurst on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Eight Bells Hotel (1s. 3d. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 5th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Netheravon on Saturday, July 9th. Bells of Netheravon (6) and Fittleton (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5 (Fittleton Institute). Short meeting follows tea. Bells at Enford (6) and Upavon (6) available in the evening.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tendring on Saturday, July 9th. Service at church at 4.30 p.m., and tea at 5.15 p.m. All who intend to be present at tea, will they please notify me by Tuesday, July 5th, latest?—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Peterborough, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, July 5th?—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, and business meeting to follow. Stanmore bells open during the evening. Usual charge for tea, but will all who require same please let me know by the Wednesday prior to meeting? All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 9th, from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at Fabb's Restaurant. Heston July 30th. Ask for a cheap ticket on railways.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — District meeting will be held at Redbourn (6 bells) in Saturday, July 16th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Let me know number for tea by previous Wednesday. Subscriptions are now due. — W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock. Please notify me by Wednesday, July 13th, how many will require tea.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Boxley on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, after service. Business meeting to follow. Kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, July 13th.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Day trip to York on July 16th. Bus leaves Doncaster at 9 a.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. (including lunch and tea). Will all who intend going notify me before July 7th?—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

NORFOLK GUILD.—Practice meetings will be held at Hethersett (8) July 2nd, Honingham (6) July 16th; both 3 p.m. Young ringers particularly welcomed.—B. Thompson, Dis. Sec., 148, The Avenues, Colman Rd., Norwich.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by July 13th? — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 2 p.m. at St. Giles' Church (10). Service at St. Giles' at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing also at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (8) and St. Edmund (8). All ringers cordially invited. Will all who intend being present kindly notify Mr. F. Wilford, 31, Wood Street, Northampton, by Wednesday, July 13th? — Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, 1927.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 23rd (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher, the Rev. W. W. Longford, D.D. (Rector of Caversham). Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Carfax Assembly Rooms. Tickets 2/- to members, who apply for same with remittance before Tuesday, 19th, 2/6 on day of festival, 3/- each to non-members. Further details on printed notices later on.—Richard T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

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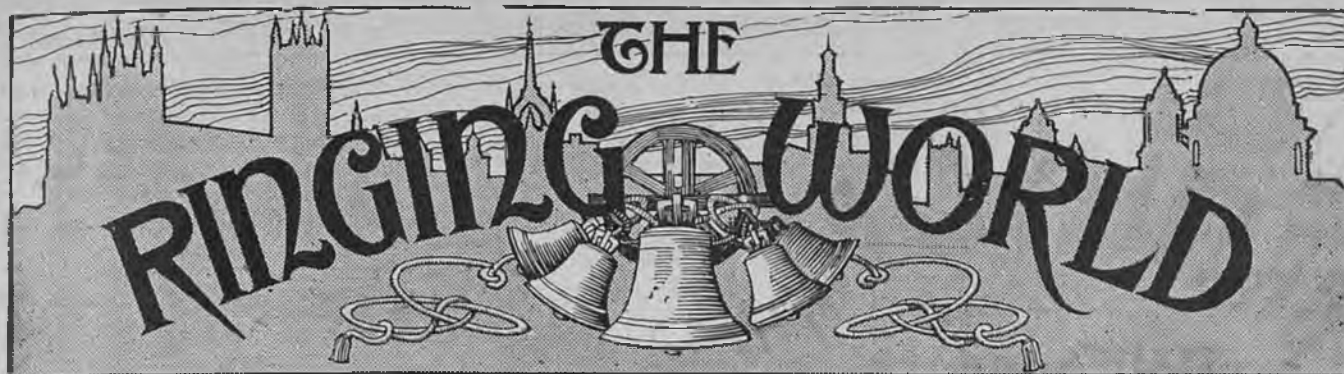
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Mr. Trollope asks us where we got the idea that the Methods Committee asked for 'power to rename at their full discretion the methods in the Minor Collection.' Our answer is that we got it from Mr. Trollope himself. He said, 'I would like the Council to empower the committee to deal with names; that is to say, to give the committee power to deal with the whole question at their discretion.' That is what Mr. Trollope said, and what is it but asking, in other words, to be allowed to do as they liked? If Mr. Trollope didn't mean it, he phrased his request, to say the least, a little unhappily. It was not until the demand was challenged that modified powers were mentioned.

No one will dispute that the Methods Committee have good intentions; our criticisms were directed against what was, on the face of it at all events, a plan to deal with matters (already settled by the Council through one committee) by authority obtained by a side wind, but had just been withdrawn from another committee. It is probable that in the light of all that has now been said the Methods Committee's proposals may be of a very limited character, and they will say, 'See how innocuous were our intentions,' but, in criticising their proposals, one could only take their words at their face value; and if the request for authority were put forward largely on the spur of the moment, it just proves that these things require something more than casual consideration and choice of language. There is no doubt, we think, that the Coun-

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cil, with one or two exceptions, when this request was sprung upon them, had entirely forgotten what they did at Salisbury in definitely naming all the methods in the 'Collection.' If the Methods Committee, also, had not forgotten it, they should, in honesty, have explained to the Council that it was their desire to make alterations in the decision arrived at four years ago.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM W. THORNE Treble	THOMAS STREETER 5
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 2	RICHARD HAYES 6
EDWARD ETHERIDGE 3	GEORGE TOMSETT 7
CHARLES HAZELDEN 4	HARRY HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE TOMSETT.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES Treble	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	FRANK CORKE 6
JAMES H. LUCAS 3	HENRY H. CHANDLER 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	CHARLES A. NICHOLLS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

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OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY PLATT Treble	VINCENT HOWORTH 5
FRANK LAWTON 2	HERBERT BARLOW 6
JAMES LEES 3	THOMAS CHAPMAN 7
SAM STOTT 4	CHAS. E. PLATT Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL.

First peal and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the 5th and 7th ringers. Also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and tenor.

OXENHOPE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

WILLIAM AMBLER Treble	WILLIE PROCTOR 5
VERNEY BAIRSTOW 2	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 6
THOMAS SENIOR 3	JOE GREENWOOD 7
EDGAR WHITELEY 4	MILLIGAN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER

First peal on the bells since augmentation to eight, the two trebles having been dedicated the previous evening by the Lord Bishop of Bradford.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN PART. Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

LAWRENCE HALES Treble	CHARLEY BELSEY 5
ALBERT MANKTELOW 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
WILLIAM SPICE 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
P.O. A. R. OCKWELL 4	*RICHARD MOORE Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal. † First in the method and on the bells. All local men except treble and 3rd. Specially rung as a farewell to P.O. A. R. Ockwell, who is leaving for China.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
GEORGE LARGE 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
SIDNEY DAWE 3	ERNEST COOMBS 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT Treble	MISS MOLLY DAVENPORT 5
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 2	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 6
NORMAN SHORT 3	ARTHUR S. ROBINSON 7
*CHARLES BATES 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD (C.C. Collection, No. 115.)

Conducted by MISS MOLLY DAVENPORT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung with half-muffled clappers on the eleventh anniversary of the opening of the Battle of the Somme.

DOWNE, KENT.—On Thursday, June 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (conducted by J. Hack), 720 Cambridge Surprise (conducted by J. Brown), 720 Kent Treble Bob (conducted by O. Gilbey), with H. Reader, H. Brown and T. R. Flint taking part.

CHERITON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	HENRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	RICHARD J. BIRCH 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 3	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	FRANK BENNETT Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
HENRY BAKER 2	STEPHEN BAKER 6
RICHARD J. BIRCH 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BINGLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON 5
TOM STRANGEWAY 2	JOHN JAGUES 6
GEORGE W. STEEL 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH 4	WILLIAM E. ASH Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*REV. R. F. R. ROUTH Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 6
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
PERCY WEBB 4	HERBERT FIELDS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Major.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN S. MORLEY Treble	CECIL NICE 5
GEORGE OLIVER 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
MISS N. E. SHORTER 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS N. E. SHORTER Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 2	GEORGE ELLIS 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	CECIL NICE 7
CHARLES H. SORRIDGE 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by W. CHARMAN. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. The ringer of the 3rd has within 16 months completed the circle of this tower.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
MISS N. E. SHORTER ... 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
BERNARD WELLS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*NOEL E. HOPE Treble	ERNEST J. OLIVER 5
MISS N. E. SHORTER ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Major.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 3, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

MISS N. E. SHORTER Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
BERNARD WELLS 2	CRCIL NICE 6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
JAMES BORFIELD 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

SEVEN SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, June 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE HURD Treble	†LESLIE WYKES 4
THOMAS K. DEACON 2	GEORGE A. NEWTON 5
†GEORGE WRIGHT, SEN. ... 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by J. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWARD COLECOMB Treble	†HUBERT COLECOMB 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM H. YOUNG 5
WALTER S. EVANS 3	GEOFFREY W. TAYSONE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

TAXLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob, each 720 called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM MUSK Treble	DAVID WHITING 4
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 2	DEREK LOCKWOOD 5
ALAN F. GOLDEN 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

THRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of twelve different extents of St. Simon's, twelve different extents of Plain Bob, and eighteen extents (with ten different callings) of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALBERT G. HARRISON ... Treble	WILLIAM MUSK 3
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

* First peal of Doubles. This peal, rung after meeting short for Minor, was arranged as a compliment to the conductor. A peal arranged on his 21st birthday could not be attempted owing to the late arrival of one of the company.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores arranged by Ernest Morris.

ROWLAND ADAMS Treble	JOHN MONK 3
JAMES HAYNES 2	THOMAS WISE 4
ISAAC BENNETT ... Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of tenor. John Monk was elected a member previous to starting. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

ARTHUR LORD Treble	ALBERT YATES 4
†JAMES PARR 2	*SYDNEY BROWN 5
JOHN BEATTIE 3	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First peal on the bells after rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. This is also the first peal for the Churchkirk Society since reorganisation.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN CLARK Treble	ROBERT E. SUMMERS 4
WALTER T. BENNETT 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation to six.

CASTLE DONINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD, KING AND MARTYR,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	GEORGE H. WILKINS 4
EDWARD JOYCE 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
JOHN W. BOOTH 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Specially arranged to enable Mr. Hutchby to ring a peal at his native place. The 150th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 50 mins.: F. W. Bailey (conductor) 1, *Miss Edna Webster 2, *S. Pinder 3, *L. Chadburn 4, M. Ward 5, J. A. Barrett 6, *G. West 7, D. R. Vincent 8. * Longest length in the method. Also longest length by the local company, who are all Sunday service ringers. Rung after an unsuccessful peal of Stedman Triples, to celebrate the coming of age of Miss E. Webster, also the 19th anniversary of J. A. Barrett's wedding day.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM WATKINS Treble	JOHN F. EVANS 4
†JOHN J. PRICE 2	*ALBERT E. JONES 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	FRANCIS EVANS 6

GEOFFREY ABLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all. The ringer of the 3rd is from Ludlow, the others are members of the local band.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

FRANK KIRK Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
JAMES HUDSON 2	HENRY W. GAYTON 5
WILLIAM SHARP 3	AMOS SMART Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

NEW WORCESTERSHIRE EIGHT.

On Sunday, June 26th, the Dean of Worcester dedicated the restored and augmented bells at Claines, near Worcester, and the opening ringing was done by the Cathedral company.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have put in a new iron frame and added three trebles to the old five, making a handy ring of eight, with a tenor of about 12 cwt.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Sowerby on Saturday, June 25th. About twenty members were present from Bradford, Denholme, Keighley, Todmorden, Leeds, Far Headingley, Armley, Halifax, Cross Stones, Queensbury, Lightcliffe, Mytholmroyd and the local company. During the afternoon, touches of Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman were rung. Tea was served in the schools, and the business meeting was held immediately after, Mr. J. Cotterell being in the chair.

Nine new members were elected, viz., J. A. Briggs, W. Smith, F. Hartley, J. Meadowcroft, H. Smith, W. Sutcliffe (Sowerby), S. Whitaker, F. Normanton (Oxenhope), and H. Dews (Bishop's Stortford). No invitations for the September meeting having been received, it was suggested that an endeavour should be made to arrange one at Giggleswick or Settle.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of bells, to the ladies for their services at tea, and the local company for the arrangements made.—The Vicar and Mr. Sutcliffe suitably replied, and the meeting terminated.

THE PEAL AT CASTLE DONINGTON.

On Saturday last, at the Church of St. Edward, King and Martyr (sometimes designated St. Luke), Castle Donington, Leicestershire, a long-sought-after and much-desired peal was accomplished. Mr. James S. Hutchby ('Jim') had ardently wished for a peal on the bells in his native 'city,' where he had been bred and born, and spent his early boyhood days. He rang his first 720 Minor here in July, 1884—since when he had not rung another—over forty-three years ago. Also in conjunction with this, Mr. E. Morris, of Leicester, had 'designs' on this tower, which for various reasons is not easily obtainable for peal ringing, so they fixed up the band, representing as it did, six different towers, viz., Leicester, Lockington, Kegworth, Donington, Southwell, and Loughborough. This made up the conductor's 150th tower for a peal, 94 of which are in Leicestershire.

The humorous side to this peal was supplied by the conductor, who, catching train to Loughborough, managed to miss the Castle Donington bus. After numerous enquiries, he succeeded in getting a bus to Kegworth, via Normanton (Notts) Regatta. Thence, finding no other means available, he set off on a four-mile trek on 'Shanks's pony' in the broiling sun. Getting about a mile on the way, he was overtaken by one of his Loughborough committee, Mr. D. Collins, who was cycling, and he very kindly managed to carry him on his back forks (a very precarious perch), via Lockington to Hemington. Setting him off on his way again, he arrived safely at Donington an hour late, wet through with perspiration and weary, but none the less determined to knock off another Leicester tower from his list, and gather further information for his revision of 'North's Church Bells of Leicestershire.'

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A KEEN CONTEST.

The Halifax and District Association held their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at New Mill, near Huddersfield, on July 2nd. The draw took place as follows: 1 Holmfirth, 2 Meltham, 3 Batley, 4 Sandal, 5 Liversedge, 6 Thornhill 7, Shelley. It had previously been decided that each set should ring 600 changes, any method, but all seven sets decided on Oxford Treble Bob. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and during the afternoon the striking of most of the bands was very good indeed. It was a lovely day, and members and friends took full advantage of the occasion. The surroundings of New Mill made it possible to hear the bells for miles around, and as it lies within easy access to Huddersfield a very large number turned up, and over 100 sat down to the excellent tea provided by local ladies.

After ringing ceased, the meeting was held in the school, Mr. J. Tinker (New Mill) occupying the chair in the absence of the president.

The treasurer's report was read, and the Chairman moved the adoption of the balance sheet, which Mr. Biltcliffe seconded, and which was unanimously adopted.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, Rev. E. C. Edwards, and churchwardens, for use of bells, also to the ladies and New Mill ringers for providing such an excellent tea and making the contest such a great success. The Vicar, replying, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the association to New Mill. Although he was not a ringer himself, he said, ringers did a very great service to church work. He gave an instance of the flag having got wrapped around the pole on top of the church, and his friends said it was the parson's job to unfurl it, but he told them his work was to help the people on earth to reach heaven, and leave the things in between to others (laughter). At the same time, he added, it gave him great pleasure to see them all at New Mill.

The officials were then elected for the next twelve months as follows: President, Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham); treasurer, Mr. F. Salmon (Halifax); secretary, Mr. L. Hargreaves (Halifax.)

The judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. H. Haigh (New Mill) next announced their decision as follows:—

No. 1.—Penalty 10, faults 161; total 171.

No. 2.—Penalty 10, faults 143; total 143.

No. 3.—Penalty 0, faults 129; total 129.

No. 4.—Rang out.

No. 5.—Penalty 10, faults 171; total 181.

No. 6.—Penalty 20, faults 360; total 380.

No. 7.—Penalty 0, faults 144; total 144.

Batley (No. 3) were therefore declared winners of the cup.

The Vicar, in presenting the cup to Mr. S. Gibson, conductor of Batley company, said it gave him great pleasure to hand the cup to Batley. It was said when he left Batley, about eight years ago, that all the good things came out of Batley, but he was pleased they were taking something good back in the shape of the cup.—Mr. Gibson returned thanks, and said how pleased he was that the younger sets had rung so well that day. It was only by sticking together that good striking could be achieved.

It may be mentioned that Mr. J. Broadley had judged his fiftieth contest that day.

A good deal of discussion took place with regard to raising the price of membership, and it was resolved that in future all new members be asked to pay one and sixpence on joining the association.

The members urged that it was up to the secretary of each tower to see that the members paid their subscriptions, as it was a known fact that some would let their payments lapse for several years and then join again as new members.

The auditors, Mr. J. Tinker (New Mill) and Mr. W. Rayner (Lanai), were thanked for their services, as were also the judges and chairman.

SEVEN BANDS IN COMPETITION.

CONTEST AT HOYLANDSWAINE.

The annual cup contest, promoted by Hoylandswaine among the members of this Society, took place on Saturday, June 25th, at Hoylandswaine under the usual conditions for the best-struck 720 in any method. Mr. J. R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, was the judge, and seven companies rang in the following order: No. 1, Shelley, 122 faults; 2, Darfield, rung out; 3, Darton, 230 faults; 4, Sandal, rung out; 5, Cawthorne, rung out; 6, Felkirk, 288 faults; 7, Wath, 66 faults. Wath were declared the winners, and will hold the cup for one year. The winners were also awarded six alarm clocks. The ringers were: W. Bramham 1, W. Ashworth 2, W. Green 3, A. Gill 4, R. J. Ricketts 5, C. Walsh 6.

Shelley received second prizes, viz., six jelly dishes: C. H. Sturges 1, J. W. Buxton 2, F. Hawthorne 3, S. Ramsden 4, A. Goldthorpe 5, A. Hoyle 6.

Rain fell copiously all the time the ringing was in progress, but nothing dampened the interest of a large company of listeners. Tea was provided in Parish Room. The presentation of prizes was attended by the Vicar (Rev. J. Hewetson) and his sister (Miss Hewetson), and many members of the congregation, who were warmly thanked for providing such a popular event among the ringers in the district.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. PROPOSALS FOR DIVISION.

The annual festival of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at Guildford on Saturday, and there was special interest in the event by reason of the fact that it was the last festival which the Guild will hold as at present constituted. From January 1st next the diocese of Guildford will have its separate association, although it is not unlikely that the ringers' organisations in the new diocese of Portsmouth and the remainder of the diocese of Winchester will continue as a joint Guild. Mr. George Williams (Master) presided over the business meeting, and in opening the proceedings referred to the loss which the Guild had sustained by the death of the vice-president (the Rev. C. E. Matthews). The action of the general secretary and the districts in sending letters of condolence to Mrs. Matthews was confirmed by the members standing for a few moments in silence.

The Master added that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies had relinquished the post of hon. secretary of the Basingstoke District on his retirement from the living at Deane, and the committee that morning had elected him an honorary life member in appreciation of his services. In 1929, said Mr. Williams, the Guild would reach its jubilee, and he and others hoped it would be possible in that year to hold a joint meeting of the old and the new Guilds at some border tower to celebrate the event. In the Special Purposes Fund of the Guild, he continued, they had about £30, which was subscribed by members towards Titchfield Bell Fund, which the late vice-president, while he was Vicar there, inaugurated to restore and augment the bells. The scheme at the time was not proceeded with, and Mr. Matthews put the money into the Guild's Special Purposes Fund. There was now a proposal to do something to Milford bells, and the committee thought it would be a good thing if the Guild should devote this money towards the cost of providing one or two more bells as a memorial to Mr. Matthews.

It was stated that the Rev. C. E. Matthews, in his will, had left to the Guild a working model of a bell, and the committee's recommendation that it should be placed in the belfry at Winchester Cathedral was confirmed.

There was some discussion on the balance sheet, and, it having been elicited that there were bank charges on an overdraft, due to the fact that the districts' contributions to the general fund were forwarded late in the year, and that, therefore, there had not been sufficient funds in hand to meet the expenditure, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith suggested that the districts should contribute a definite percentage of their receipts to the general fund (instead of merely remitting their balance as at present), and that the treasurer should be able to draw on the districts at the end of March or June for a payment on account.

The balance sheet was adopted. It showed receipts on the general fund of £246 15s. 11d., and a balance in hand of £27 1s. 10d., against £30 15s. 10d. at the beginning of the year. The district accounts showed receipts of £90 19s. 6d., and expenditure £42 18s. 9d., with £43 16s. 11d. remitted to the treasurer and an increased balance in hands of local secretaries of £4 3s. 10d.

TERMS OF DIVISION.

The committee presented a report on the question of the division of the Guild as a result of the division of the diocese. After certain slight alterations in the wording had been agreed to, the amended report was unanimously adopted as follows: 'The sub-committee appointed at the last annual meeting have carefully gone into the question and make the following recommendations:—

(1) That as meetings of both Guildford and Yorktown Districts have passed resolutions in favour of forming a separate organisation for the diocese of Guildford, as from January 1st, 1928, and subject to the approval of the Bishop of Guildford, a separate Guild be formed for the diocese of Guildford, and that part of Surrey as may be found convenient, and that the remainder of the Guild be formed into one or more diocesan organisations as the resident members may desire.

(2) That a reciprocal arrangement be made whereby any resident member of the present Guild on Jan. 1st, 1928, may become a compounding member of any of the associations into which the present Guild may be divided (other than that in which resident) upon payment of 1s. to each such association, if application be made during the year 1928.

(3) That this Guild approach the other Guilds, which may be formed out of its area, with a view to the present life members (not compounding) being elected life members of all the organisations into which the present Guild may be divided.

(4) That the funds of the Guild on December 31st, 1927, should be divided 25 per cent. to the new Guildford Diocesan Guild and 75 per cent. to the Guild or Guilds that may be formed for the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth, as this was approximately the percentage paid in from the areas concerned during the last five years.

The second and third recommendations are included from a genuine desire that when the old Winchester Diocesan Guild shall cease to function it shall be in the most friendly and fair way possible, and to enable old members to retain their association one with the other, having regard to the fact that two or more Guilds are to be formed out of the present Guild.

On the motion of Mr. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. W. W. Thorne, the meeting confirmed the committee's recommendation that the officers be re-elected to carry on the work of the present Guild until December 31st, 1927.

The Master reported that Mr. Pulling, Mr. Barton and himself represented the Guild at the meeting of the Central Council at Whitsun, and that the motion, which he proposed at the request of the Guild, to secure the earlier publication of the Council's agenda, was carried.

Mr. Pulling said the meeting produced nothing very exciting, but the two most important matters concerning ringers as a whole related to the names of Minor methods, and the issue of diplomas to young ringers. If six-bell ringers had any suggestions to make with regard to the Minor methods, which are to be republished, they must communicate with the secretary, and with regard to diplomas, the members had to make up their minds if they thought the proposal would be of use in encouraging young ringers, and if they approved of it they must instruct their representatives to support the scheme at the next meeting, as it had been adjourned for a year to give the Guilds and associations the opportunity of considering it.

Mr. Barton, who was unable to be present owing to business, wrote that the Council were taking up more practical subjects than formerly.

Mr. J. P. Fidler (representative of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough) explained how the confusion of names among Minor methods had arisen, and said it was very necessary, when points used to be awarded for peals, that this confusion should be cleared up.

The Master thanked Mr. Fidler for his explanation, and welcomed him to the Guild meeting.

On the motion of Mr. W. Andrews, the representatives were thanked for attending the meeting, and for their report. 'They get more kicks than ha'pence,' said Mr. Andrews, 'but we should like them to know that we do appreciate what they do.'

TO FURTHER THE WORK OF THE GUILD.

At the last annual meeting, the committee were instructed to consider and report how best the aims and work of the Guild can be furthered. They now presented a report in which they put forward suggestions which it was hoped would create more interest in the Guild's work among the clergy, suggested recruiting grounds for the belfry, made proposals with regard to instruction, and advocated the redivision of the diocese into smaller districts. The committee recommended that the report be printed and circulated to every affiliated tower in the Guild, and brought up for discussion at the first available meeting in each district; that special consideration of the whole question, together with any suggestions of members, particularly as to the appointment of instructors and the rearrangement of the districts, be given at the first meeting of the committees of the new Guilds in order that a definite scheme be put before them at their first meetings.

The Master moved the adoption of the report, Mr. Whittington seconded, and the motion was carried.

There were no new members to elect, but Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who pointed out that they were approaching the parting of the ways, proposed that Mr. George Williams should be elected an honorary life member of the Guild in recognition of his long and devoted services. From the early days of the Guild, Mr. Williams had been a member, and had done a great deal of spade work, while since his return from Sussex he had served them first as secretary and since as Master, and he had given his labours freely and enthusiastically.—Mr. Hazelden seconded, Mr. Whittington supported, and the motion was carried with applause.

Mr. Williams thanked the members for the honour they had done him. He had only done his best for the Guild, as all good ringers should do, and he had always gone to his Sunday ringing as regularly as, on weekdays, he had gone to his work. He joined the Guild in 1879 or 1880, but he did not ring his first peal until 1884. Ringers in these days would have rung 200 or 300 peals in that time. He taught a band in his own tower, and on the first anniversary of his first peal he conducted one with his own company. Afterwards, he moved away from the district, and since he returned in 1905 he had done his best for the Guild, and he hoped to do so as long as he was able (applause).

The Master welcomed the Rev. E. Jones, the new secretary of the Basingstoke District. They were particularly glad to see him as he was the only clerical member of the Church present that day. They had discussed in committee that morning the lack of interest which the clergy were showing in the Guild.—The Rev. E. Jones expressed his pleasure at being present.

In connection with the suggested Jubilee celebration, the Master hoped the Guildford Diocesan Guild would unite with the Winchester Guild. Basingstoke was suggested as a convenient place, and Mr. Hazelden said no more suitable spot could be found, for it was at Basingstoke that the first meeting was held from which the Winchester Guild sprang.

A vote of thanks was passed to the incumbents of the churches where the bells had been placed at members' disposal, to Canon Kirwan for the service, and to Mr. E. Raddon (Guildford District secretary) for making the local arrangements.

The members then proceeded to Holy Trinity Church, the Cathedral of the new diocese, where the Guild's special service was conducted by Canon Kirwan, and the singing was led by the choir boys. The hymns were those specially applicable to ringers' meetings, and it is pathetic to recall that some of them were written by the dead vice-president, the late Rev. C. E. Matthews.

The Bishop of Winchester was the preacher, and he took for his text 'O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation' (Psalm xcv. 1).

BISHOP AND THE BELL RINGERS.

The Bishop of Winchester, in the course of his sermon, said he was glad to meet the bell-ringing representatives of the diocese, and glad to acknowledge the very valuable services which they rendered to the Church Sunday after Sunday, and even, in some cases, day by day. He wished them God-speed in the task they had undertaken, and hoped that in the days to come in all three dioceses—Winchester, Guildford and Portsmouth—the bond that united them would be drawn closer together.

Continuing, his Lordship recalled that church-bell ringing was of very ancient origin, peal and change ringing being peculiar to England. Ringers were members of a body with very ancient ancestors, and were artists of a craft which had existed in England for centuries. The church bells, said his Lordship, were often connected with great moments of life. Let them, for instance, think of the contrast between wedding bells and the toll of the funeral bell; whilst among the greatest moments was that when they were called to worship God and hear the bells of the Master. Then there were the great moments of the year—the festivals, when the bells were prominent. Thus they were reminded of the joyful and sad and solemn occasions in life when the bells were intimately associated with them in their hopes, joys, sorrows and worship. The bells summoned them to do their part in the deepening of the life of the church. They had got to ring in the Kingdom of Christ, and each ringer in his own life should be a bell in himself, ringing in the good news of Christ and His kingdom. Today, they needed to ring in the nobler modes of life. They each had an individual and a corporate responsibility. No change ringing could be done by a mere collection of individuals. It was only done by men who had learnt their art together. Change ringing was one of the most signal examples of team work which could be produced, and it was only by such team work on the part of the servants of Christ that the Kingdom would come—the Kingdom which would produce purer and nobler modes of life. Each bell ringer was like his own bell—different from everyone else—and Christ provided the Church in order that the broken tones might be blended together in one fine peal. This was the message of the bells. In conclusion, his Lordship said he could offer no more earnest prayer for that association than that everyone should have in his life a tone that was noble, pure and right.

The representatives returned to the Ward Street Hall for tea, those present including the Bishop of Winchester and Canon Kirwan. The latter expressed thanks to his lordship for having spared time to visit them that day. Although, said the Rev. E. O. Kirwan, it was the wish of the Bishop of Guildford that they should have their own Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers, many of them would like to feel

that the link with Winchester would not be severed, and he hoped that in the future they at Winchester would welcome bell-ringing guests from Guildford, just as Guildford would always be pleased to welcome their friends from the other diocese. It seemed almost possible that the division of the diocese should have been hewn about so quickly, and he for one felt somewhat sorry at saying 'Good-bye'; but, at the same time, they were still one fellowship and one brotherhood.

Seconding, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith referred to the absence of clergy from the festival, and said that while the ringers had a duty to the Church, the clergy also had a duty to the ringers.

The Bishop, in reply, expressed the belief that the clergy did not know their presence was so ardently and keenly desired, and if he got the opportunity of intimating that fact to them he would be pleased to do so. He pointed out the difficulty of clergy attending on Saturday afternoons, when most of the festivals were held, as, normally, on Saturday afternoons clergy should be preparing their sermons for the Sunday (laughter), although he admitted that all sermons were not all they might be. However, he was quite sure that, whether the clergy were present or not, they did appreciate the help they received from bell ringers, and realised they owed a deep debt of thanks to those who, Sunday after Sunday, took the trouble to make their services attractive. The laity also appreciated the ringers, who, primarily, knocked at their door, and, when they rang, the laity responded and appreciated what they did.

Speaking of the division of the diocese, the Bishop said it was a sad thing, and he was grieved to think the Winchester associations would be broken up after so long. He hoped, however, that the three new dioceses would keep in close touch with one another. He hoped that the Guilds of ringers in all three dioceses would grow in energy and usefulness.

There were members present during the day from a great number of towers in this large diocese and visitors from neighbouring associations. A party of 120 sat down to tea, and, during the day, ringing took place at the pro-Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, Godalming and Shalford. The methods ranged from Grandsire to the Surprise class, and one short touch of Spliced Surprise Major was brought round.

ELEVEN SURPRISE METHODS IN A 720.

On Thursday, June 30th, at the Abbey Church, Bourne, Lines, 720 changes in Spliced Surprise methods, being Munden, Canterbury, Newcastle, Chester, London, Wells, Cuneceastre, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley: J. Neale 1, A. H. Palmer 2, J. W. Lake (conductor) 3, J. Osborn 4, J. S. Allen 5, T. L. Bambridge 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have just overhauled the back four bells of the ring of twelve at Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, Devon. Among the improvements carried out have been new clappers, bearings, and steel headstocks. Ringing has now recommenced, and the Abbey authorities are highly satisfied with the work.

Ringers recently received at the banquet given by the R.I.B.A. an unexpected but, unfortunately, a transient honour, for as the guests arriving at the Cecil were being presented, Mr. E. Alex. Young was announced in stentorian tones as Sir Alexander Young. He had to disclaim the honour, and to suggest in reply to a humorous remark of the president, that possibly it was at least a bit premature!

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, has the contract to rehang the peal of eight at Braintree Parish Church, Essex, in new steel and iron frame with all new fittings and tune the whole peal. They will be hung with ball bearings and steel headstocks.

It would appear from a statement in a London contemporary that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (well known as an astronomer), was one of the party at Giggleswick with the Astronomer Royal. He was heard directing with youthful enthusiasm the attention of the public around to the most interesting features of 'totality' during the recent eclipse.

The late hon. secretary of the Central Council was more fortunate than his successor, Mr. E. Alex. Young, who, going so far north as Durham, only secured one or two fleeting glimpses of the spectacle.

By the completion of the ring of eight at the new Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton now possesses two rings of ten and two of eight.

A hundred and ten years ago to-day James Barham, so long the dominating figure at Leeds, Kent, rang his last peal. He was then 91 years of age.

William Sottanstill, of Sowerby, Yorks, who wrote a book on ringing, was born on July 9th, 1800.

We regret that, owing to the heavy pressure on our space in recent weeks, several reports of outings have been unavoidably held over. They will appear in due course.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT AT BRIGHTON.

COMPLETION OF THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Standing impressively on the heights of the great north-western ridge overlooking sea and town, an entirely new church has been erected in Dyke Road, Brighton, and on Thursday, June 23rd, the chancel, a Lady Chapel, tower and eight bells were consecrated by the Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Winfrid Burrows). The church has been built and the bells presented by Mrs. Gerald Moor, in memory of her late husband, Prebendary Moor, Vicar of Preston.

The eight bells in the tower were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the tenor weighing 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb., and being in the key of F. They are hung in a heavy cast-iron frame, bolted to a double foundation of steel girders. The girders span the tower in both directions, are horizontally cross-braced, and their ends are anchored and built into the walls. The fittings are of the most modern type, and include cast-iron headstocks, self-aligning ball bearings and ball-bearing rollers, the rollers and clappers also being fitted with screw-down lubricators. The wheels are fitted with a special saley block to obviate the wear on the bell rope. The bells have been cast and tuned on the 'Simpson' five-tone principle. The tenor has a finely-executed figure of the Good Shepherd cast in relief, and the following inscription on the reverse:—

'Rev. Gerald H. Moor, Preb. of Colworth in Chichester Cathedral, Vicar of Preston, 1905 to 1916. Alice M. Moor, his wife.'

The seventh records the following: 'A.D. 1927. George V. R. Winfred, Bishop of Chichester. Julius Hannah, Dean of Chichester. William J. R. Allen, first Vicar of this parish.'

The bells having been dedicated, the St. Peter's (Brighton) Society rang a few rounds, and, after the ceremony had concluded, a very good course of Superlative was brought round.

The bells are full-toned, even inside and out of the tower, and not difficult to strike. A noticeable feature of the bells is the absence of the 'howl' inside or outside of the tower, which is often heard with rings tuned on the 'Simpson' five-tone principle. In this new ring the strike note dominates. The bells are at present noisy inside the tower, but it is understood this will be remedied by the addition of a plaster ceiling in the ringing chamber.

DEATH OF A LADY RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Miss Annie Banks on Tuesday, June 28th, at the Lymington Cottage Hospital, following an operation the previous week.

Miss Banks became a ringer at St. Thomas' Church, Lymington, during the war, taking the place of a brother, also a ringer, who was on active service. She was a regular attendant in the belfry on Sundays until the illness of her parents kept her at home to look after them.

The funeral took place on Friday last, and in the evening the local band rang a quarter-peal with the bells half-muffled: E. Kerley 1, E. C. Elliott (conductor) 2, H. Dunsford 3, S. Clark 4, G. Arnold 5, J. Wells 6, J. Figgures 7, C. Morris 8.

THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leading article this week, you ask, 'For what purpose do the Methods Committee want discretionary powers' in the matters of the new Collection of Minor Methods? May I, as the mover of the resolution, attempt to answer your question?

What was in my mind was this. The discussions and disputes of the last four years, ending in the rejection of the Nomenclature Committee's report and the discharge of that committee, had left the naming of six-bell methods in an uncertain state. No doubt, most of the question raised had in the course of discussion been settled, practically if not formally. But when we come to the details of the new book it is probable, it is almost certain, we shall have cases where there is doubt and dispute as to what is really the correct name. There is no authority to which these disputed cases can be referred, and I think it was not unreasonable for us to ask for power to settle them ourselves. What we asked and what the Council gave us was to be confirmed in the editorial rights, which, you must remember, we had when we produced the first edition, and which we had, and used, when we recently produced the 'Collection of Major Methods.' What we did not ask for, and what we had no intention of asking for, was 'power to rename at our full discretion the methods in the Minor Collection.' I do not know where you, Sir, got that idea. Perhaps it was a natural one under the circumstances, and, apparently, was shared by others than yourself. But it was an erroneous idea. I had to intervene in the debate several times to try and correct it, but the only result of my interventions seem to be, in your case, that you think I 'toned down my request when objection was raised.'

The question of renaming does not arise. We have already more names than we want. It is a question of selection, and that only in the case of a very small proportion of the methods. No doubt, as Mr. J. W. Parker pointed out, the rejection of the Nomenclature report did leave the Analysis Committee's list of names formally in possession. But you must remember that that list was drawn up and presented to the Council four years ago, and before the matter was so fully discussed by the Council and the Exercise. You, Sir, know as well as I do that that list did not meet with universal approval. I think it is a far better list than, I gather, you do, but I also think it a good thing that we have the power and opportunity of comparing it with its rivals and considering the criticisms that have been levelled against it. I think it will stand the test very well.

But you apparently hold the strange and new doctrine that because the list was once formally adopted by the Council we are forbidden by loyalty to the Council's decisions to alter it by so much as a single word, even after we have had authority from the Council. A strange and new doctrine indeed!

I seem to remember that you strongly supported the criticism which was brought against it four years ago, and that you approved the wholesale alterations proposed by the Nomenclature Committee. All this after the list was adopted by the Council. But the Nomenclature Committee may make wholesale alterations and do well, while the Methods Committee does ill if they but consider whether any alteration is needful.

You point out that there was disagreement between the Analysis Committee and the Methods Committee concerning certain names, and you ask, Did we ask for discretionary powers 'merely to ensure that our own views shall prevail?' I can answer that question. When I moved the resolution, there was no thought of the Analysis Committee at all. You must remember that the question of this resolution did not arise until the Nomenclature Committee was discharged, and the resolution was drafted and moved almost on the spur of the moment. But, obviously, the matters in dispute between the two committees are just the sort of outstanding thing which we wanted power to settle. That does not mean that we are going contemptuously to reject their alterations. Their suggestions will be sympathetically considered, and, I believe (for I do not know anything definitely yet), for the most part adopted. But I do not think we shall leave a mistake like 'College Single Reverse' standing.

May I suggest that we have, after all, a motive other than that of merely getting our own way. And that is, the wish to make the new book as good a one as we can. You, Sir, I know, will sympathise with that wish. It is more important to us that the names of the methods should be such that the Exercise approves of, than that they should be just those which we ourselves would have selected had we the choosing. I have no right to speak for my colleagues, but I think I shall not be doing wrong if I promise that the list of names shall be published and an opportunity given for outside criticism before the book is printed.

And now may I say a word or two about the Nomenclature Committee. You suggest that they were badly and unfairly treated. I cannot agree. Anyone who brings up contentious matters before the Council or any other debating body runs the risk of having his opinions rejected. I took a leading part in the opposition. I drafted and moved the amendment which was their undoing. But there was no 'torpedoing' and no 'side tracking.' It was a straightforward fair fight, all above board. I do regret that it was not possible to receive their report and by amendment remove objectionable features. But they had, at any rate, the courage of their convictions. They presented their views in such a way as admitted of no compromise. Because I felt that their proposals were unworkable and contrary to the

good of the Exercise, I moved my amendment. It was not 'specious.' It was a direct challenge to their views, and was tantamount to moving the rejection of the report with a considered reason for so doing. They are all men for whom I have great regard and respect, but I would not be a member of the Central Council if I had to agree with every opinion expressed at its meetings.—Yours faithfully,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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[Reference to the letter is made in our leading article.—Ed. 'R.W.']

SIX-BELL RINGERS' VIEWS.

Dear Sir,—The Central Council has invited Minor ringers to offer suggestions before the 'Collection' is reprinted, and has asked them not to complain afterwards; but the gentlemen who made and endorsed these remarks should bear in mind that we six-bell ringers do not know what is going to be done; and, further, that we have the greatest difficulty in understanding what has been done, and what is left undone.

Three years ago we asked (in your columns) exactly what the position was, regarding the list of names then published, and as to whether the Council's decision was definite or not. We asked for information from any representatives who cared to enlighten us, without result. Perhaps we should have addressed someone in particular, and will avoid an error this time.

With the object of forcing a ruling we approached various associations, with the result that certain proposals were placed before the Council by the Nomenclature Committee. These appeared to have been very definitely rejected last year, and, presumably, the published names were made absolute. With this decision we were content.

It would now appear to be likely that the names will again be revised, at the discretion of the Methods Committee, and it is a great pity that there were not some practical Minor ringers on the Council, who could have pointed out how very inconvenient these alterations can become to those people who have to use the names. The majority of the members of the Council never have wondered, in the middle of a 720, whether the next method to be introduced will be known to the band as 'Ringers' or 'Primrose.' Canterbury and Alnwick Surprise, when spliced with Morpeth and Newcastle, are excellent examples of a most inconvenient muddle—each has become the other. And so on.

The 'twelve-bell' gentlemen who so laughingly discussed the question do not inspire confidence in the 'six-bell' man, who, after all, is the most affected. Judging from the printed report, Mr. J. S. Pritchett's effort is most remarkable, and (a shot at random) we would bet our bell ropes that he could not even produce a copy of the 'Collection,' much less to turn up Bob Minor or London Surprise therein.

We would ask Mr. J. A. Trollope: Please tell us, can your committee make any 'selection' from the existing list of names, without changing any of those on that list? Does it propose to alter some of these, its own names, in spite of your pledge to Mr. Pritchett? The Rev. H. Law James seconded this resolution, and in view of what he then said, Whitley Surprise (No. 7) should now become 'Leytonstone,' etc. Tell us exactly what is meant by it all. Have we again to revise our work and records for the past years, after having put our house in order? If so, it would seem that loyalty to the decisions made by the Council does not pay, and the Minor man would do better to follow his Superlative Maximus brother, and say, 'We shall do as we please.'

Our only sheet-anchor has been the number of each method, and it is to be hoped that the committee will not disturb the numerical order of the methods, in a misguided effort to classify those which are not strictly 'in place.'

For the rest, may we say that the plan adopted in the Major Collection of dividing the leads, and showing the bobs, is most satisfactory, except that the two rows and the dividing line might be 'crowded' a little, to allow each unit to stand out, 'spacing' the bobs and singles, as it were?

The second's-place methods might be lettered A, B, C or D, according to which lead-head applies, and one part of an extent W-R-W with one of 1-1-4th's given for each. The sixth's-place methods lettered E, F, G or H, with parts of 1-0-1 and 4th's-W-W given. Some instruction regarding the introduction of singles for the plain methods could be included; or, alternatively, parallel parts to the above, lettered AA, BB, etc.

We are careful to avoid suggestions regarding the Doubles or Triples, except that the Triples methods might now be named.

Finally, may be acknowledge the debt that Minor ringers owe to this committee, and to say that we fully appreciate the work that it has done, but that we do think the list of names should stand, the more especially as the committee itself was responsible for its publication?—Yours truly,

For the St. John-the-Baptist Association, Leytonstone,

GEO. DAWSON,

Hon. Sec.

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GUILDFORD.—On Wednesday, May 25th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples in 49 mins.: W. N. Stone (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, C. N. Burdock 2, N. V. Harding 3, W. J. Robinson 4, H. Harris 5, H. Hutton 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 7, W. R. Melyville 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 411.)
SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

The debate on Superlative Surprise was continued by Mr. J. W. Parker. He said he was not quite sure what was meant by the resolution, whether it was that Mr. James objected to the Maximus which was rung at Ipswich as not being in line with the Major and the Royal. Those of the members who read Mr. James' article in 'The Ringing World' of December 24th last would see that his theory of extension was based in a measure on the places from the back and from the front. If they took the method rung at Ipswich they would find that it was exactly in accordance with that theory. Mr. Parker proceeded to explain the relative places in the method, and went on to say that the measuring of places from the treble was the right theory. He thought they must give ringers the credit of knowing a method when it was properly extended, and, in his opinion, if Shipway's Royal had been a correct extension of the Major, instead of waiting for a hundred years before the second peal was rung, it would be as much practised now as was Cambridge Surprise Royal. They, as a Council, should use their common sense in these matters. If they had any resolution at all, it should be that in the opinion of the Council there is no correct extension of Superlative Surprise Major (laughter).

The Rev. E. S. Powell: If you would move it, I would second that.

Mr. J. S. Wildo said he was somewhat responsible for this controversy ('Shame' and laughter). He sent the extension to Mr. Baker years ago, and published the figures last November in 'The Ringing World.' The method was rung in less than six months. Mr. James published the Maximus of Shipway's extension before the Council meeting of 1915, and it had not yet been rung. When Superlative Major was published in 'The Clavis,' it was described as 'a new and original composition for this work.' At that time there were only two Surprise methods, Cambridge and London. No doubt, the author had been looking at Cambridge and had seen the blemish in it, and in attempting to improve it he discovered Superlative Surprise Major. He made very little alteration. With the treble in 1-2, he put in 6th's instead of 8th's, and let the bells behind continue dodging, and at the first cross-section he let the bells on the front dodge instead of both of them lying still. There was nothing in the Maximus as rung at Ipswich that was not in the Major except the extended dodging, and a study of it showed that it had not got the objectionable features which they found in Shipway's method. Shipway's extension to Maximus was full of five-pull dodging; when the treble was on the front, the bells in 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12 were all engaged in five-pull dodging, and, likewise, there were three simultaneous five-pull dodges when the treble was behind. They could not find that sort of thing in Superlative Major. The Council would be very unwise to pass Mr. James' motion.

'IPSWICH VARIATION.'

Mr. J. A. Trollope said he intended to vote for Mr. James' resolution, but he first of all wanted to say that he agreed entirely with Mr. Parker that there was not, and never could be, any really satisfactory extension of Superlative, either to ten or twelve bells. Shipway's extension to Royal had now been in possession of the Exercise for a century. It was rung about a hundred years ago by a now dead and forgotten band, and, as a matter of fact, it was an extremely clever extension of the principles of Superlative to eight and ten bells. There was nothing he could think of that gave him a higher opinion of Shipway as a clever man than when he took the one important constructional feature of Superlative Major and adapted it to ten bells, but it was adaption and not an extension, simply because the features which existed in ten bells did not allow the Major construction to go exactly to ten bells. If any method at all had the right to be called Superlative, then Shipway's had, and no other. But things had been complicated by the fact that the Ipswich people had rung the peal of Maximus. Nobody would dream of saying or doing anything which would in any way detract from the brilliant performance of the Ipswich band; it was one of the finest things that had ever been done—all the finer because it was not Superlative in the sense that Cambridge Maximus was Cambridge Major on twelve bells. It was more difficult. What the Council had to do was to find a solution for the problem, a solution which would meet the legitimate wishes of the Ipswich band, which would square with the mathematical facts and do justice to the memory of Shipway and the band that rang the peal of Royal a hundred years ago. He thought the best way was to follow precedent, and, as in the case of Court Bob, give each variation a distinctive sub-title. They might call the method rung at Ipswich, 'Ipswich Superlative.' If they did that, they would have a distinct Superlative Royal and a distinct Superlative Maximus, which were more or less adaptations rather than extensions, entitled to the simple name of Superlative.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley, who rang in the peal at Ipswich, said the Maximus rung there was absolutely Superlative. The method had been discovered independently by several method builders, among them Mr. John Carter, who rang it on his ringing machine as far back as 1912, and called it Superlative Maximus. If this was not the correct extension, it was strange that so many men should produce the same method, working independently, and call it the same thing. Any practical ringer who knew Superlative, and was shown a diagram of Shipway's method and was told it was Superlative, would laugh at them. There was nothing like Superlative in the diagram.

EXPERTS DISAGREE.

Mr. C. T. Coles said, after the divergence of opinion expressed by the experts that day, he thought the Council ought also to declare its incompetence to deal with the matter. As a practical ringer, who had rung the method, he had no hesitation in saying that the method rung at Ipswich was a distinct extension from a practical point of view, and that was what ringers really wanted. A man with any experience on 12 bells, who could also ring Superlative Major, could learn this method very quickly. But their experts disagreed, and he did not see how 'laymen' could decide the matter. He therefore proposed that they pass a resolution to the effect that as the expert advisers of the Council disagreed on this matter, the Council was of opinion that no good purpose could be served by coming to a definite decision. He reminded the Council of what happened years ago when a certain peal was rung at Stepney. The Council came to a decision, but to all intents and purposes it was ignored. If they came to a decision that day, one side or the other would say, 'I don't care a rap; you are wrong' (laughter).

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards seconded the amendment.

The Rev. H. L. James said if the Council would accept Mr. Trollope's suggestion as an amendment he would not mind. Whichever way the Council voted he (Mr. James) would stick to his own opinion that when a real peal of Superlative Maximus was rung the band would know it was the method. He did not want to say anything against what had been done, but if they wanted to make sure they had got the real thing, they should ring the other method. He had carefully abstained from any scientific explanation. He gave one at Newcastle, and he learned a lesson he had not forgotten. There he was not understood, and although he had listened to some of the speakers that afternoon and had followed them, he would guarantee the great majority of the Council did not do so.

The president put the amendment of Mr. Coles as follows: 'That as the expert advisers of the Council disagree, this meeting is of opinion that no good purpose can be served by coming to a definite decision on the subject.'

On being put, the amendment was declared carried by 62 votes to 7.

Canon Baker: Who are the expert advisers of the Council?

The President: Neither you nor I; that I do know (laughter).

A 'LEGAL' COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. A. Trollope proposed: 'That a committee be appointed to report to the Council on the legal relationship between (a) bells, (b) ringers, and (c) ringing respectively, on the one hand, and (d) the incumbent, (e) the churchwardens, and (f) the parochial councils respectively on the other hand, and any other legal matters affecting the Exercise. And, further, to consider the advisability of issuing a statement of these matters for the guidance of ringers and other persons affected.' Mr. Trollope said when the Enabling Act, which set up the Church Assembly and the Church Parochial Councils, was passed, they were told that organists and ringers were exempted from the jurisdiction of the Parochial Councils, but a point which he had never seen raised was whether they had any control over the bells. They might not be able to dismiss the ringers, but he did not know whether they could stop ringing. He had an instance at his own church. For a while, they had a slack time, and dropped practice. Then he was fortunate enough to get a number of boys, and they started practising again about twelve months ago. The tower was in the centre of the town, and there was a certain amount of opposition. A certain person was got to bring the matter before the Church Parochial Council, and they passed a resolution that, to meet the wishes of the residents, practice should not last more than half an hour. He was not sure what his position was, but he thought he should not have taken any notice of it. There might be similar things happen in other places, and he thought it would be advisable if the Council got to know definitely how ringers stood in legal matters of this kind. They were fortunate in having among the members two, at least, who were competent to express an opinion on the law, and he suggested, if the Council accepted the motion, that they should ask Alderman Pritchett and Mr. Milne, who were barristers, to serve.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said he thought a very useful little pamphlet might be compiled dealing with these matters. It was requisite that ringers should know where they stood with regard to incumbents and Parochial Councils, and to know, also, where they stood with regard to the public—and there was some law upon that subject. At present there was a good deal of doubt in the minds of the ringers as to who were their masters. There were two categories of ringers: those who were voluntary and those who were paid; and the law of contract came in in regard to what notice paid ringers were entitled to receive. Altogether, there was material for a very interesting little pamphlet. There were, however, two questions to consider before the resolution was carried: one was who was to compile the pamphlet, and the other who was to pay the cost. He was far too advanced in years and too busy to undertake the compilation, but he would undertake to revise it if someone would get the thing into shape. He suggested that Mr. Elwell should be asked to compile the pamphlet. It was certainly a desirable thing for the Council to undertake.

Replying to Mr. Mee, the President said the incumbent had sole control of anyone who went into the tower.

THE LATE MR. JOHN C. JAY.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, Mr. John Clark Jay, one of the earliest pioneers of change ringing in Sussex, passed away at Brighton on Saturday, June 25th, after a long illness.

The funeral took place on June 30th in the Brighton Borough Cemetery, preceded by a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Collinson), in St. Nicholas' Church, where deceased had for many years been an enthusiastic change ringer, and also held the post of secretary in the St. Nicholas' Society.

Mr. Jay was born at Streattham in 1866, and came to Brighton with his parents in 1871, his father being the late Mr. John Jay, a former steeplekeeper of St. Peter's, Brighton.

At that time change ringing in Brighton was practically unknown, and John Jay, sen., was not only the pioneer, but the chief instructor, and conducted the first peal rung by the Sussex County Association, in which his son, the subject of this memoir, also took part. Of the band of eight who rang in the first peal of Grandsire Triples by the association at Cuckfield, Sussex, in January, 1885, only two survive—Mr. C. Tyler, of Henfield, and Mr. George King, now in Canada.

As a young man, Mr. Jay enlisted in the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment, in 1883, and served his country for some years in India. On his return to England in 1895, he took up again the art that he loved, and never relinquished it until his final illness. He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter to mourn their loss.

The St. Nicholas' Society rang the bells half-muffled as the procession was leaving the church, and again in the evening, as a tribute of respect to his memory.

The peals known to have been rung by Mr. Jay since the formation of the Sussex County Association are as follow (of earlier peals in which he took part there is no definite record): Grandsire Triples 6, Grandsire Caters 13, Stedman Triples 11, Stedman Caters 15, Bob Royal 3, Kent Treble Bob Royal 9, Double Norwich Major 4, Superlative Surprise Major 1; total 62.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

AN ENCOURAGING FEATURE.

A successful quarterly meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch, held at Twyford on Saturday, June 25th, was attended by members from Binfield, Finchampstead, Hurst, Waltham St. Lawrence, Wokingham (All Saints' and St. Paul's), and the local band, together with visitors from Reading, Chertsey, Henley-on-Thames, Taunton, London, and 'somewhere' in Hampshire. The bells were raised in peal about three o'clock, and, after ringing in various methods, a short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. L. Cooper, who gave a telling and practical address based on the word of Genesis xliii. 5: 'Ye shall not see my face except your brother be with you.'

After service, tea was partaken of on the Vicarage lawn, about 40 sitting down. Despite the somewhat cold and threatening weather, an enjoyable time was spent; full justice being done to the good things provided. The Secretary, in a few words, apologised for the absence of the chairman, Canon G. F. Coleridge, and the Master and secretary of the Guild, who had other engagements and were not able to be present. He also expressed the thanks of the party to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service in church and his inspiring address, also to the organist and organ-blower for their services, and to those who had been responsible for providing such an excellent tea, viz., the Vicar's mother (Mrs. Cooper) and Mr. F. Dentry, the latter being churchwarden and foreman of the local ringers and late secretary of the branch.—The Vicar briefly replied.

The tower was again visited and the bells kept going until 2.30. The feature of the meeting was the presence of a large number of young ringers, and it was an encouraging sight to see them ringing their first touch of Stedman, first touch of Grandsire, first touch on the treble and first attempt at rounds away from their own tower—a good augury, surely, for the future of the Guild and ringing generally. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

The summer meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at East Isley on Saturday, June 25th, when upwards of 50 members attended from Bucklebury, Beedon, Brightwalton, Shaw, Peasmore, Compton, Newbury, Yattendon, Hampstead Norris, Highclere, Woolton Hill, Swindon, Aldbourne, Stratford and the local ringers. Service was held at 4.30, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. Ogle, who also gave an interesting address. Miss Risien presided at the organ. Tea was served at the old schoolroom by Mrs. W. Hibbert, assisted by other ladies.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary of the Guild) took the chair in the absence of the Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch). Two new members were elected, and the next meeting was fixed for Brightwalton on September 3rd.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist, and the ladies for providing the tea, was proposed by Mr. H. W. Curtis (branch secretary) and carried with applause.

Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT EARL SHILTON.

The first quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, June 25th. The fine peal of eight bells at the Parish Church were kept going to various methods from 2.30 onwards, but owing to a school treat, Barwell bells (eight) could not be rung until after tea, when good use was made of them until nine o'clock. A large number of visitors arrived from Beeston, Belgrave, Cotgrave, Leicester, Nuneaton, Wigston, and many towers in the local district. The committee held a meeting in the schools. The business was purely formal, except that it was proposed to grant to Bottesford £5 5s. towards rehanging their bells. Applications from Kegworth and Kirkby Bellars were held over till the next meeting for further details to be obtained.

A short service was held in Earl Shilton Church, which was attended by a good number. Instead of the usual sermon, the Rector (the Rev. E. Pillifant) gave an address of welcome, which was much appreciated by all present. A collection was taken towards the bell repair fund.

Tea was served in the Roe Buck Hotel clubroom, but owing to nearly twice as many turning up as had sent in names, some confusion occurred, and a double sitting was rendered necessary. Some 50 members were present at the subsequent meeting, which was presided over by the Rector (Rev. Pillifant) in the absence of the worthy president (Ald. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P.), who was unable to be present owing to the indisposition of Mrs. Chambers. A letter of apology was also received from the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Vicar of Monk's Kirby. Minutes of the annual meeting were duly passed, and new members elected since that meeting confirmed, viz.: Honorary 6, life 1, ringing 28, and Dore Parochial Church Council affiliated.

Mr. W. Willson, delegate to the Central Council, gave a brief account of their proceedings, and, in respect to the suggested form of diploma or certificate for first peals, or notable performances, by individual ringers, it was decided that the M.C.A. supports this proposal when duly carried out.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. Willson) announced that the funds now in hand in the bank ought to be invested to yield more interest, and, after a lengthy discussion, it was proposed and carried unanimously that £150 be invested in 5 per cent. Government Stock, and also the War Loan now invested be added to this value when it matures next year. Trustees appointed for this purpose were Alderman R. B. Chambers and Mr. W. Willson.

Hearty votes of thanks to the Rector, and the local committee, for arrangements made, concluded a most successful meeting. But, not Uncle Joe 'Peppery or Justacus' (a most welcome figure at any ringers' gathering) will have the last word—one of wisdom, too! 'To-day,' he says, 'is an example of what all secretaries and those catering for teas have to contend with. Thirty send in names, fifty appear. Result: confusion and disappointments. Many of those who send not, get in first; those who send, wait. It is a difficult problem, but must be tackled, but how? Only let those who notify sit down, and the remainder wait or go without. Rather drastic, but sometimes unavoidable.'

Never mind, Uncle Joe. We had a real good meeting, and all were eventually satisfied. Handbell ringing to tunes and other methods brought the day to a conclusion, and, who dares say, the hon. secretary 'broke out' and overstayed his leave of absence from home, because he was thirsty and tried unaccustomed beverages!

A tragic occurrence—since become known—marred the proceedings. One of the esteemed committee, and member of St. Margaret's, Leicester, Mr. John Grant, while waiting for tea received an urgent telegram to return home immediately. Alas! on arrival he found his wife had passed away. She was apparently quite all right on his departure, but had sudden heart failure and died within ten minutes. On behalf of all M.C.A. members, the hon. secretary immediately wrote a message of deepest sympathy and condolence. Mr. Grant and his son both took part recently in the four fathers' and sons' peal at Belgrave.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held in Belfast on Whit Monday. Members of St. Thomas' Society kindly met the visitors at the station, and acted as their guides for the day. The following towers were open for ringing, and were made good use of:—Belfast (St. Thomas'), Bangor, Holywood, Carrickfergus, and Hillsborough, all of them rings of eight.

At 3 p.m., luncheon took place at the Cafe Royal, after which the business meeting was proceeded with, Rev. Canon Manning, M.C., M.A., Rector of Holywood, occupying the chair.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. N. Robinson (Belfast); hon. treasurer, Mr. W. E. Lynch; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff.

The sum of five pounds was voted from the funds towards the rehanging of St. George's (Dublin) bells.

Dublin was selected for next annual meeting.

NORFOLK GUILD.

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Holy Trinity Church, Loddon, on Saturday, June 25th. The ring of eight bells were at the disposal of the members, and they were kept merrily going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Tea was followed by the business meeting. The Vicar of Loddon (the Rev. R. Dixon) presided in the absence of the president (the Dean of Norwich), who was unavoidably prevented from being present. The chairman was supported by the following officers of the Guild: Messrs. A. L. Coleman (secretary), G. P. Burton, W. L. Duffield, R. J. Goate (district secretary for Lothingland), B. S. Thompson (district secretary for Norwich), and representatives from Loddon, Norwich, Beccles, Buxton, etc.

Business of a routine character having been disposed of, the Secretary moved the ratification of the belfry election of Miss Violet Beckett as a member of the Guild, and congratulated her on ringing her first peal (the method being Kent Treble Bob Major), and said that Miss Beckett is only 14 years of age and was the youngest member in the Guild. The Secretary also moved the election of Mr. William George Finch as a member. The Chairman, on putting the motion before the meeting declared them duly elected.

Mr. B. S. Thompson moved, and Mr. W. L. Duffield seconded, that the August Bank Holiday meeting be held at Swaffham on August 1st, and this was carried.

Mr. G. P. Burton moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Loddon for presiding, and for the use of the bells. The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to have the meeting there, and hoped the Guild would come again to Loddon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The eighth annual invitation meeting of the Ashford District was held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 25th, through the kindness of the Vicar (Rev. S. K. Lockyear), when about 40 members and friends gathered. Ringing was opened by a touch, Mr. C. Stringsby ringing the treble at the age of 90 years. Service was conducted by the Vicar, accompanied by Dr. Lewis, who also gave a very appropriate address, taking as his text, 'Wee unto me if I preach not the Gospel' (the inscription from the bell, Great St. Paul).

Tea was served at the Vicarage, and much enjoyed by all in the peaceful spot under the hills. The Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which Biddenden was selected for the next meeting on August 13th, and three new members were elected.

Returning to the tower till 8.30, all present having enjoyed a real 'peace' meeting, votes of thanks were passed to all the ladies and the Vicar for having everything in readiness to make so successful a gathering.

DEATH OF A LEATHERHEAD RINGER.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Mr. William E. Otway, of Leatherhead, Surrey. After a long and painful illness, he passed away on May 31st, at the age of 51 years. He had been a member of the local band since 1891, having learned to ring under the late Mr. Stephen Brooker. He had not been a great peal ringer, but had rung about 40 peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Bob Major. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Surrey Association, the Winchester Guild, and St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.

The funeral took place on Saturday, June 4th. Before the service, the local ringers, with friends from Ashhead, Ewell and Beddington, rang short touches of Grandsire Triples with the bells deeply muffled. As the cortege left the church, a few rounds were rung, and after the committal rounds were rung double-handed on the handbells over the open grave. Afterwards, the whole 'pull and stand' was rung on the tower bells 51 times, followed by 557 Grandsire Caters by: W. Messam 1, A. H. Winch 2, J. Beams 3, C. Marriner 4, G. Cook 5, E. Hull 6, C. Smart 7, J. Hoyle 8, C. H. Kippin 9, and A. Dean 10.

Among the beautiful floral tributes were wreaths from the committee and members of Leatherhead Constitutional Club (of which deceased was a member), Leatherhead Parish Church ringers, chairman, officers and fellow committee men of Ashhead Friendly Society.

RINGERS WEDDED.

The wedding took place at St. Thomas' Church, Southborough, Kent, on Wednesday, June 22nd, of Mr. Alec Richardson and Miss Dorothy Wallis. Both are members of the band of St. Peter's Church, Tunbridge Wells, and well known in many towers in the district. Mr. Donald M. Findlay, also a well-known ringer, acted as best man. Wedding bells did not ring out, as St. Thomas' only boasts of two. Had there been a ring of eight, no doubt there would have been 'something doing.'

On the previous evening, the happy couple were presented by their fellow ringers with an oak striking clock. Mr. W. Latter (secretary, Tonbridge District), in making the presentation, said that it was the first time in the history of the tower that both bride and bridegroom had been ringers.

A peal to celebrate the event will shortly be attempted at St. Peter's.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: E. D. Kemp (first 720) 1, W. Henley 2, F. W. Elliott 3, P. E. Jones 4, F. Corke (conductor) 5, J. H. Lucas 6, C. A. Nicholls 7 (covering). First 720 as conductor. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evensong at St. Mary's, 1,296 Bob Major in 48 mins.: A. T. Greenwood 1, T. R. Taylor 2, J. Paterson 3, J. D. Harris 4, Mus. V. A. Jarrett 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers (composer and conductor) 7, E. J. Harding, sen., 8. Specially arranged for the ringing of the 5th, who hails from Chatham.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. R. G. Twinn 1, Miss D. G. Feltham 2, R. Warnett (first quarter-peal inside) 3, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 4, J. J. Pratt 5, R. Carter 6, W. Honor 7, H. H. Chandler 8.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: C. Tribe 1, Mrs. Baker 2, R. Edwards 3, H. Baker 4, F. Bennett 5, B. Baker 6, H. S. Humphrey 7, C. H. Ballard 8.

KENSINGTON.—At the Church of St. Mary Abbots, for evensong, on Sunday, June 26th, 1,299 Stedman Caters in 55 mins.: C. F. Winney (conductor) 1, R. E. Sadler 2, A. Cufmore 3, G. B. Cole 4, J. G. Nash 5, B. E. Welham (first quarter) 6, W. E. Judd 7, H. G. Miles 8, G. C. Rice 9, E. G. Garrard 10. First quarter on ten bells by the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with 7-6-8 covering, in 43 mins., to celebrate the christening of Maurice John Feist, son of the conductor: C. Lovell 1, T. Stringer 2, H. Gravett 3, J. Parsons 4, A. Feist (conductor) 5, A. Batchelor 6, G. Gaston 7, T. King 8.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday, June 19th, at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: J. T. Scott 1, E. H. Lewis 2, W. J. Robinson 3, A. H. Pulling 4, H. Harris 5, R. Philpott 6, G. W. Steere (conductor) 7, W. R. Melville 8. Rung for evensong, at which the Bishop of Winchester gave a farewell address to the parish. The ringing of the 2nd is on a visit from Scotland.

LONDON.—At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, for evensong on Sunday, June 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. O. Bone 1, J. F. Parrot 2, J. H. Parrot 3, J. Martin 4, R. C. H. Steel 5, H. Hills 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, G. Machin (first quarter-peal) 8.

A BRISTOL EVENT.

On June 30th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, Bristol, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): Miss B. Jorden 1, Miss Annie Brown 2, F. W. Wade 3, F. Tyler 4, T. C. Williams 5, W. Hunter 6, I. Long 7, H. Howell (conductor) 8.

This was rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. 'Jack' Brown. It is interesting to note that the sturdy youngster is rich in ringing relations, for not only is his father the conductor of the local band, but his mother and three aunts (Miss Annie Brown and the Misses B. and D. Jorden) are also ringers at SS. Philip and Jacob's.

RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. William John Greedy, of Wiveliscombe, have celebrated their silver wedding, and in honour of the event the bells of the Parish Church were rung both in the early morning and in the evening. Mr. Greedy's connection with the belfry extends over 40 years, during which period he has been a most regular attendant and has never missed ringing the old year out and the new year in during that time. He has also rung at the jubilees of Queen Victoria, coronations, and prominent local events. As a boy he was a regular member of the choir. A hearty wish is extended to Mr. Greedy that he will long continue such devoted service to his church, and congratulations were showered upon him and his wife on the auspicious occasion.

NOTICES.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Huntspill on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business meeting at 5.—C. Evans, Hon. Local Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bridgend (cannot be held at Aberdare as proposed), on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 21st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE AND LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the above Associations will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Halifax. The following rings of bells will be available, Halifax Parish (12). All Souls (8), Northowram (8), Queensbury (8). Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head.—W. H. Shuker and P. J. Johnson, Hon. Joint Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Croston Parish Church on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head. A good attendance is requested. Business: Election of branch representatives and officers. It is also the centenary of the record peal on these bells (10,080 changes), and the peal board will be on view.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on July 9th. Bells (10) available from 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Members' subscriptions due at this meeting.—Molly Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halewood, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested, business important.—Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hawkburst on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Eight Bells Hotel (1s. 3d. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Wellingborough, near Lincoln, on Saturday, July 9th, with a view to the formation of a Lincoln branch. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8), recently recast, will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Will members please note the date and place of Blackburn branch annual meeting and social, August 13th at Whalley?—J. Watson, 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James'. Waterpool (6 bells), on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Expecting a good muster present.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Singleton on Saturday, July 9th.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tendring on Saturday, July 9th. Service at church at 4.30 p.m., and tea at 5.15 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Shelley on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Peterborough, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, and business meeting to follow. Stanmore bells open during the evening. Usual charge for tea. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 9th, from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at Fabb's Restaurant. Heston July 30th. Ask for a cheap ticket on railways.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—District meeting will be held at Redbourn (6 bells) in Saturday, July 16th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Let me know number for tea by previous Wednesday. Subscriptions are now due.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 2 p.m. at St. Giles' Church (10). Service at St. Giles' at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing also at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (8) and St. Edmund (8). All ringers cordially invited. Will all who intend being present kindly notify Mr. F. Wilford, 31, Wood Street, Northampton, by Wednesday, July 13th?—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock. Please notify me by Wednesday, July 13th, how many will require tea.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Boxley on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, after service. Business meeting to follow. Kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, July 13th.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Day trip to York on July 16th. Bus leaves Doncaster at 9 a.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. (including lunch and tea). Will all who intend going notify me before July 7th?—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by July 13th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Rugby on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting in the Vestry at 4.15. Short service, which will be taken by the new Rector, the Ven. J. W. Hunkin, at 4.30, and tea, to be followed by general meeting at the Campbell Hotel at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Church House 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 13th.—R. R. Lewis, Austin House, South Bar, Banbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Llanstephan on Saturday, July 16th. 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., tower open for ringing; 3 p.m., church service (preacher: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese); 4 p.m., business meeting; 4.30 p.m., tea (by kind invitation of Rev. Roland Thomas). Please let me know the number for tea by Saturday, July 9th, without fail.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., N.P. Bank Chambers, Neath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, July 16th. Service 4.30. Tea and business following. Will those who require tea let me know by previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, 1927.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 23rd (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher, the Rev. W. W. Longford, D.D. (Rector of Caversham). Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Carfax Assembly Rooms. Tickets 2/- to members, who apply for same with remittance before Tuesday, 19th, 2/6 on day of festival, 3/- each to non-members. Further details on printed notices later on.—Richard T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. F. Campbell Ward. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Campbell Ward, after service, followed by business meeting. All those intending to be present to tea must notify me by first post Tuesday, July 19th. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 3 to 8 p.m. Members please make own tea arrangements. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting. Place of meeting and further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Isleham on Saturday, July 23rd. Fordham available 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify by 20th?—F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A Central Divisional meeting will be held at Bolney (Haywards Heath Station) on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, at Eight Bells Inn, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Important: Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Andover, on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. — Rev. Evan Jones, Hon. Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, July 30th. Tower open 2.30. Tea, 1s. per head, for all who notify me not later than Tuesday, July 26th. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, E. Grinstead.

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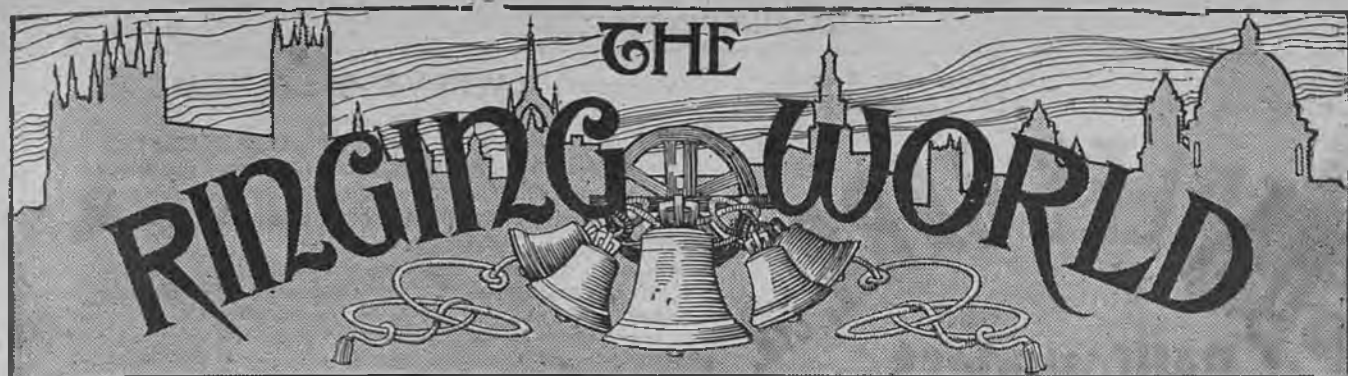
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Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

8 PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 2.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
*WILLIAM R. SHORTER ... Treble	EDWIN BURLEY ... 5
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... 2	WILLIAM C. PARKER ... 6
ERNEST J. GOATER ... 3	JOHN PHILIPS ... 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... 4	GEORGE HAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal, and proposed a member before starting. Arranged as a farewell peal for the Vicar, the Rev. F. G. Marriott, who is leaving Staines.

NORWICH.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.
(ST. PETER MANCROFT GUILD.)

On Monday, July 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEFOLCHRE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS ANNA E. CUSHING ... Treble	G. HOLMES ... 5
*ARTHUR W. HAISTRAD ... 2	JAS. RAMPLEY ... 6
MISS HELEN W. BILL ... 3	BEN S. THOMPSON ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	JAS. F. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by J. F. DUFFIELD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Mr. Holmes was a visitor from Sheffield.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE C. PRICE ... Treble	RICHARD CLARK ... 5
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 2	E. GEORGE TREW ... 6
HENRY PRING ... 3	JOHN A. BURGESS ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

The Rev. E. S. Powell was elected a life member of the association before starting, and it was his first peal in the method. He had previously rung only two plain courses, the first (in Bristol) four years ago.

COTHAM, BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY B. BURT ... Treble	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 5
ALBERT E. STOWELL ... 2	ALFRED E. REEVES ... 6
RICHARD CLARK ... 3	E. GEORGE TREW ... 7
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 24 cwt.
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble	FRED A. COWARD ... 5
REGINALD F. BECK ... 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 6
FRED A. TARGHT ... 3	ERIC C. WADMAN ... 7
HARRY SANGER ... 4	RONALD G. BECK ... Tenor

Conducted by I. T. DYKE.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 5th.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

*RONALD RUSSELL ... Treble	ERNEST RENTER ... 5
*RICHARD C. CLARK ... 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 6
*ERIC ELLIOTT ... 3	JOHN WOOD ... 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 4	*LESLIE J. CLARK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN FOSDICK.

Conducted by L. J. CLARK.
* First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the front eight of the peal of twelve.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... 5
BERNARD WELLS ... 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 3	GEORGE ELLIS ... 7
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Arranged especially for Messrs. Crawley, who hail from Crewe.

BRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN MORTON ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
JAMES BENNETT ... 2	HERBERT E. ADDELEY ... 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLOM, JUN. ... 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 4	JOHN T. KENTISH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, wife of the ringer of the 3rd. The ringer of the 2nd has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal, it being the 8th tower in Kent in which he has completed the circle.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 5
FRED KNOWLES ... 2	CHARLES SEVERN ... 6
ALBERT NASH ... 3	ALFRED E. PARSONS ... 7
FRED E. PARSONS ... 4	ERNEST MALLINDER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. NASH.

Rung to commemorate the formation of the new diocese of Derby, which took place on July 7th, 1927.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES F. MEE ... Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5
CHARLES MER ... 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 6
FRANK ROSE ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGELEY ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

The ringers of 2nd and treble are father and son respectively.

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PENDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILFRED H. HOWARD ... Treble	*WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 5
†WILLIAM E. CLARKE... 2	†HERBERT GREENHALGH ... 6
PETER LAFLIN ... 3	†HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH... 7
THOMAS JONES ... 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	C. HENRY WEBB ... 5
*MISS KATHLEEN JACKSON... 2	*T. KELHAM DEACON... 6
*MISS D. EVA LEWIS ... 3	*GEORGE A. NEWTON... 7
*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in this variation. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 2	RICHARD J. STONE ... 6
FREDERICK A. BORNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	FRANK BLONDELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 5
JOHN A. COLE ... 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS... 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... 7
*C. ERNEST SMITH ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING
* First peal of London Surprise 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church of St. Sannan,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PIKE ... Treble	PERCY JONES ... 5
ALBERT ADDICOTT ... 2	GEORGE COOKE ... 6
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 7
GEORGE POPPNELL ... 4	CHARLES GREEDY ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Gus Pearce, a local young ringer, who was laid to rest the previous week. First peal of Major on the bells.

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THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WALTER FENDELL ... Treble	WILLIAM GREEN ... 5
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 6
PERCY HACKETT ... 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... 4	GILBERT GUEST ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. John and Bertram Price, father and son, who are Sunday service ringers at the above church. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers and wives were kindly entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Price to tea and supper, which was very greatly appreciated by all, and the best thanks of the ringers were accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Price for their kind hospitality.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD PEARCE ... Treble	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... 5
THOMAS SENIOR ... 2	ALBERT SELLARS... 6
EDGAR WHITELEY ... 3	VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 7
JOE GREENWOOD ... 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER

Specially arranged for the ringer of the 6th, who hails from Beverley.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
*CYRIL TANSELL ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Minor away from the treble.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(MINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, July 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Single Court, and Bob Minor.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*FRANCIS HY. ROWLEY ... Treble	*HORACE V. ROWLEY ... 4
ERNEST PULLEN ... 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 5
CHAS. ROST. CLIFFORD ... 3	EDWIN HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal in seven methods, and first including Treble Bob. First peal in seven methods on the bells as conductor. Rung for the Festival of St. Peter.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, July 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 240's of Pitman's, eight of Morris', and six ordinary 120's, each lot called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT ... Treble	WILLIAM EVANS ... 3
GEORGE J. PRICE... 2	GEORGE BREEZE ... 4
	JAMES RANDLE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal on the bells. Rung for evening service.

THE SCOTTISH TOUR.

The ringing tour in Scotland, from June 25th to 30th, was most successful, the company scoring all the seven peals attempted over the border. Without the kind and hearty co-operation of the local clergyman and ringers it would have been impossible to have done so much in six days, covering a wide area in four counties.

EDINBURGH, MIDLOTHIAN.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8043 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in C.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	JAMES H. RIDING... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 8
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 9
THOMAS T. GORTON 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

The band arrived in Edinburgh the previous night at 10 p.m., and ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd were proposed as members of the Lancashire Association, provisionally, before starting for the peal.

EDINBURGH, MIDLOTHIAN.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	STEPHEN STRATFORD 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

Mr. Stratford was elected a member of the Lancashire Association, in the belfry, before starting for the peal. The first Cambridge Surprise Major in Scotland. The bells are by Taylor and Co., 1901.

LEITH, MIDLOTHIAN.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, June 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

HARRY CHAPMAN... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

The first peal on the bells, and the first in this method rung in Scotland. The Vicar and his ringers gave the visitors an ovation after their arduous performance. Bells cast in 1866 by Mears.

ALLOA, CLACKMANNAN.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, June 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 8024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

The first peal on the bells, which were founded in 1925 by Taylor and Co.

DUNDEE, FORFARSHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, June 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CITY STEEPLE OF OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8088 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 3	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells and the 'farthest north' that a Surprise peal has been rung. Bells cast at Whitechapel in 1873.

**DUNDEE, FORFARSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, June 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FODR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first peal on the bells, which were cast in 1872.

PAISLEY, RENFREWSHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, June 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE U. CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.; cast in 1909.

HARRY CHAPMAN... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	ALBERT E. WREAKS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First peal of Major in the West of Scotland, and a birthday compliment for the conductor.

Mr. G. Williams afterwards left for home, to be present at the Winchester Diocesan Guild meeting, and the remainder of the visitors spent a day or two in Cumberland and Westmoreland in search of 'Ringers' Luck' and to welcome H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Kendal.

LADIES' GUILD.**CENTRAL DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING.**

On Saturday, July 2nd, the Central District of the Ladies' Guild held their annual meeting at St. George's, Gravesend. A strong muster set the bells going at 3 p.m. to various methods from Grandsire (for the benefit of a promising young recruit to the ranks of the Guild) to London Surprise. At 5 p.m., members and friends descended from the belfry for a short service, which was conducted by the Rector of Gravesend (Rev. Mitchell), who also addressed the Guild in a few well-chosen words.

An adjournment was then made to the Co-operative Cafe, where an excellent tea was awaiting the company, the Rector joining the party, and, before leaving, giving the Guild a cordial welcome to Gravesend. He said he considered it an honour that Gravesend should be selected for the meeting, when there were so many more famous places which proved so attractive.

The gentlemen left the ladies to carry on with their business and returned to the belfry to amuse themselves.

Miss E. Chapman was voted to the chair, and the secretary (Mrs. F. I. Hairs), in her report, hoped that all members would make a big effort to attend the practices and meetings, as it was essential to have their support if the district was to go ahead.

The officers were all re-elected, and Miss Elsie Beer was proposed a member of the Guild.

Ruislip and Pinner were the alternative proposals for the next annual meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and to Mrs. Mitchell for so kindly making all arrangements, concluded the meeting.

Further ringing was indulged in, and then a hurried exit from Gravesend by the London contingent concluded a very successful and pleasant annual meeting.

BANBURY MEN IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Banbury ringers and their friends held their annual outing on Tuesday, June 28th. A start was made from Banbury at 8.30, picking up Mr. L. Clifton at Great Tew and the brothers Judge at Chipping Norton. The first ringing was at Kingham, where touches of Stedman and Plain Bob were brought round. Cheltenham, the next stopping place, was reached at noon. At the Parish Church, touches of Stedman and Bob Major and rounds for the beginners on this lovely peal were much appreciated by all. A substantial lunch was served at Messrs. George's, Ltd., and afterwards the party left for Painswick, via Charton Kings, Birdlip and Downlane, the lovely scenery of the Cotswolds being thoroughly enjoyed. On arrival at Painswick, the historical bells were set going to Major and Grandsire Caters. A quarter-of-an-hour's run then brought the party to Stroud, where a course of Stedman Caters and a course of Bob Major were rung. After a meat tea, the party went on to the Parish Church, Cirencester, and Holy Trinity, Watermoor, where further ringing took place. Banbury was reached about eleven p.m., and the ringers wish to thank Mr. Pates, of Cheltenham, Mr. A. Wright, of Painswick, Mr. F. Lewis and the Cirencester ringers and all others who helped to make this outing the 'best ever.'

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held on July 2nd at Wells, where the Cathedral bells were rung before evensong, which took place in the Cathedral. The ringers were addressed by the Very Rev. Dean Armitage Robinson, a privilege which was highly appreciated.

Tea and the business meeting followed at Wickenden's Restaurant, where about 140 ringers were present, including visitors from Bristol, Wyke Regis, Westbury and Bratton (Wilts), fully 30 towers being represented.

The Master, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, was in the chair, and announced that apologies for absence had been received from the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Rev. J. H. Doorbar, the Rev. Prob. C. C. Parker, Messrs. T. G. Simmonds, A. E. Coles, E. E. Burgess and J. Hunt.

The Master read his report, which was accepted, the meeting standing in silence as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. G. Chamberlain.

In his report for the year ending May 31st, the Master stated: I am glad to be able to report that our association has, during the past year, maintained its reputation for being one of the important departments of our Church life, and carrying out the object for which it was founded 28 years ago. Last year I reported a gain of three towers. This year it is pleasant to report a further net gain of nine towers, though that pleasure is somewhat modified by a loss of five towers. It is to be hoped that these towers will rejoin. We have now 154 towers as compared with 145 last year. The number of members is as follows: honorary life members 8, honorary members 76, performing members 1,281, non-resident ringing members 2, non-resident life members 202, unattached members 26; total, 1,595. Last year our numbers were 1,629, a loss of 35, which I hope will be made up during the year. The loss is due to the more strict observance to Rule 7, which provides 'that all members who have not paid their subscriptions by January 31st in the following year be considered to have left the association.' The true strength of any society is shown by the members keeping the rules. I shall look forward to the lapsed members rejoining the association. Fifty-nine peals have been rung during the year, as compared with 68 last year. Of these, 11 peals were rung by a visiting band. It is interesting to note that whilst Doubles still predominate, the number of ringers in the diocese who ring Surprise methods is on the increase, a sign of progress in the art. Twenty-two members have rung their first peal, and two new conductors have successfully called peals. Miss Williams, of Bath, is to be congratulated on calling Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, a striking performance. Also the Bath members are to be congratulated on scoring their peal of Double Norwich. The list of peals is as follows: Esters, Stedman 2; Major, London Surprise 2, Bristol Surprise 1, Superlative Surprise 2, Cambridge Surprise 1, Double Norwich 3, Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 2; Triples, Stedman 5, Grandsire 6; Minor, 3 methods 6, 2 methods 3, 1 method 5; Doubles, 2 Methods 1, 1 method 19; total 69. The balance sheets show that the financial position is satisfactory. You will see that our expenditure has exceeded our income by the small sum of 18s. 3d. That is owing to items which will not recur. We should be able this year to meet our expenses and to show a balance on the right side. I would again impress upon all the members the importance of paying their subscriptions by the appointed date, January 31st. If the towers would pay punctually, the local secretaries would be saved much trouble and be able to send to the association treasurer their balance sheet in good time. As it is, a good deal of extra work is thrown upon the latter. The association has sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. Gabriel Chamberlain, the local secretary of the Axbridge deanery. He was one of our most efficient local secretaries, as well as being a good ringer and a safe conductor. Under his guidance the Axbridge deanery became one of the strongest branches in the diocese. No matter how distant was the meeting from Burnham, Gabriel and his cycle were there. I had the privilege of representing the association when he was laid to rest in the Burnham Churchyard. A matter of some importance has been discussed during the past year by the committee and some branches, viz., the insurance of ringers. The hon. secretary has communicated with some 155 Parochial Church Councils in order to obtain their views on the subject. I hope some decision may be made at the annual meeting, when the members will have the views of the Councils laid before them. Other matters which have come before the committee, on which recommendations will be made, are (1) The placing a wreath annually on the war memorial in Bath Abbey, and (2) the appointment of a diocesan advisory expert on the augmentation of bells, etc.

The secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. T. Dyke, then presented the accounts, which were passed, on the proposition of Mr. W. J. Prescott, seconded by Mr. F. C. Rich.

The receipts shown in the general fund were £80 10s. 9d., and the expenses £81 9s., leaving a balance in hand of £79 0s. 3d., while the balance in the deposit account is £56 1s. The district receipts amounted to £81 2s. 6d., the expenditure to £19 15s. 4d., and £63 12s. 4d. was remitted to the general fund.

The elections of the following were then confirmed: Messrs. F. Pike (Bishop's Hull), Richard Manning (Norton Fitzwarren), Leslie Madocks, Charles Rooke (North Curry), S. H. Green (Southborough, Kent), James Rice, Misses Eva Sibley and Jessie Bailey (Ilminster). The following new members were also elected: Messrs. John Ford, John

Furze, Arthur Ricketts (Chewton Mendip), A. Martin (Bath), G. Wesley (Winscombe), W. Edworthy (Bridgwater) and R. Jarvis (Up-hill). On the proposition of Mr. John Taylor, seconded by Mr. H. J. Trimm, the whole were elected en bloc.

The recommendations of the committee were confirmed, viz.: (1) The places for quarterly meetings to be Dulverton, Bridgwater, Chard; (2) the association to place a wreath annually on Armistice Day on the war memorial; (3) the association to appoint Mr. D. C. Taylor as advisory expert; (4) the association to give 'The Ringing World' a free advertisement in its report.

Much discussion then took place on the proposed insurance scheme, the Secretary reporting that to 156 circulars he had received only 33 replies. Eventually, it was decided again to circularise the Church Councils, urging them to insure their ringers under the scheme.

The election of officers then took place, the Master, hon. secretary, and hon. auditor (Mr. D. G. Taylor) being re-elected.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Very Rev. the Dean of Wells for his address.

Further discussion, introduced by Mr. W. J. Prescott, was carried on concerning the attendance of a delegate to the Central Council meeting, and it was decided to recommend to the committee that Mr. H. W. Brown, of Bath, be sent to the next meeting at Hereford.

The hon. secretary was then voted an honorarium, on the proposition of Mr. D. G. Taylor, supported by Mr. W. Prescott and seconded by Mr. W. Starr.

No further ringing at the Cathedral was possible owing to a function at the Palace, but Chewton Mendip and Ditchat bells were made good use of. Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung during the day.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

INCREASING MEMBERSHIP.

The annual meeting was held at Lichfield, on June 25th, and in spite of inclement weather there was a good muster of members and friends. The cathedral bells being available this year helped to account for the increase in attendance over that of last year.

After attending evensong at the cathedral, a move was made to Lloyd's Restaurant, where more than a hundred sat down to tea, including the president, the Venerable the Archdeacon of Stafford. At the general meeting which followed, the Archdeacon was unanimously voted to the chair. An apology was received from Mr. Ald. J. S. Pritchett, who regretted being unable to attend on account of important business elsewhere.

The report and balance sheet were read, and the Chairman moved the adoption of same, and complimented the society on its satisfactory financial position.

The committee, in their report, said: Since our last annual gathering meetings have been held at Pensnett, Darlaston and Bloxwich, but we regret that the attendance on these occasions has not been up to the average. This has doubtless been due to various causes, e.g., Pensnett is rather in a corner of the archdeaconry, and there was a heavy fall of snow on the day we met at Darlaston. At least, it was not due to declining membership. The sum of £22 17s. 6d. from subscriptions, which will be seen in the balance sheet, is decidedly above the average. We have also been pleased to welcome 22 new ringing members and eight new life members. We are grateful for being allowed the use of the cathedral bells this year, and feel we owe a debt of gratitude to our president, the Archdeacon of Stafford, for his efforts on our behalf, and we particularly appreciate his presence at our annual meeting.

In presenting the statement of accounts, we are pleased to be able to show a profit on the year of £2 8s. 11d., which brings the balance in hand to £34 6s. 7d.

During the year, 25 peals have been rung, made up as follows: Grandsire Triples 8, Grandsire Cinques 1, Stedman Triples 9, Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 2; total, 25. We regret to record the loss through death of A. Grainger, Coseley; F. Bendall, All Saints', West Bromwich; and C. Dickens, Sutton Coldfield.

The officers were re-elected, with the exception of the Ringing Master, Mr. Robert Pickering being elected for the ensuing year in the place of Mr. Chris. Wallater, retired.

The following places were chosen for the coming meetings: Tamworth in September, Willenhall in January, Brewood in April, and Lichfield (the annual in June).

It was decided to delete the note at the foot of the rules which refers to that part of the archdeaconry now included in the diocese of Birmingham. Brief reports were given by the representatives of the Central Council meeting in London.

The only surviving original members of the society (of 44 years' standing), Messrs. Reuben Hall (West Bromwich) and J. Key (Lichfield), were unanimously elected free honorary members. Upwards of 20 new members were enrolled.

A hearty vote of thanks, moved by the clerical hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th., was accorded the Ven. Archdeacon for presiding.

The Chairman, in reply, invited the company to look over the cathedral. Those who took advantage of the invitation were amply repaid by the interesting description of that ancient building.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. A VISIT TO ROSTHERNE.

A glorious day (after three weeks of almost continual rain) and a Chester Diocesan Guild meeting at the beautiful old church in the pretty village of Rostherne. This was the prospect which faced members of the Bowden and Stockport Branch on Saturday, July 2nd, and what better prospect could be desired? Although Rostherne is off the beaten track, and rather difficult of access, the members know that on a lovely summer's day it is well worth the journey, and the three miles' walk from the railway station. So they took their wives, children and sweethearts along with them to share their good fortune.

Arriving at the station soon after three o'clock, the party travelling together on this train set out on the country walk, and were soon within sound of the bells. For about half the distance they walked along the highway, which borders Earl Egerton's estate, Tatton Park, then along paths through fields of clover, wheat and potatoes, and through meadows, in some of which haymaking was in full swing. To poor townsfolk, this was delightful, and even the prospect of a pull before service did not make them hasten. It was nearly service time (4.30) when they arrived at the church, so that it had taken long enough to cover those three miles, although one said that the distance had been measured with a yard stick which was about sixty inches long. After greeting friends, including the general secretary of the Guild, Mr. E. W. Elwell, service was attended by fifty-three members and friends, and was very enjoyable. Instead of the usual sermon, the Vicar (Rev. T. A. Hanson) spoke of the outstanding events in the history of Rostherne Church, and indicated the points of interest to be seen both inside and outside the building.

Tea was served in the Egerton Hall, and although only thirty-eight had sent in their names for tea, there were sixty-two present. However, thanks to Mr. Davies (who said he expected it on such a nice day) and his colleagues, tables had been set for about seventy, so all had enough, and there was plenty to spare.

The usual business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar. Five new members were elected, and a vote of condolence was passed with Mr. S. Fielding, of Stalybridge, who has recently lost his wife. Votes of thanks were heartily accorded to the Vicar, organist, choir boys, ringers, tea-servers, etc., and all who had helped to make the visit so enjoyable. This concluded the meeting, after which the members returned to the tower and rang touches ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise.

The bells are a ring of six, with a tenor reputed to be 22½ cwt., but the writer thinks it would be found wanting a little to make the weight, if put on the 'balances.' They are 'heavy going,' but are very good considering they have not been touched since Messrs. Taylors overhauled them nearly fifty years ago.

The view from the well-tended churchyard over the famous Rostherne mere is said to be the loveliest view in the whole of Cheshire, and all who saw it on this beautiful day agreed not to dispute the claim. The mere is a fine stretch of water, covering many acres, and the woods stretch down to the water's edge. The visitors were reluctant to leave, but, remembering that three miles' walk back to the station, they eventually made a start. Again, as they journeyed along, the bells sent forth their sweet cadences over the woods and fields on the evening breezes, while the travellers gathered from the hedgerows briar roses and honeysuckle, a great bowlful of which was scenting the room as this record was penned of a perfect day spent at lovely Rostherne.

T. W.

BY LAND AND SEA.

On Saturday, June 18th, Evercreech ringers, accompanied by the Vicar and friends, had their ninth annual outing. Although the weather was rather wet, it failed to damp the spirits of the party.

Evercreech was left by charabanc at 7.45, en route for Weston-super-Mare, when the party proceeded by boat to Ilfracombe, a halt having been called at Axbridge, where several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were enjoyed. On reaching Ilfracombe, a hot lunch was thoroughly appreciated, and then the party visited the church, and touches of Triples and Doubles were rung. Returning again to Weston, where a high tea was enjoyed, the party were soon homeward bound. The sea trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the captains of the towers at Axbridge and Ilfracombe for their hearty welcome, and to the captain of the Evercreech band for his untiring efforts in making such a success of these outings.

EALING EXCURSION.

On the occasion of the annual outing of the Christ Church (Ealing) band, a party of about 30, including ladies, visited South Bucks by charabanc, and spent a very enjoyable time. Ringing was done at Stoke Poges, Farnham Royal, Beaconsfield, Amersham and Chalfont St. Giles, in all of which places the local ringers and steeplekeepers showed great courtesy and hospitality. The young ringers of Ealing had the great honour of ringing at Farnham with Mr. J. J. Parker, so well known to the Exercise from his famous peal of Grandsire. An excellent tea was provided at Amersham. The Vicar of Christ Church (Prebendary W. T. King) hoped to have been one of the party, but at the last moment, to the regret of everyone, it was decided that his health and advanced years would not permit the strain.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Few ringers are able to ring a peal at their 'name' town—if it may be so described. Last week, however, Messrs. Frederick and Albert Crawley, of Crewe, took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Crawley, Sussex.

Mr. W. H. Marsh, of Plymouth, the popular and respected chairman of the South-West Branch of the Devon Guild, had a slight seizure in the street after ringing for evening service on Sunday week, and had to be taken home in an ambulance car. It is hoped that with rest and quiet he will make a good recovery.

The opening peal on the twelve bells at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, was rung on July 18th, 1798, when a band of College Youths rang 5,184 Grandsire Cinques.

Next Thursday is the anniversary of the 17,280 Kent Treble Bob rung in 10 hours at Over in 1923.

It does not take nearly four hours to ring a 5,000 on the pretty little ring of eight at Long Stanton, and the time of the peal rung there on July 2nd should have been printed as 2 hrs. 54 mins., and not 3 hrs. 54 mins.

The bells at Whitechurch, Salop, are a difficult lot to handle, for the tall tower sways a good deal. The peal of Double Norwich rung there on June 25th was the first in the method on the bells, and only the third peal of Major rung in the tower. The bells were cast by Rudhall in 1714.

The opening of the ten bells at St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, took place on July 20th, 1820, and the constable, John Sayer, received 5s. for keeping order in the churchyard. The first peal of Caters rung upon the bells was rung on September 2nd, 1820, by the Junior Society of College Youths, conducted by Henry Symondson, sen.

THE BELLS OF BARSTON.

'NOTHING TO CAUSE ALARM.'

The recent experience of a band who visited Barston for a peal, and passed through the various degrees of their 'Antient Order,' becoming, in turn, 'stay busters,' 'gudgeon benders,' and 'tower twisters,' led to correspondence in the 'Coventry Standard.' Mr. C. G. Bates, of Longford, Coventry, said the visitors 'found these old and interesting bells in very bad condition. After a few rounds on the bells the interior of the tower started to fall into the clock chamber, causing the ringers to feel uneasy. The tower is mostly composed of brick, also the other parts of the church. The inside of the church is kept very nice and clean; the belfry and bells, apparently, out of sight out of mind. Surely, there is someone in this parish who could be the means of restoring the tower and bells to their proper condition, and so make it that ringers could ring the bells in comfort. We could not ring a peal, but I do not think our visit has been in vain.'

The churchwardens (Messrs. William Green and John Findon) have replied as follows: 'It is very interesting to learn that they were ringers who visited the tower of Barston Church on June 18th. A tree is known by its fruit, and evidently ringers by the noise they make; it was thought by some inhabitants that some boys were taking a hand at bell ringing who must be quite embryo ringers. It is about eight years since these bells were rung in peal, and had they been cleaned and oiled they would no doubt have proved all that could be desired. There are no regular ringers here now. The Vicar holds that it is better for the bells to be silent than that the men who ring them should not remain for the service. The visitors must be possessed of a very vivid imagination about the tower falling. The inside was repaired and roof retiled two years ago. We have visited the clock room, and top of the tower, and find nothing to cause alarm, and think it would be well for visitors to be more careful of their statements in future.'

ELEVEN SURPRISE METHODS IN A 720.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to note the record of this performance in your issue of the 8th inst., and Mr. J. W. Lake would help some of us to break new ground if he would kindly publish the figures. The most methods that we could find in the Surprise class, with the aid of Mr. Parker's extent, that would combine into one 720 were Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, Cambridge and Ringers—six in all. The Bourne company are to be congratulated.—Yours sincerely,

G. L. JOYCE.

SILVER WEDDINGS.

On Friday, July 8th, at Northowram, Halifax, as a silver wedding compliment to the Rev. G. Watkinson, M.A., 1,920 Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 10 mins.: William Ambler 1, F. Jagger 2, R. Noble 3, G. Bottomley 4, H. Chew 5, S. Jackson 6, J. Greenwood (conductor) 7, A. Jagger 8.

At Christ Church, Southgate, on Sunday, July 10th, for 10 a.m. service, to celebrate the silver wedding of the local captain, Mr. J. E. Miller, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: G. Bester 1, A. G. Crane 2, A. R. Glasscock 3, J. E. Meller (conductor) 4, J. Armstrong 5, H. Miller 6, S. Wade 7, G. Plater 8. It is worthy of note that the ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th were members of the local band at the time of the wedding.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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A COMMITTEE OF LAWYERS.

Continuing the discussion on the appointment of a committee to report to the Council on the legal relationship between bells, ringers and ringing on the one hand, and the incumbent, churchwardens and Parochial Councils, Canon Baker said when the question of the appointment of organist and bell ringers was discussed in the Church Assembly, Lord Phillimore laid it down that if the Parochial Church Council should appoint the organist, nothing could restrain the incumbent from letting someone else play the organ, and the same principle applied equally to the ringers. The control of the bells was absolutely in the hands of the incumbent.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said he had seen two different statements made in print. One, that the incumbent had sole control of the bells, and the other that the incumbent and churchwardens had to consent jointly to the ringing of the bells.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said in regard to the ringing for services, the churchwardens were associated with the incumbent, but that applied, he believed, to the tolling of one bell only. He knew it had been legally suggested as probably the case that the churchwardens were bound to appoint the sexton or sacristan for that duty. They could not employ Tom, Dick or Harry—they must employ the sexton or sacristan. He did not know that there had been any decision on the matter.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards: These are the kind of interesting points to put into this pamphlet.

The Hon. Secretary said there were one or two other points which affected them as ringers, and which could be embraced in the pamphlet. Who, for instance, was responsible if ringers met with a mischance in the belfry, and who was responsible if fire should break out, or, if a new peal of bells was installed and the ringing of them did some damage to the fabric?

Mr. F. A. Milne and Mr. E. W. Elwell having consented to assist in the matter,

The President said if the motion were carried, they could not do better than appoint these three legal gentlemen to go into the matter.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett: Will the cost of the printing come out of the funds of the Council?

The President: We can do that, because this will be a very valuable thing, but the lawyers will not get any fees (laughter). If such a committee is formed, it will be of very great use to the Exercise generally, and they will know where they stand. The law at present, the President added, was in such a state that no one knew exactly where they stood, and it would be well if they did know, although it might not be the same in a year's time.

The motion, on being put, was carried, and Mr. Pritchett, Mr. Milne and Mr. Elwell were appointed as a committee, the hon. secretary undertaking to give any necessary clerical assistance.

HEREFORD FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

The President said the next business was to fix the place of next meeting. The Standing Committee had considered the rota which they followed with regard to meetings, and were of opinion that they should go next year to some place in the West, or towards the West. They felt that Plymouth or Truro was too far west for the convenience of most of the members, and they came to the conclusion that Hereford should be the place. They knew that Bristol had claims, and that other places had claims, but Hereford was the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

Mr. W. A. Cave proposed that the Council meet at Bristol in 1928. It was 30 years since the Council visited Bristol, and great changes had taken place since then. In addition to that, the Gloucester and Bristol Association would then be celebrating its jubilee. It was founded in 1878, and at their annual meeting on the previous day they elected their old Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, as Master specially for that occasion. He was the second Master of the association, about the second year after it was formed, and he was also Master during its 25th year. They could offer them plenty of bells at Bristol, for they had one ring of 12, four of 10, and nine of eight, and five of six, and if they wanted more than that there were peals of five as well. He hoped that under the circumstances the Council would visit Bristol next year, and he gave them a hearty invitation. They could go to Hereford when they wanted to go west again.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he could assure the Council of a very warm welcome at Bristol. As an association, they would do their best to render the visit interesting and enjoyable in every possible way.

Canon Helmore suggested that Wells would be a suitable place.

Canon Baker asked if there was any precedent for revisiting a place they had already been to.

The President said there was no single case up to now where they had visited a provincial place a second time. It had been pointed out to them that that was really the first time they had met in London—their previous meetings having been in Westminster. The Standing Committee recommended Hereford for two reasons. The chief reason was that they had an invitation from there some few years ago and went elsewhere. Secondly, they had already visited Bristol, although it was 30 years ago. He agreed that Bristol was a most admirable centre for everybody.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said if Bristol was to be proposed in competition with Hereford—although it would be 30 years since last the Council was held at Bristol—he thought the Devon Guild might gently remind the Council that it was agreed to hold a meeting in Plymouth in 1915, but it was cancelled because of the war. Therefore, if there were any question of Bristol competing, Plymouth, which had ample accommodation, might venture to compete also.

On being put to the meeting, Hereford received 40 votes, Bristol 28 votes, and Plymouth nine votes, and Hereford was therefore declared the chosen place.

THANKS.

Mr. R. S. Story expressed the thanks of the members to the secretary for his kindness to them during the visit to London. Mr. Young had given up two of his days to them, and they had a most enjoyable time. They had the privilege of going through the Royal Observatory and having the Astronomer Royal as guide; they looked through St. Paul's Cathedral, and in making arrangements for these visits and their enjoyment in many ways, Mr. Young had done a great deal for them. He wished to express their hearty thanks to him (applause).

This was acknowledged by Mr. Young, and the President moved that the secretary convey their cordial thanks to the following gentlemen for their kindness: First of all, the Astronomer Royal for conducting personally a party over the Royal Observatory; secondly, the Lord Mayor, who came to address them and gave them the use of that room; and, lastly, to Archdeacon Holmes, who gave up a portion of a very busy morning to come to welcome them.

The motion was at once carried, and the meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the president.

THE MINOR METHODS COLLECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I thank Mr. Dawson for his letter in this week's 'Ringing World'? The answer to his questions is a matter for the Methods Committee as a whole, but he may be assured that we shall endeavour to carry out the wishes of the Leytonstone band. It will be a great help to us if other six-bell bands will similarly give their views.—Yours faithfully,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE NOMENCLATURE REPORT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is pleasant to know that, at any rate, Mr. Trollope himself does not think that his actions at the Mansion House were unfair, but there can be no question of the unfairness of his letter in your issue of July 8th, for his statements about our report are all there for everyone to test, and they are all incorrect.

He says that 'the Nomenclature Committee may make wholesale alterations,' whereas we have never attempted to 'make' any alterations, wholesale or otherwise, at all. All we did was to make a series of suggestions and to offer them to the Council to select those which they wanted.

Even when he tries to praise us, he is in error. He says, 'at any rate, we had the courage of our convictions.' But, actually, we have never had any convictions; we were never allowed to get far enough for that.

It is curious that not a single person who has opposed our report seems to have read it. For one cannot suppose that any of these people are deliberately saying what they know to be incorrect. It may therefore be well to repeat what, as we have so often explained, were our actual intentions.

At Chester we produced, as a preliminary report, a survey of the ground to be covered, and with it a number of suggested alterations; and we asked that the Council should give us some indication whether they wanted us to carry on on those lines, wholly or in part. The question was postponed for a year. During that period several letters and articles appeared in your columns, but as all those which were in opposition were clearly under a misapprehension, we substituted for the report a series of resolutions, so arranged that any or all of them could be accepted or rejected, and in each case either as a whole or in part. We did not necessarily put these forward as our convictions, but merely as convenient forms of words on which the Council could vote and expeditiously express its opinion, and so give us a line on which we could act.

In order to prevent the Council expressing its opinion on these points, Mr. Trollope produced at Ipswich his famous 'amendment' (which, of course, was no amendment). At the Mansion House I said it was a wrecking amendment, and Mr. Trollope said that was what he intended it to be. Yet he now writes that there was no 'torpedoing' and no 'side-tracking'. Now these two contradictory statements cannot both be true. He can please himself which he keeps to, but it must be one or the other. He adds: 'It was a straightforward, fair fight, all above board.' If, by these words, Mr. Trollope means that there was nothing underhand or deceitful, of course he is correct; but I submit that a different meaning, and one which is incorrect, is the more obvious interpretation of his sentence.

He goes on to say: 'I do regret that it was not possible to receive their report, and by amendment remove objectionable features.' Why

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these crocodile tears, when it has been clear to everyone all along that the only thing which stopped the Council doing this, as we have asked them to do for three years in succession, was his own amendment? If he means what he says, why does he not at once give notice of moving that the report be considered *seriatim* at the next meeting of the Council?

Mr. Trollope says truly that 'anyone who brings up contentious matters . . . runs the risk of having his opinions rejected.' But that is just what Mr. Trollope has prevented the Council from doing. Both at Chester and at Ipswich we invited the Council to reject what they did not agree with on the matters which were contentious. At the Mansion House, Mr. Hervey Beams repeatedly and emphatically asked the Council either to reject or accept. But Mr. Trollope's supporters would have none of it; they practically shouted him down. The result is, the Council have definitely and absolutely decided one thing, and one thing only, viz., that they will not reject our report. On the face of it, it appears as if they also decided that they will not accept it, but, as everyone who opposed said (and as Mr. Trollope also writes), that there were parts of the report which they would have liked to have seen passed, this statement can only be true in a qualified sense. At any rate, our report still holds the field as the only document on the subject which has yet been published. What Mr. Trollope has succeeded in 'wrecking,' or 'torpedoing,' or 'side-tracking,' or (to use his latest choice) 'undoing,' is not our report, but the power of the Council to act in this matter. I pointed out the bearing his resolution would have on Mr. Law James' motion; and the amendment to that motion, which was ultimately carried, bore out my words.

By giving Mr. Trollope's committee power to alter the names it has already fixed, the Council has kept to the same line all through, which seems to be, 'Let anyone call any thing anything.' The only way, therefore, to be loyal to the decisions of the Council is not to interfere with names at all, but to let confusion greater grow. I do not say that the Council have deliberately taken up this position; but it is the position into which Mr. Trollope has jockeyed himself and the Council.

HERBERT DRAKE.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. PLEASANT MEETING AT BRIGHTLING.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Brightling on Saturday, June 25th, about 24 members attending from Battle, Burwash, Eastbourne, St. Saviour's, Heathfield, Salehurst, Waldron, Blacklands and Brightling. Good practice was had in methods ranging from Grandsire to Double Norwich Major. At the service, the Rector gave an interesting and appropriate address, and at the close conducted the members over the church, explaining all the interesting and historical features of the ancient edifice. The church possesses a type of barrel organ which is quite unique. It is understood that only very few of this particular make of instrument are now in existence. It may be added that the instrument is not so easily manipulated as the name implies.

Tea was provided in the Parish Recreation Room, through the kindness of the Rector, the Rev. E. A. Haviland, who presided, and also occupied the chair at the business meeting.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Salehurst.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his address at the service, for the use of the bells, and also for the splendid tea which had been provided.—The Rector, in responding, stated how pleased he was to welcome the members of the association, and added that he wished that there had been more present, and remarked that the last meeting was held at Brightling in 1908, and hoped that 19 years would not elapse before the association paid Brightling another visit.

Ringing continued during the evening. The members of the St. Nicholas', Brighton, tower, who were having their annual outing, turned up at about 7 p.m. and joined in the ringing. All the members were delighted with the tone and go of the bells, which were rehung and retuned about a year ago by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

PRESENTATION TO MR. GEORGE DENT.

On Wednesday, June 29th, the ringers of St. Mary Magdalene's, Harlow Common, with their wives and sweethearts, held their annual outing. Leaving at 7 a.m., Clare was reached at nine, and the bells there were kept going until 10.30, after which an inspection of the fine old church was made before proceeding to Long Melford, where the handy ring of eight were kept busy for another hour. After lunch at Sudbury, the ringers took the opportunity to present to Mr. G. Dent, who has captained the band for 21 years, a handsome gift in the form of a silver bell inkstand, suitably engraved, and expressed a wish that he would enjoy good health and conduct them through a good many more peals as in the past. Mr. Dent suitably responded, and a move was made to St. Stephen's Church, where another hour's ringing was enjoyed. From Sudbury, the party made for Lavenham, and kept the bells busy until 6.30, when a splendid tea was enjoyed. Leaving Lavenham at eight, they arrived home some time before midnight, after a glorious day. The methods rung during the trip included Boh Major, Oxford and Kent Major, Cambridge, Superlative and Norfolk Major and Stedman. The party wish to thank the ringers at the different churches who met them and had everything in readiness.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

VISIT TO HARROW WEALD.

A very pleasant meeting of the North and East District was held on Saturday last, at Harrow Weald, a six-bell tower, situated in very pretty country between Stanmore and Harrow, and was attended by some 36 members. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and several of the local band, who, under the able guidance of Mr. G. R. Goodship, have made considerable progress during the past twelve months, joined in touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Other methods rung included Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Divine service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. S. Durham), who preached a very instructive sermon on 'The doctrine of intention.'

After a substantial tea had been disposed of, the business meeting was held. The Vicar, an honorary member of the association, gave the members present a hearty welcome. It was, he said, their first visit to Harrow Weald during his time there, and he was very glad to know that the attendance was considered a good one.

Six new members were elected.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) gave an extensive report of the recent Central Council meeting, which was listened to very attentively. Each committee's report, and each resolution discussed, was dealt with, and special attention was drawn to the proposal to issue certificates for first peals, which is coming up for discussion next year.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address at the service, and for the welcome he had given to the ringers present, and to Mr. Goodship and friends for the excellent arrangements made. Both briefly replied.

Subsequently a touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. G. R. Pye, W. Pye, C. H. Kippin (conductor), and C. T. Coles.

The tower was again visited, and several touches rung, whilst a large number of members made their way to Stanmore, where Mr. G. A. Hughes had the bells ready, and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Superlative and Bristol Surprise.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

A most enjoyable meeting was held at Sunbury on Saturday, June 18th. Mr. Fred Goodfellow, Deputy Ringing Master, got the bells going about 3.30, and there was good practice with Grandsire and in methods to Cambridge Surprise before tea, which was served in the Church Hall by Mrs. Warne. Mr. Goodfellow presided, supported by Messrs. F. Corke, W. Shepherd, W. Hewitt, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, S. H. Godfrey, J. H. Hunnisett, etc. A party of 37 ringers and friends sat down, and during the meal the Vicar arrived to welcome the association to Sunbury, and likewise offered the association a permanent welcome to his church at any time they care to come.

Major Hesse thanked the Vicar on behalf of the association for his hearty welcome, and for allowing the use of the bells and Church Hall.

Several touches on handbells were rung by Messrs. Trollope, Shepherd, Diserens, Kippin and others.

Hearty thanks were accorded to the Deputy Ringing Master for presiding, the hostess, Mr. Warne (steeplekeeper), and others for their assistance. The tower was again visited, and Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise were rung, as well as other methods to suit every member who attended. One and all agreed that a most enjoyable afternoon had been spent.

A most enjoyable meeting of the South and West District was held at Ruiship on Saturday afternoon, July 8th. Ringing started just after 3 p.m., and good practice was kept up till 5 p.m., when a short service was held, conducted by the Rev. Canon E. Cornwall Jones (Vicar). Miss E. Gladding presided at the organ. The service opened with a ringers' hymn, and the service was greatly appreciated.

A meeting was held in the ringing chamber with the Vicar present. A vote of thanks was accorded to him, to the organist, and to the steeplekeeper (Mr. Bunce), for their share of help in making the meeting a success.

Tea was served at Fabb's Restaurant, and 32 ringers and friends had an enjoyable time, with the Ringing Master at the head of table. Handbell ringing was indulged in by Miss Moss, Messrs. Fred Goodfellow, A. Wingrove and W. Gutteridge, and the tower was then again visited, and further ringing done. The methods practised during the meeting ranged from Grandsire to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, and a great improvement in ringing was noticed with the local band, under the tuition of Mr. George Kilby.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Monday, July 4th, at Market Weighton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with bells half-muffled, as a last mark of respect to Mr. J. H. Kemp, a highly-respected churchman at Market Weighton, who was interred at St. Mary's, Beverley, on the same day: P. Thompson (first quarter-peal) 1, J. W. Kneeshaw (conductor) 2, A. Saltmer 3, W. Moor 4, G. Priestman 5, J. Moor 6.

EALING.—On Monday, June 27th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: Ernest Turner (first 720), 1-2, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 3-4, Wilfred Wilson (first 720 Minor) 5-6.

SCOTLAND FOR EVER! MEMOS OF A MEMORABLE RINGING TOUR.

[By W. H. F.]

Oh! where, tell me, where, does your Highland laddie dwell?
He dwelt in bonnie Scotland, where blooms the sweet bluebell.
And it's oh, in my heart I love my laddie well.

Anonymous.

This ringing tour—the first in Scotland—originated through a wish of Mr. W. Keeble, of Feering, to achieve a peal in each quarter of Great Britain, a wish not unknown to other members of the ringing craft, but after recovering from a long and trying illness he found it impossible to be away from his business. Having started in the work of 'organising' early in May, I did not like the idea of 'crying off,' especially as enough 'ayes' were received to complete a team, more than half of them never having handled a Highland Sally.

On Friday, June 24th, five members met at Euston terminus, London, for the 1.30 p.m. express to Edinburgh, via Crewe, Warrington and Carlisle, on the way picking up the 'faithful couple,' and at Princes Street we found the rest of our party awaiting our arrival with a bevy of bonnie local ringers ready to greet and welcome us. Tourist tickets made holes in our 'fivers,' but all were prepared to part with a few 'bawbees' to do full justice to such an important visit. With a team whose average age exceeded three score years, it was a case of 'now or never,' or, rather, before some of us take that longer journey with a free pass, as did our dear old comrade, Isaac Shade. The tedium of eight hours in one compartment was relieved by two ladies, who took a personal interest in our usual ringers' conversation, which included a reference to Uncle Joe Sykes and Canon Simpson's bell tuning. One of the ladies' luggage was labelled Miss Sykes, Windermere, and the other was addressing a postcard to Rev. Simpson, The Bell, Bexhill—interesting coincidences, showing what a small world we live in, although our party were creating a record in the mileage of one tour.

It was a jovial party that presented itself to the Clarendon Hotel (Host Willis, of Banbury), our headquarters for three days, and situated near the Cathedral, and the waiter was soon bearing reminders of a visit with Messrs. Barton and Sinkins of twenty-three years ago, especially of the only attempt at Glasgow Cathedral ever made and lost in two and a half hours. It was nice to see our friends, Messrs. Sampson, Ellis and Heathcote, fit and well, and to have Messrs. Goffon and Stratford from Monksheaton to help us out in the only ten-bell peal. Our supper was far better fare than 'cauld katie and cabbage.' With only one meal in the previous twelve hours, we were ready, and the hour of 'thistle-down' was deferred till midnight to allow of digestion.

Saturday morning everyone met at St. Mary's Cathedral at 10.30, with a heavy ring of ten bells (tenor 42 cwt.) waiting for us. The central tower required some negotiating via a stone stairway in the angle of the north transept and a length of open roof before the difficult belfry door could be reached. This spacious ringing room, equal to St. Paul's, London, was in perfect Sampsonian order, a veritable museum and art gallery combined, which would take a day to study and one issue of 'The Ringing World' to describe.

To members of the architectural profession it affords a gold mine of information upon bells and campaniles. Here you will find the original competitive designs submitted when this cathedral was first proposed in 1874, and those taking the prizes offered for the three best designs selected, premier honours being awarded to Sir Gilbert Scott. The two western towers, similar to Truro Cathedral, were spireless until about 20 years ago. To Londoners, especially interesting are the drawings of Bow Church and St. Bride's, Fleet Street, which may be seen drawn to a large scale, with plan of each floor. They make one wish that Sir Gilbert Scott had studied them before he left such a dangerous approach to the belfry of his own tower.

There are also to be found plaster full-size models of old Scottish church bells, with exact reproductions of their inscriptions—Perth tenor, one of the largest productions of a highland bell foundry, and from St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, a smaller bell dated 1452. The original of this latter is still in use there, and welcomed H.M. the King to the morning service on his present visit to Scotland. From the parapet of the tower, a view of views can be obtained. Objects of interest were pointed out for our members to visit on the morrow and Monday, such as the castle on its rugged eminence, the famous Princes Street, the Firth of Forth with its noble cantilever bridge, and the numerous distant mountains. I cannot say, however, that everyone visited all the places of interest to be found in this beautiful city. Usually the spare time on a ringing tour is spent in resting and refreshing.

Luncheon was served at the Clarendon at 3.30 p.m., with Mr. W. B. Sampson in the chair, and we, as guests of the St. Mary's Cathedral Society, were invited to display our English appetites. The Scotch packing of an aching void after seven hours' fast was closed with the 'Grace' by the chairman, who added a word of welcome to us on behalf of the change ringers of Edinburgh, and wishing us a successful and happy tour in Scotland. Referring to the Rev. Provost's kind consent for us to have the bells, he, the provost, only put one question to Mr. Sampson, 'Are you to be there?' The answer was, 'Yes,' and Mr. Sampson was there, still, as ever, looking hearty and still carrying on the work of the belfry that he began 50 years ago.

During the evening, a 'Scotch mist' put a damper on the city's brass band, which usually plays in the Princes Street Gardens that adjoin St. Cuthbert's Church, so their musical performances were rendered in the Usher Hall, a large and handsome building presented to the city by a member of the Usher family of brewers, who little thought at the time that some 2,000 people would join in the froth-blowers' anthem under its roof. 'The more we are together, the merrier we will be.'

Our attempt at St. Cuthbert's went well, the mist not damping us down. On the contrary, had the weather been fine we should certainly have been asked to stop, and we received congratulations from the home company. Of this belfry nothing but praise can be said: match-boarded walls, plenty of seats and clothes' pegs, toilet and washing convenience, and two electric lights on each of the four walls—a model room that some of our clergymen in England would do well to copy. Golf, the national game in the North, was shown by the number of people carrying clubs and wearing plus-fours, and the many shops showing golfing requisites. I believe the patron saint of golf is St. Andrew, yet St. Andrew's Church, Edinburgh, with the oldest ring of eight bells in Scotland (cast 1788, tenor 15 cwt.) are never rung.

Our first day in 'Auld Reekie' was a decided success. We 'holed out' in two, and I think St. Cuthbert should be the ringers' patron saint rather than St. Cecilia. This success was greatly helped by the courtesy of the local ringers of both parishes in thoroughly overhauling the ropes, oiling bearings and having the bells raised for the actual 'go.' It is a fact worth mentioning, that the visitors simply walked into the belfry of all three city towers, rang their peal, and walked out. They were saved the trouble of doing what a Herefordshire veteran once described to me as 'the donkey work.' So far as the team were concerned, it was 'conservation of energy.'

IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, June 18th, the Irlthingborough ringers, their wives, and friends to the number of 31, held their annual outing. A start was made about 6.30, and after calling at Finedon and Wellingborough for other friends, the party went on to Rugby, the first place of call, which was reached at 8.45, fifteen minutes ahead of schedule time. After having a brief look round the very fine church of St. Andrew, Mr. G. B. Fenton arrived, and gave a hearty welcome to the party. Touches in various methods were brought round. The church seems to be a combination of the ancient and modern, and is one of the very few churches in the country having two peals of ringing bells—the peal of eight in the comparatively modern tower and steeple, and five in the old tower, which are used for the daily services. It was also interesting to the visitors as members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild from the fact that the present Bishop of Peterborough was recently appointed to the See from this church. Mr. Fenton paid a high tribute as to the good feeling between the Bishop and the ringers during the time he was at Rugby. After having refreshments, another move was made to Hinckley, and here they were met by Mr. W. Cope, secretary of the Hinckley District, who had kindly arranged for an excellent dinner at the Union Hotel. The five courses having been got through to the satisfaction of all, Mr. W. Perkins took the opportunity of proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cope, also to the host.—Mr. F. Barber, seconding, said they were indebted to all who had in any way helped to make the outing so successful.—Mr. Cope suitably replied. A quick move was then made to the church, where Mr. F. Cotton, one of the local band, was awaiting them, and the bells were soon raised and going to various methods, everyone being loud in their praises of this peal, which were rebung about two years ago. After an hour's ringing, the party went on to Nuneaton, 4½ miles distant, and here Mr. H. Argyle received them. This being a nice, handy eight, the visitors were soon busy again with various methods, including a well-struck course of Bristol Surprise, in which Mr. Douglas Argyle took part. A run of something over twenty miles brought the party to Daventry, and, after a raid on one or two restaurants for tea, the tower was visited with Mr. W. C. Moore, secretary of the Daventry Branch of the Guild, and a member of the local band. These bells were not strange to some of the party, but seem rather awkward from the fact that they are hung the opposite way round. In spite of this, they are a very good peal, and several touches were brought home, including a well-struck course of Superlative Surprise. The journey home was broken at Flore, where, at the Queen's Head, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, several touches and selections being given on the handbells, and some capital songs rendered by various members of the party, Mr. A. Perkins presiding at the piano. The methods rung during the day were: Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major. Through 'The Ringing World' the members of the party beg to tender their warmest thanks to the incumbents of the various churches, also to Mr. J. B. Fenton, Mr. W. Cope, Mr. F. Cotton, Mr. H. Argyle and Mr. W. C. Moore for the very kind welcome extended to them, and for their help in making the outing so successful.

PULBOROUGH.—On Wednesday, July 6th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Marshall 1, S. C. Greenfield 2, C. Smart, sen., 3, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 4, W. E. Titchhurst 5, J. H. Blake 6, M. R. Heffer 7, H. J. Doick 8. The ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 8th belong to Pulborough, the rest to Chichester Cathedral.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday, July 3rd, at Rotherham Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) in 52 mins.: G. Oakes 1, J. W. J. Cottam 2, Miss A. Taylor 3, C. Coulteney 4, A. Stamp 5, A. Firth 6, G. Tuke 7, C. Ryder 8, S. Briggs (conductor) 9, L. Littlewood 10. Arranged for the ringing of the third. First quarter of Grandsire Caters by Miss A. Taylor, and rung at the first attempt.

RISHTON, LANCS.—For evening service, July 3rd, 1,440 Bob Minor: R. Atherton 1, A. Lord 2, R. Bolderstone 3, A. Hutchison 4, A. Yates 5, F. Read (conductor) 6, R. Bentley 7, J. Hirst 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, 714 Grandsire Triples: R. Shillam 1, R. Hicks 2, H. Hill 3, S. Petharick 4, F. Davis 5, C. Robins 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, C. W. Locke 8.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor (38 bobs and 22 singles): P. S. E. Aston 1, F. Jones 2, W. Large (conductor) 3, N. Bryan 4, J. Gardner 5, C. Grimes 6, J. Loyde 7.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Harding, sen., 1, Mr. James (Cobham) (first 720 Treble Bob) 2, J. Goacher 3, N. Harding 4, G. Grover 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

TENBY.—On Sunday, July 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evensong: Rev. F. H. Oswell 1, T. Yeomans 2, T. Ricketts 3, G. Jenkins 4, H. Wheeler 5, T. W. Griffiths 6, H. Jenkins 7, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hereford (conductor) 8. Ringers of 3rd and 5th visitors from Swindon.

HESTON.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Godfrey (first away from tenor) 1, H. C. Chandler 2, H. G. Lewis 3, C. S. Bird 4, C. I. Edwards 5, E. R. Gladman 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. Humphris (first quarter-peal) 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church on Sunday, July 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: H. W. Strickland 1, H. A. Barnett 2, J. Bennett (conductor) 3, W. J. Ellis 4, C. A. Button 5, J. G. Nash 6, N. Ellis 7, E. R. Hull 8.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for the annual memorial service, 720 Double Court Minor: W. Sutton 1, A. Grounds 2, G. Sewell 3, J. W. Worthington 4, J. Curry 5, J. G. Ames (conductor) 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—For organ recital, on Sunday, June 19th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor (1,320 changes), from the Rev. Bankes James' composition: C. Robinson 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Robinson 1, C. Robinson 2, A. W. T. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, B. Wayman 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 12th, for morning service, on the occasion of the Sunday School festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) in 50 mins., as a compliment to the superintendents and teachers in appreciation of their work in the Sunday Schools: A. Dedicate 1, W. Banks 2, J. Goodman, jun. (conductor) 3, J. Goodman, sen., 4, E. Homer 5, W. Goodman 6, H. Sheppard 7, B. Gough 8, C. Winwood 9, G. Guest 10.

CHORLEY, LANCS.—On Sunday, June 12th, on the occasion of the Roman Catholic annual Sunday Schools' procession, the following touches were rung on the bells of St. Mary's (R.C.) Church: 448 Bob Major, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Lawson 1, E. B. Coxhead 2, Adam Blogg 3, F. Rigby 4, J. H. Gartside 5, A. Hartley 6, H. Lucas (conductor) 7, Alfred Blogg 8, and two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.—On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, 720 changes of Bob Minor: T. W. Player 1, F. Underdown 2, C. W. Player 3, A. Daw 4, F. Burt 5, A. H. Saxby 6.

NOTICES.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer meeting will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, July 23rd. The bells of the three churches are available. Tea at a moderate charge at 5 o'clock in the Ritson Hall, Low Row, close to St. Michael's Church. Please meet at St. Ignatius' Church (Talham Street tram from station) at 2.30, where bands will be made up. Those coming to tea please notify Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard's Street, Sunderland.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Everdon (5), on Saturday, July 23rd; usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunsdon Road, Daventry.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, 'St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham', 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—District meeting will be held at Redbourn (6 bells) in Saturday, July 16th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Subscriptions are now due.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 2 p.m. at St. Giles' Church (10). Service at St. Giles' at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing also at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (8) and St. Edmund (8). All ringers cordially invited.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Boxley on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, after service. Business meeting to follow.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Rugby on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting in the Vestry at 4.15. Short service, which will be taken by the new Rector, the Ven. J. W. Hunkin, at 4.30, and tea, to be followed by general meeting at the Campbell Hotel at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. Sadlington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Church House 5 p.m.—R. R. Lewis, Austin House, South Bar, Banbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Llanstephan on Saturday, July 16th. 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., tower open for ringing; 3 p.m., church service (preacher: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese); 4 p.m., business meeting; 4.30 p.m., tea (by kind invitation of Rev. Roland Thomas).—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., N.P. Bank Chambers, Neath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, July 16th. Service 4.30. Tea and business following.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, 1927.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 23rd (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher, the Rev. W. W. Longford, D.D. (Rector of Caversham). Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Carfax Assembly Rooms. Tickets 2/- to members, who apply for same with remittance before Tuesday, 19th, 2/6 on day of festival, 3/- each to non-members. Further details on printed notices later on.—Richard T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. F. Campbell Ward. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Campbell Ward, after service, followed by business meeting. All those intending to be present to tea must notify me by first post Tuesday, July 19th. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 3 to 8 p.m. Members please make own tea arrangements. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Andover, on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m.—Rev. Evan Jones, Hon. Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Isleham on Saturday, July 23rd. Fordham available 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify by 20th?—F. Warington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting. Place of meeting and further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A Central Divisional meeting will be held at Bolney (Haywards Heath Station) on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, at Eight Bells Inn, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Important: Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bridgend (cannot be held at Aberdare as proposed), on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Raunds on Saturday, July 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Visitors requiring tea should notify Mr. D. G. Taylor, Ilminster, not later than July 19th, or the secretary, F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, July 23rd. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch at Publow on the 23rd inst. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting at Great Wymondley on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3. St. Ippolyt's bells also available. Tea 5.30, 'Green Man,' Great Wymondley. Business meeting after. A good attendance requested. All ringers and friends welcome.—Geo. T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Ravensthorpe on Saturday, July 23rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 20th?—W. Bott, Hon. Dis. Sec., Guilsborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea by arrangement on the day. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on July 23rd. Service 3 p.m. Preacher: Canon Dweley, of Liverpool. Tea 4 p.m., 2s. Meeting afterwards.—Edward W. Elwell, Hon. Sec., Capenhurst, Cheshire.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Holbeach (8 bells) on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by July 19th? — George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight and Portsmouth Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at All Saints', Ryde, I.W., on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the Welby Institute. All ringers cordially invited. Will those requiring tea kindly inform either of the undersigned by Tuesday, the 19th?—B. J. Snow, 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.; F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided by the generosity of the Vicar and local band, only to those who notify me by first post Tuesday, July 19th. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Thurlaston on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 4 to 6.30. All ringers welcome.—W. Cape, Smockingtons, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Coleorton, near Ashby, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.30, and tea in Schools at 5 o'clock. The Hall grounds adjoining the church will be open to visitors from 3 o'clock, by permission of Sir George Beaumont. A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service and tea by kind invitation of the Vicar at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Laws, Forge House, St. Nicholas, near Birchington, not later than July 20th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Olveston on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Motor leaves St. Stephen's Church at 2. Will those requiring seats and tea kindly notify by the 19th inst.?—C. H. Jennings, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wem on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Tea at Kynaston's Café (1s. each) at 5 o'clock. Business meeting in Church Hall after tea. Please send number requiring tea before the 18th inst. to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Alvaston, Derby, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcomed.—Chas. Draper, Town Street, Duffield, Derby.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, July 30th. Tower open 2.30. Tea, 1s. per head, for all who notify me not later than Tuesday, July 26th. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, E. Grinstead.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Edgbaston on Saturday, July 30th. Bells, a new ring of 8 by Taylor, available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged for those who advise me not later than the 26th inst., of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, July 30th, when the new Vicar will be pleased to welcome all members and friends. Tea will be arranged as usual. Ask for cheap tickets to Osterly Park, Hounslow East or Central.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Oake Road, W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Southwold on August Bank Holiday. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Tea will be provided at 4.45 p.m. at 1s. each at Clarke's Tea Rooms, followed by short business meeting. All those intending to be present to tea must notify F. W. Naunton, Wrentham, Lowestoft, by Thursday, July 28th. All ringers welcome. — Rev. H. Drake, Gen. Sec., Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

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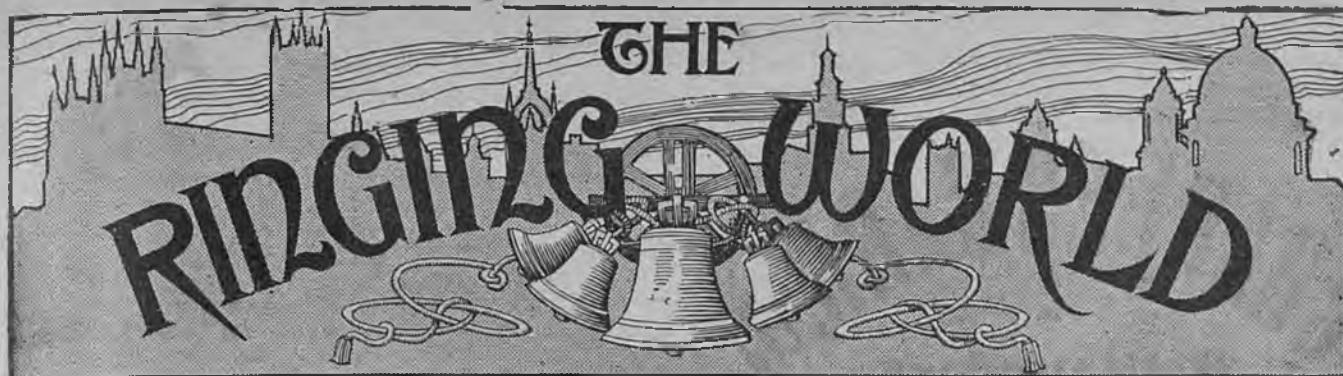
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HINKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 5
HARRY MORGAN ... 2	ERNEST STONE ... 6
GEORGE THOMPSON ... 3	FRED COTTON ... 7
PERCIVAL A. ALDRAM ... 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 6
JOHN A. COLE ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

First peal in the method in the county, by the association and by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. Mr. G. Ellis kindly stood out to allow Mr. E. J. Dobbie to take part, and he was elected a member of the association.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM NIBLETT ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
*FRANK LAWRENCE ... 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 6
†CYRIL TANSSELL ... 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 7
JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

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

OTLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 5
TOM STANGWAY ... 2	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 6
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH ... 3	WILLIAM E. ASH ... 7
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 4	GEORGE W. STEEL ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late James Horner, 58 years a ringer at this church. First peal in the method on the bells.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
FRED RIGBY ... 2	JOHN BOOTH ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	JOHN WILKINSON ... 7
J. RICHARD TAYLOR ... 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

Rung as a 'silver wedding' compliment to Mr. Gilmour.

BREWOOD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Thursday, June 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 54 mins.: G. Warner 1, A. G. Hunt 2, F. Blewitt 3, J. W. Perry 4, H. Knight (conductor) 5, E. F. Mitchell 6, J. Perry 7, T. Whitehouse 8.—Also 504 Stedman Triples, with T. Perry and J. C. Adams taking part. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Perry, who was interred that day. The deceased, who was 76 years of age, leaves a widower, two sons (ringers), and two daughters to mourn their loss.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 6
GEORGE WIFFEN ... 3	HAROLD W. CLARK ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
HARRY BAKER ... 3	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 7
HARRISON SMITH ... 4	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

A golden wedding peal for Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, hon. secretary to the above association, and Mrs. Helmore. Also a birthday peal for Mrs. Baker, L. J. Honess, and the conductor.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD & DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETIES.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT HELLIWELL ... Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY ... 5
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 2	*HARRY BARNES ... 6
JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 3	*J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 7
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 4	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* First peal in the method.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS LINCOLN ... Treble	HENRY HEAD ... 5
*EDWARD LEGGETT ... 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 6
†HENRY WARNE ... 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 7
FREDERICK G. RADLEY ... 4	GEORGE GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 5
CHARLES COTTRELL ... 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 6
WILLIAM C. RHODES ... 3	*FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 7
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 4	BERNARD C. ASHFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH.

* 50th peal. Rung on the 17th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Swann.

WEDNESBURY.—On Tuesday, June 14th at St. Bartholomew's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Burdett 1, A. Mincher 2, J. Barber 3, G. Hughes (conductor) 4, T. Palfreyman 5, H. Smith 6. First 720 in the method for ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb.

*SINCLAIR ADDICOTT Treble	PERCY JONES 5
*EDWARD DARE 2	ALBERT ADDICOTT 6
WILLIAM PIKE 3	GEORGE COOKE 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	*HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by H. BROUGHTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. First peal as conductor.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of SS. EUGAIN AND SS. PETER,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.)

JAMES H. RIDING Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
JOHN HAYES 3	JAMES SWINDLEY 7
HAROLD EDWARDS 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for their kind hospitality and for getting everything ready.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Oxford Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

RICHARD THOMAS Treble	CHRIS BOWERS 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	DAVID HORNE 5
THOMAS PRATT 3	GEORGE JORDON Tenor

Conducted by D. HORNE.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. C. Layton, who was interred at the Parish Church the same day.

HAWKSHED, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

*FRED WALKER Treble	†JAMES NEWBY 4
*NICHOLAS M. C. NEWBY 2	WILLIAM ROBINSON 5
CHARLES E. WEBB 3	EDWIN JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

* First peal. † First of Minor. Treble, 2nd and 4th ringers belong to Ulverston. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Webb, the wife of the 3rd ringer, and also on the 800th anniversary of the founding of Furness Abbey.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5520 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure, (2) St. Clement's and College Single, (3) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Single and Double Bob, (6) Single and Double Oxford, (7) Single and Double Court, and the extent of Little Bob, 480 changes. Tenor 10 cwt.

KATHLEEN A. JUTSON Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	JOSEPH O. LONDON 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	WILLIAM TILLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

It was arranged to ring 720 each of the 14 methods, but Mr. Bradley not being able to take part on this date, Miss Jutson kindly made up the band.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 240's arranged by Leslie W. C. Morris, seven 240's arranged by Albert J. Pitman, and twenty six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK BOULSTRIDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... 4
*RONALD H. DOVE 2	†CHARLES DAVIES 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	WILLIAM STATHAM Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

* First peal inside. † First M.C.A. peal. First peal and first attempt by the ringer of the tenor, who was elected a member of the association previous to the peal. First peal of Doubles and second peal on these bells, which were cast by Taylor and Co. in 1846. The ringers desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. Noble for their kind entertainment afterwards.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each 720 called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARP Treble	*HARRY WOODING 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	HENRY STAPLETON 5
WILLIAM STOCK 3	HARRY PETTIT Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

* First peal of Minor, and belongs to the local band.

WESTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores, with ten different callings and one 240, Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*GEORGE BREWER Treble	WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 4
HARRY PROUT 2	GEORGE CROSS 5
†ARTHUR MARTIN 3	†HUBERT ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by WM. H. CROCKER.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday peal to John Lye and Hubert Ellis. Also as an appreciation of Rev. F. A. Bromley, M.A., R.D., who for 15 years has been Vicar of the parish.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 12, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

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

FRED HODGSON 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	JOHN AMBLER 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

LADIES' GUILD.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The eighth annual meeting of the Southern District was held at Aldershot on Saturday, July 9th, when the Vicar, Rev. Hugh Le Fleming, gave the visitors a warm welcome. The Vicar conducted the service, and in his address expressed his appreciation of the work done by the ringers. Tea was enjoyed in the Parish Hall, and for this thanks are due to the Misses Fisher and Miss Denyer.

Mrs. Hazelden was in the chair for the business meeting, at which Miss Blencoe, of Reading, was elected a member.

Miss Mills was re-elected hon. secretary, and the committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Whittingdon, Mrs. Hazelden and Miss Fisher.

Ringing was indulged in until 9 p.m.

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A comprehensive vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, the Bishop for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for the splendid arrangements, concluded the meeting, after which the members went back to the tower for further ringing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. PRESTON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Croston on Saturday, July 9th. During the day, ringers were present from numerous branch towers, as well as the Wigan Branch. The attendance was probably affected by the inaccessibility of the tower from some parts of the district, and also to the hay-making season. Ringing was not up to the usual standard, as the bells are rung from the floor of the church, and the ropes have no guides for twenty or thirty feet. The methods rung or attempted ranged from Plain Bob Minor to Surprise Major.

Before adjourning to tea, the Clock Room was visited by most of those present to inspect the peal board recording a peal rung on the bells in 1827 (as reported recently in 'The Ringing World').

A pleasant surprise, however, to all present was to find another peal board in the room, which records a peal of Grandsire Tripples (sic) rung by the College Youths of Croston in the year 1821. It would be interesting to know whether they were members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. There is no mention of the composition rung on either of the boards.

Tea was partaken of at the Lord Nelson Inn, which is the residence of one of the local ringers. The meal was such a splendid one that, although some of those present can do a bit of 'course shifting,' they failed to shift all those on the table, and had to give up rather reluctantly.

After the tea, the ringers went to the vestry, where the Rev. B. C. Kiddell, the curate, acted as the chairman of the meeting, in the unavoidable absence of the Right Rev. Bishop of Whalley, who is an honorary life member of the association.

The Chairman, in welcoming the ringers to Croston, said how pleased he was to be with them. Although not much of a ringer himself, he had always been interested in bells, for he came from a place where there was a famous peal of bells (St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich), which he had listened to as a 'kiddie,' and up to the time of leaving Norwich some years ago.

The secretary then gave the following report of the year's working of the branch:—

Since our last annual meeting we have held nine branch meetings, as well as the annual social at Chorley. The meetings have been fairly well attended, the average attendance being about 29. The annual social was, as usual, a success. The number of branch peals is less than last year, but the methods rung were fairly numerous. The peals included one at Brownedge (Plain Bob Minor), the first on the bells, and undoubtedly one of the branch's greatest performances; Leyland St. James, Minor in four methods, rung muffled for the Armistice; Penwortham, one each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, the first on the newly-augmented peal; Chorley, one Spliced Treble Bob, and one Bob Major; Whittle-le-Woods, one peal of Stedman Triples, and one peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung by eight members of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, this being thought to be the first peal of Major by Oddfellows. There had also been two peals rung in honour of the enthronement of the first Bishop of Blackburn—one at Hoghton (Bob Major, first on the bells by a local company), and one of Minor in five methods at Brindle. Of those taking part in these peals, five rang their first peal, 14 their first in the methods, three their first as conductor, three were the first on the bells, and one was the first by a local band. The membership was about the same as last year. They had made and re-elected nine new members and one non-resident member, and had lost one life member through death (Mr. W. J. Moudsley, of Preston), and several members had lapsed through non-payment of subscriptions. Subscriptions had come in fairly well, those in arrears being chiefly attached to towers where they have not been able to hold meetings. The bell founders had been to three towers since the last branch meeting. At Penwortham, the peal of six had been augmented and made into a good light peal of eight. At St. Mary's, Chorley, the founders had made a bad-going peal into one of the best in the district, and at the first meeting ever held there the members were unanimous in the opinion that it was a grand piece of work. The bells of St. Mark's, Preston, have also been overhauled. Mr. E. R. Martin, the Ringing Master, had given two very interesting lectures on the theoretical side of change ringing, namely, on the 'In and out of course of change ringing.' On the whole, they could compare very favourably with most of the other branches of our association.

The report was accepted, and Mr. Sharples gave an account of the general committee meeting held at Kirkham. He mentioned Canon Elsee's impending visit to Rhodesia at the special request of the Bishop of Manchester.

The retiring secretary was re-elected and thanked for his services. Before the election of Ringing Master, Mr. E. R. Martin said he would like to propose that the office of Ringing Master be combined with that of member's committee man, and, after some discussion, Mr. Wm. Sharples was elected to the dual office. Mr. J. R. Taylor was nominated as vice-president of the association, and for the offices of ringing secretary and two auditors, the present retiring officers were nominated.

The place and date of next meeting was fixed for Higher Walton on August 20th. One new member was elected, viz., Mr. Thomas Heyes, of Eccleston.

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ECCLESIASTICAL LAW AND RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following incident occurred some 20 months ago, and I have purposely allowed Time's healing touch to erase the irritation, while at the same time he preserves the interest.

During the 'outing' of a famous branch of a still more famous Guild, we arrived, as per programme and by the incumbent's permission, to conclude a thoroughly pleasant day's ringing at a certain church. The Vicar was away on his holidays, but had left word with the 'locum tenens' that we had permission to ring. This was forbidden, as, two funerals having been held that afternoon about 2.30, said 'tenens' considered it heartless for the bells to be rung, although we did not arrive till somewhere in the neighbourhood of six, in fact later, as it was towards the end of evensong and the local houses of refreshment had opened.

No amount of persuasion, cajoling, or sweet reasonableness by our own Vicar who accompanied us availed in the slightest, and we were forced to abandon the attempt, having been finally routed by an angry Dorcas. To a relative, himself a Vicar, I told our tale of woe. 'All I can say,' quoth he, 'is that "locum" did not know his "Parson's Hand Book." Let us see what it says about it,' and turning to page 187 he read out the following:

'Canon 6 Orders.—When any is passing out of this life, a bell shall be tolled and the minister shall not then slack to do his last duty. And after the party's death (if so it fall out) there shall be rung no more but one short peal and one other before the burial and one other after the burial.' So that the corpses between them were entitled to no less than six touches by law. However, the keenest ringer does not like to make himself too assertive on these occasions, but out of pure curiosity and for argument's sake only, had we been armed with this authority at the time and had we insisted, could we have been prosecuted for 'bawling'?

F. A. YORKE.

ELEVEN TOWERS IN A DAY.

On Saturday, June 25th, the St. Clement's company, Ipswich, had their annual outing. This took the form of a tour by saloon bus through East Suffolk and the Norfolk Borderland. A start was made from the church at eight o'clock for Mendlesham, where there is a heavy peal of five, tenor approximately 17 cwt. After all had had a pull, including the two young members aged 13 years and 14 years, for whom these bells proved too heavy to ring in changes, the next stop was down a long lane, which was found to lead to 'nowhere.' This caused some remarks about the guide, as all had to get out and help push the bus round owing to marshy land. As, however, it provided an opportunity for refreshments, he was forgiven, although it was suggested he did it on purpose. Arriving at Wetheringsett, a peal of five, greatly in need of bellhangers and tuners, was found. The bells are in a minor key, and not in tune at that, so the melody was not great, and everyone was glad to get away. The next stop was a six-bell tower at Thorndon. This parish is noted for its Reformatory. Whether the guide and driver knew anything or not, is hard to say, but they hurried past and again took the wrong turning. After a trip through Eye, the next stop was Brome, near Eye, where there is a nice little ring of five, tenor approximately 5 cwt. They are hung in a round and octagonal tower. The younger ringers were well pleased here, where Grandsire, Plain and St. Simon's Doubles were well rung. Next on to Oakley, another musical peal of five in minor key. A quick run to Hoxne, where dinner was served at the Swan Hotel. After dinner, a trip to the tower was made. Here are a peal of five, which were once six, but the tenor was taken away years ago, which fact did not improve their melody. Weybread was the next stop, where there is a peal of six by the Redenhall firm, Messrs. Moore, Holmes and Mackenzie (now extinct), and hung three above three in a round tower in iron frame with patent sliders controlled by chains and pendulums. A course of Cambridge Surprise was rung here. Fressingfield was next on the list. On this ring of eight Bob Major was rung, and rounds by the young members who had to have a helping hand to pull the bells off. The return was made by Cratfield and Heveningham, a pretty country in fine weather, but not in the conditions that existed at this time. On arrival at last at Peasenhall, a peal of six was found, where Ipswich Surprise was brought round. A short stay was the order, as tea was waiting at the next stop at Voxford. After a rest, the tower was visited, and the bells were soon going to Double Court and Ipswich Surprise. Some would have like to stay longer, but the guide declined to let them, as another tower was required before dark. Owing to some misunderstanding by the Vicar, he had granted permission for ringing in the adjoining parish, which also contained six bells, instead of his own church, he being Vicar of both. However, as it was necessary to pass the church, and the verges were there to meet them, they decided to get this tower instead. This was at Rendham. Then, after an hour and a half's ride through pouring rain, home was reached without anyone getting very wet, and all agreed it had been a most enjoyable outing. The total distance travelled was 80 miles, and with ringing at eleven towers it was not a bad day out.

RINGERS' OUTINGS. AMONG OXFORDSHIRE TOWERS.

The Leytonstone band usually make an extended excursion for their annual outing, and this year was their 25th trip. They left on Friday evening, July 8th, and made their headquarters at Witney, Oxon, where they were met by Mr. J. Monk and accommodated at the Central Cafe. The real programme started with early breakfast on Saturday, and before 9 a.m. they had enjoyed a motor-bus trip and had the bells of Northleigh going to Beverley Surprise, a good 720 being the result. An extent of Cambridge was also rung before proceeding to Stonesfield—a very appropriate name in view of the miles of stone walls which separate the fields instead of hedges. Here 720 Ipswich was rung, also 120 Grandsire arranged for the guide, Mr. Monk.

At Combe the visitors found a good peal of six by Taylor, recently relung with all the latest improvements. The Vicar kindly welcomed the party, and 720 of Coldstream and Southwell (Spliced) was brought round, after which 720 York was rung, regret being expressed that a longer stay was not possible. The party then returned to Witney to lunch. This over, a move was made to Southleigh, where on the light ring of eight Stedman, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise Major was achieved. Next on to Eynsham, another light ring of six, where 720 Norwich was tapped off. The historical church of Stanton Harcourt was next visited. Here the Vicar met the party, and conducted them round, pointing out the various things of interest, too numerous to mention here. The tower possesses a fairly good ring of six, and is large enough to take double that number. Fortune did not smile on the ringers here, for London Surprise strictly silent was attempted, and after some splendid ringing was lost three leads from home. Wells was then essayed, but suffered the same fate. While some were ringing, others were being shown round the Pope's tower and the historical ovens. At Northmoor, ill-luck in ringing was still with the party, for Carlisle and London failed after some good ringing on the handy ring of six. The last place of call for Saturday was Standlake, where fortune's smile returned, and 720 of Beverley, Surfleet and Durham (Spliced) was rung in good style, and a 720 Cambridge followed. A pleasant half-hour was then spent with the local ringer with handbells, etc., before proceeding to headquarters and bed.

On Sunday permission had been granted to ring for the eight o'clock service at Leafield, and at 6.50 the bells were going to London Surprise, a good 720 being the result, followed by touches of York and Cambridge, and the Vicar congratulated the company on the good striking. After breakfast, a move was made to Bampton, where there is a fine ring of eight, with tenor 25 cwt. Stedman was rung, but Superlative and Cambridge failed after some good ringing. A drive through beautiful country, with 'King Sol' shining at his best, brought dinner time, after which a visit was paid to Ducklington, where on the light peal of six (tenor about 6 cwt.) and in a very small ringing room, 720 each of London and Cambridge were rung. Aston was next on the list, and here on a good ring of bells 720 each of Lincoln and Ipswich were brought round in good style. The last pull was at Witney, where Stedman, Cambridge and Double Norwich were rung for evening service.

The members wish to express their thanks to all the clergy for granting permission to ring, to the local ringers who met and welcomed them, to Host Carter of the Central Cafe, who attended to the 'inner man,' and the other requirements of the visitors, and to Mr. J. Monk, who made all arrangements and so helped to make the outing another great success.

CANTERBURY PILGRIMS.

The Maldon (Essex) ringers' annual outing took place on Saturday, June 25th. The ringers and friends, numbering 20, left Maldon at 7 a.m. by charabanc. After crossing to Gravesend at Tilbury ferry, a start was made for Sittingbourne, which was reached at 10.15. The ringers were very heartily welcomed by one of the local men at St. Michael's Church, and some touches were brought round on the beautiful peal of eight. After a most enjoyable hour, the company left for Canterbury, where some of the party spent a short but interesting time in St. Martin's Church, which well repays a visit, especially those interested in ancient history and architecture. Most of the remaining time was spent in the cathedral. To attempt to even shortly describe the architectural beauties of this cathedral would be impossible here. Suffice it to say that the magnificent beauty of the tall and stately nave, and rich splendour of the choir and chapels, to say nothing of its exterior, were found most enthralling by the party, whose pilgrimage was greatly assisted by the official guides of the cathedral, who explain all the interesting history of the place to visitors. Those of the party who stayed during the service were enchanted by the exquisite quality of the singing and the organ. After a brief look round the town, a substantial meal was partaken of in the Oddfellows' Hall. The company left Canterbury at 6 p.m., but wishing they could stop a week. Stanford-le-Hope was reached at 8.30, where some of the local band were awaiting them. A few touches of Oxford and Plain Bob Minor were brought round on this little six, the 'go' of which is excellent. Then the last lap of the journey was commenced. The party rolled into Maldon at 11 p.m., after a pilgrimage of 16 hours on the road (though not on foot). The weather in the morning and after-

noon was absolutely glorious, though a little rain and wind were met with in the evening. The company wish very sincerely to thank those who so cordially welcomed them at the towers of Sittingbourne and Stanford-le-Hope, and the incumbents for granting permission to ring, who will also be written to and privately thanked. Thanks are also due to the ringer at Canterbury who so kindly arranged the tea. Welcomes and arrangements such as were met with on this occasion go far towards putting the right spirit into things, and to making an outing a perfect day's enjoyment.

CROYDON RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, July 2nd, the ringers of St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, held their annual outing. They were accompanied by Mr. C. H. Kippin, of Beddington. Favoured by fine weather, the journey was made by charabanc to Shere, Surrey, via Banstead and Dorking. Shere was reached about 9.15 a.m., and the bells of St. James' Church were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. Leave was taken of the tower about 10 a.m., and after a visit to the Silent Pool, the party reached Godalming about 11 a.m. The bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church were raised, and it was found that the back bells were short of breath, and they also reduced the back-end ringers to the same condition. However, in spite of difficulties, Grandsire, Stedman and Kent were successfully brought round. Bob Major 'went west' owing to a careless tenor man letting the rope slip wheel. Godalming was left behind about noon, and after a delightful ride round the Devil's Punch Bowl at Hindhead, the party ran into Alton, Hants, where lunch was partaken of at the Market Hotel. Then the bells of St. Lawrence's Church were raised, and good use was made of this magnificent new ring from the Croydon Bell Foundry. The methods rung were Double Norwich and Kent Treble Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Leaving Alton, a two hours' run through some beautiful country brought the party to Windsor. After tea, which was served at the Star and Garter Hotel, the party split up for a while. Some visited the castle and others went on the river. The journey home from Windsor was commenced at 8.30 p.m., and after a short halt at Kingston, Croydon was reached at 10.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. At each tower the party had a cordial reception from the representatives of the local ringers, to whom thanks are given.

A NORTH COUNTRY OUTING.

The ringers of St. Ignatius', Sunderland, accompanied by the Rev. G. D. John (curate), the churchwardens, and a few other friends, had their annual outing on Wednesday, June 22nd. They travelled by a very powerful and comfortable charabanc, manipulated by a driver who knew his business and soon gained everyone's confidence. The first stop was at Cramlington, and the six bells of St. Nicholas' Church were soon set going in Bob Minor and Kent. After thanking Mr. Simm for his kindness in having the bells ready, the party sped on to Morpeth for a ring at the watch tower.

The next stop was at Alnwick, where, after an excellent dinner at the White Swan, the visitors inspected the stately Castle, the home of the Duke of Northumberland, saw the bottle-neck dungeon, the State coach, used at the coronations, and many other interesting things. After seeing the old church (which, unfortunately, has only three bells) and the Dairy Gardens, the charabanc was again boarded, and the party sped up the steep banks on the Rothbury road, and were soon among the heather, 900 feet above sea level. Passing beautiful Craggside, they dropped down 600 feet inside of three miles, and arrived at Rothbury. The first business here was tea, which was substantial and well served. Tracks were then made for All Saints' Church, and the beautiful bells were kept going for an hour in Double Norwich and Stedman. As the company came out, the sexton gravely informed us that some time ago a peal was rung on the bells in three hours and sixty minutes? The time for the return journey now arrived, and the trusty chauffeur landed his charges safely in Sunderland, nearly 50 miles away, within two hours, after a very happy and enjoyable outing which will long be remembered.

VISIT TO SUSSEX.

On Saturday, June 18th, Milton (Kent) ringers and friends had their annual outing, when they visited Eastbourne. Leaving Gravesend by charabanc just after eight, a ride through Kent by way of Wrotham and Tonbridge brought them to Mayfield, Sussex, when the first halt was called and a ring on the bells at St. Dunstan's was enjoyed. After a stay of nearly an hour, the party were on the road again, and landed at Eastbourne in time to partake of an excellent dinner at the Leaf Hall Hotel. The ringers afterwards visited St. Saviour's Church, and, judging by the quality of the bells, it was a pity the ringers were not stronger in quality and number, but the sea seemed to have a greater attraction, so the ringing suffered in consequence. A start on the homeward journey was made at 3.30, by way of Pevensey and Battle Abbey to Salehurst, where another stop was made to have a ring at the Church of St. Mary. Lamberhurst, the chosen place for tea, was reached at six o'clock, and mine host at the Chequers catered well for the party's needs. The weather up till now had been fine, but rain—much needed, it was said—then began to fall. In spite of this, a visit was paid to the church, and a pull on the bells till eight o'clock finished the ringing for the day. Gravesend was reached in a pouring rain at 10.30. All expressed their delight at the arrange-

ments and the pleasure of the outing. The party would like to thank the incumbents and secretaries of the towers visited for their kindness in allowing them to ring and for the arrangements. During the day, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Major, and London, Cambridge and Kent Minor were rung on the various bells.

IN LEAFY BUCKS.

The ringers of St. Barnabas', Linslade, and All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, united for their annual outing on Saturday, July 2nd, and were very lucky to enjoy fine weather. Starting just before 10 a.m., the party proceeded by charabanc through Aylesbury, Risborough, Wycombe and Great Marlow. In the woods just beyond Marlow a stop was made for lunch. Maidenhead was reached at 12.15 p.m. At Boyne Hill the ringers were welcomed by the Rev. W. S. Mahony, who was Vicar of Linslade previous to his appointment to Boyne Hill, and by the foreman, whom they wish to thank for the welcome given and for the use of the bells. An hour's ringing produced touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and 'rounds' for the beginners. From Maidenhead the journey was continued through Windsor and Slough, and the party reached Beaconsfield about 4 p.m. After disposing of an excellent tea, the tower was visited, the ringers being welcomed by Miss P. Moss, and some of the local ringers, and, later, by the Vicar. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. Thanks are also due to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local ringers for the welcome given. The return was made via Amersham and Chesham, where an hour's halt was made, and the party reached home at 11 p.m. after a very enjoyable day's outing.

BELLRINGERS VISIT FAVERSHAM.

Bell ringers representing Gravesend, Northfleet and Milton Parah Churches paid their annual visit to Faversham on Sunday, July 10th. Leaving Gravesend at 8.15 a.m., they arrived at their destination at 9.40 a.m. The Faversham ringers very kindly gave up their tower to the visitors, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was well rung in 45 mins. by: J. Avis 1, G. Ambrose 2, J. Carrott 3, R. Smith 4, W. Beer 5, G. Morrad 6, E. Beer (conductor) 7, E. Hadlow 8.

A visit was then paid to Mrs. T. Ralph's, where a light lunch was much appreciated, and, in wishing the hostess many happy returns of her birthday, it was said that it was probably a record, where bell ringers travelled 27 miles annually to ring the bells to commemorate a lady's birthday.

Mrs. Ralph, in returning thanks for the compliment, hoped to see them all again next year. She also said how pleased she would be to see the ladies, especially a band of lady bell ringers.

5,024 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. J. PITMAN.

23456	M	B	W	H
62534	—	—	2	2
36245	—	—	2	2
32465	1	—	2	2
46325	1	—	2	1
52364	2	—	2	1
65243	—	—	2	2
62453	1	—	2	2
45623	1	—	2	1
32654	2	—	2	1
53246	—	—	2	2
52436	1	—	2	2
54326	1	—	2	2
64523	—	—	1	2
34625	—	—	1	2
23456	—	—	2	2

First rung at Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, by the Midland Counties Association, conducted by Ernest Morris, July 9th, 1927. If rung in the Kent variation, the 2nd is never in 7-8 with the tenor.

LANCS RINGERS' PICNIC.

On Whit Tuesday the ringers of St. James', Churchkirk, Lancs, had their annual outing. Travelling by motor saloon, they left Church at 7.45 a.m., and bowled merrily along until they arrived at Norbury, of Spliced Minor fame. Plain and Kent Treble Bob were rung here, and then the party went on to Macclesfield, where they arrived just in time to ring for service at 11.30 on this lovely peal of twelve bells by Taylor and Co. After exploring the historic church and town, they started the big climb to the Three-Shire-heads, halting at the Cat and Fiddle, 1,700ft. above sea level, where cameras and 'glasses' were busy. Descending into Buxton, all did justice to the splendid dinner awaiting them, after which they rang touches of Minor on the pretty but noisy peal of six at Fairfield. Leaving Buxton at 5 p.m., they arrived at New Mills for tea, and then visited the Parish Church for the final pull. The homeward run was completed at 11.30 p.m., after a splendid day.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.—At the Parish Church on Saturday, July 9th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Abery 1, W. Ford 2, J. Smith 3, A. T. Claydon 4, G. Parson 5, G. Abery (conductor) 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Not many peals of Dublin Surprise have been rung, but the first in the method to the credit of the Sussex Association was accomplished on Saturday, at Crawley, by a band, none of whom had struck a blow in the method before pulling off in the peal.

The G.W.R. and L.M. and S.R. will grant return tickets for single fare to Oxford from any station in the diocese, on Saturday next, to all applicants who wish to attend the annual festival.

A useful suggestion to incumbents who dislike long spells of ringing is the action taken by the Vicar of Christchurch, Hants, where a peal of Stedman Caters was rung on Saturday. He notified in his parish magazine that the attempt would be made, and asked any parishioners who objected to a long peal on this date kindly to go out to tea!

Provincial visitors to London generally look forward to a hectic time, and if they make their preparations in the right way they can get it. We hope the King's Norton ringers, who were in London on Saturday, enjoyed themselves.

A 'James' peal of Grandsire Triples by the St. James' Society at St. James' Church, Clerkenwell, was rung on July 25th, 1889.

On July 26th, 1832, a peal of 6,000 Double Oxford Bob was conducted by Samuel Thurston at St. Giles', Norwich.

The first peal in Ireland was rung at Waterford Cathedral on July 27th, 1872. It was a peal of Grandsire Triples.

The peal rung at Thurcaston on July 4th was in honour of the wedding of Mr. John Oldham, of Loughborough, and to him and his wife the band offer their congratulations.

The bells of St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, London, are rung for service at 5.30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month.

The Lord Bishop of Southwell, cousin of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, has promised to attend the next annual dinner of the Sherwood Youths.

Mr. R. Congreve Pridgeon, a member of St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, finished very close to the winner of the King's Prize on Saturday at Bisley. He was third, and only two points behind the gold medallist.

THE NOMENCLATURE CONFUSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the current issue of 'The Ringing World' the Rev. H. Drake, I take it on behalf of the Nomenclature Committee, makes the following statement: 'All we did was to make a series of suggestions and to offer them to the Council to select those which they wanted.' With your permission, I would like to give your readers my views of the whole matter. In 1923-24 the Analysis Committee named the Minor methods and renamed some that had had a respectable name for years. This caused a lot of feeling in the Exorcise, and several associations sent delegates to the 1924 London meeting with protests. Resulting from those protests the Nomenclature Committee was elected, and those who elected them, myself among the number, hoped for better names to some of the Minor methods. At the 1925 Chester meeting nothing was done. The meeting in 1926 at Ipswich was none too well attended, owing to the strike. The committee brought forward thirteen resolutions. Mr. Burton, their convener, read the whole of them straight off, and asked the Council to give a plain 'Yes' or 'No' to his committee's proposals, which he moved on their behalf. Here, Sir, lies the signal for the dissolution of this committee. Had this committee used a little more diplomacy, they would have carried some of their resolutions, but to ask the Council to swallow resolutions such as altering Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the first peal of which was rung 156 years ago, was expecting too much. This committee had a splendid chance to make history, provided they stuck to the task for which they were elected. I daresay some will ask, 'What would you have done?' Not moved 13 resolutions at once, as was done at Ipswich, but clause by clause. If this had been done, it would have been successful, would have justified their election, and given satisfaction to those associations that wanted suitable names to the Minor methods. My statement as to what happened at Ipswich is borne out by the official minutes. I beg to say the Council never had the opportunity to select any one suggestion made by the Nomenclature Committee.—Yours faithfully,

Taunton.

J. HUNT.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The quarterly meeting was held at St. Andrew's, Rugby, on Saturday last. After about an hour's ringing, the Guild's service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Coventry (the Ven. E. W. Hunkin), assisted by the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Vicar of Monk's Kirby. It was the first time the Guild has visited Rugby since the induction of the new Rector, and he cordially welcomed them in his address.

After tea, the general meeting was held, the Rector being in the chair. Ten new members were elected, and the places for the next three months' meetings were chosen as follow: Brinklow, Coleshill, and Bedworth.

The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, and also for the use of the bells.—Mr. A. Wilkerson seconded. The Rector suitably replied.

Ringing during the day included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise. About 30 members attended, and a successful meeting was brought to a close at 8 p.m.

DEATH OF MR. PRYCE TAYLOR. TRAGIC END OF VISIT TO AMERICA.

Ringers throughout the country will be shocked to hear of the death of Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, who has succumbed, after quite a short illness, in Canada, while on a business trip to the American continent. Mr. Taylor, accompanied by his wife, went to the United States in April to attend the opening of a large carillon which his firm had made for Germantown, Philadelphia. Since that time he had visited a number of cities, and recently arrived at Toronto. Here, on Sunday of last week, he was taken suddenly ill, and removed to the Wellesley Hospital, where peritonitis was diagnosed, and an immediate operation was deemed necessary. This was performed, and, though the best was hoped for, the case was apparently hopeless from the first. He passed away on Friday.

Needless to say the news, which was cabled, came as a terrible blow to the family in England, and to them, and particularly to the young widow, the deepest sympathy of the Exercise will go out.

The third son of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, who died in 1919, Mr. Pryce Taylor was 36 years of age. He was educated at Shaftesbury College, under his uncle, Mr. Pryce Thomas Taylor, who was headmaster there for many years. He was then, for a while, with the Becton Humber Company, before entering the famous bell foundry firm at Loughborough, to join his uncle, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, in the business.

With his three brothers, Mr. Pryce Taylor served in the Army during the war, which brought tragedy to the family. The three—John William, Gerard Bardsley, and Arnold Broadley—were killed, and Pryce was wounded.

Mr. Pryce Taylor was a keen sportsman, being a well-known Midland hockey player, and had represented his county on several occasions. He was also a tennis enthusiast and a member of the Longcliffe Golf Club. He was an ardent cricketer and a member of the Leicestershire County Cricket Club. Throughout the Loughborough and Leicester districts he will be mourned by a large circle of friends.

It is, however, from his connection with church bells that he was most widely known, for his work in the business at Loughborough took him to every part of the country. His youthful spirits and his genial nature won him hosts of friends wherever he went, and he was always a welcome visitor at any ringers' function. He took an active interest in ringing, as well as an important part in the concerns of the great foundry, and in this way closely followed in the steps of his lamented father. He was a member of the Loughborough Parish Church band and a ringer of considerable ability. He served the Midland Counties Association as representative on the Central Council, and was a member of the Standing Committee of that body. He was also a member of many other associations and Guilds throughout the country.

This visit to America was the second he had paid, and it had been most successful, for Mr. Taylor had taken orders for two new carillons, as well as other work.

We understand that arrangements are being made to bring the remains back to England for burial.

At Belgrave, Leicester, on Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was arranged and rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. Taylor, the ringers, all of whom were members of the M.C.A., being: L. G. Pratt 1, Miss Mary L. Cufflin 2, H. W. Martin 3, A. Disney 4, J. Pole 5, K. R. Elliott 6, R. Barrow (conductor) 7, J. A. Bishop 8.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. AXBRIDGE DEANERY'S NEW SECRETARY.

A special meeting of the members of the Axbridge-Deanery was held at Cheddar on Saturday, July 8th, when there was a good number present from all parts of the district. Ringing was carried on from 3 to 5, Grandsire Triples and Doubles, also Stedman and Bob Major being rung. A short service at the Parish Church was conducted by the Rector, whose address was specially appropriate to the occasion. Tea followed at Lewis' Valley Restaurant, and at the business meeting afterwards Rev. E. S. Lock (Master of the association) alluded to the great loss which the association had sustained by the death of Mr. Gabriel Chamberlain, the local secretary of the Axbridge Deanery. He was one of the most efficient secretaries, as well as being an enthusiastic ringer and conductor, and he would be greatly missed by the members of that association.

As a mark of respect to the deceased gentleman, the members stood in silence for a minute or so.

One of the items on the agenda was the election of a secretary in place of the late Mr. Chamberlain. It was resolved that Mr. Leonard Tanner fill the vacancy, that gentleman stating he would be pleased to accept the position, and promising to do his best in the interests of the association.

Mr. Alec Evans (Burnham) was next appointed Ringing Master, the assembly enthusiastically receiving his promise to act in that capacity.

The Rector, at the close of the meeting, said he was pleased to see members, and kindly invited them to inspect his grounds and gardens. Later, more ringing was indulged in until about 8.30 p.m., whilst some of the party strolled up the wonderful Cheddar Gorge and admired its glories.

ANOTHER PEAL OF EIGHT IN OXFORD.

ST. GILES' BELLS AUGMENTED.

Following quickly upon the augmentation of St. Ebbe's little peal to eight bells, Oxford has gained another octave by the addition of two trebles to the ring at St. Giles' Church. The new bells were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, and the bell hanging has been most successfully carried out by Mr. R. White, of Appleton. The tenor has had the canons removed.

The dedication ceremony was performed by the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Inge) at the evening service on Sunday week, when special Psalms were sung, and the preacher was Canon Nolloth.

Canon Nolloth took as his text Psalm 150, verse 5, and said that for more than 700 years the music of the bells had resounded from the ancient tower of St. Giles', and it was interesting to know that the five bells cast or recast in 1850 were founded by the Loughborough firm which at that time had a small foundry in the parish of St. Ebbe. There was no need for him to dwell on the great advantage of having a complete peal, and no doubt the ringers would find it a great help in practising their art. In Holy Writ there were many allusions to bells, while literature and poetry were also full of allusions to them, for they were associated with all the events of human life. During the last 30 years a remarkable revolution had come about in the founding of bells, and they were now being made better than they had ever been made in the past. Their deepest message was that they called people to the service of Jehovah, and one often asked whether the summons was obeyed as frequently as it used to be. Referring to the ringers in general, the preacher said they now had a higher sense of the solemnity of divine usage of their art—and who, after the clergy, could be more glad to see a large congregation than the ringers who had helped to call them together?

The opening touch after the service of dedication was a course of Grandsire Triples, the ringers being as follows: W. Blake 1, E. Exon 2, W. Brigham 3, J. R. Chaundy 4, F. Exon 5, V. Bennett 6, W. Stone 7, A. Dumber 8. After the ordinary service over 40 ringers visited the belfry, and several touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Major were rung. The approximate weights of the bells, and the inscriptions upon them, are as follow:—

Treble.—4½ cwt., Venite exultemus Domino, Henricus Wylie Hughes, 1927.

2nd.—5 cwt., Te Deum Laudamus, 1927.

3rd.—5½ cwt., Gloria in Excelsis.

4th.—6 cwt., Benedictus qui veni in nomine Domini.

5th.—7 cwt., Magnificat anima mea Dominum ait Maria.

6th.—8½ cwt., Sonitus Aegidii condescend culmina Coeli.

7th.—10½ cwt., Sum Rosa pulsati Mundi Katerina vocata.

Tenor.—14 cwt., Feare God, honor the Kyng, 1632.

A BELL FUND FETE.

Ringers in Yorkshire and the North and East Midlands in search of a real 'bank holiday' should visit Sutton-on-Trent on August 1st, when there is to be a gala and sports in aid of the bells restoration fund. Details of the arrangements will be found in our notice column, but our readers will be interested to learn that by means of similar fetes since 1922 the sum of £650 has been raised for the fund. It is hoped this year to raise £150 and clear off the remainder of the debt.

Sutton bells are a splendid ring of six, and the frame is built for two more. If the efforts of past years are continued a little longer the additional bells should soon be forthcoming. There is an excellent band of ringers, including two ladies, who can ring a dozen six-bell methods, including Cambridge Surprise, and they are all enthusiastic workers for the church in many ways. They would be greatly encouraged if ringing friends rolled up in hundreds to the fete and to sample the village bells, which will be available all day.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Saturday, July 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. A. Button 1, H. A. Barnett 2, A. Cutler 3, W. Dickinson 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, J. Thomas (conductor) 6. E. A. Hull 7, H. Ellis 8.—On Sunday, July 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. W. H. Strickland 1, H. A. Barnett 2, J. Thomas (conductor) 3, S. W. Crabb 4, C. A. Button 5, A. Cutler 6, E. A. Hull 7, H. Ellis 8.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERMILL, WILTS.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on July 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: *E. C. Marlow 1, *E. Kill 2, F. Precey (conductor) 3, A. Smith 4, *E. F. Marlow 5, E. F. White 6. * First quarter of Doubles.

THE TOUR IN SCOTLAND.

By W. H. F.

(Continued from page 443.)

'O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as others see us!
It wad frae mony a blunder free us,
And foolish notion.'

Burns.

On Sunday, at Edinburgh, the tourists divided, and yet they were united—with our Scotch friends, making up 'sides' for the two towers and ringing for service both morning and evening. Several Southerners were astonished at the impressive and solemn ceremony within the church, carried out in true native form.

This day of rest afforded us an opportunity of visiting the place of birth and burial of John Knox, the famous bygone Scottish Church reformer; the beautiful memorials to Robert Burns and Sir Walter Scott; some had a peep at the castle that stands sentinel-like upon its bold, rugged eminence, with the Scottish national war memorial nearing completion, and others stood round the 'Heart of Midlothian,' a spot marked as the centre of the county by stones let into the road head-pattern. All this was thoroughly enjoyed with the help of our stout-hearted guide, Mr. Sampson. Everyone found the 'round table' at the Clarendon in the evening after service, and here handbells were employed in Stedman Treble Bob and Double Norwich.

The morning hours of Monday were devoted to sight seeing, correspondence and the despatch of picture postcards to distant friends, as we were not due at Leith tower until five o'clock. The steeple-keeper, Mr. W. Lawson, gave us the same kind attention, and kindly hoped we should be able to 'last out' the peal, as the bells swing unevenly. This attempt was successful, due to the band, perhaps, having had two days' rest, and being thus well prepared to pull hard and hold tight. The Rector, the Rev. Wm. Hall, was pleased to hear the 'first' had been rung on his bells, and with him a number of change ringers from all the towers in Edinburgh met us as we came down from the belfry, remarking on the fair and even striking with such difficult handling. The bells were cast at Whitechapel in 1866, the total weight of the octave being 88 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. They were the gift of Miss Wood, of Hermitage Park.

Supper was ordered for 9 p.m. at the Clarendon, during which repeat the thanks of the visitors to all kind friends of the art of change ringing in fair Edinburgh was proposed by Mr. Fussell and supported by Mr. H. Chapman. The only difficulty in this task was to remember whether the respective clergyman were Ministers, Rectors, Vicars or Provosts. There is, at present, no ringing association or Guild in Scotland, and this meant considerable personal correspondence with everyone concerned. Elsewhere in the British Isles some hard-working branch or general Guild secretary fixes one up in quick time with few letters. We did not close the supper with 'Auld Lang Syne,' but everyone felt it in the air as they were saying 'Good-night,' for we were off to Bonnie Dundee early next morning.

'And, surely, ye'll be your pint stoup,
And, surely, I'll be mine!
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.'

Breakfast at six on Tuesday, and Princes Street at 7 a.m. for the Midland train via Larbert to Alloa Church, where we were 'off' into changes before 8.30. Here our peal formed a fitting farewell to the Rev. A. J. Wheatley (Vicar), who was leaving for Broughton Ferry. The superintendent of police met us as we descended from the tower, and offered congratulations. He had had people come to him to stop the bells, who did not know we had travelled some 400 miles to ring them. Mr. Brenner, away at work, left all in order for us, and the Church Council had approved and made our visit known. Hence we were not lodged in the local gaol. It was fortunate our start was so early—a funeral at 12 and a wedding at 2 o'clock had to be fitted in, for such is life! These bells are a nice, handy ring of eight (tenor 13½ cwt.) by Taylor, 1925, and go like tops. We all felt 'Younger' when the bells came into rounds, but there was no time to 'taste it.' While alluding to the brewing industry, let me give you a copy of the lettering on a stone tablet near the belfry door:—

'The old six bells were the gift of many friends, 1871, and in 1925 they were recast and rehung at the instance of the congregation. At this time the trebles were added by Viscount Younger, of Leckie.'

Some of my readers may have read the recent correspondence in the daily Press relating to a mural painting placed in St. Stephen's Hall, Westminster, presented by Viscount Younger. It portrays an historical fact concerning the Union of England and Scotland in the year 1707, just two hundred and twenty years ago. Here I should like briefly to refer to a matter of sanitation and decency. This was the fourth church whereat we found a well-fitted lavatory at the foot of the tower, properly constructed within the church for the convenience of church folk.

We hastened to the station, and the further journey by the L.N. and E. Railway meant two changes at junctions, and no set meal, but we duly landed in Dundee at 2.55.

'Come, fill up my cup, fill up my can;
Come, saddle my horses, and call out my men;
Unhook the Westport, and let us gae free,
For it's up wi' the bonnets o' Bonnie Dundee.'

The City Hotel, near the old steeple, housed us for two days' stay in this bonnie city, beloved by Winston Churchill, and though it was 4 p.m. before we could break our fast, right well was it broken, with real Scotch beefsteak and oatmeal biscuits, before going to the tower at five o'clock. For the first time in my experience it was necessary to ask a City Corporation for the use of the bells, and in this instance permission was readily given by the town clerk, Mr. W. H. Blythe Martin. Dundee's old steeple—the only part of a 14th century church left standing after a devastating fire—is dedicated to St. Mary. It has ever since been in the custody of the Corporation. Adjoining the tower stands a block of ecclesiastical buildings, constituting three separate churches dedicated to St. Mary, St. Clement and St. David, with separate services at each, although only the parting walls divide them.

This one ring of bells answers for all purposes, civil and religious. The campanile resembles many of those to be seen in the old English borough towns. It stands on rising ground in the centre of the city, and from it a good view of the town and neighbourhood, the estuary of the Tay and its long bridge of engineering fame and disaster may be had. The head ringer at Dundee is Mr. Strachan. He and his team are appointed paid officials, and everything was done by them to ensure our success. As a society, they were formed in September, 1874, and possess a large set of handbells, with table for time playing, stored in the belfry, where they practise. Photographs of the members taken in 1880, 1897 and 1920 are hung on the walls, with a war roll of honour containing the names of 11 members who served King and country. There is also a list of the subscribers to the new bell frame, peal of bells and chimes of 1872.

On a brass plate is recorded a peal by members of the St. Mary's Society, Edinburgh, conducted by W. H. Barber, being the first peal of Stedman in Scotland, and the farthest North of England until our arrival. My old friend, the late Matt Wood, called his first peal on the bells in 1873, at the opening ceremony. It was also the first peal in Scotland. Looking at the peal tablet reminded me of him, and the time—some 12 years after he called it—when he described to me in his sanctum at Bethnal Green the eventful journey he and his band made up to Dundee. We added one more leaf to the wreath of 'laurels' which this fine old belfry is making, and the beds at the City Hotel (all doubles) were very welcome to the band of tired but well satisfied churchmen. Licensing laws in Scotland were strange to us—total closing on Sundays and daily at 9 p.m., and we were for two days North of the Tweed without tasting the malt. To this I may add that seven of our ten men were non-smokers, and perhaps this kind of 'half training' had something to do with the absence of a breakdown.

Dundee claims the tallest police constable in Britain. He stands 6ft. 9in. in his socks. When we saw him on point duty signalling with his 'long arm of the law,' the passing motor-cars appeared to glide under them. To the top of his helmet was 7ft. 5½in. high, and it was a new suggestion for Scott's poem:—

'Up, up with the helmets of Bonnie Dundee.'

The eve of the eclipse of the sun led us to consider early rising to see it, but the weather not being too promising only one of our men ventured to climb Law Hill, a 400ft. elevation, a mile or two out of the city, where several thousand people assembled to see but little of the event. Our shepherd went, and it is doubtful if he rounded up so large a Highland flock. So far North we found the daylight longer—artificial light was not needed to go to bed at 11 o'clock or later, and as I lay in bed the face of the old steeple clock could be easily read in the distance. The last thing I remember of my first day in Dundee was the booming of the tenor bell at the hour. The tenor weighs 20 cwt., and was cast by Mears at Whitechapel in 1819.

The weather cleared at breakfast time on Wednesday, and each went his own way. The faithful 'couple' crossed the Tay by ferry boat, discovering a new make of 'timepiece' at Newport. Others went to the city museum and the library, discovering three volumes on church bells, one of which described and illustrated the famous handbell named the Gwilt of 14th century Scotch handiwork. Being early-closing day, our peal was timed for 2.30 p.m. Messrs. Young and Stenhouse met us at St. Paul's Cathedral, and assisted in the preparations for the Stedman accomplished here. The Very Rev. Provost Alex. C. Dow, M.A., expressed his regret that he would not be at home to welcome us. I was interested in reading his article in the Scottish Episcopal Church magazine for June, suggesting the use of the English Hymnal at this cathedral.

'The bells they ring backward, the drums they are beat,
But the Provost—dunce man—said, "Just e'en let it be,
For the town is well rid o' that de'il o' Dundee."

Scott.

The climb up the stone spiral staircase meant 97 steps, similar to Ludlow or Edinburgh Cathedral. No one 'ran' up, especially one 'chap' who is a heavy 'man.' The belfry is comfortable, with good windows and ventilation, but the ropes are not true, the tenor rope falling nearly in the centre of a circle made by the other seven, hence Major was out of the question without acquaintance with the 'go' of the tenors. Total weight of the peal, cast in Whitechapel in 1871, is 93 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Geographically, I believe this tower is about 400 yards nearer the North Pole than the old steeple, and it was an unusual favour to be allowed a peal attempt here. This was the fourth cathedral at which

The authorities had graciously said 'Yes' to our application. Smiling faces gathered round the festive board, and the party only broke up at 11 o'clock for bed, after instructions for the morrow had been issued by the 'captain.'

Delay in the arrangements to visit Paisley, owing to the 7th bell being out of order and our only refusal, Glasgow Cathedral, led to an application for the bells of Inverness Cathedral. Permission was very kindly given to us by the Very Rev. Provost Mackenzie, who, in his letter, mentioned that he used to ring once but was rather out of practice now. St. Andrew's, Inverness, bells were rehung by Warner and Son in 1914. In 1877, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung upon them, conducted by H. Haley, the only one, and the first of Major in Scotland. Some of our members would have liked to stretch their ringing records from Land's End to John o' Groats at this opportunity, but Paisley and Carlisle won the vote, and home-ward was the order. We heard that good progress is being made with the new tower building at Inverary. It is now up to the bell-frame floor level, but the beautiful peal of 10 bells, cast by Taylor, are temporarily housed in a small building near the church. Future tourists through the Caledonian Canal will be able to get a touch on tower bells at either end.

Leaving Dundee at 8 a.m., via Perth, we duly made Glasgow, and alighted at Buchanan Street. Our further journey to Paisley was made by tram car, some seven miles, for 3d., and we were put down at the wrong church, a beautiful building presented as a memorial by the family of Coats. At present it is without a peal of bells. Our tram tickets were examined four times on the way, and we were notified where to change for Killiecrankie. However, no one heeded it, and I could have told the conductor that most members of our fascinating art are already 'crankie' enough. Traversing three sides of a half-mile rectangle of busy streets, we arrived at the United Free Church of St. James half hour behind time. The minister, the Rev. L. A. Sutherland, Mr. A. E. Wrecks (formerly of Manchester), and the captain of the local ringers, Mr. A. Rodger, met us at the church gate with greetings all round, and here the Major was duly brought round. The bells are a musical octave by Taylor and Sons (1911), tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb., in E flat. The work of repair on the 7th bearings had only been completed two days before our arrival. This ringing chamber may be termed a 'tip-top' place. Everything is spotlessly clean and well fitted up for the ringers' convenience—floor covering and mats for the ropes, good windows and ventilation, seats, pegs, and lavatory basin, cupboards and a set of handbells. I can honestly recommend it to the favourable notice of the archdeacons of more than one diocese between Newcastle and Castle Cary. We learnt that the local society of ringers were shortly taking their annual day's outing, and were visiting the Trossachs and Loch Lomond without any bell ringing. Rather like going to a dance without the fiddler. We saw the important Glasgow works where Mr. E. H. Lewis consummates the science of strains and stressess. Hurrying back to Buchanan Street Station, the 3.50 express, Glasgow to Carlisle, was boarded, and we were glad to get tea on board, where the ticket examiner shared a personal regard for our 'Bob.' Whether the Midland official knew it was Mr. Pye's birthday or not, I could not say, but he did not have the opportunity of toasting Bob's health. We had the pleasure of toasting success to the Midland Railway at George's expense later in the day at the Carlisle Arms. The journey out of Scotland passed off very well. Five staid bachelors heaved a sigh of relief on passing the scene of so many hasty marriages—Gretna Green—where the old village harmonious blacksmith, who tied the 'knot,' rang his anvil for the church bells and never cared a 'rap' about Simpson harmonics.

In one of the old thoroughfares of the City of Carlisle, called Botchergate, accommodation for just our party and no more was found at Ridley's Hotel, and the first thing we did was to sit down to a right good supper—eight till eight is a long interval with only scraps to eat, catch as catch can. This was a farewell 'set-to' for Mr. Williams, who was leaving us at midnight with the voice of 'Master' calling him home. The cathedral bells had been kindly placed at our disposal by the Dean, the Very Rev. H. V. Stuart, which time and train did not permit us to accept for Thursday, unfortunately, but our regret was toned down by looking over the cathedral and the ancient castle, with some of the principal streets of the city. Before going to bed, the past six days were gone over again in our conversation—the peals, the mileage and the hearty reception given to us everywhere by 'the lads we left behind' us. We packed Mr. Williams off with his little handbag bulging with a copy of the Midland Railway time-tables. How he squeezed in his seven peals as well is still somewhat a mystery at three score years and ten.

PANGBOURNE BELLS

The six bells at Pangbourne (tenor about 10 cwt.) have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and go excellently. On Saturday, June 25th, ringers from Mortimer, Englefield, Goring and Harwell visited the village, at the invitation of Mr. J. Smith (Pangbourne), and rang 720 Oxford Bob Minor: W. Ford 1, J. Bower 2, J. Abery 3, G. Parsons 4, J. Smith 5, G. Abery (conductor) 6. Also 360 Bob Minor and 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in which R. G. Rice, E. Holloway and A. H. Clayton took part; also first 720 on bells since rehanging.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

In the annual report of the district secretary (Mr. F. S. W. Butler) it is stated that the Northern Branch had made satisfactory progress during the past year. The success of the newly-formed district at Sleaford is very gratifying, and gives promise of good results in this part of the branch for the future. After a reference to the various meetings held during the year, the report proceeds: The number of peals rung in the branch during the past year was nineteen: Doubles (on handbells) in three methods, 1; Minor, 4 (one method 2, three methods 2); Grandsire Triples, 3; Stedman Triples, 3; Bob Major (1 on handbells), 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2; Grandsire Caters, 1; Superlative Surprise Royal, 1; total, 19. Included in this list seven members have rung their first peal, and five their first peal on handbells, thus showing that double-handed ringing is on the increase in the branch. The nineteen peals have been distributed amongst the districts as follows: Sleaford 7, Lincoln 6, and Grimsby 6. I regret to say that no peals have been rung by resident members of the Gainsborough district since the year 1924.

In the month of November a form was sent to each of the towers connected with the branch asking for details respecting 'Particulars of rings of bells, methods and ringing.' With the exception of a few instances these forms have been returned. By the information received, it is gratifying and most encouraging to learn that good progress is being made, especially in some of the six-bell towers, where advanced methods are being rung.

During the year the four bells at Stallingborough Church have been quarter-turned, hung in a new steel frame with ball bearings and new fittings, also room left for two additional bells at some future date.

By a call to higher service, four members have been taken from us within the past twelve months: Mr. J. T. Holmes (who for a considerable number of years was a most active member of the Heckington company); Mr. T. Mann, Burton-on-Stather; Mr. G. W. Collins, St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln; and Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, a member of the Cathedral company. He was a man of cheerful disposition, a good ringer, deeply respected by all who knew him, also a staunch and loyal member of the Guild.

Several new members were elected during the year, and the number on the register is 354 (44 honorary and 310 performing), as compared with 340 (33 honorary and 307 performing) at the end of 1925. The number of members in each district is as follows: Gainsborough, honorary 25, performing; Grimsby, 13, 96; Lincoln, 5, 113; Sleaford, 1, 39; total, 44, 310.

The Committee desire to express their sympathy with the ringers of the Cathedral and St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, who have not a ring of eight available in the city, but desire to express the pleasure it gives them to know that instructions have been given for the completion and hanging of the ring of twelve at the Cathedral, and also to know that they will be available for ringing at the great thanksgiving service, which is to be held to celebrate the completion of the restoration, to which all are looking forward.

RHYMES FROM 'STANDARD METHODS.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—With further reference to the first peal on Willoughby Waterleys bells, and the comments on same you kindly published in your issue of July 1st, it might be added that the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Ingham, M.A.), late Precentor of Liverpool Cathedral, was given 'Standard Methods' to digest during our ringing. Although not a change ringer, the following lines go to show his quick grasp of our 'ringing phrases and terms,' and I think will prove interesting to your readers.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS,

Gen. Hon. Sec., M.C.A.

TREBLE TO TENOR A 'SNAPPING.'

'Up' and 'down,' and 'in' and 'out,'
Do not 'course' if you have got;
'Hunting,' 'leading,' 'changes,' 'strokes,'
Do not think that these are jokes.
'Dodge the middle,' 'behind,' 'before,'
Be a 'Bob,' but not a bore.
Don't go 'wrong,' but get 'right' 'home,'
Else climb down from up the dome.
'Maximus' is just a twelve,
'Tuffings' not the only helve.
'Minors,' 'Triples,' 'Majors' call
Men of muscle, short or tall.
'Caters,' 'Royal,' 'Cinques' there are,
'Singles,' 'Doubles,' don't debar;
Then you'll flourish 'touch' or 'peal,'
Show your nous and prove your zeal.

E. A. INGHAM,

Rector.

Willoughby Waterleys, Leicestershire,
July 5th, 1927.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FRITH, KENT.—On Sunday, July 17th, for evening service at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: F. Simms 1, S. A. Stagg 2, F. J. Cullum, sen., 3, E. J. Hott 4, R. A. Cullum 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Darke 8.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—At the Priory Church, for evensong, on July 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: A. E. Sharman (conductor) 1, G. H. Sentance 2, G. W. Harris 3, Jesse Pulpett 4, C. E. King 5, G. Heley 6, A. G. Matthews 7, C. Matthews 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 4th, who hails from Tring.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On Sunday, July 17th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 26 mins.: A. Winn 1, J. Cannings 2, S. Sheppard 3, C. Ainley 4, J. E. Cawser (conductor) 5, A. Hill 6. First 720 in a Surprise method by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church for morning service on Sunday, July 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: G. Jordan 1, H. Watts 2, T. Jordan 3, W. T. Prior 4, A. Jordan 5, T. J. Watts 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, J. Prior 8.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, July 17th, for morning service, A. J. Pitman's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. C. Dean 1, F. Hopper 2, W. H. Austin 3, W. R. Parker 4, A. Robinson 5, J. W. Sharpe 6, W. J. Dove (conductor) 7, T. Denny 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, July 17th, at the Church of Immanuel for evensong, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. W. Chapman 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, C. W. Roberts 4, G. H. Cross (conductor) 5, R. Bullen 6, J. L. Watkins 7, J. Bennett 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: O. Payne 1, W. Mills 2, E. J. Ladd 3, N. E. Hope 4, W. Willie 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

ASH (NEXT SANDWICH).—For morning service on Sunday, July 17th, 1,344 Bob Major: H. Baker 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, J. Sharp 3, Harrison Smith 4, L. J. Honess 5, F. Slingsby 6, F. A. Fairbeard 7, T. E. Sone (composer and conductor) 8.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, July 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: G. Olliver 1, K. Snelling 2, R. V. Johnson 3, C. H. Surridge 4, C. Nice 5, N. Elliott 6, O. Sippetts (conductor) 7, J. Morley 8. Rung by the local band.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday, July 17th, at the Parish Church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Royal (1,296 changes) in 54 mins.: G. Oakes 1, J. W. J. Cottam 2, A. Firth 3, C. Poulteney 4, A. Stamp 5, J. Brothwell 6, G. Tukey 7, C. E. Wright 8, S. Briggs 9, C. Ryder (conductor) 10. All above are service ringers.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service on Sunday, July 17th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): A. Newman (first quarter-peal of Bob Major) 1, J. Faithfull 2, H. Payne 3, W. Madgwick 4, F. Mursell 5, H. Reeves 6, R. Brown 7, F. Cole (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8. Arranged for F. Cole.

SWANSEA.—On Sunday, July 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with bells half-muffled: Cliff Francis 1, G. N. Williams 2, J. T. Williams (conductor) 3, L. Pelzer 4, Geo. Lewis 5, D. G. Williams 6. Rung on Sunday following the burial of Sir J. T. D. Llewellyn, Bart., of Penllergare, who was a benefactor of this parish.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, July 10th, a quarter-peal (1,243 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major: E. H. Spice 1, S. B. Dobbie 2, E. J. Dobbie 3, G. Gilbert 4, T. Jull 5, S. Taylor 6, W. J. Walker 7, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 8.

MAIDENHEAD.—On Sunday, July 10th, for evensong at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: E. Hobbs 1, W. Walker 2, G. Martin (conductor) 3, W. E. Taylor 4, J. Eldridge 5, E. Eldridge 6, T. Goodchild 7, H. Jones 8.

NOTICES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—The next meeting will be held at Ruskington on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service and tea by kind invitation of the Vicar. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by July 27th.—Reginald Scott, Westlea, Sleaford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwell, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (✓) available at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. provided by the Vicar, Rev. J. C. O. Orr, for those who notify me by Tuesday, August 2nd. Business meeting after tea.—B. J. Snow, Dist. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel St., Ryde, I.W.

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 19th, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Moon 1, L. Warner 2, R. O. Sharpe 3, W. H. Paget 4, S. Forwood 5, F. Hunt (conductor) 6. Arranged for Mr. Hunt, of Luton.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Parish Church, on Trinity Sunday, for matins, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): S. Moody 1, W. Johnson 2, W. Scott 3, W. Scott, jun., 4, A. Callaway 5, J. Leal 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, W. H. G. Scott 8, 6 and 8 covering.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Scott 3, W. Scott, jun., 4, A. Callaway 5, S. Moody 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, W. H. G. Scott 8. A birthday compliment to A. Callaway.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Trinity Sunday, for sung mass, 928 Kent Treble Bob Major in 34 mins.: G. Copley 1, A. G. Wood 2, H. Taylor 3, P. Massam 4, T. W. Strangeways (conductor) 5, A. Wormald 6, H. L. Jones 7, G. W. Steel 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Copley 1, A. G. Wood 2, H. Taylor 3, E. Ward 4, P. Massam 5, A. Wormald 6, H. L. Jones 7, T. W. Strangeways (conductor) 8.

DEPTFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, June 5th, after the morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Davis (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, Miss J. Colegate (first quarter-peal) 2, A. J. Ford 3, G. W. Harris 4, G. H. Daynes 5, W. Merritt 6, C. Elliott 7, J. Harding (first quarter-peal), aged 17, 8.—On Saturday, April 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Marsh (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Merritt 2, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 3, J. Hurrell 4, A. J. Ford 5, W. H. Daynes 6, C. Elliott 7, C. Davis 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH.—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, 1,200 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Ward 1, E. Skelton (first quarter-peal) 2, C. Newman 3, N. Thomas 4, A. Perkins 5, A. Bigley (longest length as conductor) 6, H. Chambers 7, W. Perkins 8.

WOOLTON HALL, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, after evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise: S. Bevan 1, N. Scott 2, R. Rex 3, F. Knapp 4, J. Scott 5, H. Balsam (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On Whit Sunday, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. A. C. Moule 1, J. Harper 2, E. Haynes (longest length inside) 3, K. Williers 4, A. Wilson (conductor) 5.

HOUNSLOW.—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10 callings) in 42 mins.: H. Gash 1, C. J. Tricker, jun., 2, J. Kent 3, W. E. Ellingham 4, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 5, C. Gash 6. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Whit Sunday for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, 1,376 Bob Major: *Miss G. Norris 1, H. Markwell 2, *C. Collinson 3, W. Collinson 4, F. Ballard 5, D. Findlay 6, W. Latter 7, A. Rickardson (composer and conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Whit Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 44 mins.: A. Greenfield (conductor) 1, A. Rowley 2, R. Round 3, R. Hall 4, W. Prestidge 5, J. T. Greenfield 6, H. Hubble 7, A. Prestidge 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, May 29th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Rowlinson 1, Miss K. A. Jutson 2, Miss A. M. Dale 3, E. Wakeling 4, W. H. Waldron 5, J. J. Jutson (conductor) 6. First 720 of Cambridge by a local band.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.—On Sunday, May 22nd, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob (1,280 changes) in 59 mins.: H. Nelson 1, E. Lawson 2, Adam Blogg 3, E. B. Coxhead 4, F. G. Bradley 5, A. Hartley 6, H. Lucas (conductor) 7, Alfred Blogg 8.

LENSLADE.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for evening service, at Church of St. Barnabas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original): T. Dixon 1, Miss Phyllis Moss (conductor) 2, C. C. Mayne 3, F. Buttrum 4, W. J. Jeffs 5, F. Dedman 6, F. Vickers 7, W. Gates 8. Arranged for Miss Moss and C. Mayne, who were visiting the district.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: F. Meadows 1, A. Greenfield (conductor) 2, A. Prestidge 3, J. Round 4, W. Prestidge 5, J. T. Greenfield 6, H. Hubble 7, H. Smith 8.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, May 1st, for evensong, and a birthday compliment to E. Brett, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, A. Brading 2, A. Long (first quarter-peal) 3, W. Chambers 4, C. Taylor 5, P. Reynolds 6, A. R. Ward (conductor) 7, E. Brett 8.

YATELEY, HANTS.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service at St. Peter's, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Whittle 1, A. Hearmon, sen., 2, G. Bunch 3, C. Bunch 4, A. Goodall 5, G. Butler (conductor) 6, S. Riddell 7, A. Hearmon, jun., 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins., for morning service: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, R. Martin 3, H. T. Hughes 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung as a compliment to R. Kynaston on attaining his majority.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Sunday, April 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Plain Bob Minor: A. Slade 1, W. R. Parker 2, E. Sibley 3, W. H. Austin 4, J. C. Dean 5, W. J. Dove (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, 1927.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 23rd (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher, the Rev. W. W. Longford, D.D. (Rector of Caversham). Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Carfax Assembly Rooms. Tickets 2/- to members, 2/6 on day of festival, 3/- each to non-members.—Richard T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. F. Campbell Ward. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Campbell Ward, after service, followed by business meeting. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. — F. Farrant, Sec., North Street, Martock.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Andover, on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. — Rev. Evan Jones, Hon. Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Isleham on Saturday, July 23rd. Fordham available 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bridgend (cannot be held at Aberdare as proposed), on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch at Publow on the 23rd inst. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea by arrangement on the day. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A Central Divisional meeting will be held at Bolney (Haywards Heath Station) on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, at Eight Bells Inn, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). —A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 3 to 8 p.m. Members please make own tea arrangements. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting at Great Wymondley on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3. St. Ippolyt's bells also available. Tea 5.30, 'Green Man,' Great Wymondley. Business meeting after. A good attendance requested. All ringers and friends welcome. — Geo. T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer meeting will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, July 23rd. The bells of the three churches are available. Tea at a moderate charge at 5 o'clock in the Ritson Hall, Low Row, close to St. Michael's Church. Please meet at St. Ignatius' Church (Talham Street tram from station) at 2.30, where bands will be made up. Those coming to tea please notify Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard's Street, Sunderland.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on July 23rd. Service 3 p.m. Preacher: Canon Dweley, of Liverpool. Tea 4 p.m., 2s. Meeting afterwards. — Edward W. Elwell, Hon. Sec., Capenhurst, Cheshire.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Holbeach (8 bells) on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight and Portsmouth Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at All Saints', Ryde, I.W., on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the Welby Institute. All ringers cordially invited.—B. J. Snow, 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.; F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Police Bowling Green, August 13th. Usual arrangements. Please forward names.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wem on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Tea at Kynaston's Café (1s. each) at 5 o'clock. Business meeting in Church Hall after tea. — Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Coleorton, near Ashby, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.30, and tea in Schools at 5 o'clock. The Hall grounds adjoining the church will be open to visitors from 3 o'clock, by permission of Sir George Beaumont. A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends welcome. Tea, 1/- per head.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Thurlaston on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 4 to 6.30. All ringers welcome.—W. Cape, Smockington, Hinckley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service and tea by kind invitation of the Vicar at 4.30 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Alvaston, Derby, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcomed.—Chas. Draper, Town Street, Duffield, Derby.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Edgbaston on Saturday, July 30th. Bells, a new ring of 8 by Taylor, available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged for those who advise me not later than the 26th inst., of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, July 30th, when the new Vicar will be pleased to welcome all members and friends. Tea will be arranged as usual. Ask for cheap tickets to Osterly Park, Hounslow East or Central.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Oake Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Giles (6 bells) on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Short service 5.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for officers for next two years. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT. — **GALA DAY**, and Sports, Dancing, etc., in aid of Sutton-on-Trent Church Bells Restoration Fund. The new bells of Sutton-on-Trent will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Bank Holiday Monday (August 1st). Visitors from everywhere welcome. Tea provided on ground from 3.30 p.m. in marquee. Plain tea: 1s., children 6d. Meat tea: 1s. 6d. and 1s. Admission to grounds: 6d. and 3d. Crow Park Station lies half-way between Newark and Retford. The L.N.E. Railway will issue cheap return tickets to Crow Park Station from Doncaster, Grantham, Sheffield and intermediate stations. Cheap motor buses from Retford and Newark. The express, due Crow Park Station 8.32 p.m., will stop specially for passengers to Retford, Sheffield and Doncaster. Roll up in hundreds!—H. Haigh, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Raithby, near Spilsby, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those who intend to be present kindly let me know by Tuesday, July 26th?—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Swaffham on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 1st. Bells (8) will be available. Luncheon will be arranged at the George Hotel at 1.30 p.m. for all those who send in their names to the general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 27th. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. Business meeting immediately after luncheon. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid in at this meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Southwold on August Bank Holiday. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Tea will be provided at 4.45 p.m. at 1s. each at Clarke's Tea Rooms, followed by short business meeting. All those intending to be present to tea must notify F. W. Naunton, Wrentham, Lowestoft, by Thursday, July 28th. All ringers welcome. — Rev. H. Drake, Gen. Sec., Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Felsted (8 bells), Saturday, Aug. 6th. Ringers' office 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in Parish Hall. Notice to be present for tea should be sent to Mr. W. T. Farrow, churchwarden, not later than Thursday, Aug. 4th.—C. H. Howard.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, Aug. 6th, at Old Glossop Church. Bells available from 3.30, and the meeting will be held at 7 o'clock prompt.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Will members please come forward with subscriptions. Expecting a good attendance of members.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—An outing to Norton by Gaulby will take place on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Unveiling peal board. Fare 5s. Meat tea 2s. Will members wishing to go please obtain tickets at once to enable arrangements to be made and seats booked? Further particulars later.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

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WENLTON, DURHAM.—On Wednesday, July 13th, at St. Paul's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Bennett 1, W. Bennett, jun., 2, J. Gray 3, E. Hern (conductor) 4, J. Scott 5, E. Gosden 6.—720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Bennett, jun., 1, E. Hern (conductor) 2, W. Bennett 3, J. Scott 4, J. Grant 5, E. Gosden 6.—Also 720 Double Oxford Minor: W. Bennett 1, J. Gray 2, E. Gosden 3, J. Smith 4, J. Scott 5, E. Hern (conductor) 6. Messrs. Scott, Gosden, Gray and Hern are from North Shields, the remainder being local men.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—On Thursday, June 23rd, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Steadman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. F. Cuslow 1, G. E. Padgett 2, G. Foster 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, J. F. Milner 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, W. D. Shorthose 8. Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' birthday.

EVERCREECH.—On June 12th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: F. D. Rickards (Shepton Mallet) 1, F. Reakes 2, W. Osmant 3, H. Sanger (first quarter as conductor) 4, E. T. Carter (Llandaff Cathedral) 5, R. Whitehead 6, P. Hill 7, A. White 8.

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We hope that, in addition to the formal record of the peal, which in itself was one of interest, opportunity will be found to express something of what the Exercise owes to the founder of the Central Council. Had he done nothing else, his investigations of Stedman would have earned for him a niche in the edifice of the science, for his long and painstaking researches and his contributions to this subject made him one of the leading authorities in this particular branch. But his work of exploration went far beyond this, and not the least of the services rendered by his pen was the volume which he published on 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging.'

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 6280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... 8
*GEORGE R. PYE... ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
*CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	*PERCY MAY... ... 10
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5	*WILLIAM PYE 11
*CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. J. HOLIFIELD Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCKE ... 2	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 6
*WILLIAM COLLETT ... 3	*JOHN NOBES ... 7
RICHARD CHAUNDY ... 4	GORDON CAUDWELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by G. CAUDWELL

* First peal in the method.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

RAYMOND OVERY ... Treble	FRED BOWDEN ... 5
*BARRY ELLIOTT... ... 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 6
JOHN P. McDERMOTT ... 3	JOHN A. COLE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 900th peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. M. La F. McAnally, who was inducted Rector earlier in the afternoon.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 19, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	GEORGE GREEN ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	*DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 6
ALFRED PRIOR ... 3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 4	WILLIAM J. LEGGETT ... Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*RICHARD WORTHY ... Treble	JOHN C. HALL ... 5
WILLIAM JONES... ... 2	THOMAS METCALFE ... 6
MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... 3	THOMAS LANCASTER ... 7
WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 4	*SAMUEL YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

* First peal and first attempt for a peal in any method. First peal in the method as conductor. This peal was rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Laura Lancaster, the band congratulating her afterwards. The band are all Sunday service ringers at the Parish Church.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	HARRY HARRIS 5
WILLIAM M. STONE 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
R. PHILPOTT, F.S.M.C., F.I.O. 4	GEORGE W. STEERE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a welcome to the Right Rev. John Harold Greig, D.D., first Bishop of the new diocese of Guildford, who was enthroned in the above cathedral church on Tuesday, July 12th.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

HARRY LONG Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 6
EDWIN C. BOWLEY 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
WILLIAM HODGETTS 4	CHARLES N. LEMAN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. E. Parsons, the new Vicar of Oxhey, who was inducted on the 17th inst.; also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, July 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	CHARLES COTTING 5
ALBERT HARRISON 2	WALTER BARRETT 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
* CHARLES SAVER 4	EDWIN GOATE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First in method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 6
* HARRY MORGAN 3	* WALTER MALINS 7
* JOSEPH A. FENTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

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

ORMESBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BROADLEY Treble	ROBERT LAUGHTON 5
WILLIAM L. NEWTON 2	JACK BRAY 6
* FREDERICK ROBSON 3	THOMAS LANCASTER 7
SIDNEY BREEZE 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in the method. The peal was arranged for the 6th ringer, who was on holiday in the Cleveland district, and hails from Scunthorpe, Lincs.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on Tuesday, June 14th, for the Dedication Festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Gray 1, R. Oliver (first quarter inside) 2, F. Dedman 3, F. Buttrum 4, W. J. Jeffs 5, T. Dixon 6, F. Vickers (conductor) 7, W. Jeffs, jun., 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 1st and 8th. All are Sunday service ringers at St. Barnabas'.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	HERBERT LANGDON 5
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL 6
CHARLES J. CHOORT 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7
ARTHUR MARTIN 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBINS Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	EDWARD J. CAWSE 6
HAROLD KENT 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
ARTHUR CRAVEN 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

This is the 100th peal J. Holman, of Sheffield, and J. Flint, of Boleover, have rung together.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
PERCY PARSLOW 2	GEOFFREY C. RICE 6
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3	MADRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN 4	* WILLIAM S. GILKS Tenor

Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging in ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN T. SCOTT Treble	JOHN A. COLE 5
WILLIAM T. BRESON 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

* HARRY C. HAYWARD Treble	† JOHN R. HUMPHREYS ... 5
ALFRED J. BULL 2	† ROBERT G. HOARE 6
HUGH R. THORPE 3	GEORGE F. HOAD 7
WALTER CLAYDON 4	* ARTHUR HAYWARD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Alan Redford, a ringer at the above church.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

*ERIC G. HOBBS Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 2	ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE ... 6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
JAMES MARR 4	†THOMAS J. FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

STONEHOUSE, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYR.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

P.S. GEORGE HASTINGS ... Treble	GEORGE ORCHARD 4
HARRY PHULPS 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
ARTHUR HARMER 3	THOMAS PRICE Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each 720 called differently.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	*WILLIAM HUYTON 4
JAMES MARSH 2	†JOSEPH RIDYARD 5
JACK GARDNER 3	†EDWARD BLUNDELL Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal inside. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal. Treble ringer from Blackburn, 2nd and 3rd from Aughton, 5th from Southport, 4th and tenor of the local band.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent and four of Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES R. BELTON ... Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON 4
CHARLES ROBT. CLIFFORD ... 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 5
*HARRY HILL 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal inside. This is the first peal on the bells since the restoration of the spire, and was specially arranged for the festival of St. Margaret.

HOSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and 22 Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.) in G.

*ALFRED MOULDS Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 3
*JOSEPH BROOKS 2	WILLIAM SHARPE 4
J. WILLIAM SMITH Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPE.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to tenor ringer. Specially arranged for Mr. E. Morris, of Leicester, to ring a peal at this church. He was elected a member of the above society before starting.

CAMPTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 240's, arranged by A. J. Pitman, and twenty six-scores of Grandsire and ten of Bob Doubles. Tenor 7 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	LEONARD WILLIAMS 3
ALFRED PRATT 2	*GEORGE R. DILLY 4

*HERBERT SHERMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal of Doubles. The band wish to thank the Rector for his kind hospitality after the peal.

THORNDON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*CLAUDE ALDERTON ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 2	DEREK LOCKWOOD 5
DAVID WHITING 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

* First peal at first attempt; elected a member of the Guild in the tower previous to commencing peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Four Minutes.

AT 4, HILL'S VIEW.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

*WILLIAM A. TACK 1-2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5-6
FRANK E. HAYNES 3-4	STEPHEN H. WOOD 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

* First peal on handbells.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Bridgend on Saturday, and was well attended by members from both Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire. The bells, a lovely ring of eight, by Taylor, were made good use of, both before the service and after the tea and meeting.

Service took place at St. Iltyd's Church, Canon Phillips, the Vicar, officiating, his most fitting address being much enjoyed. Tea, which had been very kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, followed, and then the business meeting was held, over which the Vicar presided.

The report of the representatives to the Central Council was presented.

Instructors' reports showed that good progress is being made in change ringing at Penhow, where formerly call changes were rung.

It was decided to hold the next Glamorgan meeting at Penmark and the Monmouth meeting at Tredunnoch in lieu of Penhow.

The Hon. Secretary read the Vicar of Aberdare's letter explaining the reason why the meeting was held at Bridgend and not at Aberdare as proposed, and also explained why the proposed meeting to be held at Penhow was in abeyance, hence the reason for selecting Tredunnoch.

New members were elected from Penhow and Merthyr.

The Hon. Secretary next read the report in 'The Ringing World' of the tragic death of Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, and moved a vote of condolence with the widow and relatives, which was carried by the members standing for a few moments in silence.

A vote of thanks to Canon Phillips for his exceptional kindness and hospitality was passed, and the Canon, who replied, said what an immense pleasure it was to him.

The bells were then kept going until late, and terminated a most pleasant and successful meeting.

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LADIES' GUILD. NEW BRANCHES FORMED.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild, which was held at Northampton on Saturday, July 16th, resulted in the attendance of a large number of members and friends. Ringing commenced at St. Giles' Church, where the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, who, after welcoming the Guild to Northampton, gave a very helpful address on 'Reverence.' The lesson was read by Mr. F. Wilford, the Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

Tea was served at Adams' Cafe to a party numbering 63, the members of the Guild being the guests of the president, and, after the dismissal of the gentlemen with many thanks for their attendance, the business of the day was commenced.

In the unavoidable absence of the president, Miss Evelyn Steel, of Bedford, the chair was taken by Mrs. Thursfield, of Cranford.

The secretary's report was as follows:—

This is the fifteenth year of the Guild's existence, and there is not the slightest doubt that it is gradually progressing. Although members drop out in some districts, still new members are elected to fill the gaps. The district secretaries report that there is still room for improvement in the attendance at meetings, but on the whole these are fairly well supported. One new district has been formed—the Northern—under the secretaryship of Miss Molly Davenport. This promises to be very active, and the members are most keen. Another district in Lincolnshire is in course of formation, and we hope to hear by the next annual meeting that this is also flourishing. No peals have been accomplished, but there are rumours in various districts of forthcoming attempts, so perhaps next year's report will contain several successes. The first peal of Major for the Guild has still to be rung. The accomplishments of individual members are too numerous to mention, but the standard of ringing is much higher than it has ever been, and there would be no difficulty in raising a band of Guild members for London Surprise Major or Cambridge Royal, providing distance was no object.

A DONATION FROM AUSTRALIA.

As shown in the accounts, a donation of £1 has been received from Mr. Harry Henden, of Orange, New South Wales, Australia. Mr. Henden saw an account of the Guild's peal of Stedman Caters in the 'Overseas Daily Mail,' and immediately wrote a letter of congratulation to the band. He had seen no mention of ringing in any paper for years, and had quite lost touch with the art. The secretary wrote and thanked Mr. Henden for his letter, and gave him an account of the Guild. He then forwarded the donation with his best wishes. It may interest members to know that Mr. Henden was made a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1867. He has been away from England for about 43 years. There are still a good number of ladies who are not members of the Guild, and I would again urge members to do their utmost to rope them in. This is where individuals can do good work for the Guild. The thanks of the Guild are due to the district secretaries for their valuable work during the year. Also we must not forget the various county associations and brother ringers who assist us at our meetings. This help and interest is greatly appreciated.

The accounts were presented duly audited, and showed a surplus of £2 15s. 10d. on the year's working.

The officers were re-elected, and are as follows: President, Miss Evelyn Steel; hon. secretary and treasurer, Miss E. K. Parker.

It was decided to amend Rule 1 for districts, so that each district could have its own vice-president. A committee consisting of the general and district secretaries was appointed to revise the existing rules and report at the next annual meeting. The printing of reports was deferred for another year, so as to embody the revised rules.

Considerable discussion took place as to the next annual meeting, and it was decided that as two new districts had been formed in Lincolnshire and the North, and to further encourage the advancement of the Guild in this part of the country, the meeting should be held in this area.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicars of the three churches at which ringing took place, to Mr. Wilford for making arrangements, to Mrs. Thursfield for presiding at the meeting, and to Miss Steel for her kindness in providing tea. The general and district secretaries were also thanked for their work during the year.

Ringling afterwards took place at the churches of St. Edmund and Holy Sepulchre until 8.30, when the best of friends had to part. The London contingent proceeded by way of Blisworth, where an hour's wait was made less tedious by handbells. The ringers were rewarded with one penny from an onlooker, after being interrupted in a course of Stedman Cinques by an express. They now consider they have lost their amateur status.

WESTERN DISTRICT SUPPORTS NEW PROPOSALS.

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, July 16th. Owing to a local function taking place near the church at the time of meeting, no touches were rung until late in the afternoon, when good ringing was obtained, the methods being Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman.

A service was held at 4.30, and the Vicar, addressing the ringers, gave to the members of the Ladies' Guild a very hearty welcome. The able support from the organ happily enabled the singing to be more in the 'community' style than is sometimes possible on these occasions.

After tea, at which about 20 were present, the business meeting took place, Miss Smith, of Bristol, being in the chair.

The hon. secretary (Miss Williams) read the minutes of the last meeting, and was then unanimously re-elected as secretary for the coming year.

The place of the next quarterly meeting was discussed, and Corston and Wraxall proposed, Wraxall being finally chosen as a good centre for all ringers in a wide area.

Miss Williams also asked for the opinion of those present on a suggestion from headquarters that the president of the Ladies' Guild should remain in office for a longer period than one year—a time that was hardly more than sufficient for a thorough grasp of the duties of the position—and also that vice-presidents should be appointed in the different districts who could on occasion be called on to take the place of the president.

With these suggestions, the members present at the meeting agreed, and the hon. secretary was requested to forward to headquarters the expression of their opinion, even if the time for a formal vote on the subject was past.

Although, owing to the difficulty of reaching Burnham, the numbers present were not as large as on some previous occasions, the fine weather, the beautiful ring of eight bells, and the kindness and heartiness of the welcome given to the party, both in church and town, made the meeting a very enjoyable one.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ENJOYABLE VISIT TO OLVESTON.

The members of the Bristol Branch held a most enjoyable quarterly meeting at Olveston on Saturday last. The Bristol party journeyed by motor, and stopped on the way at Horfield for a ring on the five bells, also to do a little propaganda work, which it is hoped will have satisfactory results. Reaching Olveston in good time, the local enthusiasts were awaiting the arrival of the visitors, who included a well-known Bristol ringer who first saw the light at Olveston. It was a case of 'The return of the native.'

The bells (a fine-toned ring of eight) were raised in peal, and special practice was provided for the learners. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon W. H. Fisher), and tea followed in the workshop of Mr. R. A. Pitcher, the local hon. secretary, the building having been turned into an ideal dining room for the occasion. Thirty members were present. While tea was in progress, the chairman and his good lady, with the pride of the household, arrived, after attending the wedding of their son, and was given a hearty reception.

After tea, the Chairman, before commencing the business meeting, said they had no doubt read in 'The Ringing World' of the sudden death of Mr. Pryce Taylor, who was so well known to them all in Bristol, and who was with them on the occasion of their last annual dinner in January. He proposed that the secretary write a letter of condolence to the relatives expressing their deepest sympathy.—This was seconded by one of the oldest members, Mr. Wm. Knight, in a few well-chosen words, and was carried by all standing in silence.

By kind invitation of the Vicar, Almondsbury (already chosen) was fixed for the August meeting. Henbury was chosen for the September meeting. It was left in the hands of the secretary to arrange a bye-meeting at Warnley on September 10th.

Mrs. Conders was elected an associate member.

The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and organist, and to Mr. Pitcher for making such excellent arrangements for the tea and meeting, were carried by acclamation. The kindness of the Vicar, who had thrown open his gardens for the use of the members, was taken full advantage of, as also were the gardens of an old friend, Mr. George White. The kindness was especially appreciated by the ladies, who returned laden with all kinds of flowers. Excellent practice was continued on the tower bells till 9 p.m., the ringing ranging from call changes to Cambridge Major, a special touch in the latter method being rung as a wedding compliment to the son of the chairman. Altogether a very pleasant time was spent.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE RINGERS VISIT OXFORD.

Members of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association to the number of 42 were favoured with fine weather on July 2nd, when they united for an outing to Oxford. The vehicles started from Stonehouse with ringers from Frocester and Haresfield, proceeded to Stroud, where they picked up ringers from Bisley, Painswick and Stroud, and then went on to Minchinhampton, where the motors were filled up. A halt was made at Lechlade, where the party were met by the Vicar, the Rev. R. G. H. Bowrigg, who extended to them a hearty welcome. This peal of six was soon going to touches of Double and Minor. Faringdon was next visited, and here the peal of eight were rung to touches of Triples and Major. Arriving at Oxford, the party proceeded to St. Ebbe's, and then to Christ Church Cathedral. Several touches were rung on these bells, and several members ascended the tower to see Great Tom. After a tour round Oxford, a start was made for Witney, where touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round. The next and last stop was at Burford, where more ringing was done. The members wish to thank the various clergy for permission to ring, and the local men who met the visitors and gave a hearty welcome at all the towers.

BRAILES AND ITS TENOR.

A FAMOUS BELL AND ITS FOUNDER.

On Saturday, ye ninth daye of grace, ye Worthy Convener did sound 'ye boot and saddle' in ye parish of Exhall, and, when all were assembled with our worthy Vicar aboard to act as official Plimsol Mark, ye Convener did order ye Lodge to Brailes to test what he did call 'Men's Bells,' and the hapless writer of this screed can aver that ye Convener was not a thou' out. Brailes boasts a church and steeple that would put many a minster in the shade, and its splendid ring of six, with tenor by Blews, weighing 31 cwt. 22 lb., is worth a long journey to hear. As tenor of a ring of six, it is second in tone only to Queen Camel, and it is to be regretted that nothing much could be attempted on these bells as the young band, all learners, have only got a ring of 6½ cwt. They were, therefore, plucky to ring rounds on such metal, but all were agreed that the bells alone repaid the pilgrimage. Only one hour was spent at Brailes, and then on to Evesham. On climbing into his 'Panthard' the writer's 'beste of spouses' did ask him, 'Did you see those three dear little swallows in their nest in the church porch?' Ye writer said, 'Yes, and I'll show you one big one when I get to Evesham.' Truly a tribute of respect to the abilities of Brailes tenor. Tea was ordered at the Golden Heart at Evesham. Host Moreton has two golden hearts, one which warms when he sees a crowd of ringers arrive at the door of the other, and he certainly knows what ringers want and how to administer it unto them.

Just at this point ye writer showed ye beste of spouses that other swallow, and illustrated to her how true was the old saying that 'One swallow does not make a summer!' Enuf said. Our young swallows essayed to build their nests at the Evesham carapanele. They tried with Stedman Caters, but that did not seem to stick, so they tried with Plain Bob Royal, which laid a foundation to Treble Bob, just to oblige one of the 'young 'uns' who had once or twice heard about this interesting 'melange,' after which he propounded the problem, 'If you call, "Go, Kent," when the treble dodges 3-4 up, are you ringing Kent or Oxford until it dodges 3-4 down?' Q.E.D. What a swindle splicing is (otherwise than the main brace). At this point ye Grand Convener did adjure ye members to gather on ye Green and face ye G.P. Physog Desecrater to enable him to perpetrate yet one more for ye Blue Book, with our respected Plimsol Mark as Piceo de Resistance. Time did not permit of a call at Norton or Bidford, but at Stratford-on-Avon one hour was spent by a contented party, some of whom bought a new house, others had new clogs—very necessary, as ye writer well knows. He once wore a pair when walking from Warwick to Stratford one Sunday even, and nary a 'Coffee Pot' by the wayside, arriving in Stratford just as Boniface of ye Red Lion banged the door in his face. What a reminder of the Plimsol Laws to a whole summer full of swallows!

Ye tit-bit of the Stratford sojourn was supplied by ye Grand Prime Cake Incinerator, who boldly walked up to the door of the house where 'Stratford's Popularity' was born and enquired, 'Is Bill in?'

'Bill who?' demanded ye astonished custodian.

'Bill Shakespeare, of course,' quoth ye C.I.

'Im? Why, he's been dead centuries,' quoth ye Stratford worthy.

'Great Dimplin's! Don't time fly,' gasped ye Official of Cake Incinerating fame.

I have heard many and varied, and certainly garbled, accounts of Brailes bells, thanks be that I went and saw, and—no, ye beste of spouses did that. I live to fight that glorious fight another day—with Brailes tenor. Thanks be that I visited and learned that those who had told me their versions were of no value, because they had either never been or had not used their rations of grey matter.

Brailes bells are rung regularly by an enthusiastic Sunday band, who love their bells; their ropes are in fine condition, and their priceless treasures are pealable, but, as our convener said: They are men's bells; none but really practised heavy-bell ringers could inscribe in 'The Ringing World': 'First on these REAL bells.' In the writer's opinion, only one thing is needed to make change ringing go, and that is, three boxes for the back bells! Verb. sap.

History hath recorded the coming and deplored (or speeded) the passing of many notable sons of this ringing isle. Some have left glorious landmarks to act as memento moris of their progress down this vale of tears. Others left milestones in their tale of years; but I doubt if any one of Britain's ringing sons ever left such a glorious sample of his craft for 'those who ring to read,' as did that bouncing baby boy who called his first call on February 4th, 1824, at Loughborough. On coming to man's estate, he practised his craft as a bell moulder in a cherry orchard (perchance he learnt it there), for the princely sum of 18s. per week, but not waxing fat on such wealth he migrated to Brum and took service with the firm of Blews. His name was Steve Main, but his new employer, when in moments of choler, referred to him affectionately as 'that old bell-casting humbug.' How little he merited this appellation is shown by the milestones he left behind him in his tale of years, and I have no hesitation in referring Herr Blews in his moments of choler to the Nomenclature Committee for a reprimand. Steve used to wend his way to his daily toil, garbed in a long black undertaker's coat and a tall hat which Dame Rumour hath it was furnished with a rule pocket.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A REUNION AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

Oldham and Ashton-under-Lyne were visited by the Sheffield Cathedral company for their annual outing. Proceeding by train to Oldham, the visitors were met on arrival by members of the local company, headed by Mr. Vernon Sykes, and touches of Stedman Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and a course of London Surprise on the back eight were indulged in. This nice ring of twelve, erected in three tiers, caused a little embarrassment to the visitors owing to the long draught of rope to the higher bells, but, nevertheless, they earned the comment of having disported themselves very creditably.

After tea, which was taken in a nearby restaurant, the journey was resumed to Ashton-under-Lyne, where a most cordial welcome was extended by the local ringers, including Mr. Ben Thorp, and an old friend in Mr. Sam Wood, whom the visitors were pleased to find recovered from a serious illness. Touches in various methods from eight to twelve were fully enjoyed on this grand ring until late in the evening, when an adjournment was made for further refreshment, and a most pleasant and convivial hour was spent in a reunion with the ringers of the district, a special feature being the interchange of toasts from the loving cups of the hosts and visitors, which brought to the minds of the older members vivid recollections of their historical fame.

The journey home was made by train, after a very pleasant if somewhat damp day. Thanks are due to Mr. V. Sykes and Mr. Ben Thorp for their kindness in obtaining the use of the bells and for their efforts in making the visit a most enjoyable one.

LEISTON MEN'S LONG EXCURSION.

St. Margaret's Society, Leiston, held its annual outing on Saturday, July 9th. Leaving Leiston at 7.15, Sudbury, nearly fifty miles away, was reached in good time, where the party were met by Mr. A. Scott. The bells of St. Peter's Church, where the back four bells have recently been rehung, were soon going to Double Norwich, Bob Major, Rochester and Stedman Triples. A visit was then made to All Saints', where Stedman and Double Norwich were the order, but before the latter was completed the rope slipped the tenor wheel, and made the stay with this lovely peal, with a tenor 23 cwt., a brief one. The party then proceeded to Halstead, where the local hand had the bells ready, Double Norwich, Oxford and London Surprise being rung. At Earls Colne, where dinner had been prepared, the local men were ringing a welcome to the visitors, and on joining them in the tower, Double Norwich and Bob Major for the junior members, and Rochester, Bristol, Superlative and London Surprise were rung, some of the local men taking part. A move was then made to Colchester, where the visitors were met by Mr. W. Button, a former member of St. Margaret's Society. Cambridge, Double Norwich and Rochester were rung on this splendid peal, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. St. Leonard's, with its peal of six, on which Oxford and Stedman Double were rung, was visited, and then on to Ardleigh, which was reached at eight o'clock, and Double Norwich, Bob Major, Rochester, and Stedman Triples rung. Tracks were next made for Ipswich, where a quiet half-hour was spent, and home was reached at 11.30. The society wish to thank all incumbents for the use of the bells, and all brother ringers who helped to make this outing a great success.

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Good Master Bannister worked as a bell tuner at the same place and wore the same attire. And, indeed, such a coat exists to-day, and rambles, when of good cheer, in the purlieus of Turn-Again-Lane, and, good readers, be it known, it is stuffed full of Stedman Cinques, and I hear on good authority that it is threatening to look up 'the Original.' What? No, not the coat, the peal! What is a Similae? Why, an honest garb for an honest man! Would that more men qualified for such an honest garb.

But, forgive me, I ramble: as is my wont, even as Steve and his confreres will. Steve moulded and cast the trebles at Lichfield Cathedral; the fourth and fifth at the Bull Ring were recast by him; he cast Shoreditch tenor, and with the same sweeps he struck that wonderful bell, Brailes tenor. Steve worked for Taylors as a craftsman in 1845. What a memento mori, what a journey down this vale of tears! Loughborough in 1824, that cherry orchard in 1845, Brailes tenor in 1877. And now, life's journey o'er, has his spirit, armed with those beloved sweeps still in that master hand, wandered back to its Alma Mater to spend its eternity, imparting that well-known hum to the modern product of that famous orchard? Methinks it must have done, for that orchard is freehold, even as its cherries are free toned.

But I have rambled too far, through a county or two, through your patience and much history. Suffice it for me to say that my 'Panthard' dropped me, once again, in the parish of Exhall, where I found a good friend to all pilgrims ready to give me the chance to prove to ye beste of spouses, nigh on the witching hour, that, even as 'one swallow didn't make a summer,' neither did one libation make a decent swallow! At which she did reply, 'Swallows, like those possessed by the Grand Prime Cake Burner, Rope Smith, Clapper Turner, Physog Desecrater and G.P.P.S., are the only examples that exist of perpetual motion.'

UNCLE JUSTACUSS.

LONDONERS VISIT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The annual outing of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild, took place on Saturday, July 2nd, when a party of 18 visited Loughborough. On arriving at their destination, they were met by Mr. Horace Stubbs, one of Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s representatives, who conducted them over the Bell Foundry, where they had a good view of bells, in various stages of production, and rang on the Foundry peal. After much laughter, caused by the antics of the 'heavyweights' on the light bells, Stedman Caters and Stedman Triples were successfully brought round. The visitors then paid a visit to the Parish Church, where Stedman, Grandsire Caters and Bob Major were rung.

The next move was to Belgrave and Leicester. Going by bus, the party had a most enjoyable ride, much enlivened by community singing ably conducted by Mr. J. C. Truss. At Belgrave the visitors were met by Mr. W. J. Willson, who had kindly made all arrangements, and at St. Peter's Church Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Cambridge were rung. A tram ride then brought the company to St. Martin's Cathedral, where Mr. F. H. Dexter and others welcomed them. Here Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were successfully brought round. Then came a visit to the Co-operative Stores, where an excellent tea awaited the travellers. Soon afterwards, the return journey was made, and a splendid run to Marylebone was enlivened by change ringing and tunes on handbells. The Guild took this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Taylor and Co., Mr. Horace Stubbs and Mr. W. J. Willson for their kindness, also the Rectors for the use of the bells. The outing was voted the best that has been held by the Guild.

After an excellent lunch at the Great Central Hotel, cigars were handed round, through the kindness of the Rector of St. Andrew's, whose health was heartily drunk.

RINGERS UNITE.

On Saturday, July 16th, after a lapse of two years, ringers from Norton, Kingsley and Cheadle united for the usual excursion, three towers being visited. Leaving Cheadle about 12.40 p.m., the bus set its nose to the hills, and the way led past Denstone Church, where rests that once famous ringer, Sir A. P. Heywood. Ellastone was reached about 1.30, and here 1½ hours' good ringing was indulged in. Then on to Mayfield, where the party were welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. D. Tudsbury, who kindly explained the points of interest about the church, which was mainly Norman of A.D. 1160.

Here an hour's ringing sufficed for all to have a pull, then away to Ashbourne, where the party stopped for tea, after which the ringers sought out Bradbourne, five miles up the Bakewell Road, where the bells were raised and set going to Cambridge Surprise.

The ringing throughout had been of very good order, good 'striking' being maintained at all the towers, and the methods rung included London, Cambridge and York Surprise, and Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Passing Ashbourne Church on the way home brought to mind the story told in 'The Ringing World' of the band of Nottingham men who, after walking all the way, and ringing their peal, fought the local ringers in the churchyard. This was in 1831. Cheadle was reached, after a successful outing, at 10 p.m., but it was near the 'witching hour' before the Norton contingent could seek their beds.

GRIMSBY RINGERS' PLEASANT EXCURSION.

On Saturday last the ringers of St. Andrew's, Grimsby, with their wives, were guests for the day of Mr. and Mrs. J. Budd, and enjoyed a charabanc outing to the Dukeries. A start was made at 6.34 a.m. in beautiful sunshine, the party being supplied with button-holes of cornflowers grown in the suburbs by the 'old veteran.' Gainsborough was the first stop, where touches of Plain Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung at the Parish Church, where they were joined by an old friend in Mr. Butler. The next stop was Retford, where a touch of Grandsire Caters was successfully brought round. Here the veteran's home-made marlinespike, which someone said looked more like a 'disguised corkscrew,' came in useful. Then on to Worksop to the Priory Church, where touches of Kent and Plain Bob were rung. Here a 'unique historical' find was made, the redoubtable 'Arthur' being found reposing in an old stone coffin in the churchyard listening to the bells. Some interesting snaps were also taken here, and a stay made for luncheon. Then the party went on to Cresswell Parish Church, where they were delighted with the new peal of eight hung on ball bearings in an iron frame. Stedman, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob were rung. Then they journeyed to the Forest and rang a touch of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, under the famous 'Major Oak.' The next stop was at Lincoln, where tea was served, and after a look round the ancient city, they made for home, which was reached at 10.45 p.m., everyone tired but happy. The thanks of the party are due to Mr. and Mrs. Budd, the incumbents of the churches for the use of their bells, also the steeplekeepers and the worthy secretary. It is hoped that friends at Wasingborough will forgive them for not keeping their appointment, as they arrived in Lincoln town late in the evening.

CLEVEDON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on June 23rd, in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. by the following Portishead ringers: Miss B. Stadden 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Mrs. Edwards 3, Miss Stadden 4, Miss Orchard 5, Mr. Nisbet 6, Mr. Gillingham 7, Mr. Colbourn 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

What has developed into an annual tour in 'Somerset' will be undertaken again this year, although the ground to be covered will extend from Devon to Wiltshire. A programme covering fourteen towers, with Exeter Cathedral to lead off with on August 6th, has been arranged by Mr. J. T. Dyke, and it is hoped there will be some successful 'Pulling' during the week.

A team of change ringers is visiting the city of Dublin this week-end—from Friday to Tuesday—and one or two 12-bell peals are proposed to be attempted. We wish the Irish Association the best of luck.

We have been asked if it is true that the famous veteran 'Rugby George,' of Birmingham, has rung the two tenors to a peal on tower bells. We should not care to deny it, knowing the stamina of that young gentleman.

Ashton-under-Lyne Society's meeting, which was to have been held at Glossop on August 6th, has been transferred to Mossley, for the opening of the bells at St. George's Church.

On this day in the year 1785, William Shipway arrived in London. The Exercise probably owes a good deal to this event, for it was undoubtedly the greater experience in ringing which the wider field of the Metropolis gave him that enabled Shipway to take the place he did among the foremost pioneers of the art.

A party of ringers are visiting Quex Park this week-end, and it is interesting to recall that this ring of twelve bells was opened on August 4th, 1819, and that Shipway was one of the party that made the journey from London for this purpose.

A MEMORIAL TO SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A suggestion was made after the last meeting of the Central Council that a peal board should be put up in the belfry at Duffield to commemorate a peal of Stedman Caters rung in that tower in 1901, after the meeting of the Central Council at Derby. The peal was the last in which Sir Arthur Heywood took part, and it was also remarkable for the fact that six of the ringers were at the time presidents or Masters of their associations. It has been pointed out that there is no ringers' memorial to Sir Arthur Heywood, to whom the Exercise owed so much, and it is suggested that this peal board in his own tower, and telling of the last peal which he rang, would form a simple and suitable memorial. A number of subscriptions have already been given, but I think there may be some ringers who knew Sir Arthur and would like to subscribe, who were not present when it was mentioned in London. If so, will they send any contribution to Mr. H. W. Wilde, Belgrave, Pulford, near Wrexham, who himself took part in the peal; and who now has the matter in hand.—Yours, etc.,
H. J. ELSEE.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

Congratulations from a large circle of ringing friends will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. William D. Smith, of Eastbourne, and formerly of Hackney, who on Saturday, August 6th, will celebrate their golden wedding.

Until his retirement from the post of superintendent at the G.P.O., London, a few years ago, when he migrated to the South coast, Mr. W. D. Smith was closely and actively associated with the College Youths. He has held the office of Master three times. Mr. Smith has had a lifelong connection with ringing at the Church of St. John-at-Hackney, where his father, grandfather and great-grandfather before him were associated with the tower. He now devotes his ringing energies to the Sussex County Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith will spend their jubilee with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, at 32, Whitechapel Road, and Mr. Smith will be pleased to see any of his old friends at that address on August 6th or 8th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT COLEORTON.

A splendid attendance marked the first association meeting ever held at Coleorton, Leicestershire, when the Burton District of the M.C.A. met there on Saturday, July 23rd. Methods, chiefly Bob Minor, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Doubles and Triples, were rung during the afternoon and evening, and a short service was conducted by the Rev. H. E. Worthington, Rector of Seales. Twenty-six sat down for tea, after which the Rector, the Rev. J. N. Philpott, R.D., welcomed the association to Coleorton, and encouraged the local company to become members. Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore suitably replied on behalf of those present.

The local Secretary mentioned that the Rev. D. J. Davies, of Appleby Magna, had asked to have a district meeting at that six-bell tower, and Appleby was duly selected for the next meeting, to be held on September 3rd.

The Rev. H. E. Worthington concluded the meeting by referring to the loss sustained by the association and the ringing world in general by the sudden death of Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, a vice-president and Central Council representative for the M.C.A.

THE LATE MR. PRYCE TAYLOR. WIDESPREAD REGRET.

The news which 'The Ringing World' conveyed to the Exercise last Friday of the death of Mr. Pryce Taylor was received all over the country with the most profound regret.

At the annual festival of the Oxford Guild, at the Llandaff and Monmouth Association's quarterly meeting at Bridgend, at the Gloucester and Bristol Association's meeting at Olveston and at other ringing gatherings, votes of sympathy and condolence with the widow and relatives were passed.



THE LATE MR. PRYCE TAYLOR.

The remains of the deceased gentleman were brought to England by the liner 'Berengaria,' and were landed at Southampton, the young widow being among the passengers.

The funeral service was fixed for last Wednesday afternoon at All Saints' Church, Loughborough, and the interment in Loughborough Cemetery.

Mr. Pryce Taylor did not begin his peal ringing career until the year 1921, when he opened his list with Cambridge Surprise Major, and, although business and other claims did not permit him to take part in a great many peals, the total of 46 included Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus. The details of his peals are as follow:

Minor (three methods)	1
Stedman Triples	6
Stedman Caters	6
Stedman Cinques	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	3
Superlative Surprise Major	8
Cambridge Surprise Major	11
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1
Total	46

To the Editor.

Sir,—I should be very grateful if all those towers who ring either muffled peals or touches (especially the M.C.A.) in memory of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, will kindly send full details to me for recording purposes.

ERNEST MORRIS,

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

Gen. Sec., M.C.A.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

A meeting was held at Ilminster, on Saturday last, when a service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Vicar (the Rev. J. N. Boughton). Nearly 30 sat down to tea in St. Mary's Hall. There were several lady ringers present, and the towers represented were Ilminster, Langport, Yeovil, Curry Rivel, Martock, Kingsbury Episcopi and Buckhorn Weston. Six ringers from Kingsbury were elected members, and it was decided to hold the next meeting there.

Mr. D. G. Taylor gave an interesting account of the discussion which took place at the annual meeting of the association, recently held at Wells, with regard to the insurance of ringers.

The secretary (Mr. F. Parvart) was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, in their loss caused by the lamented death of Mr. Pryce Taylor.

The thanks of the meeting were expressed by the secretary to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his excellent address, to Mr. G. Fowler Sharpe, organist, and to the ladies who had provided tea.

The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

THE NOMENCLATURE CONFUSION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—My letter was not, as Mr. Hunt suggests, written on behalf of the committee, but gave my own personal opinions.

Mr. Hunt seems to be under the impression that the minutes record that at Ipswich Mr. Burton moved the whole 13 resolutions 'en bloc.' Reference to your columns for April 15th last does not bear this out, and, in fact, he did nothing of the sort. He moved the report as printed in 'The Ringing World' for April 2nd, 1926. This begins by explaining why the committee had altered the form of their report into resolutions instead of statements, and the explanation ended with these words: 'The resolutions, on the other hand, as now proposed, and as given below, enable the subject to be more easily dealt with piecemeal, and, what is also of consequence, to be more readily assimilated by the associations.'

Now, Mr. Hunt cannot expect us to believe that he is not intelligent enough to understand that 'to be dealt with piecemeal' is the exact opposite to taking them 'all at once,' as he puts it.

So far, I have only quoted the official records to which he refers us. But the report of the meeting shows that Mr. Burton was prepared with some amendments to move when we got to them: while I made a point of having been entrusted with others, when the time should come. How could we speak like that, if the time had already come, and all the resolutions were being moved together?

Moreover, why does he go back to Ipswich? At the Mansion House I asked the chairman to put each resolution separately to the vote without debate, and he got up to do so, when the opposition, who were so anxious that the opinion of the Council should not be taken, carried another wrecking motion.

Mr. Hunt writes: 'Had the committee used a little more diplomacy, they would have carried some of their resolutions, but to ask the Council to swallow resolutions such as altering Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the first peal of which was rung 156 years ago, was expecting too much.' He used these same words both publicly and privately at the Mansion House. I pointed out to him then, both publicly and privately, and I now repeat to him for the third time in writing, that we never so much as mentioned Double Norwich at all. Must I repeat it a fourth time, or is it at last understood? Does Mr. Hunt really see that he has been repeating an argument which has no existence outside his own heated imagination? Or is he one of those people who believe that if he repeats a mistake three times, he makes it come true?

As a matter of fact, the only name of any interest which Mr. Trollope could find in our report was 'London Scholars' Pleasure,' and the Council could have struck that out in a quarter of the time he took to talk about it.

There is this also to be said: others used this same argument, if not in the same blundering way that Mr. Hunt did. But what is there in it? Do they suppose that we were out to aggrandise ourselves? We only want to help the Exercise. We were, and are, quite ready to hand over our work to others. If these objectors really wanted to do what they profess, why did they not move themselves the proposal they are so ready to tell us we ought to have done? It was, and still is, quite open to any or all of them to move that the resolution be considered *seriatim*. I have invited Mr. Trollope to give notice that he will do this next meeting, and I now invite Mr. Hunt to do the same. If they will not, they cannot expect us to believe in their sincerity.

Mr. Hunt concludes thus: 'I beg to say the Council never had the opportunity to select any one suggestion made by the Nomenclature Committee.' This is quite true: it is the very point I insisted on in my last letter. It is true because, before I could (as arranged) get up to second the first resolution at Ipswich, Mr. Trollope introduced his silly amendment, which was no amendment, while at the Mansion House it was Mr. Hunt himself who prevented us doing the very thing he blames us for not doing.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23rd, a quarterly meeting was held at Wem, there being some 20 members present from the following towers: Coalbrookdale, Malinslee, Alberbury, Hodnet, Stanton, Ellesmere, Market Drayton, Wistaston, Wellington, Ightfield, Ruyton-Eleven-Towns, Wem, etc. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and short touches were rung until five o'clock, when tea was partaken of at Kynaston's Cafe.

The business meeting was held in the Church Hall, Mr. F. A. Barnett presiding. A number of new members were elected, and certificates distributed.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bridgnorth on October 8th.

Members were grieved to learn of the death of Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Loughborough Foundry, and a message of sympathy was sent to the relatives.

The members were sorry to hear that the Rev. R. B. Faulkner, of Ightfield, is leaving the district in September. He takes with him the good wishes of all ringers in the district.

The ringing during the afternoon consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A BUSY DAY IN THE UNIVERSITY CITY.

The annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday once more drew a large attendance of members to the university city from the three counties of Berks, Bucks and Oxon, and numerous visitors from further afield, including Birmingham and Coventry, and a party from Hillingdon, Middlesex, who made it the occasion of their annual outing. Oxford is well equipped with bells, with the ring of twelve at the cathedral, the tens at Magdalen and New College, the eight at Merton College, the new octaves at St. Ebbe's and St. Giles', and the numerous rings of six. All these were available at some time or other during the day, and the visitors found plenty to occupy their attention, for, in addition to the ringing and the proceedings of the festival, the attractions of the Colleges themselves were by no means overlooked. The service in the cathedral was an impressive one, at which the Rev. Dr. Longford, Rector of Caversham, was the preacher. The offertory was devoted to the Bell Restoration Fund.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) presiding, supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright), the secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert), Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been adopted,

The Master said before they commenced the business of the meeting he would like, in the name of the Guild, to propose that a vote of condolence be sent to Mrs. Taylor, the widow of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, who, as most of them had read, died quite suddenly while in Canada, where he had gone, as also to the United States, for business. He had an operation, but it was not successful, and he died in a few days. He (the Master) was glad to say Mrs. Pryce Taylor was with him, and she was now on her way home. Many of them knew Mr. Taylor, either as a ringer or as a bell founder. He came into the business as a young man, after the death of his father and three brothers, the latter having been killed in the war, in which Mr. Pryce Taylor was himself wounded. During his connection with the firm, Mr. Pryce Taylor had certainly not let down the foundry. He had done some fine work, but his life had been cut short.

The motion was carried in silence.

VIEWS OF YOUNG RINGERS INVITED.

The Master presented his report as follows, and it was adopted:—

I have attended meetings of one kind or another of all the fourteen branches of the Guild, and on the whole can report well of them. It has been the exception not to find a good attendance. There are one or two that seem unable to really get going in spite of praiseworthy efforts by the few who are keen. Football is one great obstacle. At the festival, all parts of the diocese were represented, but the number attending was small. It would appear that the Guild as a whole does not appreciate the spiritual and material advantages of Oxford. I have given advice as to rebelling, etc., at Abingdon St. Nicholas, Adderbury, Appleton, Bledlow, Deddington, Faringdon, Goring, Hagbourne, Henley, Hughenden, Hungerford, Oxford St. Giles, Minster Lovell. Augmentation or restoration has been completed at Appleton, Faringdon, Farnborough, Heyford, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Simpson, Woughton. The great piece of work has been done at Faringdon, where there is now a new ring of eight hung in the most approved fashion and a new clock and chimes, and, moreover, a band that can ring Grandsire Triples. At the same time, the Vale of White Horse Branch has passed from very near death to a vigorous life. All this is due mainly to the influence of two men, Rev. W. Carey Ward, Vicar of Faringdon, and Mr. G. Webley, branch secretary. Some skilful work has also been done in our world-famous Appleton tower, with the result that the bells now go better than perhaps they have ever gone before. Our peal total is certainly a small one, and I think it will be found that there is a drop in the total number of peals rung by the Exercise generally last year. There is such a thing as overdoing it, but in the Oxford Guild at present there is no danger of this. The majority of our peals have been rung by mixed bands—and all credit to them—but it is a pity that the days seem to have gone by when we had several local bands ringing peals on their own or on neighbouring bells. One result of this was good service ringing, and another that the young and keen beginner had an opportunity of achieving his natural and laudable ambition and proving himself a ringer by taking part in a peal in the method he had been learning. Speaking of young ringers, it will have been noticed that the question of recruits which I dealt with in my last report has since figured largely in the columns of 'The Ringing World.' It has been, and is to be, the subject of conference whenever possible at all large and representative gatherings of ringers. In view of this, and at the same time in order to help if I can the many perplexed and despairing foremen of towers in this Guild, I invite letters from any young ringers stating their views as to why there is not a better supply of young church bell ringers, and why those who do take up church bell ringing so often turn it down after a comparatively short time. I do not intend to do more than briefly acknowledge the letters, but I want the information, which I intend to use without reference to the source from whence it comes. I acknowledge with gratitude the great help I have again received from the treasurer and secretary.

HOW FUNDS MIGHT BE EXPENDED.

The Hon. Treasurer, in his report, said the statement of accounts for 1926 showed a balance of £116 9s. 10d., as compared with £86 7s. 2d. the previous year. The increase is accounted for by the small

attendance at the annual festival—a decrease of 61 as compared with 1925—and no grants were made from the Restoration Fund. The total expenses were £24 less than the previous year. Attention was again called to the importance of members paying their subscriptions at the beginning of the year, instead of at the end. The balances in the hands of the branches amounted to £158, which showed that the Guild had been very generous in allowing half the subscriptions for expenses. The various branch balance sheets showed that care had been taken in spending funds, and although it was necessary to have a balance in hand, there was no special object in accumulating a large sum. The Treasurer reminded the branch committees that one object of the Guild was to cultivate the art of change ringing. The Master had called attention to the fact that there was considerable difficulty in obtaining young men as ringers, and that many who began to learn gave it up in a very short time. If the branches would carefully consider the question and see if they could not do something in the way of organising bands of change ringers to go to the towers in need of instruction, and give a helping hand to young ringers, they might spend a portion of their funds in contributing towards the expenses, and thereby assisting in carrying out this important work. The branch treasurers deserved a word of praise for the work, often-times difficult, they did in carrying forward the interests of the Guild.

This report was adopted, as was also that of the secretary, as follows:—

Another year gone, and, on the whole, we can congratulate our Guild on maintaining its efficiency and usefulness. Our membership is well up to average, and although we have lost a few towers we have gained more than we have lost, the Banbury, Witney and Woodstock, and Vale of White Horse Branches being chiefly the sources of increase. Our membership for 1926 works out as follows: Towers 184 (increase of two), hon. members 194, ringing members 1,547, unattached and non-resident members 420; total 2,161. Ringing members increase 32, hon. members less 23, life and unattached 20 decrease. The peals, though far short in numbers compared to a few years ago, are interesting to think about. We have scored the whole gamut from 'London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major to Grandsire Doubles.' After referring to some of the more noteworthy performances, the Secretary added: 'One is sorry to see members' names "starred," especially when the whole band belonging to a tower forget to pay their "halfpenny per week." This is a thing I would ask foremen of towers to see to. If ringers generally could only realise the work and anxiety that their branch secretaries put into their job I am sure the rank and file would be at more pains to help keep things going.' The Secretary concluded with thanks to the secretaries of branches for the help they gave him, and for the hearty welcome extended when he visited them.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Master was re-elected by acclamation, and the hon. treasurer and secretary were similarly re-elected.

There were twelve members to be elected to the committee. The Secretary moved that the eleven following be re-elected: Messrs. J. F. Barlow, J. Evans, G. Cudwell, G. Holfield, E. Humphrey, W. Hibbert, sen., G. Martin, R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Sear and J. W. Wilkins. The twelfth, Mr. F. Webb, had gone from them, and that left one vacancy to be filled.

The name of Miss Vera Robinson was proposed, and the Master, in endorsing the motion, said they would welcome Miss Robinson, not only for what she herself did for the Guild, but her election would be just something which they could do to show they had not forgotten one who was a prime mover in starting the Guild, and was their first and great Master.—The motion was carried with applause.

Canon Coleridge gave his customary interesting review of the Central Council meeting. He had, he said, attended every one of the 35 meetings which the Council had held since it was inaugurated, and had reported to the Guild upon each of them. Canon Coleridge commented on each item on the agenda. The Oxford Guild had again been honoured, because for the third time the Council insisted on re-electing him as president, and they had also re-elected the Master of the Guild as the honorary librarian. Mr. Young remained as hon. secretary and treasurer, and they were, therefore, a very happy family at the head of it. Referring to the motion on the extension of Superlative, Canon Coleridge said the subject was discussed by the learned bigwigs of the ringing world, but it was far above most of the members. As far as he could say, there were about three on one side and three on the other, and as opinions seemed to be pretty evenly divided the discussion was closed without any definite agreement being come to, but they parted quite amicably (laughter and applause). Canon Coleridge also referred to the question of diplomas for young ringers, and hoped it would be considered by all the associations before next year. He also touched on the important work before the two new committees which were appointed to deal respectively with the question of broadcasting of bell ringing and the legal position of ringers. The meeting, said Canon Coleridge, was a very interesting and useful one, and many of those who were able to attend, apart from the actual business done, were able to enjoy themselves, thanks to the arrangements made by Mr. Young and others. The next meeting was to be held at Hereford, and he hoped he might have the privilege of reporting to the Guild upon that meeting next year.

The Master moved a vote of thanks to Canon Coleridge for his report. He said it was a most difficult meeting to preside over, and the Canon did it extremely well.

The meeting then considered the various recommendations of the committee, the first of which was that the festival in 1928 be held at Oxford. Slough to be the alternative if Oxford was unavailable.

Mr. A. D. Barker proposed that the meeting be held at Slough, but on being put to the vote Oxford was selected by 70 votes to 15.

MEMBERS HONOURED.

The Master proposed the adoption of the next recommendation of the committee, viz., that Mr. J. F. Parker be made a vice-president of the Guild. He said he was very pleased to do this, because last year he had to refuse the proposal for reasons which he would not now go into, but which reasons no longer existed. Mr. Parker was one who was not only a great ringer, who in the past had done so much for the Guild, but he was a talented composer, and had been a prominent figure in the Exercise.—Mr. J. Evans seconded, and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis supported the motion. Mr. Parker and himself, he said, were the only two survivors of the original committee formed in 1881, and he was particularly glad that Mr. Parker should thus come back into touch with the Guild.—The motion was carried with applause.

The Master said he had a matter which he was going to throw at the meeting. Canon Coleridge had been a worry to him for many years, because he had never known how to deal with him (laughter). He ought to be something far higher than he was (applause). He proposed, with the consent of the meeting, to ask Canon Coleridge to accept office as vice-president (loud applause).

The Secretary asked to be allowed to second the motion. 'I have known him many years,' said Mr. Hibbert, 'and he was a tall chap when I first knew him (laughter). I knew, when the Master said he was throwing this at you, that you would catch it (laughter). We shall never get a much bigger chap than Canon Coleridge to sit on our committees or give us good advice when we need it' (laughter and applause).—The motion was carried with applause.

Canon Coleridge, in acknowledging his election, said the honour had come upon him quite unexpectedly. He was perfectly content to serve the Guild as a humble trustee, with two others, as he had done for some years, and he was chairman of the Sonning Deanery Branch. He was content, and always had been, to hold the most humble positions and do anything he could for the good of the Guild. If his name might add force to anything the Guild did, he was only too pleased that they should print his name in an exalted position. He thanked them very much for associating him with Mr. Parker as vice-president. Mr. Parker was one of the first members of the Guild, and had been a mainstay of the Guild in the past. He felt greatly honoured at being coupled with him on the roll of the distinguished officers of the Guild.

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS.

The Secretary moved the next recommendation of the committee: That the names of all non-resident life members should go together as new members of the general Guild. This, he said, was not intended to cause any ill-feeling with the officers of any branch, but to try to bring their annual report up to date. In practically every association when a man from outside the area became a non-resident life member he became a member of the Guild or association as a whole and not of the branch in which he was elected. In their own Guild these members were shown in the report as members of the different branches, and he hoped they would now alter that so that the names should all come together in the general Guild list. This would not affect the unattached resident members.—Mr. Trollope seconded.

Mr. A. D. Barker opposed the proposal. In the East Berks and South Bucks Branch they had as non-resident life members a good many ringers who were visitors from London, and who looked upon themselves as members of the branch, which was an association in itself before the Oxford Guild was formed. At present, the branch took half the subscriptions, and only one half went to the general funds. If the motion were passed, the branch would lose its share of the subscription and would not be quite so eager to invite ringers into its area in order to make them members. It would cut off a useful source of income to the branches, and might interfere with the grants which they could make to the bell restoration funds. In the East Berks and South Bucks Branch there were a number of non-resident members who, he thought, would dislike being taken from the branch list and put into the general Guild list. In addition to that, there were resident members of the branch who might remove and retain their membership with it by paying the non-resident subscription. If they were to lose their connection with the branch they might drop out altogether.

Mr. C. C. Mayne supported Mr. Barker, and referred particularly to the financial loss which the branches would sustain.

In the course of further discussion, the Master said that if the principle objection was the loss to the branches of the half of the subscription, they might get over the difficulty by allowing the branches still to retain the half-crown per member, and putting the names in the general list as proposed by Mr. Hibbert.

The motion was carried by 62 votes to 7, it being understood that the suggestion of the Master would be followed in regard to the division of the subscription.

BELL RESTORATION GRANTS.

The meeting next discussed grants for bell restoration. The Master said when the committee met the only application they had before them was that from St. Giles', Oxford, and they recommended £3 3s.

Since then they had had recommendations from the East Berks and South Bucks Branch meeting, held directly after the committee meeting, that grants should be made to Hughenden and Old Windsor. From the Banbury Branch they had had support for an application from Adderbury, and a few days ago they received applications from Hinton Waldrist, East Garston and Deddington. There seemed to be a good deal of restoration going on. The Guild had in the restoration fund £32 7s., of which they promised last year to give to Hagbourne £5 5s., subject to the work there being completed to his satisfaction. Having pointed out the claims of the various towers, the Master said he hoped they would not think the Guild was bound to spend all its money at once, nor that they were bound always to give more than a branch did. They had a great many applications, and their mistake in the past had been, in his opinion, that they had sometimes given big sums because they had only had one application.

Asked which parishes had got to shoulder the biggest burden, the Master said he thought Deddington, East Garston and Hughenden, and perhaps Old Windsor, where they had to restore another part of the church. He said, in reply to another question, that he would be surprised if the work in each case was not done before next year.

The Treasurer expressed the view that as a general principle they ought not to spend more than half the funds available in each year, but as they had such a big list he supposed they should deal with it in a special way. He would have no objection to meeting all these applications, but with smaller grants.

The Secretary said they had about £27 to spend on the best thing they could possibly spend it on, and that was the restoration of bells that were unringable. He suggested they should vote £3 to each of the seven towers.

Mr. Pole-Routh seconded.

The Treasurer said the branches held about £166 between them, and he thought they might give more generous grants to restorations. As long as the branches had enough in hand to pay their expenses for, say, two years, they might well give generously to these restorations. He added, in reply to a question, that no money was paid over until in each case the work had been carried out to the satisfaction of the Master.

The Secretary: All the while your worthy Master keeps going to towers and saying, 'You ought to have these bells rebung,' and the church authorities say, 'We will,' you will have these applications coming in (laughter).

The grant of £3 to each tower was agreed to.

The confirmation of the election of 179 new members was agreed to, and the business concluded with a vote of thanks to the preacher and organist, and to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church for allowing the use of the cathedral and Chapter House.—Dr. Longford briefly replied.

The members then adjourned to the Carfax Assembly Rooms for lunch, and afterwards visited the various towers in the city for ringing.

PRESENTATION TO A LADY RINGER.

MISS D. G. FELTHAM LEAVING FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Ringers of the Middlesex County Association, especially those of the South and West District, will regret to know that one of their lady members is leaving England for South Africa. Miss D. G. Feltham, of Hillingdon, has volunteered for work in the mission field, and sails from Southampton on August 5th to take up the post of music mistress in St. Peter's School for Girls at Grahamstown. Miss Feltham will be greatly missed in the parish in several branches of church work, and most of all in the belfry.

Her fellow ringers showed their appreciation on Saturday last, on the occasion of the annual outing of the Hillingdon band. During luncheon, the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. Kitcat, on behalf of the members of St. John's Guild, presented a camera to Miss Feltham. Whilst expressing regret at her departure, he wished her good luck in her new venture.

Miss Feltham will no doubt carry happy memories of this day. Leaving Hillingdon at 7.30 a.m., the party journeyed by motor to Oxford. The ride was very chilly, and hot coffee and rolls were in demand on arrival at the university city. After visiting the cathedral belfry, the ringers attended the Oxford Guild festival service at the Cathedral. The singing was greatly enjoyed.

An appetising luncheon was served at the City Restaurant, during which the presentation took place.

The Vicar, an old Keble man, took the party round that college, and Mr. Holman Hunt's picture, 'The Light of the World,' was greatly admired. After visiting some of the towers open for ringing, and, under the Vicar's guidance, the college chapels, the party adjourned for tea. After facing the camera in Christ Church quadrangle, a stroll through Christ Church meadows brought the party to the river and the college barges. Later, the motor was again boarded, and, after a halt at Henley, Hillingdon was safely reached at 10 p.m. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for his kindness in guiding the members through the highways and by-ways of Oxford.

BIGGESTER, OXON.—On Sunday, July 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. Clifton (first quarter away from tenor) 1, H. Hatfield 2, J. Evans 3, B. Cox 4, F. Neale (conductor) 5, W. Scarrott 6, E. Hims 7, W. Farmer 8.

DIVISION OF WINCHESTER DIOCESE.

A JOINT GUILD FOR WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH.

A joint meeting of the Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Districts was held at Ryde on Saturday last, when, by kind permission of the Vicar, the peal of eight at All Saints' Church was available during the afternoon and evening. Some good ringing was indulged in, and useful practice obtained by some of the members in the higher methods.

After tea at the Welby Institute, the Master (Mr. G. Williams) gave the members an outline of the proposed constitution of the new Guild. The sanction of both the Bishops of Winchester and Portsmouth had been obtained to form a joint diocesan association, and it was proposed to hold a special general meeting in the autumn to launch the new association, which will take effect as from January 1st next.

It was also mentioned that proposals were on foot to make a larger number of districts with a maximum of 12 towers in each, so that they could be more easily visited and worked.

As this was not a recognised district meeting, no action could be taken, but the chat amongst the members was much appreciated.

At the conclusion, touches were rung on the handbells by several of the ringers. Further ringing was indulged in on tower bells until 8 p.m.; the methods rung including the standard methods and Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major. During the day, ringers were present from Brading, Carisbrooke, Fareham, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Ryde, Newport, Southampton, London and Manchester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Market Weighton on Saturday, July 2nd, and was attended by some 30 members. The ring of six (tenor 9½ cwt.) was, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. R. J. King, M.A., available during the afternoon and evening. Service was held in All Saints' Church at 4.15 p.m., at which a very helpful and instructive address was given by the Rector, and was much appreciated by those present.

An excellent tea was afterwards served in the girls' school, Hungate, and was followed by the business meeting, the Rector presiding. Two new members were elected—Mr. P. Thompson, Market Weighton, and Mr. S. Fisher, of Beverley Minster. It was proposed that the place of the next meeting be Pocklington, and that permission be also asked for the bells of Nunburnholme, failing which the meeting be held at Eserick.

Reference was made to the long illness of the hon. secretary, Mr. A. B. Cook (Hull), who is now happily convalescent, and whose duties were kindly taken over by Mr. J. H. Howell (Hull).

On the motion of Mr. F. Cryer, Selby, seconded by Mr. A. Sellars, Beverley, a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and for the service, also to the ladies for serving tea, and to Mr. J. W. Kueshaw and the local ringers for their very efficient arrangements. The Rector, in responding, spoke of the very great pleasure the visit of the association gave to him and his ringers, and extended to the association a hearty invitation at any time, a generous offer which will be borne in mind for the near future.

This terminated a pleasant meeting at this delightful market town situated in the midst of the Yorkshire Wolds.

WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD'S 150 PEALS.

Cambridge Minor	...	...	...	1
Minor, seven Methods	...	...	...	1
Grandsire Triples	...	...	...	12
Erin Triples	...	...	...	1
Stedman Triples	...	...	...	58
Bob Major	...	...	...	9
Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	3
Double Norwich Major	...	...	...	8
Superlative Surprise Major	...	...	...	26
Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	...	6
New Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	...	3
Norfolk Surprise Major	...	...	...	1
London Surprise Major	...	...	...	5
Grandsire Caters	...	...	...	2
Erin Caters	...	...	...	1
Stedman Caters	...	...	...	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	...	...	1
Stedman Cinques	...	...	...	7
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	...	...	...	1

Total ... 150

Of these peals, Mr. Whitehead conducted Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 10, and Superlative 2. One peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

A PROMISING GIRL RINGER.

At Yaxley, Suffolk, on Tuesday, July 19th, for practice, after meeting short for peal, 720 Bob Minor: Edward Todd 1, Ethna Whiting 2, David Whiting 3, Nolan Golden 4, Derek Lockwood 5, William Stegall (conductor) 6. This was Ethna Whiting's first 720, and was rung at the first attempt after little practice. She is only 12 years of age.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, July 24th, at St. Mark's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Lawrence 1, C. J. Gardiner 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, S. H. Hopper 4, J. S. Roberts 5, H. Wheeler 6, A. Heath 7, H. Hatton 8. First quarter-peal of Triples on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, July 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Olliver (first quarter-peal of Treble Bob) 1, O. Sippetts (conductor) 2, C. Nice 3, C. H. Surridge 4, R. Johnson 5, N. Elliott 6, F. Sadler 7, A. J. Ball 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

CHELSEA.—At the Church of St. Luke, for evensong, on Sunday, July 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 54 mins.: H. W. Mance 1, H. H. Mance 2, G. Watkin 3, C. F. Mitchell 4, A. J. Newman 5, F. Howson (first quarter in the method and on ten bells) 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. Dean 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, W. Essery 10.

CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday morning, July 24th, for divine service at the cathedral, on the back eight, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: F. Tolworthy 1, E. Russell 2, C. Gentry 3, J. Wood 4, W. Lincoln (conductor) 5, R. C. Clark 6, J. Kemp 7, C. Cooper 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, July 24th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 56 mins.: W. H. Fletcher 1, Miss P. M. Moss (first in the method as conductor) 2, Miss E. Steele 3, C. C. Mayne 4, R. Turner 5, J. Blackmore 6, H. Wingrove 7, R. Buckland 8.

DURHAM.—On Sunday, July 24th, at St. Oswald's Church, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 26 mins. (six different callings): G. A. Johnson 1, C. F. Vasey 2, J. R. Temple 3, T. Banks 4, W. H. Johnson (conductor) 5, A. Clement 6.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, July 24th, for morning service at the cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: T. H. Doick 1, W. Falconer 2, F. W. Bernell 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 5, W. E. Ticehurst 6, J. H. Blake 7, G. Marshall 8. Arranged for F. W. Bernell, of Portsmouth, on his first ring in the county of Sussex.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 17th, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Benney 1, C. J. Choct 2, W. J. Norton 3, S. W. Sturgis 4, John Lee 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett (conductor) 7, J. S. Hawkins 8. This was arranged for Mr. S. W. Sturgis, who is on a visit from Boston, U.S.A.

LONDON.—At St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday evening, July 17th 1,191 Stedman Cinques in 53 mins.: W. Rushton 1, H. Hodgetts 2, W. H. L. Buckingham 3, H. Belcher 4, H. Langdon (conductor) 5, E. E. Pike 6, E. G. Fenn 7, W. G. Whitehead 8, F. E. Collins 9, J. Bullock 10, G. C. Rice 11, H. A. Folkard 12.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,331 changes), composed by John Carter, in 54 mins.: Wm. Saunders (conductor) 1, W. D. Wase 2, J. L. Stanier 3, R. Evans 4, G. L. Hewitt 5, A. S. Bayley 6, J. H. Rixom 7, W. Lago 8, J. L. Hayward 9, J. Garbett 10. Specially arranged for J. L. Hayward, who hails from Slough, Bucks.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 10th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, the first quarter-peal on the bells: H. Withers (conductor) 1, J. Atkins (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, A. Chambers 3, E. Baylin 4, W. Mumford 5, E. Rose 6, G. Pigott 7, T. Russell 8.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—At the Church of St. John-at-Jerusalem, on Sunday, July 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 44 mins.: A. Riley 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. A. Hales 3, G. W. T. Briggs 4, J. Waugh 5, E. Dymont 6, I. J. Atwater (conductor) 7, L. Farmer 8. Rung with 4-6-8 covering.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, June 19th, at the Church of the Immanuel, Streatham Common, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples by: Miss E. E. Harcastle 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, E. E. Bish 3, J. L. Watkins 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. W. Chapman 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, W. E. G. Hewson 8.

BATTLE.—On Sunday evening, June 12th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: S. Curtis 1, R. W. Curtis (composer) 2, Mrs. E. Baker 3, W. Franks (conductor) 4, H. Baker 5, J. Sinden 6, L. G. Franks 7, D. Hale 8.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.—At St. Mary's (R.C.) Church on Sunday afternoon, June 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: E. Lawson 1, E. B. Coxhead 2, Adam Blogg 3, F. Rigby 4, J. H. Gartside 5, A. Hartley 6, H. Lucas (conductor) 7, Alfred Blogg 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor. The ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th and 8th are from Whittle-le-Woods, 4th and 5th from Chorley.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, June 12th, at St. Ebbe's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: C. Coles 1, W. Brigham 2, A. Dubber 3, W. Collett 4, H. Tolley 5, F. Beckitt 6, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 7, G. Horwood 8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. THE CLASH OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Paulinus' Church, Crayford, on Saturday, July 23rd. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and kept going in various methods throughout the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Gedge), who gave a very interesting address. Mr. W. G. Pitman, of Canterbury, officiated at the organ.

A splendid tea was supplied by the generosity of the local band, and was efficiently served by several ladies of the congregation, sixty members participating. At the conclusion of the meal, the Rector had to leave, after extending a hearty welcome to the company, on behalf of Crayford, and especially Mr. E. Barnett, Crayford's veteran ringer, who had made a splendid recovery from a recent serious illness.

Mr. I. Emery proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, for his address, and for presiding at the social function. This was seconded by Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., and carried with applause.

The business meeting followed, the curate, the Rev. W. M. Salmon, being elected chairman. Seven new members were elected, and the election of two ringers previous to peals was confirmed.

Two places were nominated for the next, the annual district meeting, a welcome being assured at each, i.e., St. Luke's, Bromley Common, and St. John's, Eltham. On being put to the meeting, Eltham was chosen.

Mr. I. Emery called the attention of the meeting to the ambiguity of clause (d) Rule 4, and suggested that the meeting give him permission to raise the question at the committee meeting in November. It was agreed that Messrs. Emery, Groombridge and Jeffries should draft a proposed amendment to this rule, and submit the same at the annual district meeting, with a view to its being raised, with the district's approval, at the committee meeting in the following month.

Then followed a long and somewhat acrimonious discussion on the reasons for the clashing of meetings, and shifting of same from the place selected at the previous meeting. The Chairman briefly reviewed the opposing evidence in a masterly and very diverting manner. This restored good humour, and it was agreed to leave the necessary arrangements to be made as at present.

Mr. T. Groombridge proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for his able and heartening direction of the meeting.—This was seconded by H. Warnett and carried with applause.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries proposed a similar vote to the local ringers and friends for their generous hospitality, to the ladies for their help and to Mr. Pitman for his services at the organ.—This was seconded by Mr. I. Emery and carried with applause.

This concluded the meeting, and the company returned to the tower for further ringing.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Nicholas on Saturday, there being thirty-six members present. After some very enjoyable ringing on the six bells, a short association service was held, the Rev. Griggs giving an address. The service concluded, the Vicar invited the members to the Vicarage for tea, which was held on the lawn amid picturesque surroundings.

In replying to a vote of thanks from the meeting, the Vicar remarked that thanks were due, not so much to him as to the local ringers' wives, who, he said, had been doing all the work and apparently were doing it now. Continuing, he said that it was a double pleasure to be able to welcome Rev. Canon Helmore to the meeting, as he (Mr. Griggs) had heard that Canon Helmore anticipated resigning his office as general secretary, and he took the opportunity of saying he hoped that this would not be the case for many years.

On behalf of the members, Mr. J. Sharp offered Rev. Canon Helmore hearty congratulations on the attainment of the golden anniversary of his wedding.

After tea, the ringers adjourned to the belfry, where the local band of ringers gave an unrehearsed exhibition of really good striking in a touch of Bob Doubles. Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Graudsire were among some of the other methods attempted.

The following towers were represented: Canterbury, Wingham, Sturry, Horne, Swindon, Birchington and Littlebourne.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Hawkhurst on July 9th, the following places being represented: Tunbridge Wells (St. Peter's), Lamberhurst, Horsmonden, Penshurst, Frittenden, Linton, Staplehurst, Tenterden, Kilndown, Canterbury, Salehurst, Burwash, Mayfield, Smerden, Cranbrook and the local tower.

The eight bells in the Parish Church tower were kept going merrily during the afternoon. A service was held at half-past four, to which the public, as well as the ringers, were invited. Mr. W. E. Pitman, organist of St. Gregory's Church, Canterbury, and a ringing member of the association, presided at the organ. The local organist (Mr. G. A. Wenban), the parish clerk (Mr. J. Fillery) and the choirboys were in attendance. The Vicar (Rev. Cuthbert Compton) officiated, and delivered an appropriate address, which was followed by the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God, Who livest.'

Tea was afterwards served at the Eight Bells Hotel. The Vicar presided, and the organist (Mr. G. A. Wenban) and the parish clerk (Mr. J. Fillery) were also the guests of the association. A short business meeting on belfry matters followed.

Mr. F. White (Cranbrook) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and presiding at the tea and meeting. The members, he said, also desired to return their thanks to the local organist (Mr. G. A. Wenban) and the choirboys for leading the singing. Furthermore, they had to express their gratitude to the parish clerk (Mr. J. Fillery) for his good offices, and to their old friend (Mr. W. E. Pitman) for presiding at the organ. The resolution was carried with applause.—The Vicar, in response, said it had been a pleasure to him to allow the meeting to be held at Hawkhurst, and he hoped the association would come again some time in the future.—Mr. Pitman also replied.

The District Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, proposed a vote of thanks to the local hon. secretary (Mr. G. Billenness) for having made such excellent arrangements for the meeting. This was heartily carried and suitably acknowledged.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until nine o'clock. The methods practised were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major and Superlative Surprise Major.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Shelley on Saturday, July 9th, when members attended from Sandal, Horbury, Wath, Cawthorne, Darton, Darfield, Felkirk, Anston, Hoylandswaine, Barnsley and the local company. The afternoon was gloriously fine, and gave added charm to the village, which stands high and provides a view across a broad valley to the highest points of the Pennine mountains—a view too beautiful for words to describe. Add to this the sounds of a rare ring of bells, and the visitors felt they had got a thing of beauty and a joy for ever. Needless to say, the meeting was a full one, the bells were freely used, and the social amenities, with the cup that cheers, at the Gardeners' Arms, was followed by a business meeting. There was one sad note to mar the joys of the gathering. A vote of condolence was proposed by Mr. Rayner to the company of Horbury upon the death of Mr. George Barstow, a good and well respected ringer; to Mr. Herbert Rowley upon the sudden death of his wife, and to Barnsley on the death of Mr. Tom Bone, aged 76. Mr. Bone was a ringer of long standing, and, as towerkeeper, was always ready to welcome ringers to St. Mary's belfry.

The rest of the business was of the 'happy family' kind.

A committee meeting was ordered for July 26th at St. Mary's, Barnsley, and the next meeting will be held at Cawthorne.

The Shelley company were warmly praised for their excellent arrangements.

CITY RINGERS AT HARLOW.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the annual outing of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, ringers took place. Leaving Liverpool Street at 1.15, Harlow, Essex, was reached about an hour later. The Parish Church of St. Mary was at once visited, and some very good ringing was enjoyed by the party, which numbered fifteen. A nice walk through the fields brought them to the White Horse, Harlow Common, where an excellent tea was waiting. After tea, ringing at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, Harlow Common, took place on the musical peal of eight (tenor 12 cwt.) by Taylor. This peal is a masterpiece and a great credit to the founders. The party were joined here by Mr. G. Dent and Mr. Snales of the local band, who took part in some of the touches. The ringing throughout the afternoon was good, not one touch being lost. The methods were London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Norfolk Surprise, Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and they take this opportunity of returning thanks to the officials at both churches for their kind reception, also to Mr. George Dent for arranging tea.

BRENTWOOD RINGERS IN KENT.

The ringers of St. Thomas' Church, Brentwood, held their annual outing on Monday, July 4th, when 38 members and friends journeyed by charabancs to Maidstone, which was reached soon after 10 a.m. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Caters were rung, several of the members having their first ring on ten bells at the Church of All Saints. The next stop was at Tenterden, where, unfortunately, owing to illness near the church, the bells could not be rung. After partaking of a splendid lunch, the party went on to Bencuden, where Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were rung, and then to Tunbridge Wells, where tea was ready. Afterwards, some of the party went to the Chalybeate Spring to drink the famous waters, while others made their way to the tower to enjoy an hour's ringing on the bells. Leaving Tunbridge Wells soon after 8 p.m., the excursionists reached home about 11.30, having spent a most enjoyable day.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, June 5th, for early morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Stadden 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Miss Stokes 3, Miss Stadden 4, Mr. Nisbet 5, Mr. Colbourn 6, Mr. Gillingham 7, Mr. Thomas 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 2nd, St. Magnus' on the 4th and 18th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Alvaston, Derby, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcomed.—Chas. Draper, Town Street, Duffield, Derby.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Edgbaston on Saturday, July 30th. Bells, a new ring of 8 by Taylor, available from 3.30. — A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, July 30th, when the new Vicar will be pleased to welcome all members and friends. Tea will be arranged as usual. Ask for cheap tickets to Osterly Park, Hounslow East or Central.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Oake Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Giles (6 bells) on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Short service 5.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for officers for next two years. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—The next meeting will be held at Ruskington on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service and tea by kind invitation of the Vicar.—Reginald Scott, Westlea, Sleaford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Raithby, near Spilsby, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Eyam on Bank Holiday Monday. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mrs. Godber, Refreshment Rooms (opposite the church), Eyam, mentioning 'Ringers' Meeting.'

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Southwold on August Bank Holiday. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Tea will be provided at 4.45 p.m. at 1s. each at Clarke's Tea Rooms, followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Rev. H. Drake, Gen. Sec., Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Swaffham on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 1st. Bells (8) will be available. Luncheon will be arranged at the George Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. Business meeting immediately after luncheon. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid in at this meeting. — Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Felsted (8 bells), Saturday, Aug. 6th. Ringers' office 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in Parish Hall. Notice to be present for tea should be sent to Mr. W. T. Farrow, churchwarden, not later than Thursday, Aug. 4th.—C. H. Howard.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Will members please come forward with subscriptions. Expecting a good attendance of members.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The reopening of the Mossley Parish Church bells will take place on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Service at 3 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. Canon Elsee. Tea in school at 1s. per head; names to be sent to Mr. E. Garside, 61, Lees Road, Mossley, near Manchester, by Aug. 4th. Bells at liberty till 9.30 p.m. The branch meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their quarterly meeting at Mossley St. George's on Saturday, Aug. 6th, instead of Glossop meeting. The meeting to be held at 7 o'clock prompt.—T. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Tower open 6.30 to 8.30. Particulars of outing will be given at this meeting.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. Edington bells also available for ringing.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Aron Road, Devizes.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwell, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. provided by the Vicar, Rev. J. C. O. Orr, for those who notify me by Tuesday, August 2nd. Business meeting after tea.—B. J. Snow, Dist. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel St., Ryde, I.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for August: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 15th and the 29th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 9th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E. 14.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at Holt's Café 5.15 p.m. for those who apply before Aug. 5th to Mr. H. Crossland Gardener, Cawthorne, Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held at the Parish Church, Whalley, on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the school at a cost of 1s. 6d. each. Meeting and social 6.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify A. Tomlinson, 57, Boxwood Street, Blackburn, by the 10th? All ringers and friends welcome.—John Watson, 46, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—A meeting for ringing only will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers cordially invited.—A. C. Kay, 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

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The attitude taken up by the Hon. Treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild with regard to the expenditure of funds is one which may be commended to the attention of other ringing organisations. In the hands of the various districts there is a considerable amount of money and Mr. Wright is urging the expenditure of some of this cash upon work which will bring into the Guild the towers which are still outside it. Unfortunately not all of the Associations have surplus funds lying idle, but there are some which are thus favoured and who go on from year to year adding increment. A 'nest egg' against a rainy day is a cautious financial policy which Associations, like individuals, should follow, but there is no need in the case of organisations such as exist for the furtherance of change-ringing to lay up undue store. Indeed, associations would only be following out the objects for which they exist if they expended their funds on such work as Mr. Wright has advocated in his own Guild and for which there is scope in the majority of our societies. Money, rightly spent on propaganda, will bring its own return in larger membership and increased income and, therefore, looked at even from this point of view, is better invested in active operations than lying dormant in a bank.

Every Diocesan Guild and County Association, we believe, puts the cultivation of the art of change-ringing in the forefront of its objects, but few go systematically to work to carry out their professions. What is done is more or less casual, and the real spade work is that done voluntarily by individual members out of sheer love for ringing and, in many cases, of service to the Church. We have constantly urged that more organised effort should be expended on propaganda and missionary work, which is bound in the long run to repay the associations which undertake it. What often happens at present is that a primary course of instruction is given and the band which has been under tuition is then left to its own devices, with the result that interest, from lack of sufficient knowledge, may quickly flicker out, whereas if the assistance given were carried on to a stage somewhere beyond the mere elements of change-ringing, sufficient enthusiasm would probably be created to lay the foundation of an active and progressive company.

Another matter which the Treasurer of the Oxford Guild rightly stressed, as being worthy of the attention of branches with available funds, is the desirability of contributing generously to bell restorations. Admittedly church authorities should keep their bells and belfries in order, but it is a graceful act, as well as being good business, to show

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TEN BELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. BARBER Treble	* HAROLD G. FRAMPTON 6
* JOHN ANDERSON 2	* ROBERT ANDERSON 7
WILLIAM L. GOFTON 3	JOHN FOREMAN 8
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	JOSEPH E. KEEN 9
ERNEST E. FERRY 5	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on the bells.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOHN E. HOBBS Treble	GEORGE WEST 6
MISS EDNA WEBSTER 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER 7
* MAURICE WARD 3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 8
J. ALFRED BARRETT 4	LAWRENCE CHADBERN 9
* SAM PINDER 5	† NORMAN HEMMINGTON Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FREDK. W. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Foundry, Loughborough.

SURFLEET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES Treble	JOSEPH W. FLOWERS 6
* ALBERT A. BUSLEY 2	ERNEST A. FLOWERS 7
† FREDERICK J. FLOWERS 3	JOHN CURRY 8
GEORGE LADD 4	* CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 9
* ARTHUR RIGGALL 5	JOHN W. WOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, July 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D flat.

E. LESLIE Treble	H. F. STUBBS 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 2	W. SMITH 7
W. THORLEY 3	C. HARRIMAN 8
E. CARTWRIGHT 4	E. READER 9
J. GRUNDY 5	JAMES HUTCHEY Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by E. READER.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect and regard to the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, who was interred that afternoon.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—On Saturday, July 9th, at the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): D. Wright 1, W. Gammon 2, F. W. Larbey 3, T. A. S. Bloxham 4, B. N. Newson 5, W. Bulpitt 6, F. E. Collins (conductor) 7, W. J. Adcock 8. Longest length in the method as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in B flat.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 3	JAMES GEORGE 8
CYRIL F. HOWETT 4	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
PERCY HARRISON 5	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by FRED HARRY DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

Specially arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, as a token of respect and deepest regret from St. Martin's Society. Requiescat in pace.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

COLERNE, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, July 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*SOMERS H. STURGIS Treble	WALTER J. STARR 5
JESSE H. BEAZER 2	FRED LAMBETH 6
ARTHUR PRINCE 3	CHARLES W. BELL 7
†S. WARREN STURGIS 4	EDGAR C. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. Mr. Sturgis and his son are visitors from Groton College, Boston, Mass., U.S.A., and are believed to be the first American gentlemen to ring a peal within the British Empire. Mr. Sturgis and his son are to be congratulated upon their excellent ringing throughout the peal. After the peal, Mr. Sturgis thanked the Rector (Rev. H. W. St. Leger Chambers) for the use of the bells, and both names were recorded in the visitors' book.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*MISS VIOLET SHORTER Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
FRANK E. HAYNES 2	*REGINALD LATHBURY 6
MISS KITTIE WILLERS 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
FRANK WARRINGTON 4	STEPHEN H. WOOD Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS

* First peal of Double Norwich. The composition, a one-part, has the 6th 22 courses each way in 5-6.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

(SHEPPERTON.)

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

HARRY HARRIS Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	JAMES DRAYCOTT 6
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 3	JOHN E. MORETON 7
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. Pryce Taylor, Bellfounder, Loughborough.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	FRANK BLONDELL 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

Rung on the occasion of the baptism of the Vicar's son, which took place during the afternoon; also in honour of the consecration, at Westminster Abbey, of the first Bishop of Portsmouth (Rt. Rev. Neville Lovett, D.D.).

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in E flat.

FRANK JENNINGS Treble	THOMAS G. BANNISTER 5
DANIEL COOPER 2	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	AMOS W. CLARK 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* 50th peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CRAWLEY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, July 27, 1927, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE OLIVER Treble	CHARLES H. SURRIDGE 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 6
CECIL NICE 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	JOHN S. MORLEY Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Thursday, July 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
ROBERT EDWARDS 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
CHARLES TRIBE 4	ALFRED J. BATTIN Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

Rung upon the eve of the 32nd anniversary of W. E. Pitman's wedding.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

FRED R. EVANS Treble	†JOHN BREESE 5
*DAVID HUGHES 2	*JOHN HUGHES 6
THOMAS CATHALL 3	FRANK WINSTANLEY 7
WILLIAM CATHALL 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. Ringers of 1st, 3rd, and 4th from Wretham, remainder belong to local band. First peal on the bells since rehanging at Whitsuntide, 1927, by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—At the Parish Church, on Friday, July 29th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, with 7 and 8 covering: W. Wigmore 1, W. Mathews (conductor) 2, Miss E. Mathews 3, Miss D. Fidler 4, Miss R. Hazell 5, Miss S. Davis 6, J. Hazell 7, Miss E. Davis 8. The first extent in this method by all the band, and the first on the bells.

ABERGAVERN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SIDNEY DAWE Treble	ERNEST STITCH 5
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 2	ERNEST COOMES 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
GEORGE POPNELL 4	WILLIAM HORSINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

It is twenty-six years ago since the last peal was rung on these bells.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 5
* WILLIAM BOLWELL 2	SIDNEY HILLIER 6
WILLIAM C. WEST 3	FRED LAMBETH 7
JESSE FRANCIS 4	HENRY POWELL Tenor

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal in the method. Mr. H. Powell was made a member of the association before starting the peal.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

HARRY WARD Treble	GEORGE WM. STEEL 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	ALBERT WORMALD 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	HAROLD L. JONES 7
PERCY MASSAM 4	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAYS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAYS

First spliced peal on the bells, and by all the band. First touch of 'Spliced' by the ringer of the 3rd, who hails from Leeds.

BORDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

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

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

SAM E. TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
ALFRED H. POLLING 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells for over twenty years, the only other Major being two peals of Plain Bob during that period.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANCASTER Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
WILLIAM PYE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Kilby, parents of the ringers of the third and seventh, who were married at this church on July 28th, 1877. Mr. Kilby has been connected with the ringing of these bells for 55 years. The band were entertained after the peal, and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Kilby on their half-century of married life.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD G. SMITH Treble	SAMUEL MOORE, SEN. 5
ALBERT BOOTH 2	JOSEPH ASMOLE 6
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
HARRY PARKER 4	* WILLIAM G. OAKES Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal, and elected a member before starting.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. K. DRIVER Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
JAMES WM. GROUNDS 2	JACK GARTSIDE 6
FRED HINDLE 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
WILLIAM H. SHOKER 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of the sister of the second ringer.

SIX BELL PEAL.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, July 26, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, York Delight, Nelson's Delight, Morning Pleasure and Killamarsh.
Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMHAM Treble	GEORGE LORD 4
* WILLIAM ASHWORTH 2	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
ROBERT J. RICKETTS 3	ARTHUR GILL Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

* First peal in the above association. Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. W. H. Gawtress, late churchwarden at the above church, who was interred on the same day.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 26, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON 5-6
FRED HODGSON 3-4	ERNEST BETTS 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

First peal on an inside pair by the ringer of 3-4. This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Miss D. B. Musgrave and Mr. W. Barton; both of Pudsey, who were married on the above date.

RAYENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Thursday, June 16th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 240 each of Stedman, New Doubles, St. Simon's, and April Day, 180 of Grandsire, and 120 of Plain Bob: S. W. Copling 1, C. F. Sayer 2, R. A. Warman 3, H. W. Barrett 4, F. A. Finch (conductor) 5. This is the first quarter-peal on these bells for thirty years.

LIVERPOOL.—On June 13th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, after meeting late for a peal of Caters, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 51 mins.: T. W. Hopson (Alfreton) 1, W. Battle 2, C. P. Bradley (Beverley) 3, G. R. Newton 4, E. Gaunce 5, T. C. Larkey 6, P. W. Cave (conductor) 7, T. Hammond 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 54 mins.: R. Dear 1, E. Waters 2, C. Lovell 3, A. Davies 4, A. V. Dent 5, C. R. Forfitt 6, W. E. Fletcher (conductor) 7, C. Chambers 8. This was the first quarter-peal and first attempt for the ringers of the 4th and tenor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. THE MASTER AND THE RINGERS' OFFICE.

The annual meeting of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Banbury on July 16th, and was a very successful gathering. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon A. J. Jones), and at which the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild) was the preacher. His address was based upon the text, 'I will magnify mine office' (Rom. xi. 13). St. Paul, he said, by habit magnified everything that claimed to be from the hand of God. He had learnt Christ and magnified his own conversion. He liked to make that loom out, and all through his life he was trying to make himself worthy of his calling. He magnified the fact that he was a Roman citizen, and, above all, that he was not merely a follower of Jesus Christ but an apostle. In the same spirit let them think of their office as church bell ringers and try and magnify it. First of all, it was necessary to see how the office had come down to them from earliest times. There was little heard about the office until fifty years ago, when the various Guilds came into being throughout the country, and took in hand the question of the bell ringer. Although there was no accurate history, they could delve into the past, and ought to recognise what was done in the early days by the first pioneers. They, however, knew very little about their religious habits or their sincerity as churchmen, but they had their writings and the accomplishments that had come down, for which they ought to show their appreciation. They did not, for instance, hold meetings such as that fifty years ago, for there were no Guilds to keep the ringers together, and they had no combination for the betterment of the art and the religious side. There was a real friendship in bell ringing, and he himself would feel very lonely if all his ringers' friendships were taken away. In one's bell ringing friendships were formed, which were a spiritual help. In that way they were following more closely in the steps of the Lord Jesus Christ, and could magnify the office by adding more praise and lustre to it by meeting together and considering how best they could bring their ringing to the highest level. He was quite certain the majority of the clergy in the parishes would welcome suggestions from the ringers as to how they could put the whole question of bell ringing on a high level.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

After the service a tea was held in the Church House, and the annual meeting was presided over by the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, of Adderbury.

Mr. R. R. Lewis, the local secretary and treasurer, presented the balance sheet, which showed an income of £9 19s. 10½d., and an expenditure of £5 7s. He said he was pleased to report a very successful year. The meetings had been well attended, upwards of forty members being present on each occasion. The membership had been increased to seventy-four, including one non-resident life member, and out of that number only four had neglected to pay their subscriptions. Two towers had been transferred to their branch, and they had secured a member from Duns Tew who would, he hoped, influence the other ringers to join from that tower. One peal had been rung for the branch, viz., Grandsire Triples at Banbury, also five members had taken part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Great Tew, Mr. Leonard Clifton, of the local company, ringing the tenor to his first peal. The members at Lower Heyford were tackling Grandsire Doubles with a zest which he was sure would bring them ultimate success. Joint practices had been arranged at Bodicote, and several of the Banbury company attended with a view to assisting the Adderbury and Deddington companies, but the bells proved to be too much of a handful for beginners in change ringing. A visit was also paid to Adderbury with the same result, but he was hopeful that when the rehanging of the bells was complete they would see better progress. There was a difference of £1 10s. between last year and the present one in the amount of honorary members' subscriptions, but he trusted that amount would be forthcoming. Two honorary members had been lost during the year, one by death and the other by removal.

The question of an application for a grant towards the restoration of the bells at Deddington was then discussed.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said that when applications came before the Guild they wanted to know what backing there was from the branch. If they could hear that at Deddington there was a definite proposition which could be put before the general Guild, he was sure it would be entertained. In the case of Adderbury they had a definite proposition, because the work was half done. He could not help feeling that it would be better to leave the application for another year.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary of the Guild) and Mr. A. J. Wright (general treasurer) were of the same opinion, and it was decided to leave the matter over for twelve months.

The Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley then outlined to the meeting what had been done at Adderbury. It had been estimated that rehanging the bells would involve a sum of £520, but in addition to that the sixth bell was cracked, and to be recast would bring the amount to £575. The order was given to the firm without having a penny in hand, and their action had been so far justified, for £407 had been promised, and he hoped before very long to see them all ringing in the Adderbury tower. Everything had been done, he might say, under the supervision of the Master, and it had been done well.

A grant of £21 was made to Adderbury.

Six new ringers from Great Tew were admitted, and it was proposed that the next place of meeting should be Great Tew.

The Secretary said they had been to every tower affiliated to the branch, and he considered it would be better to visit some of the other towers with a view to getting new members, such as Shennington and Wroxton. They wanted to get members into the branch, for the more they had the more they would be able to pay for instructors, and larger grants could be made for restoration.

It was, however, decided to hold the next meeting at Great Tew on October 15th.

The Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley was elected chairman, and the Rev. W. E. McFarlane vice-chairman.

Mr. R. R. Lewis was unanimously re-elected as hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. T. Simons was elected to represent the local branch on the General Guild Committee.

'MISSIONARY' WORK ADVOCATED.

Mr. A. J. Wright congratulated the Banbury Branch on their balance sheet, which showed they were progressive. There was no special object, however, in hoarding up a large balance. Their secretary had suggested that they should make journeys round to the towers not in the Guild, and he would suggest that the branches might spend their money in that way in order to help the small hands along. He mentioned that at each meeting, and he hoped the Banbury and District Branch would do some missionary work in that respect, for the more they got in the Guild the more they could help the work. With regard to the restoration grants, some little time ago a restoration fund was started, and they had got together a sum of £26, and were now in a position to help any tower that came forward. He congratulated the secretary on his work, and he hoped the branch would continue to increase so that by next year he would be able to hear they had doubled their membership.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert said the more they supported the Guild the more the Guild would support the branch. He would also like to take the opportunity of congratulating Mr. Lewis on the work he had done in connection with that branch. Some branches started like a weakly child and died out, while others got senile decay, but their branch had never gone back, and that was due, he thought, to their energetic secretary. He was very pleased to be with them that day, and if they continued to increase their membership they would be one of the strongest branches in the Guild.

The Chairman said they were grateful to the Guild secretary and treasurer for their remarks. He was sure they did not wish to become one of those weak branches mentioned by the secretary, and he did not think they would die of senile decay, as they had not been in existence very long.

Mr. Hibbert expressed a vote of thanks to Canon Jones for the use of the church and the bells, to Mrs. Palmer for her assistance at the organ, and to the Master of the Guild for his interesting address.

The members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING OF CENTRAL DIVISION AT BOLNEY.

Situate just off the main London to Brighton road, and about 4½ miles from the nearest railway station, is this interesting Sussex village, Bolney—historical as possessing the earliest peal of eight bells in the county (date 1724). Here, on Saturday week, a meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association was held. The tower was open for ringing at 2.30, and at 4 o'clock a service was held. This was conducted by the Vicar of Bolney, the Rev. E. W. Michell, who also presided at an excellent tea, which followed in the garden behind the Eight Bells Inn, and which had been provided for the forty-three present by the kindness of Mr. A. Hicks, one of the churchwardens.

At the business meeting, the Vicar of Bolney was in the chair, supported by the Master of the association (Mr. J. T. Rickman) and Mr. W. J. Brown, churchwarden. The following new members were elected: G. Oliver, Crawley; E. Dancey, Hurstpierpoint; E. Packham, J. Sayers, Twineham; H. Arnold and William Harrison, Bolney. The election of the following non-resident members was confirmed: E. J. Hobbs, Husbourn Crawley, Beds; W. H. Shuker, Manchester; Miss N. E. Shorter, Walton-on-Thames; Albert Crawley, Crawe; F. H. Crawley, Crewe; and E. J. Dobbie, Sittingbourne, Kent.

The Hon. Secretary announced that copies of the annual report could be obtained from the divisional secretaries, price 3d., by post 4d.

The collection taken at the service, on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, amounted to 13s. 2d.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bolney for the use of the bells and the service, coupling with this the name of the generous donor of the tea.—This was enthusiastically received, and, the Vicar having replied, the proceedings terminated.

An adjournment was made to the tower, and ringing continued until shortly before eight, the methods brought round ranging from Grand-sire to Cambridge Surprise.

The following towers were represented: Billingshurst, Bolney, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Heene, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint, Koymer, Lewes (Southover), Lindfield, Shipley, Shoreham, Twineham, also unaffiliated and non-resident members.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FORTIETH ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The fortieth annual festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, July 23rd, at Grappenhall, the quiet Cheshire parish of which the Ringing Master of the Guild, Rev. C. A. Clements, is Rector. The attendance, though not as large as in former years, was representative of the whole diocese, and a very enjoyable meeting was the result. Ringing took place at the Parish Church and at several neighbouring churches, including Lymm, one of the heaviest rings in that part of Cheshire. This was followed by a service, an excellent tea, and the business meeting, after which more ringing closed the day.

At the service, Rev. Canon F. W. Dwelly, M.A., ceremoniarus of Liverpool Cathedral, was to have preached the Guild sermon, but was prevented, by the death of his father the day before, from being present. In his place, Rev. C. M. Johnston, Vicar of Thelwall, preached an instructive sermon on prayer. Prayer, he said, is an act of reverence to our King and Creator: it is not a shopping list by which to obtain our daily needs with the least trouble. It is rather the act of the creature to the Creator. Prayer should consist of five elements. First, there is confession, which, with contrition, is, as it were, the doormat of the approach to God. This is to be followed by homage and praise to His Holy Name. Next comes thanksgiving for blessings already received. After that, the fourth and biggest element is intercession or prayer for others. Not till then may we ask for our own personal needs. God's answer to prayer is either, Yes, No, or Wait.

The rest of the service was conducted by the Master, Rev. C. A. Clements, and the secretary, Mr. E. W. Elwell, read the lesson.

At the business meeting, after the routine business was finished, Rev. C. A. Clements was re-elected Master, Rev. A. T. Beeston treasurer, and Mr. E. W. Elwell secretary. The following honorary members were elected to the committee: Rev. H. A. Haworth, Rev. J. St. L. Blakeney, Rev. W. R. Ingham, Rev. A. Ball, and Messrs. T. Ashworth, H. A. Heywood and H. Fairclough. Ringing representatives were elected as follows: Messrs. J. Perkey, W. T. Holding, J. Morgan, W. Bibby, T. Mottershead, S. Ashmore, and S. F. Barnes.

Grants in aid of the restoration of bells were confirmed to Farndon and Christleton towers.

Discussion then centred on the question of the introduction of a membership card, and several interesting points of view were expressed, but it was finally decided that the disadvantages far outweighed the advantages.

Some reference was also made to three peals, each rung on the same day, which all claimed to be the thousandth peal for the Guild, and for which a board had been offered. This offer was finally withdrawn, and it was decided not to discuss the matter further.

A report of the proceedings of the Central Council was presented by Mr. R. D. Langford and received with interest, particularly in respect of that part dealing with nomenclature.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting on Easter Monday, 1928, at St. George's Church, Stockport.

The meeting terminated with the usual vote of thanks, and afterwards a photograph of those present was taken.

After the meeting, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung in memory of Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, who was an honorary member of the Guild.

MUCH STEADY ENDEAVOUR.

In the annual report it was stated that the year under review has been one not marked by violent changes or obvious and far-sweeping reform, but by the more difficult, if less spectacular, work of maintenance at its present standard of the art of ringing in the diocese. This does not mean that no progress has been accomplished; on the other hand, much steady endeavour has been made throughout the area to reach a higher level of performance, and to see that bells are maintained in good condition.

Attention was directed to one or two features of the accounts. 'The year ended with a slightly increased cash balance, but this would not have been so had it not been possible temporarily to reduce expenditure. In this connection the cost of printing the report was rather less than the year before. Stocks of printing were nearly sufficient to supply all needs, and practically no new work was required; this will not be so next year. On the credit side of the account the total of members' subscriptions is rather less, and those outstanding have risen in number. May we again make an appeal to members,' says the report, 'to pay the small subscription promptly to enable our work to be carried on and to avoid extra expense in collecting it? It has long been desired to revise the subscription basis of contribution to Guild and branch, but this work cannot be undertaken until it can be done with safety. The membership figures show little change compared with last year, but the number of outstanding subscriptions, particularly in the Bowden and Stockport Branch, has increased. It is now 95, or 30 more than in the previous year. The comparative figures are as follows: Life members, 1925 2, 1926 2; hon. members, 68, 71; ringing members, 567, 564; total, 637, 637. The total number of peals rung, 84, is 13 less than last year, and there is only one new conductor. Thirteen members have rung their first peal. This does not compare too favourably with recent years, but the fact that no less than twenty-two different members have acted as conductors is encouraging. The variety of methods rung has increased, and first peals for the Guild

have been scored in Little Bob Royal (in hand), Oxford Treble Bob Royal (in hand), London Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Royal, Belgrave Surprise Major, Clarendon Surprise Major, Double Bob Major (in hand), Reverse Bob Major (in hand), and there has also been a peal of Spliced Major. The general conditions of bells in the area is good. Restoration work, to which the Guild is asked to contribute, is in progress at Christleton and at Farndon, where the grouting of the tower is necessary, owing to the ravages of time and of a crack which has developed in the structure. The thanks of the Guild are again given to the branch secretaries, ringing instructors, and others who have wholeheartedly accorded their help during the past year.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SWANSCOMBE.

The quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Swanscombe, on Saturday, July 23rd, and was well attended. Ringing started at 3 o'clock, and the bells were going in various methods until five, when the association service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. F. Campbell Ward), an honorary member of the association. Mr. E. A. G. Allen, of Frindsbury tower, officiated at the organ. The Rector, in his address, held up to those present as an example the life of their late brother ringer, Mr. W. H. Harper, who at his decease was churchwarden at this church, and had been connected with the tower over 40 years. He stated that they in the district had a 'Harper' Memorial Fund in connection with the church, the form of which was not quite settled, but whatever form it took it would be recorded on a brass plate in a prominent position in the church.

The Rector and Mrs. Campbell Ward invited the company to tea, which was to have been served on their beautiful lawn, but owing to the uncertainty of the weather, it was partaken of in the Village Hall.

The business meeting followed, at which the Rector presided. Five new members (including one lady) were elected, and Chatham, Rainham and Frindsbury were proposed for the venue of the annual district meeting to be held on the last Saturday in October. After close voting and a recount, Chatham was declared carried.

Mr. W. Spice, who was unfortunately unable to be present, wrote asking for a meeting at Borden to try and raise interest in this district, and it was unanimously decided to hold a bye-meeting at that tower on the first Saturday in September, when the apples are ripe and the hops fit to pick.

The district informed the meeting that an appeal from the Bénévolent Fund, on behalf of Mr. F. Draper, of Northfleet, was successful, the committee having granted £5. Having obtained permission of the Rector for a collection for the 'Harper' Memorial Fund, 25s. was subscribed by those present.

The only 'growl' was from the energetic ex-R.E., who has retired and taken up a permanent residence at Rainham, who complained that in the report no notice was given of the Sunday ringing and practice night at that tower, so for the information of intending visitors we are asked to state that the hours are: Sundays, 10-11 and 5.30-6.30; practice, Tuesdays, 7.30-9.

Mr. W. Haigh proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Campbell Ward for so kindly entertaining the members to tea, and for allowing them to visit Swanscombe once more, also to Mr. Allen for presiding at the organ. He also feelingly referred to the sad loss the association, and more especially Swanscombe, had sustained in the loss of Mr. W. H. Harper, whom he had known and been associated with for over 40 years. He knew he would never meet a better man.

The Rector, in responding, said he had found out that it was just three years ago when they visited Swanscombe, and he hoped they would not leave it so long before they came again. That was how much he appreciated the visit. He also thanked them for the collection towards the memorial fund.

After touches on handbells, the tower was again visited, and 'rounds' for beginners, standard methods to Cambridge and Superlative were successfully brought round, when the bells were lowered on another successful and harmonious meeting in this district. Over 40 ringers attended, and it was pleasing to notice the presence of lady friends (ringers and otherwise), not forgetting the female correspondent of a local newspaper, who wanted all the news, more especially who had 'won the bell-ringing contest that had taken place' in opposition to a band contest that was held in an adjacent meadow. The district secretary heaved a sigh of relief when he managed to free himself from her cross-examination.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the St. Albans District was held at Harpenden on Saturday week, and was attended by a good number of ringers from various towers, including two 'youthful' visitors in Messrs. J. Waghorn and J. A. Dart. Various methods, including Cambridge Surprise, were rung, and after tea the business meeting was held, Mr. B. Jarman being voted to the chair. The principal business was the arrangement of a joint meeting with the Middlesex Association at Northaw on Saturday, August 20th, and this was approved by those present. The next meeting after that will be held at St. Albans on October 1st.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbent for the use of the bells and to Mr. Jarman, of the local band. The tower was again visited, and ringing carried on till 8 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

A very successful ringing meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, July 23rd, when about 20 ringers assembled from ten different towers. The methods rung were Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich. Although the methods were not very high, what was rung was rung well on the beautiful bells. After the bells had been lowered in peal, a few tunes were played on them by a well-known musician. On the way back to Nottingham, a short stay was made at Cotgrave, where 120 Single Oxford and a 720 of Kent Minor were rung: Miss Thompson 1, J. Walden (Lincoln) 2, S. Pinder 3, H. Haynes (Hough-on-the-Hill) 4, H. Squires (Hough-on-the-Hill) 5, Frederick W. Bailey (conductor) 6.

LEICESTER DISTRICT.

A successful quarterly meeting of the Leicester District was held on Saturday, July 9th. The six bells of Groby Church were set going about 3.15 p.m., touches of Grandsire Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor being rung. The members partook of a good tea at a cottage not far from the church, after which Ratby belfry was visited, and ringing enjoyed on the six bells. A short business meeting was held in the belfry. In the absence of the local vice-president, Mr. J. Clarke, of Wigston, was voted to the chair.

Four new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the September meeting at Thurcaston and Anstey. The bells were kept going till about 8.15, and a set of handbells belonging to the local ringers was also brought into use, touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples being rung.

A SOMERSET ADVANCE.

The first 720 of Surprise rung in the Midsomer Norton District of Somerset was achieved at the village of Chilcompton, on Thursday, July 28th, when 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor was scored: R. E. Beck 1, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 2, H. G. Pearce 3, W. C. Shute 4, R. G. Beck 5, C. F. Andrews 6.

MARSHFIELD.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: C. Harding 1, J. H. Beazer 2, E. Beazer 3, H. Woodham 4, H. Hinton 5, E. Lewis 6, G. Robinson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, R. Swift (first quarter-peal) 8.—On the following day, June 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260) in 42 mins.: C. Harding 1, J. H. Beazer 2, F. J. Beazer (first quarter-peal) 3, H. Woodham 4, H. Hinton 5, E. Lewis 6, G. Robinson (conductor) 7, R. Swift 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DORCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Abbotsbury, and a pleasant and instructive time was spent. The 'touches' rung included Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, and Grandsire Doubles. Considerable pleasure was afforded by a visit to the Earl of Ilchester's gardens, under the guidance of the Vicar (Archdeacon W. S. Moule). A service was conducted in the church by the Vicar, who gave an interesting and inspiring address. By the generosity of the Vicar and Church Council, tea was provided in the Parish Hall for the members and choir, and was much appreciated.

At the business meeting that followed, the chair was taken by Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch), supported by Archdeacon Moule, Rev. C. D. Job (Vicar of West Lulworth), Col. H. D. Robson, Mr. T. Hervey Beams (assistant general secretary), and Mr. W. J. Benger (hon. secretary of the branch). The towers represented were Abbotsbury, Bradford Peverell, Charminster, Dorchester St. Peter, Fordington St. George, and West Lulworth. Letters of apology at inability to attend were received from the members at Puddletown, Buckland Newton, Bere Regis, Wool, and Wyke Regis.

The Chairman expressed his pleasure at seeing such a good attendance at that the first meeting of the branch at Abbotsbury, and said it was through the interest taken by Archdeacon Moule that the meeting had been held there. The Chairman cordially thanked Archdeacon Moule and Mr. Hutchings for providing the tea, and the ladies who had waited upon them, and also the organist and choir for their contribution to the service. He extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Hervey Beams, the Litton Cheney ringers, Messrs. W. Shute (Buckhorn Weston), H. Andrews, E. Cook (Templecombe), C. Hirst (Dorchester), F. Lovelace (Henstridge), and A. Tout (Taunton St. Mary's).

Sincere regret was expressed by the Chairman at the death of two former members, Mr. J. Harvell (West Lulworth) and Mr. Bishop (Swanage), who was present at the last quarterly meeting at Bere Regis, and at the chairman's suggestion the members stood in silence in token of sympathy with the relatives.

Archdeacon Moule said he was very proud to welcome them all to Abbotsbury, and he trusted that the meeting would be attended with much success.

Mr. William Coombs was elected as a life ringing member, and the meeting endorsed the election of Mr. C. Dart as a member for Fordington St. George.

The pleasing announcement was made by Mr. Beams that change ringing was on the increase in the Guild.

On the proposition of the Rev. C. D. Job, seconded by Mr. Beams, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded with acclamation to the chairman. At the close of the business the members returned to the tower and further ringing was indulged in.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. R. Kilby, who has been connected for 55 years with the bells at St. Mary's Church, Willesden, where he married in 1877, celebrated his golden wedding on Thursday of last week.

A peal tablet recording the record length of Treble Bob (17,824 changes) will be unveiled at Heptonstall on August 27th. It is hoped that all the band who took part, including Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, from Dublin, and Mr. Arthur Peglar, from Bangor, will be present.

Mr. W. T. Poston, a member of the Bridstow (Herefordshire) band, has just received notification that he has been successful in passing the final examination of the London Association of Accountants, Ltd. Admission as an associate of the association is granted to those who have passed the final examination and satisfy the Council as to general suitability and wide accountancy experience.

The first peal of Grandsire Royal was rung at Painswick on August 6th, 1815.

Thurstauns called his famous peal of Stedman for the first time on August 8th, 1842. His achievement in composing this masterpiece set the seal on his fame.

'Silent' peals of Stedman Triples, or of any method for that matter, are still a rarity, and the one rung at Drayton by the Oxford Guild on August 7th, 1899, is, therefore, worth recalling.

Mr. Tom Hensher is now 'mine host' of the Prince of Wales, Finedon, Northants. Letters from old friends will be greatly appreciated, and a hearty welcome accorded to all campanologists.

AN EARLY BELL FOUNDER.

INTERESTING FACTS REVEALED IN ANCIENT CHRONICLE.

In the course of his interesting sermon to the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Saturday week, Dr. Longford referred to the casting of an ancient bell recorded in the chronicle of the Monk of St. Gall.

We are indebted to Dr. Longford for the following translation of the passage quoted by him from the Latin text.

The Monk of St. Gall wrote reminiscences of the times of Charles the Great. The chronicle was written in the year A.D. 884, and deals with an incident of about the year A.D. 800:—

'Tanco, a former monk of St. Gall, cast a very fine bell, and the Emperor was above measure astonished at its tone. This outstanding (but in the event most unlucky) coppersmith therefore said: "My Lord Emperor, let me have a large quantity of copper to smelt to purity, and in place of the requisite amount of tin let me have at least 100lb. of silver, and I will cast you such a bell that this poor thing will be mute in comparison." Then Charles, who was most liberal of kings—for though riches poured in upon him he set not his heart upon them—at once ordered all to be provided which the monk demanded. He, miserable man, took them and departed in high glee. He smelted the copper, skimmed it, and introduced in place of the silver the purest tin, and in a short time perfected from the amalgam a bell much more wonderful, which, when tested, he presented to the Emperor. The Emperor, having expressed his pleasure at its incomparable shape, ordered it, when fitted with its iron clapper, to be hung in a bell tower. This was done without delay. The Rector of the church, the other chaplains, and, finally, inexperienced persons who were standing about, one after the other strove to make the bell ring, and were totally unable. At last, enraged, the fraudulent bell maker snatched the rope and pulled the bell, and at once the iron clapper, slipping from its position, fell upon him in his iniquity, piercing his head and impaling his corpse, till it struck the ground. The silver was afterwards found and given by the Emperor to the poorer servants about his court.'

The interest of this passage lies in (1) the early account of the nature of bell metal, (2) the weight of bell (at least 3 cwt.) which was cast at that early period, (3) the fact of its part in establishing the fact that the Irish were noted bell makers (as we know later from the Life of Dunstan), (4) the early custom that the normal bell ringer was an ecclesiastical person. It is possible that this account of the Monk of St. Gall (Book I., chapter 29) has hitherto been unnoticed by those who have studied the history of bells.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A very enjoyable meeting was held at the six-bell tower of Worpleston on Saturday, July 16th, over thirty members being present from Aldershot, Ash, Cobham, Godalming, Guildford (Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas'), Shalford and Witley, and the local company. The bells were available from three o'clock, and a service was held at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Collingwood Bruce), who also gave an excellent address. The Guild form of service was used, and Miss K. Avenell, one of the ringers, presided at the organ. Tea was provided on the Rectory lawn by the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Bruce.

After tea, a short business meeting was held, presided over by the Rector. Three new members were elected, and the place for the next meeting was decided on, Dunsfold being chosen.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and Mrs. Bruce for providing the tea, to Miss Avenell for presiding at the organ, and to the local company for having everything in readiness.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

We commence this week a series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

METHODS.

From the beginner's point of view, a method is composed of rows of figures, which vary when reading from left to right. A peal is not 5,040 'changes'; really, it is 5,040 rows of figures, all differing.

These rows are made up by bells changing position from the row above, IN PAIRS—bells which make a pair taking the places of each other. These pairs change simultaneously in the row, and each separate pair is a 'change.' One, two, three, or more pairs may change at the same time, to produce a fresh row—thus do we get rows of 'Singles,' 'Doubles,' 'Triples,' etc., that is to say, rows with a 'Single Change,' or with 'Double Changes,' etc.

For our immediate purpose we may take it:

(1) That a 'lead' is made up of a number of rows, the number being governed by the path of the treble bell, fresh rows being produced from the time she leaves the front, until she returns there for her whole pull; the second blow of her whole-pull on the front is both the lead-end row, and also the first row of the next lead; but more of this later.

(2) That a 'Plain Course' is a certain number of such 'leads,' which, at the end, will leave the bells in the same order in the row (when reading from left to right) as they were when the plain course commenced—i.e., rounds.

(3) That the CHANGING PAIRS in the rows of each succeeding lead of a method will follow FAITHFULLY the pairs which change in the corresponding rows of the first lead. That is to say, if, in row No. 2 of the first lead the first and second pairs change, then the same pairs will change in row No. 2 of every lead—not the same BELLS, but the same PAIRS. If, in row No. 9 of the first lead, only the last pair change, then in row No. 9 of every other lead, only the last pair will change, and so on.

This latter may clearly be seen in the '24 changes' as they are called (Bob Minimus). Commence by changing two pairs, then the middle pair only; then follow on with, Both, Middle, Both, Middle, etc., until the treble gets to the front again, for the FIRST BLOW of her whole pull there.

The 1243 in the example is introduced merely to show how rounds are arrived at, and does not appear in the method until the end.

1 2 4 3

1 2 (3 4)

(2 1) (4 3)

2 (4 1) 3

(4 2) (3 1)

4 (3 2) 1

(3 4) (1 2)

3 (1 4) 2

(1 3) (2 4)

1 3 (4 2)

practically speaking, it is the end of the last lead.

Then in our example, 'second's place' is made (by 3) when the treble has her second blow on the front, the remaining pair change, and 1342 is the head of our next lead. (In Minor, this is done by either the bell in second's place or by the bell in sixth's place, hence the terms 'Second's Place Methods' and 'Sixth's Place Methods,' Plain Bob being an example of the former, and Double Court of the latter, but I will return to this later.)

Repeat the changing of the pairs from the second lead-head (1342), as is done in the first lead, first both pairs, then the middle pair only, and so on, until we come to 1432, when second's place is made (by 4), and we get 1423 as the head of the third lead. Repeat this procedure (from 1423), until we get 1243—the row which is shown above rounds—second's place (by 2) giving rounds, and we have completed a 'round block,' or course.

This is 'transposition by pairs.'

We may know then, that, given the first lead of any method, we can produce all of the rows in the plain course by following that lead. Therefore, it follows that the path of ANY ONE BELL through the whole plain course may be traced by reference to the figures of the first lead only. It is obvious that, if the pairs changing throughout all of the leads are similar to the pairs in the first lead, then the DIFFERENT BELLS which MAKE THOSE PAIRS must follow the same paths as those bells which go to make the SAME PAIRS in the first lead. In other words, the bell in second's place at each of the lead-heads must follow the same path as the bell in second's place (the 2) at the first lead-head (1234). So that if, in tracing the path of one particular bell throughout the plain course (say, the 2), we find that it is left in fourth's place at the head of the second lead (1342),

our reasoning has shown that reference to the bell in the SAME PLACE at the head of the first lead (1234)—that is, the 4, in fourth's place—will give us the path to be taken by our bell (the 2) through the second lead of the plain course; and so on, with each 'place' in turn, until we come to the place from which we started, that is, second's place (at 1234).

Now, BECAUSE each lead of a method is a replica of the first lead, so far as the changing pairs are concerned, it is reasonable to assume that, if the order of the figures in the lead-head be altered, then the order of the figures in every row of that lead will likewise be altered. Therefore, provided that each lead-head differs from every other one, all of the rows should differ from each other. This is so, within limits which need not be explained here.

TRANSPPOSITION.

It has been seen that the path of each bell in a particular position (in the row) at ANY lead-head follows the path of the bell found in a corresponding position at the head of the first lead. Therefore, ANY BELL which replaces one of those in the first lead-head would occupy in the second lead-head the POSITION taken there by the bell which it has replaced. Thus:—

If the first lead-head be ... 1200 (or 1234)

And the second lead-head be ... 1002 (or 1342),

Then if 3 takes the position of 2 ... 1300 (at 1342)

It will travel to the same position

that 2 did in the first lead ... 1003 (at 1423).

To put it in another way, suppose the first lead-head (1234) to be 'Station A,' and the POSITIONS in that row to be 'platforms 1-2-3-4,' the second lead-head (1342) to be 'Station B,' and the POSITIONS in that row ALSO 'platforms 1-2-3-4'—notice, platforms 1-2-3-4, and not platforms 1-3-4-2. Suppose the paths of the bells through the first lead to be set rails between one of the A platforms and a differently-numbered platform at B; regard the BELL NUMBERS as certain-numbered trains, and the different leads as different days.

Then, on the first day, train No. 1 leaves A1 and arrives at B1; train No. 2 leaves A2 and arrives at B4; No. 3 goes from A3 to B2; and No. 4 train from A4 to B3.

Now the alteration in the NUMBERS OF THE TRAINS starting from A and arriving at B has no bearing whatsoever upon the PLATFORMS and ROUTES. If, on the next day, No. 3 train leaves A2, it will still arrive at B4 on that day, although it is No. 3 train, because it travels on the set rails between A2 and B4, no matter what the train number is. This applies to all of the positions at the lead-heads, and, therefore, if a bell in the first and second lead-heads is placed 1004 to 1040, then the second lead-head being 1002 the third lead-head must be 1020, the second head having become 'Station A,' and the third head 'Station B.'

Here are the positions of the bells at the lead-heads placed in column form, and, in reading straight across, we readily see the similarity of transposition:—

Lead-heads.		Lead-heads.		Lead-heads.	
First to Second.	Second to Third.	Third to Fourth.	(viz., the first again).		
1234	1342	1342	1423	1423	1234
1200	1002	1300	1003	1400	1004
1030	1300	1040	1400	1020	1200
1004	1040	1002	1020	1003	1030

Thus are we able to determine what all of the lead-heads will be by transposition, without reference to the rows in between; we are given the first and second lead-heads as the example, and by reference to these two are able to discover the remainder.

In the same manner that we are able to determine these, so are we able to discover what ANY ROW within any lead will be by reference to the transposition between the first lead-head and the corresponding row in the first lead. If we are able to find the 'platforms' at the second lead-head by travelling the unalterable path from the first lead-head, then it follows that the 'platforms' of any station in between may be so determined. The lead-head (1234) becomes 'Station A,' and the corresponding row (in the first lead) to that row which we wish to find in another lead becomes 'Station B.'

Suppose that we wished to know what the fifth row in the third lead would be. Now the BELLS 1-2-3-4 are in the POSITIONS of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, at the first lead-head, and in row No. 5 of that lead the POSITIONS 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th are occupied by BELLS 4-3-2-1; in fact, the bells are just reversed. In the head of the third lead, the positions 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th are occupied by bells 1-4-2-3; therefore, row No. 5 of that lead will be the exact reverse of its lead-head—that is, 3241. In other words, the No. 4 train from platform 4 (at 1234) goes to platform 1 (at 4321); therefore, train No. 3 from platform 4 (at 1423) must also go to platform 1 (at 3241); and so on, with the other three bells.

THE FUNERAL OF MR. PRYCE TAYLOR.

RINGERS' TRIBUTES.

Although the funeral of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor took place on a date before it was possible to make a general announcement to the Exercise, many ringers were among the large congregation which attended the sad obsequies at Loughborough on Wednesday of last week. From far and near, friends came to pay their last tribute of respect to one whom they held in high regard, and to show their sympathy with the bereaved.

The remains were brought back to England in the 'Berengaria,' and the widow travelled by the same vessel. The ship reached Southampton on Tuesday, and the coffin was conveyed to Loughborough by motor hearse.

The service took place at the Parish Church, with which Mr. Taylor and his family have been identified for generations, and from the tower of which the flag was flown at half-mast. Between 80 and 90 employees of the Foundry lined the path to the church door, as the coffin was borne into the building by six of the oldest members of the staff, who had been associated with the deceased from his boyhood: Messrs. R. F. Lane, J. Smith, H. Mowbray, A. Bowley, W. Richards and W. Thorley.

The family mourners were: Mrs. Kathleen Mitchell Taylor (widow), Mrs. Josephine Backhouse (sister), Mr. E. Dennison Taylor and Mr. Owen J. Taylor (uncles), Mrs. John W. Taylor, Manchester (step-mother), and Master Paul Lea Taylor (step-brother), Mr. Arthur Lea and Miss Emma Lea, Manchester, and Mrs. Owen J. Taylor.

There was a numerous attendance of bell ringers, especially of those in the Midland Counties Association, of which Mr. Pryce Taylor was a member, and the representative on the Central Council. Among those were Messrs. E. Morris (secretary), W. Willson (treasurer), H. J. Poole, H. W. Needham (all of Leicester); W. E. White and Walter White (Cotgrave), Canon H. J. Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Ancient Society of College Youths and Winchester Diocesan Guild), Mr. J. George (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), and Mr. H. Chapman (Lancashire Association).

The Parish Church bell ringers present were Messrs. A. E. Cartwright, J. Hutchby, W. Smith, C. Harriman, E. Reader, E. Leslie, G. Onslow, H. Stubbs, J. Saddington, W. Billingham and J. Grundy.

In the congregation, representative of all classes, were, among others: The Mayor (Councillor A. Hibbins), Ald. T. Mayo, Councillor J. W. Barker, Messrs. W. F. Charles, C. E. Huston, E. T. Allcock, J. T. Brain, W. Pearson, H. D. Barlow, L. H. Squire, Norman Hanford, J. Oldham (Messrs. J. Taylor and Sons), T. Hancock (Loughborough Tennis Club), W. Haynes and A. D. Smith (John Smith and Sons, Derby). War Memorial Committee were represented by Councillors T. W. Bailey (chairman), H. Coltman, Mrs. Stapleton, E. Fisher, Messrs. W. H. Turnell, Wilfred Moss, J. Denkin, and H. W. Cook, and the three carillonners, Messrs. W. E. Jordan, S. C. Potter and B. Barker. The Howe and Charnwood Lodge of Freemasons were represented by Messrs. J. Arterton, A. B. Martin, H. Holmes, P. Moss, A. H. Brewster, G. F. Brewill, T. Pritchard, H. Noon and J. A. Street.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon G. W. Briggs, and included the hymns, 'All as God wills, who wisely heeds,' and 'Rock of Ages.' As the funeral cortege left the church, some beautifully struck rounds were rung on the muffled bells, and, afterwards, a touch of Stedman Caters. Later, a peal of Stedman Caters was rung.

The grave at the cemetery was by the side of that of Mr. Pryce Taylor's father, Mr. John W. Taylor. At the close of the service the masonic brethren followed their custom of throwing sprigs of acacia into the open grave.

Many wreaths were sent by sympathising friends and organisations. Prominent among these was a beautiful mark of regret and regard in the form of a large bell from the Bell Foundry workers and staff. The Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers also sent a bell-shaped floral tribute. Other wreaths were from the Mayor and Mayoress, the bell ringers of All Saints' Church, Loughborough Town Hockey Club, the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, the boys of the United Public Schools Brigade, Loughborough Lawn Tennis Club, Leicestershire County Hockey Association, the carillonners of the Loughborough War Memorial, and a large number from private friends.

On Wednesday evening a recital was given on the War Memorial Carillon by Mr. W. E. Jordan, with all the 47 bells muffled.

Muffled peals have also been rung during the past few days at many of the churches connected with the Midland Counties' Association, and the touches include the following:—

In the evening, after the funeral, at St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester, with half-muffled bells, 1,261 Stedman Caters: R. F. Elkington 1, S. Cotton 2, C. F. Howitt 4, L. E. Allen 4, E. Morris 5, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 6, P. Harrison 7, J. H. Drewery 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10.

At Heavitree, Exeter, Devon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) with the bells muffled, in 54 mins.: J. Sandover 1, J. Oke 2, A. Truman 3, T. Laver 4, J. Arbury 5, W. Lethbridge 6, F. J. Davey (conductor) 7, A. Mitchell 8.

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DOUBLE LONDON SURPRISE.

By GEORGE BAKER.

London Surprise Minor, like Cambridge Surprise Minor, is not a double method, but it requires very little alteration to make a first-class double method of it, and the result is not only a true double Minor method, but it will also extend on all even numbers to infinity.

The Minor, it is true, is again one of the methods interdicted by the Methods Committee, and these gentlemen, I think, will soon begin to learn that arbitrary definitions not only obscure the truth in method construction, but they have also prevented many good double Minor methods being brought to light.

A mistaken notion of days gone by was that true double Treble Bob or Surprise Minor or Royal methods were an impossibility. The advent of Bristol Surprise, which runs true from Minor to infinity, proved the fallacy of that doctrine, and Double London and other methods have finally killed it.

In London Surprise Minor there are sixteen constructional places in the first lead, and all we have to do to make a double method of it is to shift the position of three places and add two additional places.

Following are half-leads each of Minor, Major, Royal, and Maximus:—

Minor.	Major.	Royal.	Maximus.
123456	12345678	1234567890	1234567890et
213546	21354768	2135476980	213547698et0
125364	12537486	1253749608	12537496et80
215634	21573846	2157394068	21573946et80
251643	25178364	2517930486	251793et4608
526143	52718634	5271903846	52719et34068
251634	25176843	2517098364	2517e9et30486
256143	25718634	2571903846	25719et34068
526413	52781643	5279108364	52791et30486
562431	52876143	5297018634	5297et03846
654213	52781634	5279106843	52791e0t8364
645231	52786143	529018634	529et0t3846
462531	75826413	7592081643	7592et108364
Lead-head	78562431	5729806143	5729et018634
156342	87654213	7592081634	7592et108343
	86745231	7850286143	785et0t18634
	68472531	9705826413	97et5t2081643
	Lead-head	9078562431	795et2t806143
	15738264	0987654213	97et5t2081634
		0896745231	9et7t50286143
		8069472531	et9t705826413
		Lead-head	et9078562431
		1573920486	te0987654213
			et0896745231
			0t8e69472531
			Lead-head
			157392et4t608

The Minor and Royal are both true methods, but whether a peal of Major is possible, considering there are seven false course ends, as below, is a problem yet unsolved.

False course ends in Major.

32546.
24365
46253
62345
34562
48325
54263

Shipway had many mistaken notions which he has handed down to us in his Campanologia, and many ringers of to-day believe in these ideas because Shipway stated them.

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At All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, on Sunday, July 24th, in 44 mins., for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harris 1, J. E. Moreton 2, Miss M. V. Godderidge 3, H. Wright 4, Miss D. E. Lewis 5, J. Draycott 6, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 7, W. Carter (first quarter-peal) 8.

PAIGNTON.—On July 21st, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples was rung in 46 mins.: H. J. Hole 1, C. R. Walker 2, Mrs. J. Cottrell 3, J. Collings 4, J. Cottrell 5, F. T. Gover (conductor) 6, W. Farley 7, A. Pope 8. Arranged for the visitors, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cottrell, from Bradford, Yorks, and Mr. W. Farley, of Colham, Bristol.

OLD CLEEVE, SOMERSET.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with bells half-muffled, on Thursday, May 5th, after the funeral of Mrs. Gooding, wife of Mr. T. C. Gooding, churchwarden, as a last token of respect: V. Stevens (first quarter) 1, F. Burnett 2, N. Churly 3, G. Cridland 4, A. Bryant (conductor) 5, A. Stevens 6, R. Eaton 7, J. Gratton 8.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON SOCIETY.**

On Monday, July 25th, in beautiful summer weather, the Halesworth and Chediston Ringing Society had their annual outing, journeying in a comfortable charabanc. The party, numbering 15, included the Rector, Rev. H. C. Newbery, and Mr. C. J. Goodwin, churchwarden. Touches were rung on the six bells of Cratfield, Laxfield, and Wilby, and the eight bells of Stradbroke Church during the morning. At Stradbroke Rectory, the party were entertained through the kindness of Canon and Mrs. Upcher to an excellent lunch, which was much appreciated.

The business meeting followed, all the officers being re-elected. The secretary's report showed that the bells had been rung for all the Sunday services during the year, and two peals had been secured since the last meeting. The treasurer's report was also satisfactory, the balance being well on the right side.

A hearty vote of thanks to their kind host and hostess was accorded, and the party then proceeded to Fressingfield, Redenhall and Bungay, all eight-bell towers, ringing short touches at each church. Tea was provided at Bungay, and an hour's ringing followed with local friends. Home was reached at 9.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day.

Thanks are accorded to the various clergy for placing the bells at their disposal, and also to their many ringing comrades for so kindly meeting them and helping to make the day such a complete success. The methods rung included Kent Treble Bob Major and Minor, Bob Major and Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

A YORKSHIRE OUTING.

The ringers of St. Peter's, Conisborough, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 23rd. The Vicar (Rev. H. Lee) and friends accompanied the party, which numbered 23. Leaving Conisborough at 8 a.m. by motor bus, they passed through Doncaster and went on through Brodsworth and Ferry Bridge to Wetherby, where a halt was made, and the bells were soon merrily going to changes. A well-struck 504 Grandsire Triples was brought round on this nice peal of eight. After a stay of about an hour, the party made their way to Ilkley, thence on to Bolton Abbey, where a halt was made for about an hour. After viewing this beautiful Abbey and grounds, they returned to Ilkley, where they were met by the local ringers. On the bells of the Parish Church, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. Before leaving, the ringers visited the church to inspect the stained glass window in memory of the late Mr. Jasper W. Snowden. Luncheon was excellently served at the Rose and Crown Hotel, and a start was made on the homeward journey at six o'clock. At Keighley, the party were met by the local ringers, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round on this fine peal of bells. The return journey was continued via Bradford and Wakefield, and the party landed home at eleven o'clock. All expressed delight at the arrangements made and the pleasure of the outing, and would like to thank the various clergy for granting permission to ring and to the local ringers who met and welcomed them.

KING'S NORTON RINGERS IN LONDON.

On Saturday, July 16th, the King's Norton ringers visited London on their annual outing. Arriving in the Metropolis at 10.30 a.m., they were met by Mr. Challis F. Winney, who had kindly undertaken to pilot the party throughout the day. The first tower visited was St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, where they met Mr. W. E. Garrard, from whom they received a very cordial welcome. The ringing here was very much enjoyed. A move was afterwards made to Ye Olde Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, to partake of dinner. During the afternoon, the bells of All Hallows, Barking, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, were rung. After tea, the ringers visited St. Clement Danes, Strand, where some good touches were successfully brought round. During the day, the King's Norton men made the acquaintance of several of the City ringers, whose company they much appreciated. Their best thanks were accorded to Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who had arranged such an excellent programme for them, and Messrs. Challis F. Winney and H. Langdon, who contributed so largely to the success and pleasure of the visit.

NOTTINGHAM BOYS AT STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

For their annual outing, the St. Peter's (Nottingham) company visited Stratford-on-Avon, the home of Shakespeare. A merry company of ringers and friends started from Nottingham at 8 a.m., the first halt being called at Appleby Magna, where a splendid course of 'spiced bread and ham with beer' was successfully brought round. From there they went on to Coventry, where the famous 'Peeping Tom' was visited. The next stop was Warwick, where, after mounting a terrible number of steps, the ringers found to their delight ten magnificent bells, on which they rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters. It was with great regret they left this tower, but time was short, and they pushed on to Stratford, where they dined like lords. After about two and a half hours' stay to visit the places of interest, they cranked up again and went to Lutterworth, where they had tea, and enjoyed ringing on the lovely peal of bells, touches of Stedman and Double Norwich being brought round. Then they headed for Nottingham, only making one stop on the way, and arrived home after an excellent day and a 'rattling' good ride.

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AMERICANS IN A PEAL.

In a peal at Colerne, Wilts, last week, two American gentlemen took part.

Mr. S. Warren Sturgis and his son, Mr. Somers H. Sturgis, of Groton College, Boston, U.S.A., are on a visit to England, and both rang in a peal conducted by Mr. Arthur Prince, of Bath. It was a noteworthy occasion, for they are believed to be the first American gentlemen to ring a peal within the British Empire, and are to be congratulated, not only upon their achievement, but also upon the excellent way they rang, for their practice has been of a very limited character. It was Mr. Somers H. Sturgis' first peal, and his father's first on tower bells.

Mr. Warren Sturgis has paid previous visits to this country, and has rung with the College Youths, of which he is a member, and other societies. In America he rings with the Boston Guild, in which he became interested through the late Dr. A. H. Nichols, and whenever opportunity has occurred he has always warmly welcomed ringing visitors from this country.

Mr. S. H. Sturgis rang his first quarter-peal on the previous Sunday at St. Saviour's Church, Bath, when Miss Roe also scored her first quarter. The ringers were: S. H. Sturgis 1, Mrs. Broome 2, Miss Roe 3, H. T. Taylor 4, S. Warren Sturgis 5, J. Hallett 6, C. W. Bell (conductor) 7, G. James 8.

WEDDING BELLS.**A WELL-KNOWN YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL.**

The marriage of Mr. W. Barton and Miss D. B. Musgrave, both of Pudsey, took place on Tuesday, July 26th. The bridegroom, who is the peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association, is also an expert conductor and ringer on handbells and tower bells, and his genial disposition and ability make him a well-known and noted personality in the county, and ringers from Plymouth, Headingley, Calverley, Bradford, and the local company gathered at the Parish Church of Pudsey in honour of the event. The service was conducted by the president of the Yorkshire Association (who must now be establishing a record for marrying ringers), assisted by the Rev. Canon W. T. Forster, Vicar of Pudsey. Both the contracting parties are well known locally, and a large congregation assembled, while the bells above poured out a real Yorkshire welcome of Kent Treble Bob. Mr. T. M. Kitchen, now of Plymouth (an old Pudsey ringer), acted as best man.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the Radcliffe Lane Schools, the tempestuous weather causing some of the heavy-weights to do the journey in record time. The happy couple afterwards left amid all the good wishes of the assembled company to spend their honeymoon at Bridlington.

On the previous Sunday, at the tower, Mr. P. Cordingley presented Mr. Barton with a china tea service on behalf of the local company, wishing Mr. Barton and his future bride every success in their new enterprise. The certificated treble ringer of Pudsey also voiced the good wishes of the company, and the writer claims the privilege of extending his heartiest good wishes to two old and honoured friends.

P. J. J.

RINGER MARRIED.

The marriage between Mr. William E. Parker and Miss Elsie May Claridge took place at All Saints' Church, Northampton, on Thursday, July 28th. The bridegroom has for many years been an esteemed member of St. Peter's Society of ringers, and in the evening the under-mentioned ringing friends, by kind permission of the Vicar, rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints' Church, in honour of the event: E. Sibley 1, A. Slade 2, W. H. Austin 3, F. Wilford 4, J. C. Dean 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. J. Dove (conductor) 7, A. Monk 8. The ringing would doubtless have taken place at St. Peter's Church, but this was impossible owing to the bells there being in such a condition that they are unfit to ring.

A GRAPPENHALL WEDDING.

As a compliment to Mr. W. Witter, on the occasion of his wedding, July 19th, 1,440 changes (720 Kent and 720 Oxford) were rung at Grappenhall by J. E. Ashcroft, E. Bostock, J. Davenport, E. Jenkins, T. Haighton, J. Myatt and G. A. Taylor.

RINGERS' OUTINGS—continued.**NORTHFIELD RINGERS' TRIP.**

The ringers of Northfield, Worcestershire, and friends, had their annual outing on Saturday, June 4th, when Cirencester was visited. The party started at 7.20 a.m. by charabanc, passing through Eveham, Cheltenham, and calling at Presbury, where they rang at the Parish Church, Mr. Pendry (captain) meeting the company, and a pleasant time being spent. The party then made their way to Charlton Kings, and were there met by the Vicar and Mr. Dyer. After a short pull and refreshments, a pleasant ride through the Cotswolds brought the party to Cirencester, where a hot dinner was in readiness at the Crown Hotel. Ringing at Watermoor, on the fine peal of eight, was the next item, and was appreciated, thanks to Mr. Bond, who met the band, and Mr. Lewis who made all arrangements for the visit. The next run was to Shipston-on-Stour for tea, passing through Northleach, Stow-on-the-Wold, etc. Leaving Shipston, Stratford was made for, and here the final stop was made.

THE NOMENCLATURE CONFUSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. H. Drake accuses me of heated imagination, and also of making an inaccurate statement. With every respect to the rev. gentleman and the ringing fraternity generally, I beg to say I have not. Mr. Drake says: 'The name Double Norwich Court Bob Major was not mentioned in the late committee's proposals.' I never said it was. At Ipswich, Mr. Burton, when introducing the committee's proposals, and speaking of some of the old methods, said he realised that their history was reflected in their compound names, but too many adjectives were an encumbrance, and if of old there was power to build up names, so there should be to-day the power to revise or undo them. He then moved the thirteen resolutions. I will only quote two of them: No. 1, No method shall have more than one name. No. 3, No name shall contain more than one word. Mr. Trollope then moved his amendment. Here are some of his remarks: 'No alteration should be made in the names of old and historical methods, except where urgently necessary. After all, what was wrong with Double Norwich Court Bob Major? Such titles were replete with history.'

Mr. Trollope put the same interpretation, so it seems, on the committee's proposals as I have. Now, sir, had the two resolutions quoted above been accepted by the Council, it would have given them power to alter the names of all existing methods which had more than one word for a name. This is how I obtained my information, and, when speaking, I only used Double Norwich Court Bob Major as an illustration. Of course, anyone could use heaps of other historical names as such, and I feel convinced that when Mr. Trollope in his amendment referred to Double Norwich Court Bob Major it obtained him his 29 votes to 3. I have taken the above from the official minutes and from 'The Ringing World' for April 2nd, 1926. In the committee's proposals published on that date, no mention is made of omitting historical methods from their proposals. With this I will leave your readers to judge what would have happened if they had a free hand. If I have a blunt way of putting things it is not intended to be disrespectful. I don't think it worth while saying any more on this subject, and I thank you, sir, for your space.—Yours faithfully,

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

THE FLORAL NAMES.

Sir,—Being a six-bell ringer and reading other ringers' views on this nomenclature confusion, I would like to give my views on this subject. I will commence by drawing the committee's attention to the time when only part of the methods in the Central Council's Collection was named. Priority of claim to name any method was given to the company who rang it first. Afterwards, a committee was appointed to name the remainder, which has not given satisfaction.

In reference to the floral names, has the committee appointed at the last Central Council meeting in London been aware that out of the 132 Treble Bob methods, 40 of them contain part of the methods with four old floral names: New London (which is Violet Bob), Woodbine, Tulip and Primrose, methods which contain a part of these floral names in them, have never been objected to? If you have an infant registered as Rose, Lily or Violet, you cannot alter it. Why, then, alter the names after you have rung Bluebell, Daffodil, etc., to these names? The Anston company have rung every one in the Central Council Collection in the Treble Bob section, viz., 132, and will always ring them by the names as they stand at present. To make any further alteration will only cause more confusion than ever, as the proposed alterations are not considered as good as the former names, many of which are old standard names known to ringers of long ago.

Has any reader of 'The Ringing World' ever known a six-bell ringer to interfere with names that have been given to methods on higher numbers than six, whatever name has been given to them? I am afraid there are not many six-bell ringers on this committee.

Methods Nos. 5 and 8 respectively are London Treble Bob and College Exercise, not Rochester and Islington. These methods were rung by our company 40 years ago from Snowden's book. Rochester is quite a different method altogether.

C. FOWLER.

Anston, near Sheffield.

A FAMILY SERVICE TOUCH.

At Tunstall, Kent, on Sunday, July 17th, an interesting touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by a family of Spice's: Harry Spice 1, W. Spice, sen., 2, E. H. Spice 3, Mrs. G. H. Spice 4, G. H. Spice 5, W. Spice, jun., 6, P. J. Spice 7, Mrs. E. H. Spice 8.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Cirencester, Glos, on Tuesday, April 19th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Cook 1, F. W. Bond 2, J. E. Waters 3, J. G. Eden 4, F. J. Lewis 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of the Vicar's daughter, Miss R. Westmacott, to Mr. T. O. Gouldsmith. The ringing commenced as the bridal party left the church.

PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

TWO TRANSPOSITIONS OF WASHBROOK'S PEAL.
(Suggested by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Transposition.)

BY W. A. CAVE.

231456	No. 1.	231456	No. 1.
143256 C (3)		S H L v. vi. Q	
315426 B (4)			
213546 A	A {	246351 x	x
435216 B (3)		532146 x x	—
134526 A			
245136 B (3)	C {	246351 x	x
342516 A		432561 x x	—
231456 B (4)		142365 x	x
		412356 x	

231456	No. 2.	231456	No. 2.
315426 A (3)	A —	523416 x	x —
542146 B (4)			
541326 C			
213546 B (3)	C {	246351 x	x
245136 C		432561 x x	—
351246 B (3)		456231 x	x
		524361 x x	x
		254316 x	
342516 C			
231456 B (4)			

B—Standard Calling of Thurstans'.

Haley's or Brooks' calling may be substituted for Thurstans'.

TWO VARIATIONS.

231456	No. 3.	231456	No. 3.
532146 A		S H L v. vi. Q	
143256 B (2)			
541326 A	A {	246351 x	x
324156 B (2)		532146 x x	—
523416 A			
351246 B (4)	C {	246351 x	x
		432561 x x	—
213546 C		142365 x	x
152436 B		412356 x	
421536 C			
254316 B	A —	523416 x	x —
342516 C			
231456 B (4)			
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RISHTON, LANCs.—On Wednesday, July 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Atherton 1, A. Yates 2, A. Hutchison 3, R. Bolderstone 4, A. Lord 5, F. Read (conductor) 6. First 720 of Kent for ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th. First 720 Kent inside for 2nd ringer, and 1st 720 Kent as conductor.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Thursday, July 14th, for the induction of the Rev. R. E. Parsons to the living of Oxhey, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: William Hodgetts 1, Harry Long 2, Steve Hoare 3, Charles N. Leman 4, Tom Norris 5, Herbert Dix 6, Fredk. W. Brinklow (conductor) 7, Arthur W. Dix 8.

OLD CHESTERTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On Monday, April 18th, 720 London Surprise: C. W. Woolley 1, Miss K. Willers 2, A. E. Austin 3, W. A. Tack 4, R. Howard (conductor) 5, E. H. Finch 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral on Sunday, July 31st, for parish evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. E. Thompson, Newark (first quarter in the method) 1, A. Smithson, Sheffield, 2, H. F. Clulow 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, J. F. Milner (conductor) 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, W. D. Shorthose 8.

EALING.—At St. Mary's, on July 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: F. Palmer 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. W. Coles 3, R. Thompson (conductor) 4, P. E. Clark 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, J. H. Hunnisett 7, H. Belcher 8.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, July 24th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: T. Abbott 1, P. Manning 2, H. Tompkins 3, H. Wooding (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, H. Pettitt 5, J. R. Main 6, T. R. Hensher (conductor) 7, H. Richardson 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 10th, for evensong at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): L. Bance 1, J. W. Trappitt, jun. 2, F. Jennings 3, E. Talbot 4, A. Arnold 5, G. Jennings 6, A. J. Trappitt 7, F. W. Housden 8, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 9, J. Avery 10.

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MORPETH AND ITS WATCH TOWER.

The Whit Monday meeting was held in beautiful weather at the ancient market town of Morpeth, a very interesting place, with its historical surroundings. After the committee meeting, which was held at noon, an excellent dinner was partaken of at the Earl Grey Hotel. The Mayor of Morpeth had intended to be present, but was called away, and sent an apology for his absence.

The president, Mr. Routledge, presided, and was supported by the secretary, two vice-presidents, and a district secretary. Ringing was indulged in in the ancient watch tower (which is a secular tower) before and after the meeting, and touches in methods from Bob Minor to London Surprise Major were rung. The tower is situated in the market place, and stands by itself. These bells are rung for the service at the Parish Church, which is situated about a mile further south. In the ringing chamber is a tablet bearing these lines:—

'Have you heard the Morpeth wonder,
Church and steeple a mile asunder?'

The tower has two stone watchmen on its battlements. The old custom is kept up of ringing the bells thrice daily, and the curfew is rung every night at eight o'clock.

After dinner, a ramble round the most interesting ruins of Newminster Abbey, about a quarter of a mile from the watch tower, was enjoyed. It was founded by Ranulph de Merlay, the second Baron of Morpeth, who in 1137 visited 'the holy Church of Fountains near Ripon, where, beholding the conversation of his brethren and under the inspiration of God, he assigned a certain place in his paternal estate in order to build a monastery for the redemption of his soul.' The Holy Abbot (of Fountains) received the man's offering, and the buildings being set out therein after one manner he built the abbey, which he named Newminster. Eight monks, with Roberts (their first Abbot) formed the convent, who, in 1138, took possession of the new abbey. It is bounded on the north by the Wansbeck (then a salmon river), in a lovely and secluded spot. There the abbey stood in all the impressive magnificence of mediæval architecture and masonry.

The abbey passed through many troubles and trials. These began the year after it was built, when it was destroyed by David I., King of Scotland, not only the abbey itself, but its farms. Other houses and property, scattered over many parts of the country, suffered depredations, more or less frequent and disastrous, from its establishment till far on in the fourteenth century. The monks of Newminster at first had only a right of pasture over Kidland (one of the estates of 11,827 acres), and one of the conditions of the grant, made by Sir Odineil d'Umra Vil, the Lord of Felton, was that every dog used by the abbey's servants should be 'lawed,' that is, have one foot cut off, so that the beasts of the forests might live in peace.

Both the abbey and the castle were common quarries for centuries, and every old house pulled down in Morpeth during the last 50 years reveals whence the stones and timber had come. For well nigh two hundred years the site of the abbey presented to the eye only an extensive series of grassy mounds and ridges, with the solitary exception of one arch above ground.

Excavations were begun in 1878, under the directions of the Rev. J. T. Fowler, and are now carried on by Sir Geo. Renwick, the present owner, and many stones dug up are rebuilt as nearly as possible in their original positions.

The Collingwood House, the residence of Lord Collingwood, of Trafalgar fame, was also visited. In the Town Hall Museum are many relics of ancient times—the bull-baiting rope, 'the branks' for scolding women, etc. Much more of Morpeth and its surroundings could be said if space would permit.

Tea at the Earl Grey Hotel and more ringing in the watch tower brought a very successful day to a close.

It was decided to hold a special meeting at Gainford if the bells are available.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 18th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Felsted (8 bells), Saturday, Aug. 6th. Ringers' office 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in Parish Hall.—C. H. Howard.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Will members please come forward with subscriptions. Expecting a good attendance of members.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The re-opening of the Mossley Parish Church bells will take place on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Service at 3. Preacher: Rev. Canon Elsee. Tea in school at 1s. per head. Bells at liberty till 9.30. The branch meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their quarterly meeting at Mossley St. George's on Saturday, Aug. 6th, instead of Glossop meeting. The meeting to be held at 7 o'clock prompt.—T. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Tower open 6.30 to 8.30. Particulars of outing will be given at this meeting.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwell, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. provided by the Vicar, Rev. J. C. O. Orr. Business meeting after tea.—B. J. Snow, Dist. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel St., Ryde, I.W.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at Holt's Café 5.15 p.m.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. Edington bells also available for ringing.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, August 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James Wm. Grounds, Branch Secretary, 8, School Lane, Standish.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Sutton St. Nicholas, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6) available 5.30 to 8.30.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for August: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 15th and the 29th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 9th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E. 14.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice meeting at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Thursday, August 11th. Bells 7 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting for ringing only will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers cordially invited.—A. C. Kay, 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Clifford, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Anyone requiring tea *must* advise me not later than Monday, August 8th.—J. P. Hyett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, August 13th. Tea 5.30. Will all who intend to be present please notify Mr. J. Cottrell, 38, Congleton Rd., Biddulph, before August 10th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea provided. All welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bovey Tracey on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All welcome. Those who intend to be present for tea please notify me by previous Wednesday.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) available at 3. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting and social will be held at the Parish Church, Whalley, on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the school at a cost of 1s. 6d. each. Meeting and social 6.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify A. Tomlinson, 57, Boxwood Street, Blackburn, by the 10th? All ringers and friends welcome.—John Watson, 46, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the adjoining districts of these Associations will be held at Northaw on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1/- each, at 5.30. Hatfield bells available after tea. Traveling particulars next week.—C. T. Coles and W. Nash, Hon. Secs.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. No service. Tea will be arranged. All welcome.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Rd., Ashford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Morton on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by meat tea, 1s. 9d. each. Those requiring tea please notify me by August 15th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Purleigh, Saturday, August 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Eveleigh Room, opposite the Church, 5 p.m. This meeting is being held at the special request of the Rector, Rev. Canon F. C. Macdonald. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance. Notification should be sent to me not later than Wednesday, August 17th.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Secretary, 80, Springfield Rd., Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Hounslow, on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., business after. Everyone welcomed. Will those coming to tea kindly inform me before the 17th.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W. 3.

PEAL TABLET DEDICATION.—A peal tablet recording the 17,824 Treble Bob rung at Heptonstall, Hebdon Bridge, Yorks, on Easter Monday, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Frodsham on August 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Teas at moderate prices to all who notify L. Greenwood, 21, Northgate, Heptonstall.—Particulars from E. Cutsforth, 69, Swan Lane, Bolton, Lancs.

ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE, CITY.—The usual Monday practice is abandoned during August. Next meeting September 5th.—James E. Davis, Tower Keeper.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The meeting arranged for August 20th at Higher Walton will be held there in September. Particulars later.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8 Carrington Rd., Chorley.

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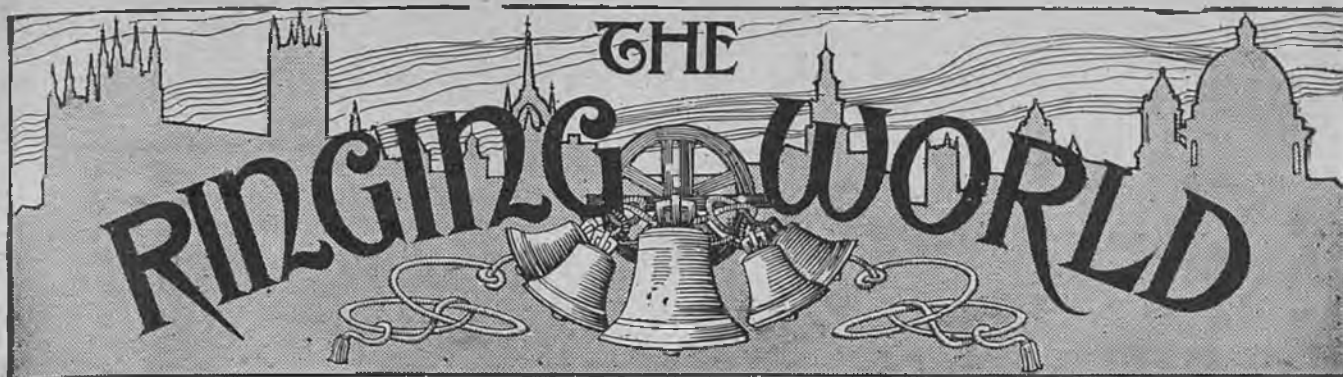
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A District Secretary, having read our article last week on 'Making the most of the Money,' writes to us that, judging by his own experience, most associations would be a good deal better off than they are if all the members, or rather professed members, paid their subscriptions. He complains that there are men who, although well able to afford the small annual contribution, do not meet this liability, while continuing to enjoy the privileges of membership. We cannot imagine that there are many such in any individual association, but such as there are, it must be admitted, show a very mean spirit. To pose as members, share what advantages can be obtained in the way of peals or meetings and in some cases allowances towards teas or travelling expenses, and fail to contribute the shilling or two a year which is asked by the associations, is not a spirit which is becoming to a member of a brotherhood like the ringing fraternity. We see constantly in reports of various ringing organisations pointed reminders of the fact that far too many subscriptions are overdue. Where they are merely belated, it is unfair to the officers responsible for the work, for not only are they given a great deal of extra trouble, but may conceivably be left in want of funds to meet liabilities. Where, however, subscriptions remain entirely unpaid for a year or two the case is far worse.

Ringing associations, of course, have the matter in their own hands. They can afford to be without such members and if ringers of the type of which complaint is made were struck off the membership roll if their subscriptions were not paid during the current year, they would have little cause to grumble. It may be very nice for an association to show big figures as to membership, but they are actually misleading if they do not represent the real position in 'paid up' members. As with most other problems, this one has its difficulties, and there may be fear of permanently losing men if drastic action is taken. All we can say on this point, however, is that the associations have to choose between carrying what the theatrical folk call 'dead-heads,' or eliminating them from the roll and debarring them from the privileges of membership. Why, for instance, should an association subscribe towards the teas provided at meetings, or pay for the printing of names in their reports, and particularly the cost of printing peals which are the most expensive fare of these productions, unless the members in return pay their annual subscription? The remedy, of course, is a rule to cut off such ringers from membership, and the courage to enforce it. It may be drastic, but it would probably have the desired effect.

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FRANK I. HAIRS 5	THOMAS GROMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.
* First peal of Maximus. This is the first peal of Maximus for the association and the first twelve-bell peal by the association rung within the county. Mr. Kippin has now rung peals of Cambridge on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, and it was Mr. Roberts' 50th peal for the association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

GEORGE LATHAM... .. Treble	*THOMAS WITTS 6
GEORGE ORCHARD 2	THOMAS PRICE 7
LESLIE BARRY 3	† P.S. GEORGE HASTINGS 8
BASIL LATHAM 4	JOHN BALLINGER 9
ALBERT WRIGHT 5	*HARRY PHELPS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal inside.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK 8
EDWIN BUESDEN 4	HARRY PARKES 9
WILLIAM DUDLEY 5	*JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
* 350th peal. Rung after meeting. Short for Stedman Cinques.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Cyril M. Mitchell, son of the ringer of the 6th, for his 21st birthday.

ST. LAURENCE, THANET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt, in E.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	WILLIAM DUDLEY 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 7
PERCY J. SPICE 3	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 9
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
First peal of Royal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Gilbert R. Goodship.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSIAH HARRIS Treble	HERBERT C. EDWARDS 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 2	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 7
WALTER PERKINS 3	KEITH HART... .. 8
HENRY W. GAYTON 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
CHARLES H. PAGE 5	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

EDWIN BARNET, SEN. Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	PERCY J. SPICE 7
EDWIN BUESDEN 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	HARRY PARKES 9
GILBERT R. GOODSHP ... 5	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
Rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques, one of the local band failing to put in an appearance.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

GEORGE ORCHARD Treble	THOMAS WITTS 6
LESLIE BARRY 2	THOMAS PRICE 7
BASIL LATHEAM 3	P.S. GEORGE HASTINGS ... 8
GEORGE GOULDING 4	JOHN BALLINGER 9
ALBERT WRIGHT 5	HAROLD BIRT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.
* First peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

*GEORGE ROBERTS Treble	C. WILLIAM COOPER ... 5
*GEORGE SMITH 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6
HAROLD V. COOPER 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 7
*ALFRED C. BOXLEY 4	*VERNON BEASLEY Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. William Cooper, who kindly entertained the visitors to tea.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	*HAROLD V. COOPER ... 5
WILLIAM GIBBS 2	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 6
THOMAS HEMMING 3	*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 7
WILLIAM H. COOPER 4	*ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS Treble	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5
MADRICE T. SYMONDS 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 6
ARTHUR SYMONDS 3	FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

F. A. Salter hails from Nottingham, G. A. Wightman from Lavenham, and A. Catterwell from Wickham St. Paul. The rest are local men.

UPTON ST. LEONARD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TEN-PART.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	WILLIAM J. SMITH 5
GEORGE CONDICK 2	WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... 6
JESSE GILLET 3	THOMAS CLISSOLD ... 7
JOHN AUSTIN 4	WILLIAM AVERY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
*PHILIP HODGKIN 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 6
SAM E. TAYLOR 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.'

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

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

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE Treble	GEORGE GILBERT 5
FREDERICK WHITE 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE J. HAWKINS Treble	SIDNEY A. STAGG 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 2	HARRY SIMMONS 6
*STUART SANDFORD 3	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 7
WILLIAM R. BOND 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	LESTER L. GRAY 5
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
*WILLIAM J. NORTON 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
CHARLES J. CHOSET 4	EDGAR C. RUSSELL Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

* First peal of Stedman.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
RICHARD SMITH 2	CHARLES CLARKE 6
WALTER BARRETT 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 4	WILLIAM GLOVER Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WILSON ALLIN	Treble	HERBERT FRETWELL	5
*WILLIAM H. T. KING	2	JOSEPH LORD	6
JACK BAILEY	3	THOMAS STIMPSON	7
ALFRED MOULD	4	RONALD DOVE	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by J. BAILEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal as conductor.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT COLCOMBE	Treble	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	5
ALEC TAYLOR	2	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS	6
THOMAS H. TAYSON	3	WALTER TAYLOR	7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	4	CHARLES EDWARDS	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major with a bob bell.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT G. PEARCE	Treble	VICTOR CRABB	5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE	6
EDWARD G. COWARD	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
FREDERICK C. BENDER	4	REGINALD F. BECK	Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 6, 7 and 8.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER	Treble	GEORGE APPS	5
JOHN FEIST	2	EDMUND DAVEY	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	KEITH HART	7
JOHN DEARLOVE	4	WILLIAM H. STENNING	Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

WHITCHURCH, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt. in E.

*ALBERT BIGGS	Treble	JOHN GIBSON	5
*EDWIN BARKER	2	†FRED RYDER	6
ROBERT SPERRING	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
JOHN G. NASH	4	*HERBERT TAYLOR	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. † First peal since January 1st, 1889. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. The ringers of treble, 2nd, 5th, 6th and tenor belong to the local band, and were elected members of the association previously. Mr. Nash is from London, and was elected a life member. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ruth Taylor (daughter of the tenor ringer) and Mr. Fred Hutton.

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HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK BIRD	Treble	GEORGE DENT	5
LEWIS A. CORDELL	2	*PHILLIP C. SPRINGHAM	6
*FREDERICK WHITBY	3	STANLEY CLARK	7
WILLIAM NORRIS	4	HARRY SMALE	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by G. DENT.

* First peal of Superlative inside. P. G. Springham hails from Frindsbury, Kent.

ALDBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, August 4, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT	Treble	GEORGE GOWER	5
WALTER BARRETT	2	CHARLES CLARKE	6
GEORGE HOWLETT	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
RICHARD SMITH	4	ERNEST WHITING	Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN EVANS	Treble	ERNEST STITCH	5
FRANK ROWSELL	2	ALBERT E. GRAY	6
ROYDEN DAVIES	3	CHARLES H. PERRY	7
JOHN DARCH	4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 5 and 7. Thanks are accorded to the ringer of the treble, who kindly took a rope at very short notice, the band having met short.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE	Treble	ALBERT RELFE	5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
ARTHUR H. SMITH	3	HERBERT J. HAMMOND	7
BERT LUCK	4	*PHILIP HODGKIN	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* 50th peal and rung in his 50th year as a ringer; also rung in honour of the 81st birthday of Mrs. H. Relfe, mother and grandmother of ringers of 5 and 7 respectively.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	Treble	FRED HINDLE	5
ARNOLD BLACKBURN	2	FRED HODGSON	6
ALBERT MARSHALL	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
JAMES INGHAM	4	WILLIAM HORAN	Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough.

The ringers of the treble and 5th are from Blackburn, 2nd, 3rd and 6th from Liversedge, 4th from Mytholmroyd, and tenor from Todmorden. Mr. Fred Hindle was elected a member of the Yorkshire Association before the peal was commenced.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, August 6th, at the Church of St. Mary's, touches of Cambridge and Double Court Minor: C. Nunn 1, E. Youngs 2, B. Chilvers 3, W. Clover 4, J. Betts 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6.

SIX BELL PEALS.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ERNEST CLULOW Treble	J. W. KIRTON 4
L. PIERREPONT 2	J. WALDEN 5
REV. C. J. STURTON 3	WALTER WHITE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Bell Foundry, Loughborough.

The ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th are from Southwell Cathedral, Sutton-on-Trent, Orston, Bottesford and Lincoln Cathedral respectively. J. Walden was made a life member of the M.C.A. before starting for the peal.

EXMINSTER, DEVON.

THE DEVON GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 22 cwt.

*GEORGE BRYANT Treble	FRANK J. DAVEY 4
ARTHUR G. SELLEY 2	*JOHN WAY 5
*JOHN HOPKINS 3	*ERNEST HOLMAN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

First peal on the bells. *First peal. Ringers of 1, 5 and 6 are local men, second hails from Silverton, 3rd and 4th Exeter. The conductor's 100th peal for the above Guild.

CROWLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. approx.

ALFRED HOLLAND Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL 4
MISS KATHLEEN JUTSON 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	*FRED BLOOD Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

*Elected a member of the above Guild. The ringer of the treble belongs to the local band, 2nd and 3rd to St. Mary's, Peterborough, 4th to Deeping St. Nicholas, 5th to Market Deeping, tenor to St. Mary's, Nottingham. Arranged for F. Blood, who was anxious to score a peal on these bells, Crowland being his birthplace. Thanks are accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. Holland for making the necessary preparations and for entertaining the party. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the eldest son of the conductor.

ORSTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

REV. C. J. STURTON Treble	L. PIERREPONT 4
ERNEST BARTRAM 2	WALTER WHITE 5
J. WALDEN 3	R. H. BARTRAM Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

This was R. H. Bartram's 125th peal.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

PERCY H. TATE Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER 4
GEORGE FREEBREY 2	JACK BAILEY 5
WILLIAM H. T. KING 3	ALFRED MOULD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREY.

First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. I. B. Ll. Gibbs) for the use of the bells, and the local singers for having everything ready.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR W. HALL Treble	THOMAS HURD 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	THOMAS HILDITCH 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This is the first peal on the bells, and was rung as a triple birthday compliment to the ringers of treble, 2nd and 3rd.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, July 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At 13, HARLESDON ROAD, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HARRY R. PASMORE 1-2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5-6
HERBERT LANGDON 3-4	S. WARREN STURGIS 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire: WILLIAM S. LANGDON.

Mr. S. Warren Sturgis, head of Groton College, Mass., U.S.A., who is visiting Europe, received hearty congratulations upon ringing the above peal at the first attempt. With the exception of a quarter-peal a week or so previously, and a few short touches during his visit, he has no opportunity of ringing this method.

A PEAL AT CROWLAND ABBEY.

Crowland Abbey, credited with having the first peal of bells hung for ringing in this country, is not a place really to tempt peal ringers. The tower is open from floor to bell chamber, and the hundred feet of rope is merely controlled by three sets of guides. Mr. Fred Blood, the hon. secretary of the Sherwood Youths, who is a native of Crowland, has always been anxious to score a peal on these bells, and nearly twenty years ago made two abortive attempts. On Saturday, July 31st, he achieved his ambition, but the peal was rung amid the distraction of an almost constant stream of visitors to the Abbey. The Rector did his best to keep the inquisitive ones on the move, and, what was still more important, quiet.

The band, which was made up entirely of visiting ringers, except for Mr. Alfred Holland, were heartily congratulated at the finish, and they desire to thank the Rector and Mr. Holland for permission and the arrangements made. Mr. Blood also wishes to express his thanks to the other members of the band for meeting him and helping him to achieve his desire.

A.O.F. DELEGATE AT READING.

Two very enjoyable evenings were arranged at very short notice by Mr. R. T. Hibbert, secretary of the Oxford Guild, to meet Mr. G. E. Chappell, a delegate from Wickham, Hants, to the meeting at Reading of the High Court of Foresters. The towers selected were Pangbourne and Englefield, two very nice rings of six. At Pangbourne, 720 Plain Bob was rung: John Bowers 1, R. T. Hibbert 2, Jim Abery 3, Miss Nelly Collins 4, G. E. Chappell (conductor) 5, J. Smith 6. 720 Oxford Single: Miss Nelly Collins 1, J. Bowers 2, Jim Abery 4, J. Smith 4, R. Abery 5, G. E. Chappell (conductor) 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. At Englefield tower 720 Kent Treble Bob: R. Abery 1, J. Abery 2, J. Smith 3, G. E. Chappell 4, J. Lewinden 5, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 6. 360 Oxford Single: Mrs. D. Murray 1, J. Abery 2, R. T. Hibbert 3, J. Smith 4, R. Abery 5, G. E. Chappell (conductor) 6. Mr. Chappell was elected a member of Oxford Guild, and wishes to thank Mr. R. T. Hibbert and all the ringers who met him at so short a notice.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR AT BOURNE, CAMBS.

On Saturday, July 30th, an attempt was made for peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Bourn. After ringing 3,136 changes, it came to grief, the band being: A. E. Austin 1, R. Howard 2, W. A. Tack 3, S. H. Wood 4, F. Warrington 5, A. G. Rivers 6, T. R. Dennis 7, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 8. Longest length by Messrs. Tack and Howard.

HEMINGFORD GREY, HUNTS. — At the conclusion of the regatta race for 'Vicar's Sculls' on Bank Holiday, three 720's, being two 720's Cambridge Surprise and one of Oxford Treble Bob: G. Perkins 1, G. L. Perkins 2, F. C. Ginn 3, F. G. Greaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. First 720 of Cambridge by Messrs. Perkins and first attempt.

AN IRISH TOUR.

A Bank Holiday visit to Ireland, by an English team of ringers, resulted in the accomplishment of the following performances between July 30th to August 3rd, 1927.

To the clergymen and ringers of the respective towers, at which the visitors were kindly permitted to ring, a debt of gratitude is due. It is almost needless to add that the promoter of this successful gathering was Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, of Dublin.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in D.

JOHN WILKINSON 7	FRANK BENNETT 7
EDITH K. PARKER 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 9
*WILLIAM BIBBY 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 10
JOHN E. BIBBY 5	JAMES H. RIDING 11
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal of Maximus. Ten of the visitors were elected as members of the Irish Association before attempting the peal. Rung on the Minor Twelve. The first peal of Maximus rung at any tower outside of English territory.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At Christ Church Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. in B.

JOHN WILKINSON 6	GEORGE R. PYE 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7
EDITH K. PARKER 3	EDWARD JENKINS 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES H. RIDING 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by Miss EDITH K. PARKER.

These bells consist of an old octave by Rudhall, of Gloucester, the treble and tenor having been added by Murphy, of Dublin.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

GABRIEL LINDOFF 7	FRANK BENNETT 7
EDITH K. PARKER 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 8
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 9
GEORGE R. PYE 4	EDWARD JENKINS 10
JOHN E. BIBBY 5	JAMES H. RIDING 11
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

This is the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung out of England. The eleven heaviest bells were the gift of Lord Iveagh in 1899, two trebles being added in 1909 by R. R. Cherry, Esq.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At Christ Church Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

THOMAS HAMMOND 5	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	JOHN WILKINSON 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	GEORGE R. PYE 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

The Rev. Canon Scott (Vicar and a practical ringer) met the visitors to welcome them to Bray, and kindly provided refreshing hospitality after the peal.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 24th, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: R. Green 1, C. J. Choquet 2, W. J. Norton 3, J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 4, L. Gray 5, John Lee 6, A. C. Darnell 7, H. Taylor 8.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Saviour,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5	FRANK BENNETT 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
WILLIAM BIBBY 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
JOHN WILKINSON 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

The bells are by Taylor and Co., cast in 1898, and were hung in the new church in 1899. The Vicar and Curate met the band at the church to offer them welcome and hospitality.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING 6	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	*JAMES SWINLEY 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES MORGAN 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES H. RIDING 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Arranged by Mr. Sperring for the Irish tourists on their way home.

RHYL, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES SWINDLEY 5	FRANK BENNETT 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

Holiday visitors to Rhyl are indebted to Mr. Hughes and the Rector for kind permission to attempt a peal.

A KENTISH JUBILEE.

MR. PHILIP HODGKIN'S LONG RECORD.

Mr. Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn, Kent, has just completed his ringing jubilee. He started his bellringing career at Aldington, Kent, in June, 1877, where he rang for 14 years. He came to Headcorn in 1891, and has completed 36 years at this place, where he has had charge of the local band during that time. He has also acted as caretaker of this fine ring of eight bells, on which, in celebration of his jubilee, he rang his 50th peal on August 6th, a peal of 5,088 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Most of his peals have been at the heavy end on tenors, ranging from 14 to 30 cwt. One peal was rung for the Sussex Association, and the rest for the Kent County Association, and chiefly in the Weald of Kent. The following is the list:—Plain Bob Minor 3, Oxford Treble Bob Minor 1, Bob Major 20, Bob Royal 1, Grandsire Triples 8, Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Triples 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 10, Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, Spliced Oxford and Kent 1, total 50. These peals were rung in twelve different towers, the first one, in 1882, being the second peal for the Kent County Association.

A SIX BELL TOUR.

A tour among six-bell towers was enjoyed by the Thornham Magna ringers for their annual outing. The first call was at Sproughton, where they were met by Mr. C. Moe, who gave them a hearty welcome. Then on to Stratford St. Mary (a fine peal of six bells), Higham and Langham. An excellent dinner was ready, prepared by the host (Mr. L. Sterry) at the Gun Inn, Dedham. After dinner touches were rung on the handbells when leaving. Then on to Ardleigh (the only eight-bell tower visited during the day), Bromley and Mistley, where a good tea awaited them. On the way home they called at Stutton and Holbrook. The touches rung were Cambridge Surprise, Minor, London Surprise, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob, and at Ardleigh Kent Major. The ringers wish to thank Messrs. Featherstone, Souter and also G. Moss and Honeywood (Misley).

TOUR IN BEDS AND HERTS.

The Apsley End ringers, with a few friends from neighbouring churches, had their annual outing on July 9th. The morning was not very inviting, but the holiday feeling being foremost, the weather caused little concern. All turning up in good time, the party set forth, handbells included, to make the first stop at Hempstead, not for ringing, but to pick up two more, one the 'father' of the party, who was found outside a notable resting place. Then along the narrow roads to Houghton Regis, where hangs a peal of six, with a tenor of 18 cwt. Touches were rung to allow all to have a pull, and the bells lowered again. A few of the party then got on with the handbells, while the rest were postcard hunting and 'snap' taking. Boarding the bus again, a move was made along rough roads to Kempston, which was reached about 10.15. Here the party were met by two local ringers, and enjoyed ringing on the best peal of bells they met with during the day. The Vicar, late of Apsley, being on holiday, his daughter entered the belfry, and gave a most cordial welcome to the visiting ringers. The programme would not allow a long stay with this beautiful peal, with a tenor of 19 cwt., so the bus was boarded again for Clapham. The sun, beginning to shine at this time, caused the spirits of the party to rise very noticeably. At Clapham several of the party contented themselves with looking round the church instead of ringing, as the peal is very light, the tenor weighing only 5½ cwt. The first few attempts to ring proved unsuccessful, but, after getting used to the trebles, some Plain Bob was eventually brought round. The usual treble or second man was here seen ringing the tenor, which he was able to do much better than managing the very awkward treble, with a long draft. Bedford and dinner were the next objectives, and, after enjoying a good meal at 'The Silver Grill,' some preferred the river to ringing, the remainder of the party adjourning to St. Peter's Church, where the bells were already being pulled up by the steeplekeeper. This peal, with a tenor of 12 cwt., was very suitable for after-dinner exercise, as the 'go' is splendid. One of the late arrivals was greatly disturbed because the bells were ringing and he could not find a way up the tower. The reason was because he was trying to get up from inside instead of from outside. He eventually arrived, and the bells were kept going for about an hour. Meeting the river enthusiasts (some of whom had blisters on their hands), a move was made for Sandy, which was reached about 4 o'clock. Here, once again, the necessary gentleman with the key was waiting, and touches were rung on this peal of six until nearly 5 o'clock. Hitchin was the next place of importance to the party, but before arriving

a few photographs had to be taken. Tea, at Nott's Restaurant, was very welcome, although certain members seemed more interested in telephones than tea, and others imagined they had started dinner again. However, the meal was brought to a successful conclusion, and once more the motor started, this time on to Codicote. This place has a handy peal of six, with a tenor of 10½ cwt. The bells are very noisy in the belfry, but the 'go' is pretty good. One of the local ringers here had a pull, it being very rarely he has the chance of ringing with a change ringing hand. A move was then made to St. Albans, where St. Stephen's bells were made good use of for three parts of an hour. Some of the party, beginning to get tired, our 'friend with the key' gave a hand in a few touches. A very interesting feature here is the swaying of the tower, which can be seen distinctly from the churchyard. The bells were lowered, and, after a short stay in St. Albans, home was made for, with a few songs to cheer the weary. Reaching Apsley about 10.45, the party were dropped at their various destinations, and so ended a glorious ringing day. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Kent Treble Bob Minor. The band take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents and steeplekeepers and others who helped to make this outing such a success.

HEREFORD MEN'S FIRST PULL ON TWELVE.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the Holmer ringers, with the churchwardens and other Hereford district ringers, took part in an outing, the party numbering nineteen. Leaving Hereford at 7.45 a.m., and travelling via Ledbury and Tewkesbury, the first stop was at Ashchurch for a few touches on the musical peal of six bells. Charlton King's was the next stop, where Mr. Dyer, who had raised the bells in readiness, met the party. Grandsire Triples and Stedman was rung, but the tenor proved too much of an handful even for the Samsons. After refreshments, a start was made for Painswick, where Mr. Albert Wright met the visitors and escorted them to the tower and its famous peal of twelve. After raising ten in peal, a few rounds were rung on the twelve, as the majority present had never before been in a 12-bell tower. Then, after a touch of Caters, Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the party adjourned to the 'Golden Heart' for an excellent lunch. At Barnwood, where members of the local band and Messrs. J. Austen and J. Williams met the visitors, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob were rung. After tea at Gloucester the party proceeded to Harbury for a pull on the recently restored peal of six, and then the return to Hereford completed a most pleasant trip.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, formerly of Hackney, received many congratulations on their golden wedding last Friday, and during the week-end they received many visitors at 32, Whitechapel Road, London, where they were staying.

The bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, will be broadcast by St. Martin's Guild, on Sunday evening, at 8 p.m., and again on Sunday, September 14th, at the same time.

Canon Elsee, the president of the Lancashire Association, leaves England for South Africa on August 20th, and expects to be away about nine months.

The recent first peals of Superlative Surprise Maximus at Ipswich recall the fact that it was at St. Mary le Tower on August 15th, 1908, that the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung.

A peal of 5,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung on the famous but now 'defunct' Coventry bells, on August 17th, 1812.

A year earlier, on August 18th, 1811, 5,376 'Cambridge Surprise Eight-In,' the first in the North of England, was rung at Keighley.

There will be no ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday evening, August 21st, as the church will be closed. Sunday ringing will be resumed on September 18th.

MEMORIAL TO SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the above, it is already suggested that a new bell should be placed in a new church by ringers' subscriptions as a memorial to the late Sir Arthur Heywood, who was for so long the worthy president of the M.C.A. Ald. R. B. Chambers, of Derby, is preparing the subscription lists for same, and can, no doubt, give full particulars. Nevertheless, I think it a good suggestion that his last peal should be recorded and worded as a memorial.—Yours faithfully,

C. H. WEBB

(Member of the Committee, M.C.A.).

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have been expecting to see in your columns questions raised on the subject of Superlative Surprise Maximus since it was discussed by the Central Council. I have read the report of the debate on the question, as I had previously read Mr. Law James's article in your issue of December 5th last, and his letter in which he described the method which has since been rung at Ipswich as 'interesting but not Superlative.'

What I should like to see explained by Mr. Law James is, why is not the Ipswich method as good an extension of Superlative Major as Mr. James's extension to Maximus of Shipway's Royal? Probably he can do this without 'blinding us with science' or leaving us to grope our way through masses of figures.

There is a lot of interest in this question among Surprise ringers, men who know the practical side of method ringing, and among these it will require a good deal of argument to prove that Superlative Maximus, as rung at Ipswich, is not a better extension of Superlative Major than is the method which Mr. James deduces from Shipway's Royal.

When answering this question, which I hope he will, perhaps Mr. James will give us further enlightenment upon another point. In his article of December 24th he shows us how, largely by force of circumstances, Shipway's method develops in the way it does, and, after considering the arguments pro and con of the possible changes at the first cross section, he says we are driven back to (V.),

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Thus, 4th's place in the Major (5th's from the back) becomes 6th's place in Royal (which is also 5th's from the back).

Then, having shown to his own satisfaction that Shipway's is the true extension to Royal, he argues that the Maximus must be produced by the same rules.

When I went on to examine the Maximus constructed by Mr. James from the Royal, I expected to find at the first cross-section 8th's place (still 5th's from the back) made on twelve bells, but instead he returns to the 4th's as in the Major. Mr. James may, of course, be able to explain away this extraordinary feature, but, in my opinion, it makes his Maximus a different method to the Royal.

An examination of Cambridge Surprise shows no such variation in the places. At the first cross-section 4th's place is made in Major, Royal and Maximus alike, and it does not appear to me to be a very 'scientific' plan to extend Superlative by having 4th's in Major and Maximus and 6th's in Royal. Again, Mr. James may have an explanation to offer, and I am sure there are others besides myself who would like to see these and other points cleared up.

Yours truly,

A PLAIN RINGER.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

This is the second of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

TRANSPPOSITION.

Transposition may readily be seen by means of cards. Take twelve small cardboard squares, and separately number them 1-2-3-4, two sets in black and one set in red, so that you have two black and one red of each of the numbers 1-2-3 and 4.

Place your first lead head in a row of black 1-2-3-4, and under this put the first lead end in black (1342). Now cover your lead head (1234) by placing on the top a red row of the second lead head 1-3-4-2. Now you have a red row 1342, and a black one 1342 underneath. Your 'rounds' row (1234) is out of sight, but the whole point is that you KNOW where each number is, BECAUSE it is in its proper place—'1' in first place, '2' in second place, etc.

Now transfer the red cards to the row beneath, one at a time, and in the order of the underneath row (first 1, then 3, then 4, etc.), but IGNORE THE NUMBERS showing on the red cards. The red card which must be placed upon the '1' underneath, is the card which is COVERING THE BLACK '1' ABOVE, no matter what is the number on the red card. Uncover the black number above (first 1, then 3, etc.), and transfer the red card to the same black number below; that is, the red '1' will be taken off the black '1' above, and placed upon the black '1' below; the red '4' from the black '3' above to the black '3' below, etc., etc. You will then have a red row beneath, 1-4-2-3, which is the second lead end.

To find the third lead end, cover your black 1234, with your third lead head in red (1423), and proceed as before, remembering that the first lead is ALWAYS the example given, so that your black row underneath will still be 1-3-4-2. Your result will be 1234, which is the third (and last) lead end.

A little practice, and you can write down any transposition by SAYING TO YOURSELF the example row 'one-three-four-two' (or whatever it may be), and, as you say it, writing down the DIFFERENT figures, which (covering as it were) your new lead head will put in the positions, that should properly be occupied (at 1234) by the bells you are saying—'One-three-four-two.' The figures you write will be different from those you say, because you will write what you SEE IN THE PLACE, that should be occupied BY THE BELL YOU ARE SAYING.

When pricking out the 'lead ends,' it is sometimes necessary to know which position (at the previous lead end) was occupied by a particular bell that is going to appear in the lead end under consideration.

The bell-numbers at the row which is the end of the first lead, automatically fix in the mind the positions occupied by those bells at the previous 'lead end' (rounds); for the reason that, at rounds the No. 1 Train starts from platform 1; the No. 2 from platform 2, etc., and so long as we know the Train Number, we also know the platform at rounds, because the train and platform numbers at 1234 coincide. If the end of the first lead is 1342, we know—without any thought—that the bell in fourth's place here (the 2) came from second's place at the previous 'lead end' (1234) because it is a '2'; likewise, the bell in third's place at 1342 (the 4) came from fourth's place at 1234, because it is a '4,' and so on, it so happening that at rounds every bell is in its OWN POSITION in the row.

This knowledge is useful when pricking out 'calls,' which we may consider later on more fully; but for the moment, suppose that we wished to 'make a call' WHEN bell No. 3 appears in fourth's place at a lead end. Reference to our first lead end (1342), shows that the bell in fourth's place (2), came from second's place at the previous 'lead end' (1234). We know this because it is a '2'; therefore, we can know that bell No. 3 will appear in fourth's place, at that lead end which comes immediately AFTER THE ONE where she (the 3) appears in second's place. We can apply this to make a call when any bell number is placed in any position whatever at a lead end.

Merely as an illustration:—If your example row was 14263857, being the first lead end of a method, you would know that the bell in (say) sixth's place there, came from eighth's place at the lead before—because it is an '8'; therefore, if you wished to make a call WHEN No. 7 BELL appears in sixth's place (instead of the 8) you can know that No. 7 would be in sixth's place, at the lead end after the one where she (the 7) appears in eighth's place.

PLAIN COURSE LEAD ENDS.

We can now prick out the lead ends of Plain Bob Minor, but first let us obtain the rows of a plain course.

Commence the first lead with 123456; change three pairs to produce the next row (214365); then change the two centre pairs; that is to say, the first and last bells retain the same places while the middle four change, giving 241635. Then continue throughout the lead with:—Three pairs, 2 middle, 3 pairs, 2 middle, etc., until the treble appears on the front again, for her first blow there. This is done five times in all, with an odd 3 pairs last, giving 132546.

Plain Bob is a 'Second's Place' method, so that at the treble's second blow on the front, the bell in second's place (the 3) retains the same position, and the remaining four bells change in pairs, giving 135264 as the head of the second lead, thus:—

1 3 2 5 4 6
1 3 (5 2) (6 4)

Repeat this changing of pairs, starting from the second lead head (135264) exactly as is done in the first lead. At the end, the first blow of the treble on the front will give 153624. Second's place being made in the next row (by the 5) and the remainder changing as before, results in 156342 as the third lead head. Repeat this from every new lead-head found, and rounds will eventually turn up, and we have then obtained all of the rows in the plain course.

The lead-heads will turn up in the order given below, where they are shown as lead ENDS. That is to say, the first 123456 has the line drawn under it, and is therefore treated as the last lead end in the course, and not as the first lead head. If the line is drawn under the two rows, where the treble has her whole pull at lead, then the backstroke row (135264) is treated as the lead end, the 'practical' way; if it is drawn between the two rows, then this same row is treated as the next lead head, the 'theoretical' way.

Thus:—

Practically.	Theoretically.
etc.	etc.
123456	135264
132546	132546
135264 (lead end)	135264 (lead head)
123456	132546
etc.	etc.

Then the lead-ends of the plain course of Bob Minor are:—
123456

- 1st 123456 We may prick out these lead ends with the aid of our
- 2nd 156342 black and red cards, and I will briefly describe the
- 3rd 164523 procedure again.
- 4th 142635 Rounds and the first lead end are ALWAYS the
- 5th 123456 example rows, so that we must not diverge.

Place rounds down in a row of black cards 1-2-3-4-5-6, and under this in black the first lead end 1-3-5-2-6-4. Cover the 123456 with the head of the second lead in red, 135264. You now have a red row 135264 (being the second lead-head), and a black row underneath, also 135264 (being the first lead-end). Here is emphasised the point, that the same row is both the end of the lead and also the head of the following lead.

Proceed as we have done before, to transfer the red cards from the row above to the row below, by uncovering the hidden 123456, one at a time and in the order of the underneath row (first the 1, then the 3, then 5, then 2, etc.), and covering the black numbers below, with the red card which uncovers the same black number above; no matter what is the red number—these must be ignored whilst transferring the cards.

It cannot be emphasised too strongly, that this operation of transfer be done in the STRICT ORDER (reading from left to right) of the first lead-end which we have in the black row underneath, whatever this row may be. In other methods it may not be 135264, but while dealing with the same method it is always the same row; that is, with Plain Bob it is always 135264, unless altered by a 'call,' which we shall consider later.

So then, concentrate upon the order of the underneath row. Say to yourself—I must cover the black '1' (at 135264 below) with the red card which I shall find upon the black '1' above, which at present is invisible; this done, I have to cover the black '3' below with the red card (no matter what its number) that at present is covering the black '3' above. Next the '5' below from the '5' above; next the '2,' followed by the '6,' and lastly the '4.' The black numbers below will disappear, one at a time, and in order from left to right; the black numbers above will appear, one at a time, but in no particular order. The completed red row below will then be the lead end following, that is 156342.

By conforming strictly to this order you will get used to saying the one ('one-three-five-two-six-four'), and at the same time writing another row, 156342, or whatever it may happen to be.

You will now have a black row 123456 and a red row underneath (156342), which is your second lead end. Transfer this red row bodily to the row above, covering the black 123456 with the red 156342. Underneath will be left your black row (still 135264). Transfer as before, and the result will be a red row underneath (164523), which is the third lead-end. Carry on in this manner until you reach 123456, which is the last lead-end of your plain course.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—On July 17th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Surprise: W. Thornley 1, W. R. Drage 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6.—On July 31st, for evening service, 720 London Surprise: W. Halford 1, W. Thornley 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, R. H. Cox 5, H. Turner (conductor) 6.—On August 7th, for evening service, 720 Southwark: W. Halford 1, W. Thornley 2, J. Hall 3, W. R. Drage 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

INFORMAL JOINT MEETING WITH ELY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Felsted on Saturday last. A short service was held, and an address given by Rev. H. T. C. Weatherhead (Vicar). Tea and meeting followed in the Memorial Hall. The Vicar presided at the tea, and Mr. F. Claydon (District Master) was in the chair at the meeting. There was an attendance of only 25 members, due largely to the holidays. Several from adjoining towers were away from home, and a flower show was being held in the next parish of Rayne. Among those present were Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), Mr. A. Saunders, Mr. G. Wiffen, Mr. G. W. Dixon and Mr. F. Warrington (secretary for the Archdeaconry of Ely), and the following other members of the Ely Diocesan Association: Miss K. Willers (Trumpington), who had cycled 28 miles in the intense heat, Messrs. B. D. Buttress, A. G. Prince, F. Hurry, E. H. Finch, A. E. Austin and A. Rivers.

Before the meeting commenced the Master made feeling reference to the death of the late district secretary (Mr. W. H. Dyson), and the members stood in silence for one minute as a token of respect.

The Master, who has been doing the secretarial work since the death of the district secretary, was asked to continue until the end of the year, when the vacancy will be filled.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Booking in November.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his address; to the organist and choir for their attendance at the service; to the Felsted friends, who kindly provided the tea, and to Mr. W. T. Farrow (churchwarden), who is also a ringer, for the excellent arrangements made.—The Vicar, responding, expressed his thanks to the association for paying a visit to his parish.

The Master gave a hearty welcome to the members of the Ely Association, who had travelled long distances, and expressed his regret at the small attendance of local ringers for reasons previously stated.—Mr. E. H. Finch (Stapleford) and Mr. A. E. Austin suitably replied. At their suggestion it was agreed to arrange for a joint meeting of the two associations at a future date.

This concluded a small but very enthusiastic joint meeting, although not pre-arranged, of the two neighbouring associations. During the afternoon and evening touches in the standard methods were rung.

NORFOLK GUILD.

A SMALL, BUT PLEASANT MEETING AT SWAFFHAM.

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Swaffham on Bank Holiday. The ring of eight bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church were, by the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. F. Keeling Scott), at the disposal of the members throughout the day.

Luncheon was served at the George Hotel, and the Secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman) read a letter from the president (the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich) conveying his best wishes to all members for a successful meeting.

Mr. G. P. Burton was voted to the chair, in the absence of the president, supported by the secretary, Messrs. W. B. Duncan (district secretary for Aylsham) and Ben S. Thompson (district secretary for Norwich), and also Mr. Thomas Fitzjohn, of Scartho, Great Grimsby, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. W. White, of Coventry, and representatives from Magdalen, Wallington, King's Lynn, Tharston, etc.

The Secretary moved that the belfry election (prior to a peal) of Mr. George Holmes, of Sheffield, be ratified, and proposed the election of Mr. Joseph H. W. White, of Coventry, as a life member (non-resident).—This was agreed to.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. F. Keeling Scott for the use of the bells.

The business meeting then closed, and the members adjourned to the belfry for further ringing, when other members turned up to take part.

Although this was a small meeting with respect to the number of members present, it was not an unsuccessful one, and was much enjoyed by those present for the enthusiasm and good fellowship that reigned throughout the day. Some good touches of Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major were rung during the morning, afternoon and evening, and the ringing may be said to have been above the average for a general meeting.

FETE IN AID OF BELLS.

By a fete held at Sutton-on-Trent on Bank Holiday the remaining debt on the bell fund of the Parish Church was extinguished. The whole village entered heartily into the day's proceedings, and many visitors helped to swell the throng. The bells were ringing merrily from noon onwards until late in the evening, with a brief interval in order to enable the Chairman of the sports to make a short speech and propose a vote of thanks. The advertisement in 'The Ringing World' attracted a good attendance of ringers from the following places: Anston, Worksop, Warsop, Ordsall, Gainsborough, North Collingham, Mansfield, Nottingham, Hough-on-the-Hill, Branston and South Normanton, Mr. C. S. Ryles (hon. secretary) and Mr. Wheelodon, of the North Staffordshire and District Association, and also a full muster of the local company. The following methods were rung during the day: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent,

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THE NOMENCLATURE CONFUSION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will Mr. Hunt object to my saying that he shows some sensitiveness when he asks for an apology, while saying he himself has 'a blunt way of putting things'? A little less bluntness and a little more courtesy in handling this matter would have certainly been desirable. In order, therefore, to make a start, I will give Mr. Hunt the apology he asks for, and admit that I was mistaken in thinking that the trouble was due to his imagination. Whether he will prefer the alternative I cannot say, but it now appears the cause was a failure to grasp the first principle of our native tongue. If he will compare the first rule in English grammar with the phrase 'Double Norwich Court Bob Major,' he will find that in that phrase there is only one word which is a name. The other four words may be called 'attributes,' 'adjectives,' 'epithets,' or 'descriptions,' but in no case have they anything to do with us or our report. Therefore, for the fourth time, I must repeat my statement; and I will add to it, and say that the name of the method which has always been called 'Norwich' cannot be affected by anything in our report. 'Norwich' it always has been, and 'Norwich' it always will be, and nothing the Council can do, let alone a committee, can alter it.

The statement that the report would have given any power to the committee is also flatly contradicted by the report itself. Resolution 11 reads:—'No names or terms, supplementary or in substitution for, those published by authority of C.C. should be used until the sanction of C.C. has been obtained.'

Although personally I did very little of the work of the committee, I was responsible for suggesting these two points. First, that the report should be divided up into as many independent portions as possible. And, second, that the C.C. should revise everything. It seemed to me that in names which everyone has to use, one cannot get too wide a method of approval before they are fixed.

In reply to Mr. Fowler, may I say that no one wants to deprecate the great achievement of the Ashton company in ringing and naming the 132 Treble Bob methods. But it was the confusion caused by such indiscriminate nomenclature which was the cause of the formation of this committee. Therefore, his complaint is against the Council, and not against us, who only did what we were asked to do. Incidentally, I may point out that his statement: 'If you have an infant registered as Rose, Lily, or Violet, you cannot alter it,' is altogether incorrect. Not only are there regulations whereby this can be done at the Registry Office, but a new name can be given at Baptism, and again at Confirmation. Therefore his company need not worry if the C.C. does have to alter some not very well established names.

I do not suppose Mr. Trollope will appreciate Mr. Hunt's implication that he also has got his grammar wrong; nor do I agree with Mr. Hunt's inference from the Ipswich meeting. But what does appear from their own words, is that the confusion of which Mr. Hunt's letter speaks, was caused by Mr. Trollope leading the Ipswich meeting astray, and by Mr. Hunt leading the Maunton House meeting astray. He seems so satisfied with this result that he says he does 'not think it worth while saying any more.' Has he no idea of the responsibility of his words and actions?

Ufford Rectory.

Woodbridge, Suffolk.

HERBERT DRAKE.

ANOTHER PEAL FOR MR. WARREN STURGIS.

Mr. S. Warren Sturgis, of Groton College, Mass. U.S.A., whose visit to England, with his eldest son, we referred to last week, when they took part in a peal on tower bells at Colerne, Wilts, has now rung a peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, with members of the College Youths. This is a notable achievement, as Mr. Sturgis has had comparatively little practice in the method, and he rang the peal at the first attempt.

We hope the success that has attended the efforts of Mr. Sturgis and his son will fire anew their enthusiasm for instructing the younger citizens of Groton and Boston in the art of change ringing, and that before long we may be able to congratulate Mr. Sturgis and his family upon ringing a peal of Triples or Major together, for his daughter and two sons are very keen to emulate the feat of their father. They have all rung both Grandsire and Bob Major on handbells. It would indeed be interesting to record a peal rung in the U.S.A. by citizens of that country.

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Oxford, Double Bob. St. Clement's, Double Oxford Bob. Violet and Woodbine, Cambridge and London Surprise.

There was a large attendance at the sports in the afternoon, and a novel spectacle was a 'Wild West Show,' which was greatly enjoyed by spectators and performers alike. Two of the local ringers took part in this, and the whole show proved that a good deal of local talent can be found in Nottinghamshire villages.

The proceeds of the fete completely wiped off the debt on the Bell Restoration Fund, and the ringers and public in general will be greatly encouraged by the fact that sufficient has been raised to pay for the six bells. One more fete, together with a fine day, would no doubt bring in sufficient to add the two new trebles to complete the octave.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT EYAM.

On Bank Holiday Monday morning the secretary only knew of about half-a-dozen people who intended visiting Eyam, a beautiful little spot in the heart of the Derbyshire moors, but what looked like turning out to be a dismal failure was eventually a glorious success, no less than 50 members and friends making the journey from Barnsley, Chesterfield, Dore, Handsworth, Killamarsh, Norton, North Wingfield, Rawmarsh, Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints', St. Marie's, Ecclesfield and Treeton, and life members from Ashton-under-Lyne and Hazel Grove, and a visitor in Mr. Alfred Hall, from Cheadle, Staffs.

Eyam, so well known in history for the heroic part which the inhabitants played during the time of the Plague, gave the visitors a real hearty welcome, the Rev. W. P. Wright, who had done so much in getting the peal augmented to six, and Mr. U. Daine, churchwarden and bell ringer, sparing no effort to make everyone feel at home.

A great variety of methods were rung on this fine little peal by Taylor's during the afternoon and evening, and, together with touches on the handbells in the churchyard, created great interest amongst the onlookers from 'Steelopolis,' who had come over on the usual holiday ramble.

Tea was provided at Mrs. Godber's refreshment rooms, but imagine the look of bewilderment and perplexity on this good woman's face; she had only received advices from six ringers for tea and over 40 wanted supplying. Whether she performed the miracle of the three barley loaves over again the writer cannot say, but, with the ingenuity and resourcefulness for which country folk are noted, she managed to supply all wants.

By the kindness of the Rev. W. P. Wright, the business meeting was held in his garden, presided over by Mr. G. Lewis. The Secretary paid tribute to the esteem and affection which everyone held for the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, and was requested to convey to the widow, family, and Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. the society's respectful sympathy.

Two new members were elected, after which Mr. Potter and Mr. Cockey expressed the thanks of members to the Rector, to the Rev. W. P. Wright and to the local band for the very sincere welcome extended to all.

Glorious weather prevailed throughout the day, a fact which contributed in no small way to the success of the meeting.

ST. BLAISE SURPRISE MAJOR.

This method, of which the first peal was rung at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, on June 8th last, has the Rev. E. Banks James as its author, and it was named by the Rector of Holy Trinity after St. Blaise, who had associations with this ancient town along the Pilgrims' Way, which has now become the cathedral city of the new diocese. Peals in this new method are obtainable without the 2nd or 3rd coming behind with the tenor.

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SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at Llanstephan, where the ring of eight bells were made good use of during the day. Ringers were present from Aberavon, Baglan, Neath, Morriston, Gorseinon, Llanelly, Llandilo, Tenby and Brecon St. Mary's and St. David's. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. R. Thomas), and the Lord Bishop gave a very interesting address. Tea was provided by the Vicar and church people, to which about 80 sat down and did justice to all the good things provided.

The business meeting was held on the Vicarage lawn, the Lord Bishop presiding. The Hon. Treasurer gave his report, showing a balance of over £10. The Master of the Guild presented his report of the Central Council meeting in London, and was congratulated by the Chairman.

It was resolved to hold the annual meeting for 1928 at Brecon.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. R. Howells) wished to resign on account of his having left Brecon, and the Lord Bishop paid a fine tribute to Mr. Howells for his good work for the Guild, and hoped he may reconsider his decision.

Mr. F. E. Thomas (Brecon) was elected hon. secretary pro tem.

The other officers were elected as follows:—President, the Lord Bishop; Master, Mr. A. J. Pitzman. New members were elected as follows: G. Howells (Llanstephan), D. Michael, W. Robbins (Llanelly), G. M. Jones, H. Howells (Llandilo), W. Webb, A. Jones, C. Pettitt (Gorseinon) and C. Francis (Morriston). The Tenby band of ringers (12) were welcomed to the Guild.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Russell for the very excellent design of the membership card and for his services at the ringing competition; to the Lord Bishop for his address and presiding at the meeting, and to the Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Thomas and church people for their generosity in providing tea. Another visit was then paid to the tower by some, while others had to return to Carmarthen to catch the train.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE PROPOSED JOINT GUILD FOR WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH.

A quarterly meeting of the Basingstoke District was held at Andover on Saturday, July 23rd, when 22 members attended from the following towers: Andover, Basingstoke, Bramley, Highclere, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Oakley, Silchester, Wootton Hill and Winchester. During the afternoon and evening good use was made of the bells at St. Mary's Church, the methods rung being Grand-sire Doubles (for the beginners), Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major.

The Rev. E. Jones (District Secretary) was away on holiday, and the Rev. H. T. Adams officiated in his stead.

Tea was partaken of in the Bowling Club Pavilion, and, at the business meeting which followed the General Secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the ringers, he had approached the Bishops of Winchester and Portsmouth, who had both sanctioned and approved the proposal to form a joint Diocesan Association for the new dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth. He suggested that a special meeting be held at a convenient centre in the autumn, so that arrangements could be made to start the new association on January 1st next.

After a good deal of discussion it was resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the committee, and that all details be submitted to the districts at their annual meetings in November.

The Secretary reported that the next meeting would be at Odiham, due notice of which would be given in 'The Ringing World.'

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting of the above was held at Sunderland on Saturday, July 23rd. The bells of the three churches were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers for the afternoon and evening by the respective Vicars and wardens, and were kept going in various methods. An excellent tea was provided by the local ladies, who also looked after the wants of the party. Tea was served in the Parish Hall adjoining Bishop Wearmouth Church. There was a very small attendance, the clerk of the weather no doubt being responsible, as it left off 'raining' and came down 'anyhow,' so that the streets resembled small rivers. Fourteen sat down to tea, some in their shirt sleeves whilst their coats were dried. In the absence of the President, Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president of the Eastern District, presided. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars and wardens of the three churches for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for supplying the tea and looking after them so well.—These votes were carried by acclamation.

Four new members were elected. The following towers were represented: Tanfield, Shildon, Willington, Durham and Newcastle Cathedrals, St. George's, Newcastle, and the three local towers.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—For evening service, on Sunday, July 31st, 720, Kent Treble Bob, with tenor cover: F. Warrington 1, E. J. Cook 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. L. Perkins 5, C. W. Cook (conductor), J. Mahoney 8.

A VISIT TO EAST KENT.

AND A BAG OF KENT.

For a holiday week-end tour in East Kent the pioneer, who is named after a 'Cheese man,' managed, at the last moment, to charter a 'Good ship,' which proved no 'Dud'—'Ben,' with his 'nett,' landed, on a 'Fur bank,' a 'Pike,' who, having a liking for 'Spice,' tried to e-'lope' with 'Robert's' to Quex 'Park-es,' and was lucky not to finish at '—hell.' See peal columns.

When sufficient had put in an appearance on Saturday evening, July 30th, a peal of Cambridge Major was attempted on the bells at the Tower of Quex Park, but the attempt met its 'Waterloo' after two hours' ringing. Can you wonder at it, after travelling in crowded trains and wondering where one was going to sleep? A final attempt to find sufficient lodging was made, and, unfortunately, two of the visitors, 'Cheese' and 'lope,' above mentioned, decided to seek repose in the quietness and solitude of the tower in the Park. Needless to say, they were early astir, and, just after 7 a.m., eleven men, good and true, were ready for Stedman Cinques—even Teddy B., who had cycled in from Canterbury—but the local tenor man failed to put in an appearance, even three-quarters of an hour after the appointed time. So it was decided to go for Kent Royal, and J. H. C., who has a good bag at this tower, kindly stood out, and explored the beauties of the Park. This peal came into rounds 15 minutes after the appointed time to stop ringing. Although the church is a good distance from the tower, it is an understood fact that no ringing is to take place while a service is in progress, so the ringers hope to be excused, more especially as they were under the guidance of 'Robert's.'

After a good meal and finding a bed for the unlucky members for the night, the Park was again visited, and an attempt made for Stedman Cinques, which, unfortunately, came to grief after nearly two hours, and, incidentally, it was not the fault of the novices. Perhaps some were overjoyed to know that all would sleep peacefully.

A bus run into Ramsgate enabled the party to have a ring on the bells at St. Laurence for the evening service, and try the ten which were to be utilised on the following morning for an attempt for the first peal of Royal on the bells. Birchington was reached just before 10 p.m., and all should have been grateful for an early sleep. Four of the faithfuls who were occupying one room were startled at a late hour by a 'Bob' under the window, and a 'Fishy' voice asking the number of his lodging, as he had forgotten, and lost his bed mate and his 'nett' somewhere in the vicinity of 'Sovereign Street.'

The lost one must have found his way back, as a full muster was reported at Ramsgate just after 9 a.m. the following day. This time the 'forgetful one' volunteered to stand out, and the remainder had the satisfaction of ringing the first peal of Royal on the bells of St. Laurence—Kent being the method.

After a hurried dinner, at which the health of the wife of the 'good ship' was drunk on the occasion of her birthday, the next port of call was Canterbury for Stedman Cinques. Here was met the gentleman from Crayford, who was said to be the cause of such a stir in the daily papers that day by demanding a holiday—any way, he was at the Cathedral ready to take a rope. After waiting half-an-hour for one of the locals to complete the band, time did not permit of an attempt for Cinques, and the visitors had to be satisfied with another peal of Kent Royal.

This visit to Kent may be properly termed a 'Kent' tour, as of five attempts the three successful were Kent Treble Bob Royal. Don't think, dear reader, they could only ring that. Some would have liked to have wrung necks if they could.

The parting of the ways took place after the Canterbury peal, and all are grateful to those who helped to make the visit so enjoyable, and would like to offer their sincere thanks through the columns of 'The Ringing World' to all concerned.

SALFORD RINGERS' EXCURSION.

King Sol was kind to the ringers of the Church of Sacred Trinity, Salford, when they had their annual outing. Leaving the 'Flat Iron' at 1.30, the 'de luxe' car travelled nicely as far as Hazel Grove, when something went wrong with the engine. Eventually the drive was continued. Fairfield, Buxton, was reached, where, by a stroke of luck, a wedding was taking place. Such an auspicious occasion as that was not allowed to pass without suitable celebration, and the 'local lads' were given an exhibition of prowess by touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, etc., for which the visitors were thanked. Travelled next to Bakewell, where the inner man (and woman)—for there were lady friends with the party—was attended, full justice being done to an excellent repast. The drive was then continued to Matlock Bath, Buxton, etc. As often happens on these drives, something kept going wrong with the engine, and the excursionists had to keep getting out to stretch their legs—at least some of them did. However, after a most enjoyable day, home was reached by 10.30, and best thanks are tendered to the Church Council for enabling the company to have such a splendid day's outing.

BRIDGEND RINGERS IN WORCESTER.

On Monday, August 1st, the Bridgend ringers, together with their wives, journeyed by train to Worcester. Arriving just after 12, (Continued in next column.)

A CONTINENTAL TRIP.

THANET RINGERS VISIT BRUGES.

August 1st and 2nd are days long to be remembered by the St. Laurence (Thanet) Society, when, for their annual outing, they made an excursion to Bruges.

For some considerable time it has been the great wish of the Vicar (Rev. A. G. Wilcox, M.A., H.C.F.) to take his ringers to Bruges to hear the Great Carrillon and continental ringing at its best. Through the splendid response to the Vicar's appeal, and the hearty co-operation and hard work of the hon. secretary, the great event in the history of St. Laurence ringers was accomplished.

Starting from Ramsgate Station at 10.30 a.m., the party proceeded to Dover, the great topic of conversation being 'change.' Most of the party, under the guidance of the Vicar, went to the Bureau d'Exchange and secured 172 frs. to the £. We then boarded the 'Stadanteverpen,' and the rain, ever an uninvited guest, accompanied us. One wondered why! This year he seems very aggressive to holiday makers. To come on our outing we considered the very limit, but it did not dampen the spirit of the St. Laurence lads, who were out for anything that came along. Many interesting and amusing things took place on the journey. As soon as we were aboard, the Vicar saw to it that we all had seats along the rail—one never knows what is in the mind of the Vicar, he is always so considerate, and has done this trip before. All comfortably seated (except for our conductor), the company unfasted mystery parcels, whose contents, if moistened somewhat by the rain, made a very acceptable meal, and an old gull, seated upon a davit, looked on with an air of keen expectation, which, however, was doomed to disappointment, as St. Laurence men are all good sailors. We had not proceeded far when our conductor found his seat too small and disappeared; then the secretary, having no change, proceeded below to exchange. Returning on deck with hands well filled with notes, he gave the Vicar his first opportunity to give him a lesson on change. Having grasped all the bobs and singles, he again went below to get out of the wet, only to return soon after with a quantity of small coin of various sizes, to complain that the bobs wouldn't come right, and, after appealing to the company in vain, tried one of the other passengers. The conductor, returning from 'nowhere,' soon put him right, when they both bobbed below again, not to be visible for some time. The weather brightened when we passed Ruytengen, and our conductor and secretary reappeared glowing with health, having got the exchange to their mutual satisfaction, and other members reappeared after having been to unheard of parts of the ship, the boldest smoking cigars of a brand equally unheard of.

All was bustle and hurry at Ostend, and having passed the Customs, we emulated the children of Israel, having a speedy meal, and then rushed for the train to Bruges. On arrival there, we went to the hotel, and then made for the Campanile, as we wished to see the inner workings. After a little delay, and much parleying, we were admitted, and, having gained the summit, were shown the bells and mechanism, also some splendid views from the top, 287 feet above the folks in the Grande Place below us. We climbed 341 steps, but it was well worth it. The heavy bell weighs eight tons. We then returned to the hotel for dinner, after which we took our seats in the Grande Place for the concert. The programme included 'Land of Hope and Glory,' specially put in for us, and an encore, and finished with the English National Anthem, also in our honour. We then returned to the hotel for the night, having safely completed the first half of the programme.

Tuesday morning saw us all afoot by 5.30 a.m., and, after breakfast at 7.15, we went by motor to visit some of the war cemeteries. Tyne Cot impressed us all with its magnificence; Hell Corner, Hodges' Crater, etc., were visited, and we reached Ypres at 11.30 for lunch. Here the time passed very rapidly, and only five minutes could be allotted for viewing the Menin Gate, that wonderful monument to those who fell at the Ypres salient. Cameras were, of course, very busy here.

From Ypres we returned to Ostend, and thence to Dover, where, having some time to wait, we visited St. Mary's, and rang touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Bob Major, returning to Ramsgate about 9.50 p.m.

The ringers wish to thank all who so heartily supported them, both with good wishes and such generous gifts; also the Vicar for his kind thought and consideration on this ever-to-be-remembered outing.

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The party were met by Mr. W. C. Jones and Mr. W. Edgington, two of the Cathedral ringers, who escorted them to All Saints' Church, where the bells were available before dinner. A short touch on this lovely peal was much enjoyed. After dinner at the Angel Hotel the party paid a visit to the fine old Cathedral and various places of interest before going to St. Helen's Church, where more ringing was indulged in. Tea was partaken of at the same hotel, and the rest of the evening hours were spent as only ringers can spend them. Leaving Worcester about 9.30, the party arrived home in the early hours of the morning, everyone having spent a very enjoyable day. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Cathedral men for their kindness, and also the incumbents for the use of the bells.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. J. Tricker, jun., 1, W. Sparrow 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, A. Price 4, L. Mannerling 5, J. T. Newington 6, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8. Arranged for Mr. J. T. Newington, of Bedford.

HESTON.—On Sunday, August 7th, for annual war memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Lewis 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, H. G. Lewis 3, H. C. Chandler 4, C. I. Edwards 5, C. S. Bird (conductor) 6, E. R. Gladman 7, F. Humphreys 8.

PITNEY.—On Sunday, August 7th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. A. Folkard 1, S. H. Godfrey 2, W. H. Wood 3, H. Belcher 4, A. Cutmore 5, A. Harding 6, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 7, P. W. Norton 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of Miss Enda Godfrey, daughter of the 2nd ringer.

BRADING, I.O.W.—On Sunday, July 31st, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original) in 43 mins.: A. White 1, H. Barton (conductor) 2, G. Smart (Brighton) 3, R. F. Elkington (Leicester) 4, P. Long 5, B. J. Snow 6, A. R. Ward 7, T. Kemp 8.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—For evening service, on July 31st, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Carter 1, W. Riemell 2, C. Trap 3, J. Attwood 4, F. Ponting 5, O. Attwood (conductor) 6. All local ringers except F. Ponting, who hails from Minchinhampton.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, July 31st, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob: W. C. Lindsey 1, F. C. Webb 2, C. V. Hare 3, F. W. Croft 4, F. Gardner (first 720 in the method) 5, G. T. Croft (conductor) 6.

GRIMSBY.—On Sunday, July 31st, for evening service, 768 of Kent Treble Bob Major: A. B. Shepard 1, F. Overton 2, A. Bolland (Stoney Stanton) first attempt at Treble Bob, 3, J. Kennington 4, R. S. Long (Sheffield Cathedral) 5, R. Mingay 6, C. W. Taylor (conductor) 7, S. Bromfield 8. Also 168 of Stedman Triples.

RISHTON, LANCs.—On Sunday, July 24th, for morning service, 720 Kent Minor: R. Atherton 1, A. Hutchison 2, A. Lord 3, R. Bolderstone 4, F. Read (conductor) 5, J. Hirst 6. For evening service, 720 Kent Minor: R. Atherton 1, F. Read (conductor) 2, A. Hutchison 3, R. Bolderstone 4, A. Yates 5, A. Lord 6, J. Hirst 8. Rung with the tenor covering. On Wednesday, July 27th, 960 Kent Minor: R. Atherton 1, A. Yates 2, A. Lord 3, A. Hutchison 4, R. Bolderstone 5, F. Read (conductor) 6. A half peal was attempted, but owing to the bells having run dry, the conductor called them round.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday, July 24th, 1,248 Superlative Surprise, 1,280 Double Norwich, and on Sunday, July 30th, 1,024 Superlative Surprise, by: F. Bird, P. C. Springham, F. Whibly, L. Cordell, G. Dent, S. Clark, W. Hobbs and W. Wheeler. Arranged for P. C. Springham, who was spending a holiday in the district.

EAST ANGLIAN EXCURSION.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the Lavenham ringers held their annual outing, travelling by charabanc. The first stop was made at Eye, believed to be the smallest borough town in the country. Here the party were met by Mr. H. Day, who led them to the tower, where touches of Stedman, Bob Major, Kent and Cambridge were rung, during which some of the youngsters climbed the Castle steps. The journey was then continued to Redenhall; dinner being partaken of at the 'Yew Tree' Inn, after which a course of Grandsire Gaters was rung on the 'large ten' of a peal of 24 handbells, which were left to the 'Ringers of Redenhall' by the late Captain Penistone Moore. A selection of old airs was rendered by the handbell quartet, and then steps were taken to the church. Here Mr. Frederick Borrett, of Pulham Market, welcomed the visitors. Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Superlative were the methods rung on this fine peal of bells. Diss was next visited, Messrs. J. Souter, G. Archer and W. Wiskens greeting the visitors, and courses of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge being tapped off. The bells at this tower form a grand old peal. At Pulgrave, the last call on the programme, the party found a light peal of eight, which Mr. G. More had in readiness. The first few leads here would have lost a few hundred points, had it been a ringing contest instead of an outing, but remembering a 'Norfolk tip' given them earlier in the day—'To eke 'em out!' Grandsire, Double Norwich, Kent and Superlative were managed. Tea at the 'Swan Inn' followed, after which the shy H.Q. were again pressed into service, much to the delight of 'Winnie,' mine host, and the local P.B.'s. Then came 'farewell time' to Winnie, etc., which was the only 'hitch' in the programme. All aboard for Lavenham! one long last backward glance by George's Ravellers and Co., and the party were off for home, which was reached about 10.20 p.m., at the end of an (almost) perfect day. The band wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank all those kind friends who helped to make the outing a success.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 18th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting for ringing only will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers cordially invited.—A. C. Kay, 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Clifford, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—J. P. Hyett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea provided. All welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bovey Tracey on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) available at 3. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea about 4, meeting afterwards.—G. A. Taylor, The Village, Grappenhall, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting and social will be held at the Parish Church, Whalley, on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the school at a cost of 1s. 6d. each. Meeting and social 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—John Watson, 46, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, August 20th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Rd., Armley, Leeds.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Morton on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by meat tea, 1s. 9d. each. Those requiring tea please notify me by August 15th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Purleigh, Saturday, August 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Eveleigh Room, opposite the Church, 5 p.m. This meeting is being held at the special request of the Rector, Rev. Canon F. C. Macdonald. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance. Notification should be sent to me not later than Wednesday, August 17th.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Secretary, 80, Springfield Rd., Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Hounslow, on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., business after. Everyone welcomed. Will those coming to tea kindly inform me before the 17th.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Longdon, on August 20th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. The branch Sec. should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—John Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street Upton-on-Severn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY & HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting at Northaw, Saturday, August 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1/- each at 5.30. Cheap tickets from Kings Cross, Broad Street, etc., to Cuffley or Potters Bar. Hatfield bells after tea. Bus from Little Heath, near Northaw; or motor will be arranged if possible. Please advise either of the undersigned by 17th inst., for tea requirements.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Rd., E. 4., W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Gamston, Retford, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6 recently augmented by new treble, rehung and retuned) ready early, and available until 9 p.m. IMPORTANT. All those requiring tea, must advise Mr. R. Ashford, Gamston, Retford, not later than Tuesday, August 16th. The church is situated 2½ miles from Retford on main London road, good bus service passes the church frequently. Visitors from kindred associations heartily welcome.—H. Haigh, 103, Gateford road, Worksop, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A meeting of the abovescribed will be held at Egham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guilds service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. A combined practice will be arranged at Pirbright for Saturday, September 17th, at 5 p.m. All will be welcome.—J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Meon on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Also West Meon (8) and Petersfield (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the George Inn 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday 16th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Rd., Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton Parish Church on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 6d. each, and meeting afterwards. Business: Election of Secretary.—Peter Boardman, School House, Halewood, Sec. pro. tem.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow on Saturday, August 20th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. (1/3 per head). Usual business meeting follows tea.—C. Beeston, District Secretary, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Ibstock on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rose Dene Bungalow, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea at 5.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—A short service of Initiation will be held on Thursday, August 25th at 7 p.m. The new peal of 8 open for ringing after service when all ringers will be welcome. A Ringers' Day will be arranged one Saturday in September.—P. Webb.

PEAL TABLET DEDICATION.—A peal tablet recording the 17,824 Treble Bob rung at Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge, Yorks, on Easter Monday, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Frodsham on August 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Teas at moderate prices to all who notify L. Greenwood, 21, Northgate, Heptonstall.—Particulars from E. Cutsforth, 69, Swan Lane, Bolton, Lancs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Kinver, Staffs., on Saturday, August 27th. A through tram for Kinver leaves Dudley station at 2.25 p.m.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8), available from 10 a.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/3 per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. Lewis, 180, The Cross, Ecclesfield, not later than first post Tuesday, August 23rd.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 395, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Upper Deal on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 'The Magnet,' Upper Deal. Will those intending being present please let me know on or before Wednesday, 24th August?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 'Fair View,' Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Orston on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open 2.30. Tea will be provided free for all ringers who notify Rev. C. J. Sturton, Orston Vicarage, Notts, by Wednesday, August 24th. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE, CITY.—The usual Monday practice is abandoned during August. Next meeting September 5th.—James E. Davis, Tower Keeper.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at the Arkway, Saturday, August 27th. Bells 8, ready at 3 o'clock, a very fine peal. Short service at 5 o'clock, and tea at 5.30 at the Wheatsheaf. All are welcome. Good bus services from various towns.—Geo. T. Croft, Dist. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The meeting arranged for August 20th at Higher Walton will be held there in September. Particulars later.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8 Carrington Rd., Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, September 17th. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York, the new ring of thirteen bells will be available from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 1.30 to 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, at 5.30 p.m. at a charge of 5/6 per head. All applications for dinner tickets and hotel accommodation must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, September 13th.—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—All communications regarding peals should now be addressed to W. Barton, Peal Secretary, 46, Alexandra Road, Pudsey, Yorks.

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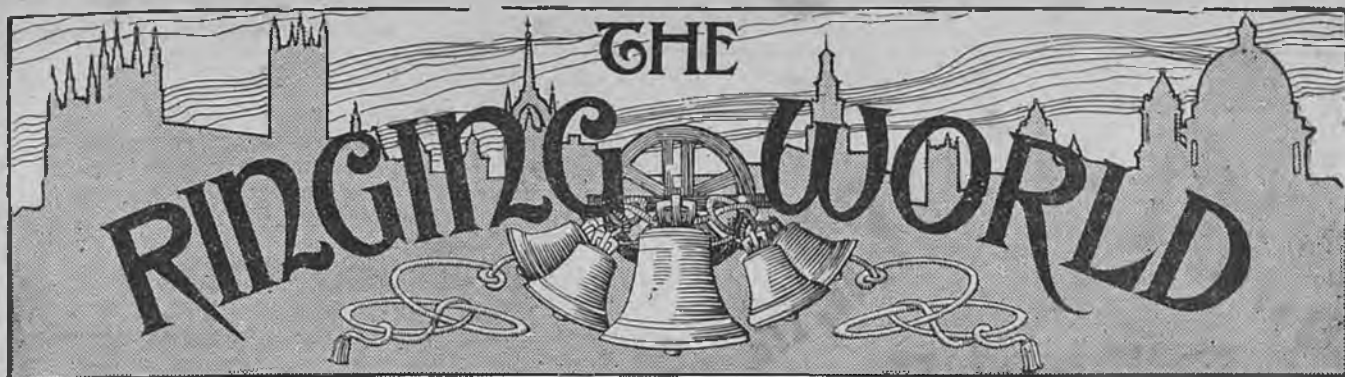
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The Superlative Surprise dispute is only an example. The average ringer of to-day is a better educated man than the ringer of five and twenty years ago, and while ringing is a science which requires a special aptitude which is not always to be found even in educated people, it is quite certain that improved education has resulted in those who are ringers approaching these subjects from a different angle to the majority of the 'old school,' and with a much keener desire to know the 'whys' and 'wherefores.' With this increased knowledge it cannot be suggested that there are but a handful of people competent to form opinions. A jury may not know the 'law' of a case which they are trying, but they do decide questions of fact, and in our art the many members of the Exercise who have given thought to matters beyond merely ringing a method are able to draw conclusions from facts which are plainly stated.

In these days it must not be imagined that knowledge remains entirely with the favoured few. One finds in most unexpected quarters a keen appreciation of some of the questions which in the past have been considered the exclusive prerogative of the experts, and this growing knowledge of the science is of vast importance to the future of the Exercise. It is a proof that the rising generation is not entirely content to take for granted everything which is put before them. They will test these questions for themselves. It is true they have not the experience of the older men, but they are adding to this every day; and views which hold the field at present will unquestionably have to stand their trial before final judgment is passed upon them. It is an encouraging

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* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Gibbs' 50th peal and the conductor's 400th peal.

CHURCHKIRK.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM 5
JAMES PARR 2	*JAMES INGHAM 6
JOSEPH WOODS, 3	SYDNEY BROWN 7
*ARTHUR BROWN 4	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First in the method. First peal of Major for the Churchkirk Society. J. Ingham and A. Brown were proposed members of the Lancashire Association before starting. All the above are service ringers at Churchkirk.

WITHTYCOMBE RALEIGH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD G. STOCKER Treble	EDWARD SPRAGUE 5
ERNEST W. MARSH 2	FRED DIMOND 6
JOHN M. SKINNER 3	WILLIAM A. WOOSNAM 7
JOHN R. HAYMAN 4	GEORGE RENDELL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

W. A. Woosnam was made a member of the Devonshire Guild previous to ringing.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY GREENOUGH Treble	G. FREDERICK JAMES 5
JAMES S. NAPPER 2	RICHARD G. RICE 6
JAMES BUTLER 3	GEOFFREY C. RICE 7
THOMAS EAST 4	*WILLIAM GREENOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD G. RICE.

* First peal.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

WALTER AYRE Treble	*ARTHUR T. SWAIN 5
STEPHEN BROMFIELD 2	HERBERT I. MINGAY... .. 6
J. BENJAMIN BUDD 3	CHARLES W. TAYLOR 7
JOHN E. KENNINGTON... .. 4	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. E. Varah, the wife of the Vicar.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	JOHN HAYES... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

Arranged for Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, and Mr. A. E. Peglar, of Bangor.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD SHAW Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL 2	*ARNOLD HAIGH 6
JOHN R. BREARLEY 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY 7
WM. A. WOOLER... .. 4	J. H. CHARLESWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER. Conducted by JOHN A. BREARLEY

* First peal.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS... .. Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ARTHUR BAKER 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
WALTER GRINSELL 3	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7
SAMUEL POTTS 4	ALBERT E. LAW Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone by the Bishop of the diocese of the above church on August 9th, 1827. Also as a birthday compliment to S. Baker.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHAS. D. HEGINBOTHOM ... Treble	SIDNEY HILLIER 5
JESSE FRANCIS 2	WILLIAM BOLWELL 6
THOMAS DAVISON... .. 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 4	FRANK GREEN Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY WILTSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, August 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*MARGARET EASTOE Treble	†CHARLES H. BIRD 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 2	†HAROLD EASTOE 6
JACK BRAY 3	ALBERT E. SELLERS... .. 7
†NORAH A. BRAY... .. 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob. The ladies were congratulated on ringing the peal without practice.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

JOHN HAYES... .. Treble	THOMAS R. BUTLER 5
THOMAS BUTLER 2	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS 3	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ... 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART (No. 2).

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

MAURICE SWINFIELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 7
R. GEORGE LEWIS 4	JOSEPH SLADE Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

At the conclusion of the peal, the Vicar kindly came up into the belfry and congratulated the ringers on their success.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY HAXTER Treble	ROBERT F. TURNER 5
JOHN KING 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 6
*MISS KITTY MOORE 3	JOHN R. MAIN 7
†CYRIL D. NICHOLS 4	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* Fiftieth peal. † First Surprise peal. First peal as conductor in this method.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	*GEORGE FLEMING 5
GEORGE PRYKE 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... .. 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal of Superlative Major. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. G. Blessley, who is leaving the parish to take up duties at Metfield, Suffolk.

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NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

FRANK BLONDELL Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5
HARRY BADGER 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES M. DAVIS 7
*WALTER STEED 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First Surprise peal.

WARFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by J. BUCKLEY. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

HENRY HODGETTS Treble	EDWARD ASHEY 5
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 6
*CHARLES COOK 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN 4	WALTER J. SIMONS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

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

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	HAROLD V. COOPER 6
WILLIAM H. COOPER 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS 7
THOMAS HEMMING 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

A GOLDEN WEDDING TOUCH.

At St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, August 6th, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith (Mr. Smith being a member of the St. Saviour's company), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins.: T. J. Salter 1, G. W. Stokes 2, H. Hobden 3, E. Gower 4, B. Hobbs 5, E. Bray 6, A. C. Pankhurst (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, F. Dallaway 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
*GEORGE E. LARGE 2	FRED PRICE 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise.

LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES YOUNG Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	FRED PRICE 5
FREDERICK SMITH 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Specially arranged for Mr. F. Price to enable him to ring a peal on the bells of his native parish.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven differently called extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*WILLIAM H. FLETCHER ... Treble	*BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 4
PHYLLIS M. MOSS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

* First peal of Minor.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court, and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and 720 of Bob Minor. Tenor 9½ cwt.

H. G. SMITH Treble	J. SMY 4
E. PEARSON 2	A. E. SMITH 5
W. SMITH 3	A. LING, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by A. LING.

* First peal of Minor with an inside bell.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	CHARLES G. BATES 4
*HUBERT F. ASHLEY 2	THOMAS MILLER 5
THOMAS W. CHOWN 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ERNEST PULLEN Treble	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 4
*WILLIAM MARTIN 2	HARRY HILL 5
GEORGE THOMPSON 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE. THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHOWN Treble	JOSEPH E. SYKES 4
JAMES H. RAPER 2	CHARLES G. BATES 5
ALFRED E. BACON 3	CHARLES FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

This was Mr. C. G. Bates' first peal in a Treble Bob method on a working bell.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE. THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents of Kent Treble Bob and one extent and one-third extent of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS MILLER Treble	CHARLES G. BATES 4
JOSEPH E. SYKES 2	THOMAS W. CHOWN 5
CHARLES FREEMAN 3	JAMES H. RAPER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

The conductor has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

HOBY, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising eight 240's by L. W. G. Morris, eight 240's by A. J. Pitman, and ten ordinary 120's.

Tenor (approx.) 9½ cwt.

EDGAR LEWIN Treble	A. NORMAN GEARY 3
JOSEPH NORTON 2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Second peal on these bells. Conductor hails from Leicester, others from Billesdon.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Six Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 10080 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose Surprise, College Single, Fulbeck Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 2	WILLIAM TILLEY 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

This is the longest length of Minor rung in the county, and is believed to be the first 10,080 rung in 14 methods. It is also the longest length by a lady ringer.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At 51, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT WALKER 1-2	FRANK E. PERVIN 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN 7-8
JAMES GEORGE 9-10	

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Mr. P. O. Laffin heard the last hour of the peal.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.—At Christ Church, on Thursday evening, August 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): L. G. Morris 1, Miss E. Lawrence 2, G. Moorhouse 3, H. Lofthouse 4, E. Grimwood 5, J. Thackray 6, J. W. Moorhouse (conductor) 7, H. Blackith 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman for ringers of 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th.

THE 'SOMERSET' TOUR.

The nine following peals were rung during a tour in the West of England:—

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
MISS IRENE HASTIE 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 6
*OLIVER SIPPETTS 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* 400th peal.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 6
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

TWERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
MISS IRENE HASTIE 3	*JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 4	CANON G. F. COLERIDGE Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* 300th peal.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 8000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	*THOMAS KING 8
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 9
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. J. S. Goldsmith was elected a member of the Guild before starting.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 6043 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 8
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 9
WILLIAM T. BEESON 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung with half-muffled bells as a last token of respect to Mr. E. D. Marshall, of Pierce Hay, Wrington, and Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough.

BUSHEY HEATH.—A quarter-peal of Stedman in 48 mins. on Tuesday, August 9th: E. Ashby 1, H. Long 2, C. Cook 3, H. Hoare (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, G. Foster 5, F. Elliott 6, S. Hoare (conductor) 7, W. Simons 8.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 31 cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Treble	THOMAS KING 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

MELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... ..Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 5
CANON G. F. COLERIDGE 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... ..Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 6
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 3	ALFRED H. POLLING 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

The first peal of Major on the bells, which have the heaviest tenor to a ring of eight in the county. W. T. Beeson's 150th peal.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, EDWARD, KING AND MARTYR, AND THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE ...Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 6
MISS IRENE HASTIE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
ALFRED H. POLLING 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

A birthday compliment to Miss Hastie.

DOINGS AT FARINGDON.

HOW WE WENT 'DOWN THE VALE.'

On Saturday, August 6th, two men left Reading to fulfil a long-standing promise to the men of Faringdon, Berks, that they would come down one day and see what progress had been made with Grand-sire Triples. At 3.30, the local ringers were found 'waiting at the church,' so a start was made, and to the visitors' surprise and delight a 546 was rung in quite good style; then, with two other men in, a 1,008. A quarter-peal was the ambition of the local band, so off they went again, and a real good quarter was scored. After this a social hour was spent and much enjoyed, and so to bed. On Sunday morning, with only one of the visitors left, 209, 420, and 518 were rung. At 5.30, the 'Padre' turned up sharp to time, and 714 was brought round, beautifully struck. So well, in fact, was it rung, that a lady ringer from Exeter said she would rather not ring, as she would not like to spoil the ringing of the evening. Anyhow, she was persuaded to try the treble, and another little touch of 209 was added to the bag. This may not appear much to the big men of the Exercise, but the remarkable thing is the Faringdon men were mostly staid old call-change ringers of years' standing, but suddenly realised that if Alfred the Great could wipe out the Danes at Asdown they could wipe out 'Stoney' at Faringdon, and they have. The writer would like them to know that their great kindness to him during the week-end will be long remembered, and also that the 'Padre' also had a most enjoyable time.

H. T. R.

THE IRISH TOUR.

A SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO ERIN.

By 'W. H. F.'

A few weeks ago a certain Dublin 'gentleman,' who had crossed the Irish Channel to ring a 'touch' of 20,000 of Kent, made casual inquiries of his ringing friends as to when a band of English ringers were going to visit the Irish Free State for some peal ringing. The answer to this question was revealed in last week's issue of this journal, which showed that the visit was paid 'begorrah' in a most successful manner, and, therefore, a few notes of the programme may be of interest to readers of 'The Ringing World.'

As usual, small beginnings often lead to big undertakings, and this gathering, started with the hope of a twelve-bell band, accomplished more than was really expected at the outset. In addition to those members whose names appear in the peals list were several ladies—Mrs. H. Chapman, Mrs. F. Bennett, and Miss D. K. Parker—a 'swarm' of fifteen tourists all told.

Many ringers have vivid recollections of Bank Holiday ringing excursions, and their 'missing links.' The present one afforded no exception to the 'madding crowds' to be met with at such holiday times. It was suggested that all should assemble at Liverpool on Friday evening and cross over together by the 10 p.m. British and Irish steam packet boat, and a 'bait' was offered, through the kind offices of Mr. G. R. Newton, in the form of Stedman Cinques at St. Nicholas' tower, which faces the landing stage and commands a fine view of the River Mersey. The Cinques proposed was reduced to Triples on the back eight, and lasted two and a half hours, the 'backenders' developing a set of blisters that proved troublesome later on and caused the owners to envy those who took the Holyhead crossing.

A fair and easy passage was made on a full boat of about 700 people. Some had sleeping berths—to lie awake in all night—and others occupied the deck to walk in their sleep. The distant hills of Wicklow came into sight at about 6 a.m., and we landed at the dockside in the River Liffey about seven o'clock, after ploughing the famous bay of Dublin, with its picturesque background of Emerald. Customs officials searched our handbags—oh, ye shades of Greenwich—and labelled them in blue pencil, and we were at length 'set free' in the Free State of Ireland, under the care of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, who quickly escorted the party to their headquarters, the George Hotel, Great George Street, once patronised by George of Rugby. 'All's well' sounded when the roll call was finished, a wash and brush-up, breakfast and chat had ended, preparatory to our first venture at 11 a.m.

Readers will remember the old couplet which says:—

'St. Patrick was a gentleman of "clane and dacent" people;

In Dublin town he built a church, and on it placed a steeple.'

It was here we began with success, and, as it is the only tower out of England possessing twelve bells, our performance was the 'first Max' for Scotland, Wales and Ireland combined.

St. Patrick's tower is literally crammed with bells. The old eight are stored in the room above the ringers—not in use, objects of veneration to ringers of to-day and for those to follow hereafter. Of the new bells cast by Taylor, the following separate rings can be formed:—

Sets of 12, 10 or 8, in key of C, tenor 45 cwt.

Sets of 12, 10 and 8 in D Minor, tenor 30 cwt.

Set of 8 in F, tenor 19 cwt., and many 'sixes.'

The eleven large bells were given by Lord Iveagh in 1899, and two smaller ones added by Mr. R. R. Cherry (afterwards Lord Chief Justice), of Dublin, in 1909. The donor was the conductor of the first peal in Ireland by an Irish team. I do not recall another tower where a ring of twelve can be found for ringing in the minor key. In this attempt it was an agreeable relief not to hear the heavy covering note of the ordinary tenor when in the slow. There were several spells of wonderful music when the back bells were running in Bob Major coursing order. The peal was well rung throughout, and the majority of the band were agreeably surprised at the readiness with which it grew accustomed to the minor mania—no, I mean the minor music. During the ringing I was wondering what the effect would have been had these bells been tuned to the Simpson standard.

Before ringing, a matter of business was gone into, ten of the visitors begging the honour of membership of the I.A.C.R., and the branding with the Shamrock was suitably accomplished—on the right spot—at the hands of Mr. Wilmot and Mr. Lindoff, supported by Messrs. Chapman and Fussell, who had undergone the operation some 25 years ago.

St. Patrick's Cathedral of to-day—a very handsome pile—succeeds a smaller one supposed to have been erected by St. Patrick on his first pilgrimage on the Island, and near the site of a famous spring known as St. Patrick's Well. Its whereabouts was unknown for centuries until modern restoration work was done. Since my visit of 1900, a further important discovery has been made during excavations near the church. At a level six feet below the ground was revealed the actual carved stone that formerly marked the well, and it is now to be seen in the nave near the door of the stairs that lead up to the bells.

(To be continued.)

OXHEY, HERTS.—A quarter-peal of Stedman in 40 mins. on Wednesday, August 3rd: H. Long 1, S. Hoare 2, C. Cook (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, H. Hodgetts 4, F. Elliott 5, C. Leman 6, F. Brinklow (conductor) 7, W. Simons 8.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD. VISIT TO EDGBASTON.

The summer meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the diocese of Birmingham was held at Edgbaston on Saturday week, those who were present having a most enjoyable afternoon and evening. The Parish Church of St. Bartholomew, commonly known as Edgbaston 'Old Church,' is a picturesque building of stone, mainly in the Perpendicular style, consisting of nave, north, south and 'new' aisles, and a low embattled western tower with four pinnacles. The church dates from 1340, while the tower was built in 1503. Until a few years ago the tower was completely enveloped in ivy, but this was very wisely stripped off when restoration work was being carried out. Ivy certainly makes a tower look pretty, but it is no good for the stone work.

Members were met by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Blofeld, who gave everyone a hearty welcome, and showed several round the church, pointing out features of interest, among which is a memorial tablet to Sir John Ratchliffe, Knight, sometime Mayor of Birmingham. This worthy gentleman is eulogised, as was the custom in bygone days, and there can be no doubt that he has gone to the place where all good people go, but the epitaph reads: 'There shall be no night there.'

Until recently, the tower contained a poor old ring of six, but these have now been replaced by a splendid ring of eight by Taylor (tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp), which are a credit to their founders and to the church. The well-known carillonneur and erstwhile performer on the dulcimer, Harry Withers, is in charge here, and both the church authorities and the ringers are fortunate in having such a capable man. While mentioning Harry, the writer of these notes would like to take the opportunity of reminding him that it is high time he overhauled his 'music box' and put in some intensive practice, in order that he may once again be able to charm the guests at the next Johnson dinner! Verb, sap!

By the kindness of the Vicar, tea was arranged in the schoolroom nearby, and the presiding Ringing Master, Alderman W. Pritchett, took the chair at the business meeting which followed. Before leaving to keep another appointment, Canon Blofeld said how very pleased he was to welcome the Guild to his church, and to hear how pleased everyone was with the new bells. He said he was tired of having his leg pulled about the old six, and now that he had a ring second to none in the district, he hoped the Guild would visit them more often in the future. He added that the wardens and the Church Council were convinced that they had done the right thing in making a clean sweep, and not attempting to augment or patch up the old peal, and he had received many congratulations on the matter.

Before calling on the secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, the Chairman referred in feeling terms to the death of Mr. Pryce

Taylor, and all present stood for a moment in silence as a last token of respect to the deceased. The Secretary reported that he had written a letter of condolence to the family, and the Guild was represented at the funeral by Mr. James George.

Among the new members elected subsequently was the parish clerk of Edgbaston, Mr. Sidney Freemantle, who is already well known to many members, having been present on several occasions at the Johnson Dinner and other gatherings of lesser note.

Routine matters having been disposed of, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his hospitality in providing tea, to Mr. and Mrs. Freemantle for their excellent arrangements for the comfort of all, and to Mr. Harry Withers for having the bells in readiness.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going to London, Cambridge, Double Norwich and the standard methods, while later an hour was spent in the company of an old member of the Guild, familiarly known to a past generation of Birmingham ringers as 'Bob Hunt.' This gentleman can talk of ringing happenings of 'ten, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty years ago,' and it seems a pity that he should have allowed his interest to flag. He used to be particularly fond of handbells, and could wield a pair in Stedman Cinques with the greatest ease and confidence. Nowadays, he is understood to prefer a glass of milk 'with something in it,' and he certainly looks well on it. But he must come back.

A. P. S.

A VISIT TO DUFFIELD.

The annual outing of the Norton (Derbyshire) company on Tuesday, August 2nd, to Alton Towers (once the princely seat of the Earls of Shrewsbury and Talbot), was a delightful journey, with encouraging weather and picturesque and romantic scenery, enjoyed by all. At 10.30 a.m. the party were met by the Duffield ringers, where three touches in the standard methods, well struck, were brought round. An interesting feature of the proceedings was the meeting with Mr. Colin Oldfield, who is on a visit from New Jersey, U.S.A., who was delighted with a ring on the bells (there being no change ringing within his reach at U.S.A.).

The Norton company wish to thank the Duffield ringers for their encouraging welcome and consideration in helping to make a trip worth while.

After a short stay at Duffield, departure was made for Alton Towers, where the company spent the remainder of the day leisurely, having lunch in the gardener's cottage and leaving Alton at 6 p.m. for home.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal at Shepton Beauchamp, recorded in our last issue, was not the first on the bells, Mr. J. Maddocks having called one there in 1908.

A new record among the lady members of the Exercise has been set up by Miss Kathleen Jutson, who, on Saturday, took part in a peal of 10,080 of Minor, in fourteen methods. The peal occupied 6 hrs. 20 mins., and is a remarkable achievement for a woman.

Mr. George Earle (who 'witnessed' the handbell peal at Thorpe Market, Norfolk) is the last surviving member of the old Southrepps company that gained sonic repute in the neighbourhood for its exposition of the art. These worthies thought nothing of weekly walks of 20 miles on a Saturday evening or Sunday to the rings of six and five in the district. It is a great pity that the grand ring of five (tenor 16 cwt.) at Southrepps have just been repaired for chiming at a cost a few pounds less than a competent bell hanger would have charged for a complete overhaul.

Eleven London children spent a wet holiday in the village of King-ton Magna, Dorset, where the hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild is Rector. During their stay, three of the girls sang in the choir, and all the eleven members of the party tried their hands at ringing the bells.

To-day is the anniversary of the opening of the peal of ten at York Minster in the year 1765.

Eight veteran ringers, whose total ages aggregated 553 years, rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Guiseley on August 24th, 1868.

Henry Hubbard was born at Norwich 120 years ago next Thursday.

'SUPERLATIVE MAXIMUS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am tired of the never-ending controversies in connection with the above, and other matters pertaining to Method Construction.

If 'A Plain Ringer' will communicate with me direct I shall be pleased to let him have the Royal of the Rev. H. L. James' so-called 'Superlative' Maximus, and 'A Plain Ringer' will then learn that Shipway's Royal has not been extended by Rev. H. L. James, neither did Shipway extend 'Superlative' Major when he produced his Royal Method.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

'KINGTON CATHEDRAL?'

Under this heading, the 'North Dorset Church Magazine' says: 'When King George V. was crowned on June 22nd, 1911, Kington bells were the first in the kingdom to proclaim the festival day with a peal at 3.28 a.m. The next were those of Holy Trinity, Guildford, which rang out at 3.45. With the division of Winchester diocese into three, Trinity Church has now been made the cathedral for Guildford diocese. It yet remains for Kington Church to be exalted to the same rank! Old Schoolmaster Lanning used to speak of it as a "little cathedral." It is interesting also to observe that the new Bishop of Portsmouth is—or was—a tithepayer in this parish—though he never came to eat his supper.'

ICKLETON BELLS.

The order has been given for the two new trebles to complete the octave at Ickleton. One bell has been given as a memorial to the late treasurer of the Ringers' Society, Mr. Beales. The bell hangers are fixing the new frame, six bells have arrived, and the other two are expected shortly, as the founders have promised to complete the job by the 25th. We understand that under a diocesan rule they cannot be dedicated until they are paid for, and for this reason a grant of £50 from the diocesan funds which had been promised will be lost. The bells, however, will be used when they are completed. At present the parish is £150 short of the sum required. The following donations are acknowledged with thanks: St. Peter's Society, Nottingham, £2 2s., Mr. F. Warrington 5s., Mr. A. E. Austin 5s. Further contributions should be sent to Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Cambs.

RINGERS' MEETING IN CHURCHYARD.

A meeting of charming variety was held at Cawthorne on Saturday, August 6th. There are always many happy features when a meeting is held at this beautiful village, which have been related before, but in the month of August the flowers in the many gardens are at their best. The corn ripening in the fields in beautiful sunshine must have made everyone doubly happy.

Members from Dewsbury and Kirkburton, with visitors, joined in union and rang the bells from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea was partaken of at the local cafe, and was enjoyed by many ladies closely interested and ringers.

The business meeting was held in the churchyard, and it was purely formal, with the exception of a fly in the ointment of our affections, which the writer will not name. The shield contest is to be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, September 10th.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens and local ringers and terminated the meeting.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the third of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

METHODS DIFFER.

Methods differ one from another only for the reason that the pairs changing in corresponding rows of the first lead in each method are not similar pairs. That is to say, in the first row of one method three pairs might change, whilst in the first row of another method only two pairs. This has the effect of making the paths of the bells in one method differ from those in another.

The changing pairs throughout the first lead can be so arranged, that, while the rows inside the lead may differ in two methods, yet the rows which turn up as lead-ends in the two methods are identical. The pairs can also be arranged so that the lead-end rows of two methods are not identical.

The Minor methods which are sponsored by the Central Council, and which were published as 'Legitimate Methods,' all have the pairs so arranged in the first leads, that they produce, for the first lead-ends, one of the four rows which appear as the lead-ends in Bob Minor, previously shown. If a method produces a first lead-end which is different from every one of these four, then it is not 'legitimate.' Therefore it follows that the lead-ends of a plain course in any legitimate Minor method can be produced by taking each one of these four in turn, and using it as the first lead-end. In other words, in Bob Minor we have taken 135264 as our first lead-end for transposing, and have produced five rows (counting rounds as one). Now take the next in our list (156342) as the example row for transposition. Place in black figures 123456, with black 156342 underneath. Cover 123456 with red row 156342, and proceed to transfer the cards as before, but this time do it in the order of 1, 5, 6, 3, 4, 2 (instead of 1, 3, 5, 2, 6, 4). Do this until rounds is reached again. Then substitute 164523 as your example lead-end, and proceed to transfer until you get your five lead-ends. Finally, substitute 142635. You will then have four columns of lead-ends, with this peculiarity: that the same five rows keep turning up, with rounds last, but with the other four rows in different sequence in the columns.

By this we may know that any plain lead-end, transposed by any other plain lead-end, will result in a plain lead-end, because (somewhere or another) in our four columns, we have transposed every one of them, by every other one.

BOBS AND SINGLES.

We have seen that the theoretical leads are joined together into plain courses by one other bell retaining the same place in the rows when the treble leads her whole pull. The actual 'join' takes place at the space between the two rows, where the line is drawn. When the treble leads at the end of the first lead in Bob Minor we have these two rows:—

Practically.	Theoretically.
132546	132546
135264	135264

Theoretically, 135264 is the first row in the following lead, and 132546 is the last row in the present lead; therefore, the 'join' must occur at the theoretical line, and the method of doing it is to cause one bell to retain the same position in the row while the remainder change—it may be the second's place bell, or the sixth's place bell, as will be shown.

The 'courses' are joined together into touches and peals in a similar manner, by means of 'Bobs' and 'Singles,' otherwise, Bob Rows and Single Rows.

When a Bob Row is used, action similar to that at the lead-ends takes place, the only difference being that, instead of second's or sixth's place being made by one bell, this is done by the FOURTH'S-PLACE bell, leaving the other four to change, the treble, of course, remaining at the lead.

It is a pity that Plain Bob cannot be used in the example that follows, but I wish to show the same rows as (1) a second's-place method, (2) as a sixth's-place method, and (3) as a Bob Lead of either method. If the first lead of Plain Bob is shown as a sixth's place method, the bells will run round, and for this reason it cannot be used here; but we will take two methods, one of which makes second's place at the plain lead-ends, and the other of which makes sixth's place, both of which have the same rows just before the end of the first lead:—

Second's-place method (Double Oxford).		Sixth's-place method (London Bob).	
First lead.	First lead.	First lead.	First lead.
plain.	bobbed.	plain.	bobbed.
Etc.	Etc.	Etc.	Etc.
412635	412635	412635	412635
146253	146253	146253	146253
142635	164235	164523	164235

In each example the treble retains the same place in the row, and also one other bell, while the remaining pairs change; the place is made in (1) by the '4,' in (2) by the '2,' in (3) by the '3,' and in

(4) by the '2.' We can see that if we ring a plain lead of each method we get a different lead-head (below the line) in each; but that if a bob be called in either method the lead-head (below the line) would be the same in both.

We can know then, that the first lead of any method can be turned into a bobbed lead by making 'fourth's place' instead of second's or sixth's place, as the case may be.

While the bob acts in the same way with all methods, the 'single' does not; we can see in the four examples above that in each case two pairs change, to produce the new lead-heads.

A 'single' is a row which has only a 'single change'; that is, a row which is produced by the changing of only one pair, and it differs when applied to second's-place and sixth's-place methods. If the method make second's place at the lead-ends, then change only the last pair at a single; in other words, make second's, third's and fourth's places, and the remaining pair change. If the method makes sixth's place at the plain lead-ends, then only change the pair which immediately follows the treble; in other words, make fourth's, fifth's and sixth's places, and the remaining pair change. Thus:—

Second's-place method (Double Oxford).	Sixth's-place method. (London Bob).
First lead singled.	First lead singled.
Etc.	Etc.
4 1 2 6 3 5	4 1 2 6 3 5
1 4 6 2 5 3	1 4 6 2 5 3
1 4 6 2(35)	1(64) 2 5 3

The pair which change in each is bracketed, and the remaining bells retain their positions in the row.

One effect that a call has upon a method is that it alters the method for one row only, and when this altered row is produced, we go on with our changing pairs (from our altered lead-head) in the same way as usual. Therefore, if one row only is altered, then the paths of the bells are altered for one blow only, before they start on their set paths through the next lead, which are those paths that are followed by the bells in the first lead, as we have always been led to believe; but the 'call row' causes the bells to start the next lead from different 'platforms'; that is, different positions from those which the bells would have occupied had it been a plain lead-end instead of a 'call.' After this 'shunting' to a different platform, as it were, the usual set rails are travelled from Station A to Station B.

If we have traced for ourselves the 'plain course path' of a method, we may reason out how this path is altered by a call, in this way: We have traced the ordinary path, by the figures of the first lead, and therefore we must know how the first lead-end will be altered by a call. Remember: for a bob, make fourth's place, etc., in every Minor method; but that for a single, it depends upon the class of method as to which pair is changed. Plain Bob is a second's-place class of method, and the end of the first lead is shown:—

	PLAIN. Make 2nd's place.	BOBBED. Make 4th's place.	SINGLED. Change last pair only.
Row at treble hand-stroke lead ...	1 3 2 5 4 6	1 3 2 5 4 6	1 3 2 5 4 6
Next lead-head row	1 3(52) (64)	1 (23)5(64)	1 3 2 5(64)

Now that we have the first lead-end in plain, bobbed, and singled rows, it is easy to see how the path (or work) of every bell is affected by a call.

Platforms at first lead-end
(being Station B).
1st. 2nd. 3rd. 4th. 5th. 6th.

If plain lead-end (without a call) the
trains arriving are ... 1 3 5 2 6 4
If bobbed, they are ... 1 2 3 5 6 4
If singled, they are ... 1 3 2 5 6 4

Trace the path of bell No. 2 through the first lead from 123456 down to 132546, and when she leaves this row the plain-end (135264) makes her step back into fourth's place, and therefore she takes up the set path of the fourth's-place bell at 123456 (the '4') during her progress through the next lead; but when the bob-end (123564) is substituted for the plain (135264), bell No. 2 is not allowed to step back into fourth's place as she would have done, but she is forced to step forwards to second's place at 123564, and therefore she takes up the set path of the second's-place bell (the '2') at 123456 instead of the fourth's-place bell (the '4').

The substitution of the singled row (132564) for the plain one, makes bell No. 2 remain in third's place (after leaving the 132546), and therefore she takes up the set path of the third's-place bell (the '3') at 123456, instead of either path shown in the plain or bobbed rows. All of the alterations made by calls can be traced in this manner, merely by substituting the 'call-row' for the 'plain-row.'

Notice that the bells arriving at platforms 5th and 6th (the '6' and the '4') are not altered by either call, in this instance; also particularly notice that the bells which are affected by the calls do ordinary plain work up to row 132546, the altered work from here to the call row, for one blow only, and then pick up ordinary plain work again, but starting from a different platform. Notice, also, that the single row (132564) does not alter the second's-place bell at the plain 135264 (the '3'), and that the fourth's-place bell (the '5') does the same work at both the bob and single rows.

RECOLLECTIONS OF SOMERSET. RINGERS' MOTORING TOUR.

There are 'ringing tours' and 'ringing tours.' There are those in which peals are the essence of the enjoyment; there are those in which the peals are only an accessory to the pleasure. Each to his own taste. This year's 'Somerset' tour, organised by Messrs. J. T. Dyke and A. H. Pulling, came in the latter category. It was a go-as-you-please motoring holiday, with peals thrown in, and no meals omitted; and a social side to it which could not have been excelled.

It was called a 'Somerset' tour, but it began in Devon and extended into Wiltshire, a programme of fourteen peals having been arranged. It centred on Wrington, where is one of the finest peals of ten in the country. Here were the headquarters, the Golden Lion, where Mr. and Mrs. Axford, with previous experience of ringers' requirements and delinquencies, catered for their needs in right royal style. The party was not quite stable in its personnel, for there were comings and goings, but round about a dozen saw the week through. The non-ringing ladies of the party were Mrs. Dobbie, sen. (who is a churchwarden in her own parish), Mrs. A. H. Pulling, Mrs. C. H. Dobbie and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, while Mr. W. Besson also accompanied the tourists. The names of the remainder will be found in the peal columns. The party was well equipped for the excursion; there was plenty of brawn for the heavy-bell jobs, and a complete ambulance detachment, the latter, happily, not being called upon except to deal with blistered hands.

The long anticipated tour began at Exeter. By 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 6th, the majority of the company had assembled in the Cathedral Close, and, greetings over, a move was made to the commodious belfry, the magnificent view from the roof being admired en route. Ringing commenced at 4.30 p.m., but at 4.35 p.m. the conductor called 'Stand.' The fears of the listeners outside were allayed when at 4.40 another start was made, and all seemed well, the grand bells pealing out the fine music of Stedman Caters. For three hours the non-ringers explored the cathedral and places of interest in the city, returning at intervals to assure themselves that ringing was still in progress. However, after 3 hrs. 25 mins. the bells ceased, much to everyone's disappointment. There had been no big trip, so the cause of the stoppage was a mystery until one of the ringers came down with the news that one of the local tenor men had been compelled to give in.

'HOME FROM HOME.'

It was a very disappointing beginning to the tour, especially after ringing for so long. After assuring themselves that the exhausted ringer had somewhat recovered, the company dispersed, the tourists by various and adventurous ways all eventually arriving at Wrington, the 'home from home' for the ensuing week. But 'all' is hardly correct, for two of the company were forced to abandon their journey owing to trouble with lights, and did not arrive until the following day.

On Sunday morning, some of the company were up with the lark, and all managed to reach the dining-room in time to do justice to the excellent fare provided for breakfast. Several well-struck touches on the fine Wrington bells were brought round for service. In the meantime the great little 'Austin' had taken two of the ladies to Wells to pick up the motor-cycle which the lady ringer of the party had abandoned for the luxury of a car on the previous day. After various adjustments, it was declared 'O.K.' and cycle and car, with their respective riders, returned with sharpened appetites ready for lunch.

Clevedon was the objective for the afternoon, and having arrived the ringers soon set the bells swinging to the tune of Cambridge. The listeners rambled over the cliffs and sea front within sound of the bells all the time, until rain drove them to the shelter of the car. (Does it rain every day in Clevedon?) After about two hours' ringing, a hitch occurred, and the bells stopped. The disappointment was lessened, however, when it was found that owing to lack of time the peal could not have been completed in any case, because of evensong. An adjournment was then made for tea, and, to judge by her catering, the hostess had had previous experience of ringing parties. Some of the party returned immediately to Wrington, while others decided to enjoy a little more sea air and, incidentally, see some of the sights of Clevedon. By 9 p.m. all were ready, and the three motor-cycle combinations conveyed ten persons and two dogs to Wrington in safety. It was with regret that they heard on arrival that the worthy host was indisposed, and they wished him a speedy recovery.

The news of the coming of the party to Wrington had spread in the village, and their intentions must have been discussed in various quarters, for while three of the party were travelling in the bus from Clevedon to Wrington, a bewhiskered fellow traveller imparted to them the important information that some ringers had come from London and were going to ring over 5,000 changes on Wrington bells. Without so much as the flutter of an eyelid, one of the strangers innocently asked how on earth the ringers could remember all the changes. The local worthy, with a chuckle intended to camouflage any sign of ignorance, replied enigmatically, 'Ah, that's just it!' And he enjoyed the experience of imagining he had left his questioner mystified.

From a ringing point of view, Monday was a more successful day. Wrexall, with its glorious eight, was the first objective. The 'baby' Austin led the way, but no 'short cut' through Brockley Coombe was taken this year. The various conveyances eventually brought their human freight, and by 9.55 the bells were set swinging to the tune of Superlative, and very grand they sounded from the heights beyond

the church. The bells tapped along with a splendid beat, and in 3 hrs. 25 mins. came round, thus scoring the first peal of the tour and Oliver Sippet's 400th. The listeners were anxious to show their appreciation of the performance, especially that of the lady ringer, and they therefore presented to her a bouquet of choice wild flowers gathered as they wandered across the fields. It was with reluctance that such a lovely spot had to be left, but ringers are hungry people, and excellent luncheons are provided at Wrington's Golden Lion! Besides, there was the added attraction of Blagdon tower in the afternoon. Here, again, success crowned the ringers' efforts, and a fine peal of Stedman Triples was brought round in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Fears were entertained of ropes breaking, as they seemed 'none too strong', but, fortunately, they survived the test. It was a happy party that, after tea, packed into car and sidecars and wended its way via Burrington Coombe to see the famous 'Rock of Ages', and to greet an addition to the party in the person of Canon Coleridge. Everyone was pleased on reaching home to hear that the host was much better, and merriment was the order of the evening, until, tired and happy, all retired to bed.

EPIDEMIC PREVENTS PEAL.

On Tuesday morning an early start was made for Corston, where a great disappointment awaited the company. An epidemic of ice-cream poisoning was raging in the village, and the Vicar thought it was hardly advisable to ring the bells. There had been no time to secure another tower, so a move was made to Twerton, which had been originally arranged for the afternoon. After a start had been made for Superlative, one member of the party went on to Clevedon to try and arrange for a peal there in the evening. The bells went merrily on for half an hour, and then the attempt came to an untimely end. As the 'going' was none too good, a fresh start was made for Stedman, and this was brought round in 3 hrs. 3 mins., the lady ringer being congratulated upon lasting through the peal, and Mr. Joe Dyke on completing his 300th. After compensating themselves for their exertions, a move was made into Bath for lunch, after which the journey was made to Clevedon, but unfortunately they arrived too late to attempt a peal. Clevedon was in the throes of a flower show and fair, and to this the company adjourned to share in the hectic doings. The various side-shows were patronised, including the 'cocoanut shy' and the ice-cream tent! A certain little dog evaded its mistress, evidently bent on exploring the attractions of the fair, and it was eventually found in the safe custody of a policeman, much to its owner's relief. It was rumoured that one gentleman's somewhat robust form got in the way of a ball intended for a cocoanut, but as no damage was done, the less said the better. The return to Wrington was very enjoyable, and, after satisfying sharpened appetites, all sought a night's repose.

Wednesday morning was again a rush to make an early start for Bradford-on-Avon. However, the hurry was of no avail, for various hindrances prevented the early arrival of one of the vehicles carrying two of the ringers. A start was made for London, but came to grief in twenty minutes. Then the bells were set going for Treble Bob, and the non-ringers explored the Saxon church, which, built in 709, was the first Christian place of worship in England; and also a grand old tithe barn. Both of these buildings are gems of antiquity, and the ladies would like to express their appreciation of the kindness of the two gentlemen who escorted them and made things so interesting. But the peal came to grief. After two hours' ringing, a rope slipped and frustrated the ringers' hopes. A generous lunch was partaken of on the lawn opposite the church, and, afterwards, a move was made to Trowbridge, where further additions were made to the party, the addition of another car coming to the relief of the overworked combinations. The jovial 'Sam' had everything in readiness, and a merry greeting for all. Treble Ten was the method chosen for this tower, and some fine striking was heard. To the stuffiness of the belfry is attributed an enforced stop after 25 minutes' ringing. A substitute was forthcoming, however, to replace the 'discomforted' ringer, and a fresh start was made. This time success crowned their efforts, and another fine peal was scored. The Vicar, churchwardens, and Mr. Sam Hector very kindly entertained the whole party to tea, and the Vicar (locum tenens), in a short speech, thanked the ringers for the peal. Canon Coleridge suitably replied, and voiced the thanks of the party for the kindness and welcome shown. As it was a long journey to Wrington, the company did not linger after supper, but boarded their various conveyances and started on their homeward way, arriving at the Golden Lion at various times, some of which it would not be advisable to disclose, for all respectable Wrington folk must have been in bed for hours.

The programme for Thursday included one of the most important engagements of the trip. It was a half-muffled peal of Stedman Caters at Wrington in memory of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, who had intended to take part in the tour, and Mr. E. D. Marshall, of Wrington, brother-in-law of Major J. H. B. Hesse. The peal was a most impressive one, for this fine ring, the foundation of which was the old six by Bilbie, of Chew Stoke, with recasts and additions by the White-chapel Foundry, were heard at their best as they poured out their solemn tones over the village, the fields and the hills. It was an especial satisfaction to everyone that this peal was a success. Stedman Triples was completed at Long Ashton in the afternoon, what time some of the 'supers' and the non-ringers visited Bristol, and others admired Weston-super-Mare in the rain. It was on this day, too,

that one of the party came definitely to the conclusion that Zimmerman Zyder is a much overrated drink, and by no means all that some enthusiasts would have us believe.

Two fine rings of bells had been secured for Friday, the morning proceedings being at Mells. While the preparations for the start were being made, a lady visitor from the adjoining mansion of the Horlor family came up into the ringing room and showed her interest. Canon Coleridge engaged her in conversation, and then learned that she was a ringing pupil of Mr. Harry Miles, of Oxford, and was anxious to see some change ringing done. A musical touch of Stedman Triples was therefore 'put on,' in the performance of which the visitor evinced great interest. She was Miss Asquith, granddaughter of Lord Oxford. Having given their demonstration, the band got down to the serious business of the day, and a splendidly struck peal of Double Norwich Major was rung.

A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE.

While this was in progress, two members of the party, who left Winton later than the rest, had a memorable experience. They, too, made a pilgrimage to Burrington Coombe, to visit the cleft which was the inspiration of the wonderful hymn, 'Rock of Ages.' As they drew up at the spot where the author took shelter from the storm, two charabancs loaded with high-spirited young men and women arrived on the scene. Instead, however, of a riotous scramble over the rocks, which might have been expected, they assembled at the foot of the cleft and joined in singing those well-known words which have been a solace and hope to thousands. Rain was falling; within the cleft itself a father, mother and two children were sheltering from the shower; car engines had been silenced; not a sound in the coombe but the rising and falling of the voices of these young people in one of the most beautiful hymns that have ever been written in the English language. It was a scene, which, coming unexpectedly to the two members of the ringing party, will live in memory long after many of the other incidents of the tour have been forgotten.

The afternoon peal attempt—it really became an evening one—was at Clewton Mendip, where there is a peal of eight, which, without exaggeration, may be termed one of Taylor's greatest masterpieces. For their weight, it is doubtful if there is a finer peal in the world, and it was a great disappointment that a peal of Bristol Surprise was lost here after about an hour and a half's ringing. The ringing had been perfect—without question, absolutely perfect—when, suddenly, as sometimes happens in good ringing, and a trip furthest from everyone's thoughts—something 'came unstuck.' What really occurred is likely to remain a mystery, for various inquests afterwards failed to settle the question. The loss of this peal was the one real fly in the ointment of the tour.

But later that evening, round the liberal board of the Golden Lion, a casual observer would never have dreamed there were disappointments in ringing. With laughter and jest, the hours were passed, with a pleasing interlude, in which Canon Coleridge, on behalf of the rest of the party, presented a suitcase to Mr. A. H. Pulling, the conductor, and a similar gift to Mr. J. T. Dyke, the organiser, for their valued work in connection with the tour. The Canon made a characteristic speech, and the recipients made replies exactly suited to the informality of the occasion. 'And so to bed,' as Mr. Pops would say.

The task set for Saturday morning was the stiffest of the four. The bells of 'Coomsbury' (properly spelt Congresbury) were to be negotiated. Here the tenor is 35 cwt., and the heaviest hung to a peal of eight in the county. They have a had reputation locally, and that reputation is not belied by experience. But, despite all this, it was determined to ring Major or to die in the attempt. In case it should be the latter, the two ringleaders (so it is said) drew lots, and it was the imperturbable Joseph who mounted the tenor box. The bells went off into Cambridge, and it was not long before it was evident that the back-end men, at any rate, had qualified for membership of the 'Ancient Order of Tower Twisters,' of which we heard recently. Every time the big bells got into certain positions on the front the tower moved to such an extent that the west door of the belfry creaked as it bung. They were real heroes, those men at the back, but when at the end of 3 hrs. 56 mins. the bells ran into rounds they had had their reward, and Joseph, whose record already included turning in the heaviest tenor yet rung to a peal of Minor (Queen Camel), had achieved another ambition.

CANON AND CHURCHWARDEN.

The band were greeted with congratulations by the rest of the party, and one competent critic declared that the ringing had been 'perfectly beautiful,' which was high praise, indeed, from such a source. Outside the tower, the proceedings had not been without incident. It had been found impossible to lock the church door, and, as ringing is on the ground floor, there was risk of interference. Canon Coleridge therefore mounted guard, and 'twas well he did. The bells had been going about an hour and a half, and he was comfortably seated in the porch of the Vicarage, reading the Vicar's newspapers, when he espied an intruder advancing upon the church. He reached the door at the same moment as the stranger, and politely informed him that he could not enter. The stranger was indignant; the Canon was adamant; the stranger said it was his own church, he was churchwarden, and he was going in; the Canon said he wasn't. Then the stranger explained—maybe in view of the size of the intercepting form—that he only wanted to welcome the ringers, and he wouldn't detain them a minute! Led gently from the door by the burly Canon, the church-

warden became amenable to reason, and in the course of an hour's conversation he learnt a lot about ringing and what good fellows ringers are. He learnt also that the band would appreciate the compliment he wished to extend to them, although nothing upset ringers more than 'welcomes' at the wrong moment.

No one seemed particularly anxious about standing in the peal arranged for the afternoon; it was the end of the holiday, and they would have liked an afternoon off. But Barrow Gurney bells, with 15 cwt. tenor and long draught of rope, were available, and so an eight was made up. The church stands within the park belonging to a stately mansion, in most picturesque surroundings, which would have been fully appreciated by the ladies of the party who sat out in the cars while ringing was in progress, had not the week's wet weather culminated in a perfect deluge. The bells are a tuneful little peal by Warner, but the band, either because they were tired, or had got into a heavy-bell beat, made a long job of it. But a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, and successfully concluded the ringing programme, in which nine peals had been rung in 13 attempts.

Mention of this peal, however, would not be complete without recording an incident a couple of courses from home. The seventh man was ringing with a soft leather case on his rope end, which he had tied at the top only. Presently the rope end began to work up inside the case and come out into a loop between the top and the tape with which the leather was tied. Longer and longer got the loop, shorter and shorter the rope inside the case, until the end worked up beyond the ringer's reach, and he was left with nothing to hold but the case end, and nothing to take the strain of the bell but the piece of tape. Obviously that would not hold out, and when it went the rope would go with it, and so would the peal, let alone any damage that might be done. But the ringer, with characteristic ingenuity and aplomb, solved the difficulty. Ringing with one hand, he plunged the other into his trousers' pocket and brought out a pocket knife. By some means or other he contrived to open the blade, and, picking the right moment, he cut the tape, seized the released rope end, got rid of the leather case, calmly shut up his knife, put it back in his pocket—and went on ringing Treble Bob. It was the coolest thing the writer has ever seen done in a belfry.

The motor-cyclists, who spent the afternoon and evening touring Bristol, the Avon Gorge and Avonmouth, had a wet time, but, on the score of expense, declined on reaching 'home' to adopt a similar remedy for wet pants that had been applied on the previous day to a wet-footed lady, who was persuaded to put whisky in her shoes. At supper that night, toasts were proposed and thanks were given to all who had helped to make the excursion so thoroughly enjoyable. The next morning saw the final break-up of the party, one to depart for a holiday in Scotland, another to spend a leisured week or two in Devon, some to remain awhile in Somerset, but the majority to home and duty. The only unpropitious feature of the tour was the weather, especially as the ringing had been planned so that the visitors might traverse some of the picturesque Somerset districts. But in our English climate this is always one of the risks, and those who set out by road on Sunday morning, after ringing for service, had some compensation in travelling through the smiling countryside, with the harvest already begun, under sunny skies—until about mid-day once more down came the rain.

RINGERS MEET POLICE AT BOWLS.

AN ENJOYABLE LANCASHIRE EVENT.

The weather favoured the large number of the members of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association and their wives and friends on Saturday last, when they combined their monthly meeting with a social event. The Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club had again kindly placed their bowling green and athletic ground at their disposal, and during the afternoon a bowling match was arranged between the police and the ringers. The police were the victors, and the games were much enjoyed.

An adjournment was made for tea, after which rival towers settled their challenges with more games on the greensward.

Dusk caused all to retire to the pavilion, and here handbells, dancing, recitations, songs and community singing of the popular songs brought to a close all too soon the best social event ever held by the branch.

At the close, Mr. Ernest Cutsforth proposed a vote of thanks to the police for their hospitality and opportunity to hold a meeting in an unorthodox way. He said he was pleased so many had availed themselves of that opportunity, and could assure the police that all had enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Mr. John Potter seconded, and said the ringers of Bolton and district had begun to look forward to this event as an annual affair, as they had now been coming for several years, and each year they had a better attendance and the event became more enjoyable.

P.C. Hayhurst responded on behalf of the club, and gave a hearty invitation to the ringers to come again, and not wait until next summer. He suggested they should come during the winter months, when a billiards match and convivial evening could be arranged.

During an interval, the business meeting was held, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Newchurch on September 17th.

Mr. James H. Banks, of Helmshore, was nominated for vice-president, and the other retiring officers nominated en bloc.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Bratton, Wilts, on Saturday, August 6th. The Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S. Collett, M.A., and tea was served in the Church Institute, 38 being present.

A short business meeting followed, the Chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, presiding.

On the motion of the chairman, a vote of sympathy was expressed with the family and friends of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, all present standing in silence.

The Chairman stated that he took part in a special service for ringers at Urchfont Parish Church on Sunday evening, July 31st. The preacher was the Rev. C. A. Phillips, hon. secretary of the Wimborne Branch, a collection at that service being given to the branch funds.

Mr. S. Hillier, of Devizes, one of the representatives of the Guild, gave a short account of the business done at the Central Council meeting.

The chairman made reference to the appeal for funds for the restoration of Calne Parish Church bells, and it was decided to grant £1 ls. from the branch funds towards the amount required.—The question of a grant towards the expenses of the representative on the Central Council was left in the hands of the chairman and secretary.—The election of Mr. H. Powell, of Chippenham, as a life ringing member was confirmed.

On the proposition of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and to the organist.

The Vicar replied, and welcomed the branch to Bratton. He also invited any of the company to visit the Vicarage gardens.

Visitors included the Vicar of Edington (the Rev. F. A. Sprent), Mrs. Heginbotham, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Hillier, and Mrs. England from Devizes; Mr. Romain, hon. secretary, Salisbury Branch; also a member of the troop of Boy Scouts from Parkstone, Dorset (who undertook the duties of organ blower). Ringers were present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Rowde, Holt, Trowbridge, Westbury, Melksham, Bratton, Warminster, Mere, and Salisbury. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. Ringing also took place at Westbury and at Edington.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**RINGING AT A THREE-BELL TOWER.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Raithby, near Spilsby, on July 30th. This, although a rather small meeting, was nevertheless a very enjoyable one. Members attended from Benington, Boston, Butterwick, Leake, Freiston, Sibsey and Wrangle, and the ringers were also pleased to meet Mr. T. Fitzjohn, of Grimsby. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and a short service was held. An eloquent address, of which the main topic was the beautiful towers of Lincolnshire churches and their peals of bells and their message to the people, was given by the Rector of Raithby-cum-Mavis Enderby, a name renowned famous by Jean Ingelow.

After service the company repaired to Mavis Enderby, where tea was partaken of and enjoyed by all. The expenses of tea were generously borne by Capt. A. D. Crookes, one of the churchwardens of Raithby.

The usual business meeting followed, and was presided over by the Rev. J. R. Trotter, Vicar of Freiston-with-Butterwick. The Rector of Raithby and Capt. A. D. Crookes were elected honorary members of the branch.

Friskney was unanimously chosen as the place for holding the next meeting. Friskney bells are now being rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

It was also unanimously resolved to contribute £5 from the branch funds towards defraying the cost of the repair of Friskney bells. This is the third occasion such a grant has been made towards the repair of bells in the Eastern Branch.

After the meeting, most of the members had a somewhat unique experience. They were granted permission to ring the bells of Mavis Enderby, three in number—an experience none had before enjoyed. Then the company returned to Raithby, where ringing was kept up until after 8 p.m.

At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of Raithby-cum-Mavis Enderby (Rev. C. Langton) for the use of the bells and for his eloquent address, to the choir and organist, to the ladies who provided tea, and to Capt. A. D. Crookes for his kind hospitality.

All present voted this a most enjoyable meeting.

APSLEY END.—At St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday, August 3rd, 720 Oxford Boh Minor: R. Bruce 1, A. V. Good 2, C. J. Henley 3, J. Stopp 4, A. Cutler 5, H. Golding (conductor) 6. Longest length in the method by ringers of treble and 5th.

BRISTOL ALLIANCE.

BY THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

This method is intended for twelve-bell ringers who are acquainted with Bristol Surprise. All peals of Bristol Major go true.

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WYCOMBE RINGERS' HOLIDAY TRIP.

The members of the All Saints' belfry, Wycombe, had their annual outing on August Bank Holiday. Leaving Wycombe by the 1.22 train, the party were met at Risborough by a nice little bus, the 'Crendonian.' Long Crendon was the first stop, and about an hour was put in at this church. The visitors missed the cheery veteran who met them on their visit some years ago, Mr. David Warner, who has been called to higher service. There was a flower show at Crendon, and the merry ringing of the bells no doubt helped to cheer the spirits of those who were being damped by the 'weeping skies.' The old court house, the historic Dormer tomb, and other interests filled up the time, and 'to Brill' was the next move. At this place a fete was being held in the Vicarage garden. The Vicar gave a look-in upon the visitors and wished them well. There are six bells here. The first thing that 'struck' the ringers was the ropes. 'They were sent to us from —,' said the sexton, 'and we had to have them whether or no.' They had no 'tuck-ups' at the end, and were like walking-sticks fixed to the sallies. The visitors started enthusiastically to raise them in peal, and certainly 'got 'em up.' The tenor man reckons he can raise anything, and politely enquired how much she weighed. 'About 17½ cwt., I think,' was the reply. 'Seventy, you mean,' was the terse comment. The visitors wondered why so many natives crowded in to see them, but they know now. 'We has lots of visitors, but they never seems to do much here,' observed a veteran. 'I've been at it 32 years, and they do go that bad.' With this the Wycombe men agreed, and wandered off to see the sights, one member remarking, 'Too much like hard work for me,' and to this also they all agreed.

A pleasant run to Haddenham, through leafy lanes and old-world scenes, with the glorious fields of corn and roots on either side, was one to be remembered, and at 5.30 the party arrived at the final destination for the day, and released the cosy little bus from further service. The Green Dragon had fixed the visitors up with a meat tea, and a merry party of 17 sat round the tables. Mr. David Chapman, the genial foreman of the tower, looked in to say that all was ready. The meal over, the ringers were soon busy with the bells. What a contrast here—good ropes and the 'go' all that could be desired. A nice run down at eight o'clock, a quiet stroll to the station for the 8.39, and home safely reached at 9.15, brought to a close a jolly good time full of interest and experience.

THE ANCIENT BELLFOUNDER OF ST. GALL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The interesting reference to this ancient (and fraudulent) bell-founder—circa A.D. 800—given in your last issue by Dr. Longford will also be found as the first of a long series of weekly articles I wrote in the concluding issues of 'The Bell News,' entitled 'Legends and Traditions of the Bells.'—Yours sincerely,

Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, August 14th, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Harcastle 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, C. W. Roberts 3, G. H. Cross 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. W. Chapman 6, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 7, W. E. G. Hewson 8.

TOTTENHAM.—On Sunday, August 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: J. Bird 1, J. G. Nash 2, J. Roe 3, G. Thurgood (conductor) 4, W. W. Dickinson 5, S. Crabb 6, H. Ellis 7, E. A. Hull 8.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Sunday, August 14th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. (taken from Holt's Original): J. Richards 1, J. Sprague 2, A. H. Hayward 3, W. J. Jeffries (London) (conductor) 4, W. R. Parker (Northampton) 5, A. Ridyard (Manchester) 6, F. Blackmore 7, T. Gubb 8.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. Strong 1, J. Phillips 2, J. Davies 3, W. Richards 4, P. Heath 5, F. Smith 6, E. Coombes (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, August 14th, for evensong, 720 Double London Surprise: A. Henley 1, H. Hammond 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Relie (conductor) 5, A. Smith 6.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, August 7th, at the Church of the Immanuel, for evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. W. Roberts 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, Miss E. E. Harcastle 3, Miss E. E. Chapman 4, B. H. Swinson 5, J. W. Chapman 6, G. H. Cross (conductor) 7, R. Sanders 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 31st, for evensong, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. E. Darby (longest length) 1, C. H. Kippin 2, A. Arnold 3, F. Jennings 4, J. F. Jayler 5, F. W. Hooseden 6, F. E. Darby (conductor) 7, J. Avery 8. Rung on the first anniversary of the wedding of the treble ringer and the conductor.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, July 31st, in 29 mins., 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (with 6-8 covering): A. Prestidge, sen. 1, A. Greenfield (conductor) 2, R. Round 3, J. Jagger 4, W. Prestidge 5, A. Prestidge, jun., 6, H. Hubble 7, B. Boote 8. Longest length and first attempt by the ringers of the 6th and 8th.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Sunday, July 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 46 mins.: W. Ranford 1, R. G. Knowles 2, W. C. Jones 3, G. Hinton 4, S. T. Holt 5, W. Lewis 6, J. J. Jefferies 7, C. Camm (conductor) 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At All Saints' Church, for evensong, 1,191 Stedman Caters in 50 mins.: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, R. Coles 2, E. T. Choet 3, G. S. Hawkins 4, F. W. Boxell 5, G. Twichen 6, E. C. Russell 7, C. A. Smith 8, E. R. Coles 9, E. Croxford (first quarter-peal) 10.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Morton on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by meat tea, 1s. 9d. each.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Purlough, Saturday, August 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Eveleigh Room, opposite the Church, 5 p.m. This meeting is being held at the special request of the Rector, Rev. Canon F. C. Macdonald. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Secretary, 80, Springfield Road, Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Hounslow, on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., business after. Everyone welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY & HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting at Northaw, Saturday, August 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1/- each at 5.30. Cheap tickets from Kings Cross, Broad Street, etc., to Cuffley or Potters Bar. Hatfield bells after tea. Bus from Little Heath, near Northaw; or motor will be arranged if possible.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Egham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. A combined practice will be arranged at Pirbright for Saturday, September 17th, at 5 p.m. All will be welcome.—J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Meon on Saturday, August 20th. Bells(8) available 2 p.m. Also West Meon (8) and Petersfield (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the George Inn, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton Parish Church on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 6d. each, and meeting afterwards. Business: Election of Secretary.—Peter Boardman, School House, Halewood, Sec. pro. tem.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea at 5.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Brinklow on Saturday, Aug. 20th. The 6 bells will be available from 3 p.m. All welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow on Saturday, August 20th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. (1/3 per head). Usual business meeting follows tea.—C. Beeston, District Secretary, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Ibstock on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rose Dene Bungalow, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—A short service of Initiation will be held on Thursday, August 25th, at 7 p.m. The new peal of 8 open for ringing after service when all ringers will be welcome. A Ringers' Day will be arranged one Saturday in September.—P. Webb.

PEAL TABLET DEDICATION.—A peal tablet recording the 17,824 Treble Bob rung at Heptonstall, Hebdon Bridge, Yorks, on Easter Monday, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Frodsham on August 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Teas at moderate prices to all who notify L. Greenwood, 21, Northgate, Heptonstall.—Particulars from E. Cutsforth, 69, Swan Lane, Bolton, Lancs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Kinver, Staffs., on Saturday, August 27th. A through tram for Kinver leaves Dudley station at 2.25 p.m.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8), available from 10 a.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/3 per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. Lewis, 180, The Cross, Ecclesfield, not later than first post Tuesday, August 23rd.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Upper Deal on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 'The Magnet,' Upper Deal. Will those intending being present please let me know on or before Wednesday, 24th August?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 'Fair View,' Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Orston on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open 2.30. Tea will be provided free for all ringers who notify Rev. C. J. Sturton, Orston Vicarage, Notts, by Wednesday, August 24th. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at the Arkway, Saturday, August 27th. Bells 8, ready at 3 o'clock, a very fine peal. Short service at 5 o'clock, and tea at 5.30 at the Wheatshaf. All are welcome. Good bus services from various towns.—Geo. T. Croft, Dist. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Blunsdon on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., for those who notify me by Wednesday, 24th inst.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Hughenden (8 bells) 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. High Wycombe (12 bells) 7.30 to 8.45 p.m. Tea can be obtained in High Wycombe.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Dunsfold on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Frequent buses from Godalming.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Town Street, Duffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Stoke Albany (6) on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, Aug. 23rd?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Fairfield, Buxton, on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Sherfield English, near Romsey, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells from 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Aug. 23rd.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Members requiring tea please inform me not later than the 25th inst.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and meeting. Motor leaves St. Stephen's Church at 2. Will those requiring tea and seats in motor kindly notify by 23rd inst.?—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Practice meeting at Stanmore on Thursday, Sept. 1st. Bells from 7 p.m. Middlesex and Herts ringers especially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Easebourne, near Midhurst, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Tower open 2.30. Tea at the Village Institute at 5 o'clock. Those who intend to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Ham Road, Broadwater, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Re-opening of the bells, after being rehung, etc., by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. There will be a service in the church at 3 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar. After service the bells will be at liberty for visiting ringers, etc. Tea will be provided, at 1s. 6d. per head, in St. Mary's School for all those sending in their names to Mr. H. H. Shaw, 12, Henry Street, Rawtenstall, not later than Wednesday, Aug. 31st. Meeting will be held at 7 o'clock. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers to the re-opening.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Manchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A special meeting of the branch will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. All Saints' bells (8) at 2.30. Short service 4.30. Tea at Great Mead at 5 to all who inform me by Tuesday, Aug. 30th. St. Paul's bells (8) after tea. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available at 3. Short service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at the Maypole Inn (1s. per head) for those who notify me by first post Wednesday, Aug. 31st. As this meeting is arranged to try and promote interest in this district, it is hoped a good number will be present. All are welcome. — Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Opening of bells of Parish Church, Braintree, after tuning and re-hanging, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Service 3 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. H. A. Canon Lake, M.A., Sub-Dean Chelmsford Cathedral. Tea will be provided free in the Masonic Hall at 5 p.m. to all who notify their intention to be present not later than Thursday, Sept. 1st. All ringers welcome.—Chas. H. Howard, 37, Bank Street, Braintree.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoxton on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Lypstone on Sept. 3rd. Bells at Lypstone and Woodbury available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, price 1s.—T. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The meeting arranged for August 20th at Higher Walton will be held there in September. Particulars later.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8 Carrington Rd., Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, September 17th. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York, the new ring of thirteen bells will be available from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 1.30 to 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, at 5.30 p.m. at a charge of 5/6 per head. All applications for dinner tickets and hotel accommodation must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, September 13th.—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

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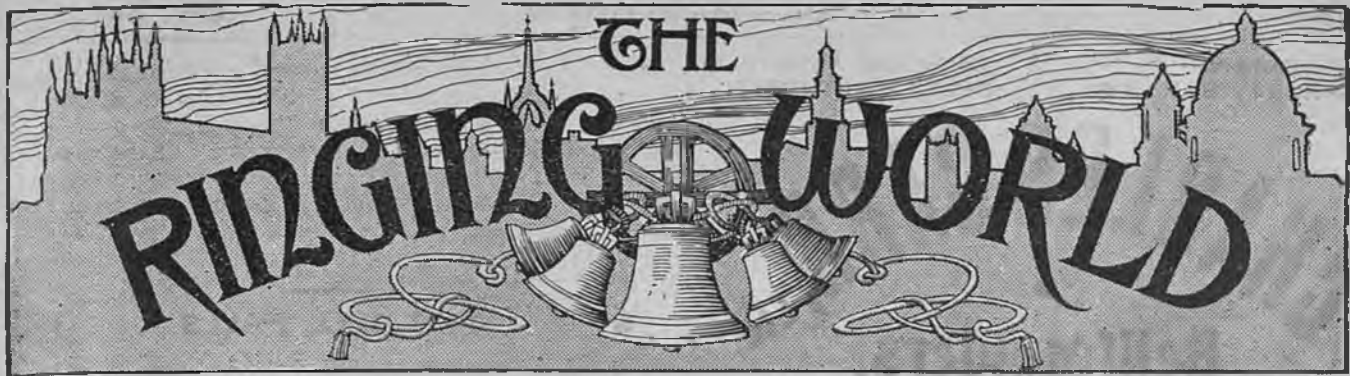
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As a rule, 'missionary' work is left to the few, and where this happens, and just one or two men endeavour to penetrate the 'wilds,' they are sometimes looked upon, and not unnaturally, either as people with a 'kink' or as the survivors of a dying cause. Let the associations take the matter in hand, however, and attack in battalions instead of units, and the case is altogether different. The tactics of the Essex Association, if tried elsewhere, would doubtless bring equal success. It is not every association, of course, that could rely upon carrying a position by such numbers, but it is probable that much more might be done, with proper organisation. Too much is left, at present, to chance, and better results might be obtained with more definite and careful preparation. These things throw an extra amount of work upon the officers, but there are few who would begrudge the labour if the members would rally to their call.

In these days, when it is so difficult to bring young men into the Exercise, the success achieved at Purleigh is most gratifying, but the first step is not the only difficult one. The problem of retaining the new recruit is as great, if not greater, and if Mr. Howard can evolve an equally successful solution for this he will earn the eternal thanks of all those who are concerned about maintaining a supply of ringers to man the bells of our churches. Nevertheless, it is something to 'catch' your beginner, and in this matter much depends upon the

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clergy. At Purleigh the incumbent prepared the ground by inducing young men of suitable type to attend the meeting, and the appeal of the Master of the association and the obvious interest of the remainder of the members did the rest. We hope we may learn of many more such 'attacks' all over the country on towers at present 'out in the wilderness,' and we trust they will prove equally successful.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT G. BLACK ... Treble	HARRY BAXTER 6
CHARLES W. BIRD 2	*JOSEPH C. DEAN... .. 7
*MISS KITTY MOORE 3	JOHN R. MAIN 8
WILLIAM ROGERS 4	GEORGE BASFORD 9
†W. JACK DOVE 5	ARTHUR TOMPKINS ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. †First peal of Grandsire Caters inside. ‡First peal on ten bells. First peal of Caters as conductor.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES A. WINNER ... Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 8
FRANK BELSEY 4	WILLIAM HAIGH 9
HENRY T. WILSON 5	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN... Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LYMINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Eadburga,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALBERT TANTON Treble	FRED LEESON 5
ALBERT CASTLE 2	†JESSE REEVES 6
*JOHN SKEER 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
GORDON WEBB 4	ALEC WEBB Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Rung in honour of Albert Tanton's completion of 50 years as sexton at the above church. *First peal with a bob bell, and elected a member of the association. †First peal and first attempt, his previous longest length having been 336.

TENBY, PEMBROKESHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THE REV. F. A. OSWELL ... Treble	JACKSON JOHN 5
TIMOTHY YEOMANS 2	GEORGE JENKINS 6
THOMAS W. GRIFFITHS ... 3	D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... 7
WILLIAM JENKINS 4	HENRY JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

First peal by the entire band except the conductor, and the first peal on the bells for twenty-two years. The ringer on the 7th was elected a life member of the Guild before starting. The rest are members of the local band.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, August 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Wandsworth,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	HERBERT LANGDON 5
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 6
S. WARREN STURGIS 3	JAMES BULLOCK 7
LOUIS ATTWATER 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for permission to ring the above peal, which was specially arranged for Mr. Sturgis.

FULBOURNE, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... Treble	*BASIL D. BUTTRESS 5
CHARLES PATTEN 2	PERCY WEBB 6
MISS KITTY WILLERS 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4	REGINALD LATHEBY Tenor

Composed by F. W. ROGERS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

*First peal of Double Norwich. Mr. P. Webb hails from Ickleton, Cambs, and it is 22 years since he rang a peal of Double Norwich. This was a farewell peal for C. Patten, who is leaving Fulbourne for Blackheath.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK C. BINGER ... Treble	MAURICE SMITH 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	KEITH HART 6
HENRY STALHAM 3	JOHN CAPP 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT. This composition contains the 4th and 6th their extent in 6th place in 25 courses without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths. T. J. Salter's 350th peal.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
JOHN T. KENTISH 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES COTTRELL ... Treble	FRED PRICE 5
JONATHAN PRESTON 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
GEORGE F. GARRISON ... 4	JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late James Benjamin Parkes, many years vergar at the above church, who died August 13th, 1927, and was interred on Monday, August 15th.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

*ARTHUR HARMER ... Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 5
THOMAS PRICE 2	FRANK PONTING 6
GEORGE ORCHARD 3	LESLIE BARRY 7
*HARRY PHELPS 4	WILLIAM BANYARD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

*First peal of Triples.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	FRANK CORKE 5
WILLIAM H. WOOD 2	HARRY KILBY 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	HORACE BELCHER Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The band offer their best thanks to Messrs. W. Shepherd and C. G. Berry, hon. secretary to the local band, for arranging for peal, and to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wells for their kind hospitality after the peal, which was greatly appreciated.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CECIL C. MAYNE ... Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 5
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
*F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 3	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	THOMAS J. FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by MISS P. M. MOSS.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in the method as conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES SAMPSON Treble	ERNEST E. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	JAMES G. ROMSEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
CHARLES F. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

G. Wilson's 100th Surprise peal, out of a total of 147, in 12 methods.

EDMONTON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE PAICE Treble	JOHN THOMAS 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN 3	JAMES PARKER 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	ARTHUR KEEBLE 5
FREDERICK L. LEEKS 2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 6
FREDERICK F. MORTLAKE 3	LAWRENCE POULSON 7
THOMAS CHINERY 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON Tenor

Composed by A. J. TROLLOPE. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

A. Keeble hails from Monks Eleigh; T. Chinery from Long Melford; the rest are local men.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN AVIS Treble	*PERCY E. CLARK 5
EVERARD J. WALSON 2	GEORGE MORRARD 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
STUART SANDFORD 4	HERBERT A. HOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

E. J. Walson was elected a member of the Kent County Association before starting. *First peal in the method.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD Treble	RUEBEN HALL 5
PERCY HACKETT 2	SAMUEL J. HUGHES 6
WALTER FENDALL 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7
BENJAMIN GOUGH 4	*WILLIAM MASON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

*First peal in the method. This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. S. Girdlestone, M.A., who was recently inducted Vicar of the above church; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. J. Hughes and Mr. J. Goodman, jun. After the peal Mr. Hughes kindly entertained the ringers to tea, which was greatly appreciated by all.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES H. WEBB Treble	GEORGE WRIGHT, SEN. 4
GEORGE WRIGHT, JUN. 2	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 5
GEORGE HURD 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by J. TAYLOR.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Pryce Taylor.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS Treble	EDWARD HOWES 4
*PHILIP N. BARTON 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
HERBERT V. DIGBY 3	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged for Mr. Roberts, of Truro, Cornwall, who was elected a member of the Guild previous to commencing the peal. It was his first peal of Minor. *First peal 'inside.'

DOVERIDGE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three six-scores of Plain Bob, and 39 of Grandsire, consisting of seven 240's of Pitman's arrangement, five 240's of Morris' arrangement and 15 ordinary six-scores. Tenor 14½ cwt. (approximately).

*FRANK OLIVER Treble	*CHARLES SMITH 3
*R. GEORGE LEWIS 2	RONALD H. DOVE 4
JOSEPH W. COTTON Tenor	

Conducted by J. W. COTTON.

*First peal of Doubles. First peal on these bells, which are dated 1796, 1660, 1746, 1709 and 1633 respectively, and which were rung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1925.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWARD BROWN Treble	GEORGE W. PARK 4
WILLIAM OLIVER 2	ROLAND PARK 5
W. NORMAN PARK 3	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Adam Deas, of Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and is his first peal of Minor.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of April Day, 720 of Plain Bob, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and 2,880 of Grandsire (three 240's by L. W. G. Morris and nine 240's by A. J. Pitman). Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN GREEN Treble	FREDERICK A. JAINE 4
CHARLES JAINE 2	WILLIAM H. JAINE 5
JOHN F. FOX 3	*REV. A. S. HUTCHINSON Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

*First peal. First peal on the bells in four methods, and first in four methods by all the band. Arranged for the Rev. A. S. Hutchinson, who is on holiday at Kimbolton, who was also elected a member of the Guild previous to starting the peal.

DINDER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.)

† HERBERT COLLINS Treble	† FREDERICK TALBOT 4
WILLIAM BAILEY 2	FRANKLYN D. RICKARDS 5
JOHN E. METCALFE 3	WILLIAM BAKER Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

*First peal and first attempt. †First peal away from tenor.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Elli.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SADNDERS ... Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 4
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE LARGE 5
ALFRED A. RACKHAM 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

Specially arranged as a birthday peal to W. Williams, who was 22 on this day, and for Mr. G. Large, who was on a visit from Cardiff. Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Rackham kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal. Mr. G. Large was elected a member of the Guild before starting the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

At 17, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB ROYAL AND GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 3-4	WILBY J. HAZELL 7-8
WALKER J. BOWDEN 9-10	

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

THORPE MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 14, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Residence of Mr. GEORGE EARLE.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents.

Tenor size 16 lb B.

WALTER C. MEDLER ... 1-2	NOLAN GOLDEN 3-4
CYRIL POOLEY 5-6	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Witnessed by GEORGE EARLE.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 16, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

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

FRED HODGSON 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	JOHN AMBLER 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM BOLLAND.

The death occurred on August 8th, in his 80th year, of William Bolland, of Pudsey, the elder brother of the late Mr. G. B. Bolland, of Tong, and an old and respected member of the Yorkshire Association. He was one of the band who rang many peals on six bells in years gone by, and he took part in the peal in 14 methods on June 8th, 1909. Deceased rang his first peal on March 5th, 1879, and his last one, to celebrate his brother's 71st birthday, on February 3rd, 1923. He had 63 peals to his credit.

ST. BLAISE SURPRISE.

An error crept into the figures of this method, published in our issue of the 12th. The 13th row should have been 38246715, which those who examined the method doubtless observed.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A well-attended quarterly meeting was held at East Meon on Saturday last, when, despite the ceaseless rain, members were present from Bramshott, Haslemere, North Stoneham, East Meon, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas') and Swanmore. Among the visitors were the St. Peter's, Brighton, ringers, who were on their outing, Messrs. A. W. Groves (Worthing) and T. A. Bamford (Raunds, Northants). A very enjoyable service was held in the church at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. Beckwith).

At the business meeting which followed the Vicar was elected an honorary member, and said how delighted he was to welcome the Guild to East Meon, and also how much more pleased he was to become an honorary member of such an organisation.

Mr. G. Williams urged the Vicar, now that he was a member of the Guild, to ask his ringers also to become members.—The Vicar replied that he was convinced that the Parochial Church Council would be pleased to help the ringers financially towards this object.

It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Portsmouth, on November 12th next, when it is hoped to have the presence of the Bishop of Portsmouth.

The Master (Mr. G. Williams), on behalf of the meeting, welcomed the St. Peter's, Brighton, company, who were present with them, and the Master of the Sussex County Association (Mr. J. T. Rickman), replying for the visitors, thanked the Master for his welcome, and assured the members that they would do their best to return the compliment whenever they visited St. Peter's.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicars of East Meon and Petersfield and the Rector of West Meon for the use of the respective bells. During the day several methods were rung from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT GAMSTON.

Gamston is a neat village occupying a pleasant situation on the east bank of the River Idle, three miles south of Retford. The parish contains 1,978 acres, and the Duke of Newcastle is the sole owner and lord of the manor. The church, dedicated to St. Peter, was thoroughly restored in 1855. The tower until 1924 contained a very ancient ring of five bells of fairly good tone. The new treble was then added to make a ring of six. They were hung in new framework, and room left for two more to complete the octave, the old bells retained, and everything in the tower was thoroughly overhauled. The ringing chamber was lowered 12ft., and everything in it put into 'apple pie' order by the munificence of Mr. Herbert Smith, of Gamston House.

The work of rehanging, etc., and adding the new bell was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and to Mr. Herbert Smith and a few others must be given the credit for the speedy manner in which the work was completed. It was here the members of the association turned up in fairly good numbers on Saturday to try their skill on the bells, notwithstanding the inclement weather. The methods rung during the day were: Plain Bob, Stedman Doubles, Oxford, Kent, Violet, Duke of York, City Delight, Killamarsh, Double Court, Cambridge and London Surprise, every touch being brought round. The members, to the number of 30, including two ladies from Sutton-on-Trent, came from the following places: Anston, Barlborough, Ordsall, West Retford, Warsop, Worksop, Gainsborough, Branston, Treeton, Sutton-on-Trent and the local company. A splendid meat tea was provided by Host and Hostess Ashforth, the parents of two of the local ringers, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to them for their excellent catering, and the ladies for serving at the tables.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, who arrived during the tea interval, presided over the business meeting, and took part in touches of Stedman, Cambridge and London Surprise.

Three new members were duly elected, including two from Gamston.

The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks, on Saturday, October 15th, when a good attendance is hoped for.—Votes of thanks to the chairman for his attendance and presiding over the meeting, and to Mr. Herbert Smith for granting use of the bells brought the meeting to a close. Ringing was further indulged in until 9 p.m.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last a meeting was held at Moreton Corbet, where there is a fine peal of six bells by Taylor and Co. The weather was very unfavourable, but in spite of this there were 19 members present from Market Drayton, Ruyton-Eleven-Towns, Stanton, Coalbrookdale, Hodnet, Wellington and Moreton Corbet, and some well-struck touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Canterbury Pleasure Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

The Rector (the Rev. E. C. Pigot) kindly entertained the members to tea, and placed his bowling green at their disposal, which was much appreciated. Ringing continued till 9 p.m., when the members left for home, everyone agreeing it had been a most enjoyable and instructive meeting.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JUBILEE MEETING.

The 50th annual meeting will be held in Bristol on Whit-Monday, May 28th, 1928. The arrangements, under the founder and present Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, are as follows (D.V.):—

St. Mary Redcliffe	12 Bells.
S. Nicholas	10 "
St. Stephen	10 "
St. Thomas	8 "
St. Maryleport	8 "
Holy Temple	8 "
(The leaning tower of Bristol, 7ft. out of upright)	
St. Philip	8 "
St. Peter	8 "
St. John	6 "
St. Michael	6 "
St. Luke	6 "
St. James	10 "
St. Matthew	8 "
St. Andrew	8 "
Emmanuel	8 "
Henbury	6 "
Westbury-on-Trym	6 "
Horfield	5 "
Filton	5 "
St. Werburgh	6 "

All available at convenient times, and mostly all available from 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

Ringers' service at St. Mary Redcliffe, 12 noon.

Luncheon at 1 p.m. in St. Mary Redcliffe Schoolroom.

General business meeting in Grand Hall, Bristol University at 3.30 p.m.

Tea and garden party in the splendid Royal Fort Gardens.

The last two items are as yet subject to permission of the authorities.

Things to be seen at Bristol are:—Its famous Downs; its world-wide known natural River Gorge; its Suspension Bridge; Portway, the £8,000,000 road five miles long; the University, with its sky-scraper tower, containing the 10-ton bell, 'Great George'; the Zoological Gardens (open all day Sundays).

Particulars of how to see all these sights in the short time will be given by the hon. secretary.

Peals may be arranged for visitors and life members on Saturday, May 26th, 1928. Cheap tours by charabanc are available to Weston-super-Mare, 2s. 6d., several times daily; the beautiful Cheddar Gorge and Caves, including Burrington Coombe and its famous Rock of Ages Cliff (upon which the hymn was founded and written), 3s. 6d. Both the above tours give excellent opportunities for viewing some of the beautiful Somerset churches and their towers, with their famous tracery battlements.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.

On Saturday, August 26th, a most enjoyable meeting of the Loughborough District was held at Ibstock, there being present some 20 members from the following towers: Whitwick, Loughborough, Hugglescote and the local ringers. Ringing commenced about three o'clock, and during the afternoon and evening the beautiful peal of six bells were well utilised in Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. Tea was most kindly given by the Rector (the Rev. A. H. Birks, M.A.), after which the business meeting followed, the Rector acting as chairman.

Mr. J. W. Hopkins, the tower secretary, gave a most hearty welcome to the members upon their visit to Ibstock, a day which he had long looked forward to. He also spoke of the extending interest which was displayed through the columns of the 'Ringing World' in helping to keep ringers in touch with one another, and urged as many as possible to support the paper.

Mr. William Henry Ball, of Ibstock, was elected a member of the association, and, after discussion, the next meeting was fixed at Whitwick.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his kind hospitality; also to the ladies who had added so much to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, August 21st, for morning service at the Cathedral a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 minutes: T. Doick 1, W. E. Ticehurst 2, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, G. Marshall 5, J. H. Blake 6, M. R. Heffer 7, A. Tugwell 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. E. Ticehurst and H. J. Tucker.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

TO PORTSMOUTH AND THE ISLAND.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Putney, had a two days' excursion for their annual outing, and chose August 6th and 7th. At the early hour of 6.30 on the first day ten bold heroes, writes a correspondent, braved the elements and managed to board the train at Waterloo. 'Go Portsmouth,' said the guard (je ne pense pas), so we 'goed.' The secretary had a yarn about some headquarters at this perhaps our youngest city, but it was apparently going to be rough on him if he hadn't. After several years we rushed into Portsmouth with only one casualty—a well-known man having lost his luggage. The secretary produced the said headquarters, and the famished party showed how to finish off the course ends in record time. Breakfast over, Newport, I.O.W., was the order, which place was reached by boat and bus with the loss of three men only. The spirit of the past having arrived, the bells were soon raised and going to Stedman, several courses being rung in good style. The bells here are not very easy to hear, therefore ropesight has to be employed to a larger degree than ordinarily. Several other touches in standard methods were rung till the time limit was reached. Having replenished the 'inner man,' we 'booted it' to Carisbrooke, where stands an ancient church, largely Norman. The tame archaeologist was busy here, whilst ardent spirits raised these fine bells, and they were heard to advantage in Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent. The mountaineer wanted to climb to the top of the castle, but happily a bus arrived. It's easier after tea at Newport, and a conveyance was found for Ryde (rather a rough one and a bit overcrowded). Mr. Hatcher met the party, and soon this heavyish eight were going to standard methods. The usual discussion arose 'to tune or not to tune,' but it was decided we wouldn't tune these. Swimmers having fallen in (not the water), the party divided, each section enjoying itself in its own sweet way. Boats sail, you know, so 9.20 saw the last of the batch aboard for 'Pompey,' and for bed. After the 'knocker-up' on Sunday had roused a lot of people who didn't belong to our party, and breakfast over, a movement took place towards Alverstoke, the secretary promising a bus from Gosport. On being challenged to produce it he failed utterly, so offered, in expiation, to take the party on foot, which he did. A sweet light by Taylor was our reward, however, and some smart quick turns were got through, four methods being rung and the bells lowered in peal in half an hour. Our kind secretary gave us till dinner time. 'But,' said he, 'don't loiter, and you can have an afternoon off, but there are yet St. Thomas a Becket, Portsmouth, to conquer, so let me have you at 5.30.' Strangely, all sleepers arrived, and these lovely bells, eight by Taylor 25½ cwt., were 'making merrie musicke' for almost an hour. All good things come to an end, so the train had to be sought and caught, landing us at Waterloo at 10 p.m. It is worth noting that at every tower all the standard methods were rung, and nearly every touch was different, the calling being shared by Messrs. Elson, Cassel and Herbert. Regret was expressed that three men were unable to make the journey. 'Had to work,' they said (we didn't). Thanks are due to the local gentlemen who gave their time to welcome us, and also to various incumbents for the use of the bells.

DEBENHAM MEN'S DAY OUT.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the Debenham ringers had a pleasant day's excursion. The first call was at Lavenham, where they found that the local men had already gone on a similar errand. Arrangements had, however, been made by Mr. A. Symonds, so the tower was open, and several touches were rung. The next halt was at Long Melford, where Mr. Bixby met the visitors. Cambridge and Stedman Triples being brought round on the easy running but somewhat noisy ring of eight. Then on to Clare, where Mr. D. Gridley was in waiting. Some good touches were obtained on this grand old peal, after which tracks were made for the Bell Hotel, where a first-class dinner was disposed of. Shortly after, a move was made to Halstead, Mr. Root meeting the party here. Double Norwich, Superlative and Bob Major were the methods rung, and, rounding up the would-be sightseers, the party got going again to the neighbouring village of Earls Colne. The long draught made matters a bit awkward at first, but everyone managed to have a pull, and then left for Colchester, where Mr. J. Fleuty joined the party. Tea had been arranged here for 5.30, and the visitors had been specially advised by the caterer not to be late. They proceeded to keep their part of the bargain, but, sad to say, he had not kept his, for on arrival they were informed he was asleep, and it seemed as if no one else knew of the party's coming. However, someone got a move on, and, after half an hour's delay, tea was forthcoming. The ringers were due at St. Peter's at 6.30, and were not far behind after all. Messrs. Pye, Stannard, Claydon and Saunders received the visitors, and a good course of Cambridge was tapped off on this fine ring. Touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were also rung, and then the party proceeded to Ardleigh. Here they saw no one, but the necessary permission having been previously obtained they walked in and helped themselves to Cambridge and Grandsire. The homeward run was by way of Ipswich, and Debenham was reached about 11.30. The thanks of the visitors are due to the various tower keepers for having things in readiness.

EVESHAM RINGERS IN LEICESTERSHIRE.**LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY THE MECCA.**

Shades of Cheddar Gorge, and memories of a broken down 'Lizzie,' with a subsequent night under the hedge, did not deter a venturesome party from Evesham and district from tempting fate to repeat the experience. But these are things of the past, and on this occasion fate, the clerk of the weather and everyone concerned were kind, and the result was a most enjoyable day. For the excursion on Saturday, August 6th, the centre of interest was Loughborough, and the foundry. The task of collecting up the party from the outlying towers was completed to schedule, and at 7 a.m. the excursionists left Evesham by charabanc, the rearguard doing its best with 'The blue bells of Scotland' and 'Home, sweet home,' in spite of veiled threats and protests from 'better halves,' who, of course, were with the party and still required beauty sleep.

The visitors were met and welcomed at the foundry by Messrs. Oldham and Wilson, who conducted them through the works, their interesting explanations being much appreciated. Probably the things of greatest interest were 'Great Peter' of York Minster, and the four new quarter bells and the hour bell for Shanghai Customs House. The party were greatly impressed with the general standard of excellence of all they saw and heard.

Following lunch, a move was made to the foundry campanile, and here was found rather a different proposition to '31½ in D flat.' The treble man would insist on wanting to be first instead of third, while the third man was equally sure that the fourth was leading and not he. Eventually rounds were heard, and 'Go Stedman' was called, but a touch of Stedman Caters was not to be that day. However, touches of Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were rung with varying accuracy, and just as the visitors were feeling themselves masters of this interesting and musical ring it was time to depart for All Saints'. Mr. J. P. Fidler then took charge as guide to the party, and here indeed was a peal, the noble grandeur of which could not but be appreciated. Once again Stedman Caters proved elusive, failing after three courses' good ringing, but, among others, a course of Pershore Bob Major was brought round—'some of our country's stuff,' as the 'old 'un' remarked.

Next to Queen's Park, to listen to the carillon and then tea, following which Mr. J. Hemming made a few sympathetic remarks with regard to the recent death of Mr. Pryce Taylor. Votes of thanks to Messrs. Taylor and Co. and to Messrs. Oldham, Wilson and Fidler, for the welcome that had been extended to the party, were carried with acclamation.

Returning to the foundry, where the 'bus' was parked, waistcoat pockets and the ladies' handbags were searched—just to make sure 'Great Peter' was not being taken away. On the roll being called, two gentlemen were found to be missing, and the circumstances looked suspicious, but their mysterious parcels revealed nothing more exciting than crest china! And so, accompanied by Mr. Fidler, back to Leicester, where Mr. J. Morris awaited the party at St. Margaret's. Here, as far as ringing was concerned, was the tit-bit of the day. Many of the band making their first acquaintance with twelve bells, the opportunity was too good to miss, and a first-class touch of 638 Grandsire Cinques was brought round by: Harold Streets 1, J. D. Johnson (conductor) 2, F. Nurden 3, H. Jordan 4, J. P. Fidler 5, J. Hall 6, F. Gordon 7, J. Hemming 8, P. J. Johnson 9, H. Middleton 10, G. J. Hemming 11, E. Withers 12. Did it bring up memories of the 'five ones' to him of ye old school?

Time was now limited, and taking leave of Messrs. Morris and Fidler, the journey home was resumed by way of Monk's Kirby—the last call—where the party received a hearty welcome from the Vicar, Rev. R. L. B. Oliver. The stay here was all too short in which to thoroughly enjoy this fine-toned peal of eight, but they were made to tell their own tale to the tune of Pershore Bob, while to enable everyone to have a ring courses in the standard methods were crowded in, the Vicar and five of his band joining in Treble and Plain Bob.

It now appeared that memories of that hayrick were not to be denied—or was it the home-made wines?—but the long run home was completed without mishap, Evesham being reached at 11 p.m. Even then, there was much to be discussed—probably another year's outing—in a certain quarter, and ye conductor and 'ye best of spouses'—with apologies to 'ye many colour-coated-one the elder'—being the last to leave the bus, did not land home till the wee small hours.

The best thanks of the party are due to all who combined to make the outing such an enjoyable and successful affair.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church for evening service on Sunday, August 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,383 changes), in 48mins.: H. M. Page 1, A. W. Coles 2, W. H. Hollier 3, W. S. Smith 4, F. Skevington 5, D. Stevens 6, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 7, H. Belcher 8, W. Shepherd 9, G. Block 10. The above quarter was arranged from Washbrook's peal, with alternative course-ends. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. M. A. C. Smith, who is 74, and a local ringers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Bishop of Guildford (Dr. Greig) has promised to become president of the proposed Guildford Diocesan Guild. It is intended to divide the new Diocesan area into four districts, in each of which an organising meeting will be held in October, so that the Guild may start on January 1st next.

Mr. E. Alex. Young, the hon. secretary of the Central Council, is spending a holiday on the Continent.

It is seldom that one finds 18 ringers in a belfry to ring for Sunday morning service, but this occurred at Windsor Parish Church on Sunday, when visitors from Farnham Royal, Slough, Old Windsor and Coalbrookdale, with the local band, rang touches of Plain and Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

The first peal on the bells of St. George's, Southwark, was conducted by Annable on August 27th, 1750. The method was called 'Bob Major St. George,' doubtless in honour of the event, but whether it differed from Plain Bob we are unable to say.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the first time on August 28th, 1718, at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, where a board still exists commemorating the performance.

Fifteen years ago next Wednesday the 19,738 Stedman Caters on handbells was rung at Guildford in 9hrs. 32mins.

The first ten-bell peal in Scotland was rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on August 31st, 1886.

The meeting of the Northern District of the Herts Association on Saturday will be held at Barkway, and not Arkway (if anyone knows where that is), as appeared last week in the notice. Oh, those printers!

The next broadcast of bells from St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, will take place on Sunday, Sept. 4th. Many more listeners will doubtless be able to hear this ringing than in the past now that the B.B.C. have introduced the scheme for alternative programmes through the new Daventry Experimental Station, which relays from Birmingham.

There is likely to be a big gathering at the York Commemoration Dinner on September 17th, and early application should be made for tickets.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with much interest Canon Elsee's letter in your paper of July 29th and your leading article on the subject.

Some time ago I received a letter from Miss Monica Heywood, sister of the late Sir Arthur, saying that they were building a church at Claremont, Lancashire, on what was her late brother's estate, and now belonged to his nephew.

Various gifts had been made to Sir Arthur's memory, including the altar, pulpit, font, etc., and Miss Heywood suggested that the Midland Counties Change Ringers' Association, of which Sir Arthur was for many years president, might be willing to contribute a bell to his memory.

I brought the matter before the annual meeting of the M.C.A. at Derby on Easter Monday last.

It was considered rather out of order for a change ringers' association to contribute to a single bell, but it was suggested that subscriptions might be invited from hon. members, and also from towers in the area. It was also thought advisable to find out if the Central Council were doing anything in the matter, and I wrote the secretary of the Central Council, but have not received any reply from him.

Now Canon Elsee writes to 'The Ringing World' to suggest that a memorial tablet should be erected in Duffield Church to commemorate the last peal in which Sir Arthur took part.

I am afraid it will be impossible to carry out both schemes by our members, and the Duffield memorial would, I think, appeal very strongly to the members of the M.C.A.

As far as we are concerned, I think it will be better to defer our decision until our next quarterly meeting, which will take place, I expect, on Saturday, October 1st.—Yours faithfully,

R. B. CHAMBERS.

President of the M.C.A.

20th, August, 1927.

QUEEN'S VISIT TO SHROPSHIRE RINGING MASTER.

HER MAJESTY THE GUEST OF MAJOR AND MRS. CORBETT. Her Majesty the Queen, during her visit to Shropshire last week, honoured Major E. R. Trevor Corbett, the popular and esteemed Master of the Shropshire Association, and Mrs. Corbett, with a visit to their historic home, Longnor Hall, and took tea with them.

The mansion contains some fine antiques, in which the Queen displayed the greatest interest, particularly in the very fine staircase and some Chinese panelling in the walls dating from 1740.

The school children and villagers assembled outside the Hall and greeted Her Majesty with cheers, which the Queen smilingly acknowledged.

On one of her excursions the Queen passed over the celebrated iron bridge across the Severn at Coalbrookdale, to the sound of the Parish Church bells.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the fourth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

TOUCHES AND EXTENTS BY THE LEAD-ENDS.

We have seen that in the plain course of Minor, the bells run 'round' after five leads have been produced, and that these 'courses' are joined together into touches and peals, by bobs and singles.

A call has the effect of starting the bells off into another course, but from a different head-row. Courses have heads, in the same manner as leads; the head of the plain course is 123456. A call alters one of the lead-ends, and makes it the head of the new course. The 'truth' of the touch or peal depends entirely upon the manner in which these calls are introduced; that is to say, at which lead-ends they are introduced. This is the composer's job—ours is to follow his guidance.

The calls are usually introduced when a certain bell is due to appear in a certain place in the call row; notice the 'due-to-appear,' and also 'in-the-call-row'—not in the plain row.

This 'certain bell' is known as the 'observation bell,' and any bell may be used as such, but usually the tenor is chosen. The 'certain places' where she is due to appear at a call are fixed by the composer, and these places in the row are known by names.—Position (or 'platform') 1st. 2nd. 3rd. 4th. 5th. 6th. at any lead end.

Is known by the name of LEAD. IN. OUT. FOURTHS. WRONG. RIGHT Or by the short term of I. O. 4th's. W. R.

OUT is sometimes known as 'Before'; FOURTHS as 'Bob-Bell'; RIGHT as 'Home' or (H).

The origin of the names has some bearing upon the position of the tenor at rounds. For instance, the tenor at rounds is in sixth's place (her proper place), and thus is 'at home' or 'right,' and to get there she is, presumably, dodging in the right manner—under at handstroke and over at back stroke. To get into fifth's place at a lead-end, she would have to dodge the reverse way—or 'wrong.' So that in higher numbers these names are modified to a certain extent. In Major, for instance, they are as follow:—

Positions	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Name	(as in Minor)	FIFTH'S MIDDLE	WRONG	RIGHT			
Short term	(ditto)	5th's	M.	W.	R.		

In view of the fact that, while it is usual for the tenor to be used as the observation bell, yet any other bell may be used as such, this significance of the observation's place at rounds becomes a little involved, and I prefer to ignore it; so that, whatever the number of the observation bell, the names of the positions will be standard. For instance, to call Bell No. 5 'wrong' in Minor, to my mind, is when she (the '5') is in fifth's place, at a lead-end—the position given in the table as 'wrong,' although, actually, the No. 5 bell is 'right' in this position at a lead-end.

Let us understand, then, that the names are standard to the positions quoted, no matter what be the number of the observation bell, and also that each name applies to its peculiar position, whether the lead-end be plain, bobbed or singled. So then, a row such as this: 1-6-4-5-2-3, might very well be a bobbed row when the tenor is IN; No. 4 at OUT; No. 5 in FOURTH'S; No. 2 at WRONG; or No. 3 at RIGHT, according to which bell has been chosen as the observation, by the composer.

We are told that we can obtain 720 true rows of Bob Minor if we 'call the tenor'—W.R.W.—W.R.W.—W.R.W.—(s) R—repeated.

Bobs are understood, unless (s) is added to signify a single, and it means that call-rows must be substituted for plain lead-ends, when the tenor bell (the '6') will be put into these positions by the call rows—not by the plain rows, but by the call-rows. It is our job, to find when she will be put into these positions.

First, we must understand what is meant by the composer's instructions. He says in effect:—Bob rows at wrong, right and wrong (three times). We must follow this very literally; that is to say, a bob must be called the first time she would appear 'wrong,' also at the next time 'right,' and at the next time 'wrong'; after this she will appear to be due for a 'right,' but we are told to follow the last 'wrong' with another 'wrong,' so that we must miss this call at 'right,' letting a plain row be there. Follow this through literally, and we reach the last W (the ninth call), and after this we have a single at the following 'right.' When this is done, exactly repeat the whole.

Next we have to find when the tenor is due to appear in these positions. We have said elsewhere that the first lead is always the example, and that we can know the 'platform' at a preceding lead-end by the 'number-of-the-train' in our first lead-end. Therefore, turn the first lead-end into a bobbed lead, and then into a singled lead, putting the three rows down for reference thus:—

Plain lead-end	.....	135264
Bobbed „	„	123564
Singled „	„	132564

At the bobbed row the bell in the W position is the '6th,' and No. 6 train tells us she came from platform 6 the previous lead-end (123456). So call your bobs for 'W' at the lead-end after the one where the '6' appears in the row thus:—100006.

The bell at R position in the bob-row is the '4,' and No. 4 train says from platform 4; therefore, call your bob for 'R' at the lead-end after the one where the '6' appears in the row thus:—100600.

Follow this line of reasoning, and you will know where to call your singles.

Use the black and red cards for your transposition, exactly as was done with the plain-course lead-ends, with this difference; that the call-rows are substituted for the plain-row when required, and only when required. In other words, use your plain-row (135264) in black underneath, until the tenor appears in the sixth's place (100006) in red at the top row, covering 123456. Then, instead of using the plain row underneath for transposition, use the bob row (123564), going back to the plain row immediately, until another call is due.

Notice that the tenor is in sixth's place (100006) at 123456, and, therefore, the first 'W' follows immediately, that is, at the first lead-end. Then carry on plain, until 100600 turns up (at 145623). Bob at 'R' next lead gives 145236; tenor now in 100006, so that bob at 'W' follows immediately.

The bob rows should be marked in front '—', and the singles '(s)'. When the tenors come 'home together' it is a part-end—being the end of one part of the peal; that is, when both No. 5 and No. 6 bells are in their proper places in the same lead-end; this happens at 1342-56.

The lead-ends of the first part are given, which carries us through the first three calls (W.R.W.). Notice the next 'R' at 134256 is not a call row; if it were bobbed, the bells would run round.

PART 1.

123456 (Tenor in sixth's—bob at W next lead)

— 123564

136245

164352

— 145623 (Tenor in fourth's—bob at R next lead)

— 145236 (Tenor in sixth's—W next lead)

— 145362

156423

162534

123645 (Tenor in fourth's but miss the next R)

134256 (Tenors at home, the part end)

Two more similar parts would bring up 123456 as the part-end, but we are told—single at R here, so instead of 123456, our part-end will be singled, giving 124356. Repeat this in full, and we have the lead-ends of our 720.

The extent is in two 'halves' of three parts each, ten leads to each part—sixty leads in all, each with 12 rows, totalling 720 rows. Methods which have a 'treble-bob hunting treble' have twice as many rows per lead; therefore only half the number of leads are necessary, so that the first half of your Bob Minor peal, without the single, becomes the peal of Treble Bob, 30 leads in all.

The tenor is called W.R.W., etc., for any legitimate Minor method, provided it has second's-place at the lead-ends. Methods which have sixth's-place at lead-ends are dealt with in a similar manner, except that the positions for the calls are altered to I.O.I., etc., instead of W.R.W., with the single (for the plain-hunting methods) put in at a lead which will not disturb the 'tenors'; that is, where No. 5 and No. 6 bells appear in the two positions, that are not altered by the substitution of a single-row for the plain-row. At whatever lead-end you substitute this single in the first half of the peal, so must you put your single in the corresponding lead-end of the second half. Suppose it be the ninth lead-end of the one, then it must be at the ninth lead-end of the other. You will notice that the single in your Plain Bob does not disturb bells 5 and 6.

The order of the altered calling is exactly the same as the W.R.W., being I.O.I.—I.O.I.—I.O.I.—(with the single in somewhere) and exactly repeated; and for Treble Bob methods the half-peal becomes the whole, as before.

While different bells may be used as the 'observation' in these positions, it is dangerous to vary the positions themselves, unless we are competent to judge the truth of the rows; but the positions may be varied. Instead of the W.R.W. positions, I.I. 4th's may be used (three times) with a single at R, and repeat the whole, for second's-place methods. Also, instead of the tenor being called I.O.I. for the sixth-place methods, the No. 5 bell may be called O.I.O. (three times) with the single as the I.O.I.; and repeat the whole. The remarks regarding Treble Bob methods apply in most cases, that is, halving the peal; and also, other bells may be called in these latter positions, which the student may work out for himself.

It is possible to produce 720 rows of Minor, in methods where the treble has a 'treble-bob hunt,' without the aid of rows containing only a 'single change.' Therefore singles are never used. With 'plain hunting' methods it is not possible, and for the moment we must accept this as a fact; therefore, we have to 'double' our Treble Bob lead-ends by introducing at least one single in each 'half,' the effect of which will be seen.

THE IRISH TOUR.

[By W.H.F.]

(Continued from page 518.)

After the peal at St. Patrick's Cathedral, one hour was allowed for luncheon—3 to 4 p.m.—at The George, and Christ Church was calling us onward. Here we were some time gaining access to the belfry, and afterwards leaving the church, for precautions have to be taken, I understand, and there is always some faithful churchman on watch duty at all times.

Rudhall, of Gloucester, cast the original 8 bells, a treble and tenor being added later by the Dublin bellfounder, Murphy, who has made a good splice. They are a deep toned, rumbling sounded peal, tenor in note B, heavier in weight, but very much resembling the bells at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, and All Saints', Maidstone. At the start of our peal of Stedman Caters a missing 'bob' led the conductress to call 'stand,' a case of Parker's reverse, but the lady avenged herself by ably calling the peal, and she is the first lady, I believe, to score a peal in Ireland. The 9th here is the only bell with ball bearings. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 and tenor are not going well, and our tenor man was heartily glad there was not another course to go when rounds came up. Combined tea and supper at 9.30 found us all well disposed for bed—to rest, to nurse the blisters, and perchance to sleep with the booming of Rudhall's bells echoing in one's tympanum, and with thankfulness for that health and strength which enabled the members to have done so much in the previous 24 hours.

Sunday was devoted to service ringing for the respective hours of prayer at three churches in succession, St. Patrick's, Christ Church, and the R.C. Church of SS. Augustine and John. The ring of ten bells at the latter church are a very poor peal cast by Murphy, of Dublin, tenor 25 cwt. in E flat. They were handsomely presented to the church by John Byrne, in 1785. A public subscription in 1902 provided for two trebles cast by Messrs. Carr. They are sadly out of order for proper change ringing. We were well received by the local company; indeed at each tower in Dublin great interest was taken in our visit and the ringing, and everything was done to help us, but I failed to see many young lads amongst the various bands that welcomed us to Ireland.

The belfry staircase is unique, owing to the architect having made no provision for getting up to the several floors of the tower, which, I may mention, is rectangular, and built up over the west end of the nave. There is a fine large west window, and so no suitable position for an intermediate floor. It is constructed with ironwork in a circular spiral pattern in one height for about 40ft., giving one a giddy feeling when leaving the belfry if one looks down. During Mr. William Pye's tour of 1904 (when they rang 11 peals) one of his team had to be blindfolded and led down backwards, and since that year three others have been led to their long last rest—Messrs. C. Jackson, E. Pye and I. G. Shade.

BRAY AND ARKLOW.

An afternoon's flying visit to the seaside at Bray was much enjoyed. There is a beautiful beach and promenade, with bold headlands on either side of the bay, with the Wicklow hills in the background. Sunday licensing regulations in Ireland are the same as in Wales, but on week-days opening hours are from two to five p.m. only. This did not add to one's impression of the 'Sabbath Day' as it should be. We saw a monster marquee in one meadow which housed a travelling circus, and Sunday afternoon and evening performances were announced; whilst from another field crowds of men were leaving a football match. Nowadays multiple attractions for the young on Sundays deter suitable lads from going to the belfry; the modern 'freedom of youth' is no help in 'manning' the tower for duty on 52 days of the year.

Referring to the peal columns, I have little to add to the two items booked on Bank Holiday. Mr. J. E. Bibby scored his first Cinques at St. Patrick's, and he and his father, with a Maximus, having passed the teething stage, have each quietly thrown away their 'bibby.' Of the conductor one cannot say much: he is the sort of 'gentleman' that does not require any of your 'blarney.' It is about 20 years ago since he attempted to call this composition at 'Pat's.' That attempt was of one hour's duration, with local talent that, alas, is now scattered far and wide. We expedited the morning attempt so as to take lunch at and say 'good-bye' to the Georges before catching the 3.45 train to Bray, where one night was put in after the 'Cambridge.' Bray has always been a stronghold of the Irish Association, and has a change ringing team for Grandire and Plain Bob. We had an excellent reception at Christ Church from the local men, Mr. Wm. Smith (44 years foreman) and Mr. Fough. The Vicar (Canon G. D. Scott), as a change ringer, took much interest in our attempt, and we found fresh fruit from his garden and new cakes from a bakery more enjoyable in the porch than at the best of cook-shops. The song about the 'Vicar of Bray, sir,' relates to Bray-on-Thames, where there is also a ringing Vicar, and a tenor bell of nearly 30 cwt. The 'twins' would be complete were two bells added to the Berkshire tower and its Vicar given a Canonry. It was nearly 10 p.m. before we had time to look for sleeping accommodation. The Royal and the Mona Hotels shared the honours of resting our weary limbs, and the boots had strict orders to call us in time, in the morning, to catch the 7 a.m. train to Arklow.

Tuesday was a day of delightful coast scenery, travelling into the Garden of Ireland. The railway line hugs the sea coast as far as Wicklow, passing through cuttings and tunnels in the rocky headlands that jut out into the sea. At times our coach seemed to overhang the shore. The landward side is studded with hills; one, named the 'Sugar Loaf,' giving resemblance to the Brecon hills at Abergavenny. From Wicklow this journey goes inland through the vale of the river Avoca, amongst scenes referred to by Moore (1779-1852), the Irish poet, whose verse I have made use of. The old tree under which he used to pen his lines is still standing, though patched and preserved from time's ravages.

Wert thou all that I wish thee, great, glorious and free,
First flow'r of the earth, and first gem of the sea,
I might hail thee with prouder, with happier brow,
But, oh! could I love thee more deeply than now?

A ROYAL RECEPTION.

We breakfasted on the train whilst viewing the scenes from the saloon windows of the Southern Railway Company, who not only did us well, but did Hammond for a brand new felt trilby hat which disappeared en route.

Two attempts at St. Saviour's Church, Arklow, had been kindly arranged, and to expedite their accomplishment breakfast at the Railway Hotel had been prepared for us by the forethought and kindness of the clergy and ringers. Mr. A. Hadley, formerly of Cradley, who succeeded James Washbrook here, met us on arrival, and had prepared the belfry for us. The Rev. Canon C. H. Strong and his curate, Rev. J. W. Harrison, gave us words of welcome in the tower, and thanks were duly returned by Mr. Bennett for our hearty reception at Arklow. Double Norwich Major was safely brought home, making a 'century' of peals together by Messrs. W. Bibby and E. Jenkins, and here a real piece of 'method building' took place—its author unknown. The breakfast was transposed into a hot lunch, and the second peal attempt into an afternoon's lazy spell of sociability. Why bolt one's food, rush to the tower, and scramble for the train for just 'one more' peal, when everybody had already achieved a peal upon these bells? Verily I believe every man was glad that such a peaceful homing course was adopted. We enjoyed a promenade of the town and seashore, witnessing a practice launch of the lifeboat. We gazed on the derelict buildings of the old Kynock ammunition factory, which added so much unemployment of the town when it closed its doors. There was difficulty in finding the letter boxes, which are all painted an emerald green. We recalled the wonderful feats of the late J. W. Washbrook and his three sons in St. Saviour's tower, with the help of that well-known Devon family of Shepherds—a case of a pair of fathers having three sons each who rang the whole octave to peals galore when the near-by, but now ruined, Glenart Castle was in its flourishing days. The church was viewed, with its uncommon panelled ceiling of oak. This handsome structure was looking as new and fresh as when erected in 1899. Its first Vicar, Canon Hollowes, lies opposite the tower, in unhallowed ground, as this churchyard was never consecrated, and no other interment has been permitted.

In the belfry is the challenge shield of the Irish Association for Sunday service ringing instituted in 1913, won by the Arklow men in 1925 and 1926, and by Waterford the two previous years. On the walls are the usual type of peal boards which record that Washbrook rang 34 to the first two-handed tower bell peal on Sept. 19th, 1901, in 3hrs. 15mins., followed by Stedman in 1902 and Major in 1904. Since those days the Exercise has found three other ringers who have achieved similar fame. The first peal on the bells, cast by Taylor and Co., was conducted by Mr. J. W. Taylor (Double Norwich Major) on Aug. 13th, 1899, for the Midland Counties Association, being the first in the method in Ireland. It has been my pleasure to ring peals with three generations of this famous family of bellfounders, and one cannot help feeling a pang of regret that the youngest should be called from us so soon.

It may interest Mr. Warren Sturgis and Mayor Walker, from New York, now in London, to know that the ringing record conducted by Washbrook in 1901 was performed with muffled bells for Mr. McKinley, the late President of the U.S.A. There was a ringer's newspaper running at that time, known generally as the good old 'Bell News,' whose editor, the late Harvey Reeves, refused to believe that one man could handle two tower bells through a 5,000. He even went so far as to offer to send an expert man to witness a similar feat in Arklow tower, with the result that he had the pleasure of paying all expenses and tendering an apology for his editorial.

A Dublin train leaves Arklow at 5.50 p.m., and this conveyance saw the breaking up of our Irish tour, for some went home in readiness for the Cheshire overflow, and others to look over Guinness' Brewery, where with some reluctance they 'slowly' passed through the 'sample' room. It was most fortunate the Excise officials did not examine baggage on the return trip, or heavy surcharges would have had to be paid by those who had the 'Max' and Cinques stowed away. The faithful 'couple' made light of their swollen fingers after the high 'Jinks' enjoyed by them, whilst 'Riding auld Ireland's tenors.'

W. H. F.

RINGER'S WEDDING.



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Mr. J. A. Cole, a well-known Winchester Diocesan Guild ringer, was married at Godalming, Surrey, last week, to Miss D. F. Burt, of Guildford.

The wedding took place at the Parish Church, Godalming, Surrey, on Wednesday of last week, of Mr. John Albert Cole, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cole, of Station House, Godalming, and Miss Dorothy Florence Burt, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Burt, of 50, The Oval, Guildford, and formerly of Godalming.

Mr. 'Bert' Cole is a ringer at Godalming Parish Church, where he first learnt to pull a bell, and a member of the Holy Trinity Company, Guildford. He recently rang his 100th peal—the peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Warnham—and few ringers have as fine a peal record as he has, made in so short a time.

During the wedding service, which was conducted by the Rev. G. P. Cooper, two hymns were sung—'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden' and 'O Perfect Love.' Mr. A. Pamment was at the organ, and, at the close, played a wedding march.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a dress of ivory satin beauté, with white lace sleeves, a veil of silk tulle, and wreath of

orange blossom. Her bouquet was of white roses and heather. Miss Rita Cole (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Alice Fountaine (cousin of the bride) were in attendance as bridesmaids, wearing dresses of old rose crepe-de-chine and black picture hats. They carried bouquets of sweet peas, and wore gold slave bangles, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. Maurice Norman was best man, and Mr. S. A. Burt (brother of the bride) groomsmen. In honour of the occasion, the bells were rung as the bridal party left the church.

After the reception, held at the Broadwater Restaurant, Mr. and Mrs. Cole left for Torquay, where they are spending the honeymoon, the bride travelling in a two-piece fawn costume, with hat to match. They were recipients of over 150 presents, including a dinner service from the bride's fellow employees, a clock from the bridegroom's colleagues in the divisional engineer's office of the Southern Railway, Clapham Junction, and gifts from the bellringers at Godalming Parish Church and Holy Trinity Church, Guildford.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole's future home will be at Teddington.

WORSLEY RINGERS VISIT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. Mark's, Worsley, took place on Saturday, July 30th, when a party of 14 visited Loughborough. Leaving Worsley at 7.25 a.m., they breakfasted at the Lakeside Cafe, Rudyard, at nine o'clock, and arrived at the Bell Foundry of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. at 11.45. They were met by Mr. R. Stubbs and Mr. J. P. Fidler, Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s representatives, while Mr. Wardley, of Lincoln Cathedral, also joined the party, who were conducted through the various departments, where they saw bells in various stages of construction. They had the pleasure of viewing the foundry carillon and of ringing on the Foundry peal, after much laughter at the antics of the 'heavyweights.' A short touch of Kent Treble Bob and Stedman were, however, rung, as well as a touch of Grandsire on a nice-toned peal of handbells. After luncheon at the Empire Picture Cafe, the visitors returned to the Foundry where they were again met by Mr. J. P. Fidler who rang with them in various touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Kent Treble Bob, and afterwards took the party to the beautiful ring of ten at the Parish Church, where again they enjoyed some nice touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob. Much admiration was expressed at the beautiful tone of these bells, and all agreed they had heard nothing like them. Leaving the Parish Church, the party next visited the beautiful war memorial carillon, and soon after tea set out on the return journey to Worsley, where they arrived in the early hours of the morning, all agreeing that it had been the finest day's outing they had had. They desire to thank the Rector and wardens of Loughborough for the use of the bells, also Mr. J. P. Fidler for staying with the party to show them round the various places.

KNIGHTON AND LUDLOW RINGERS' JOINT TOUR.

The ringers of St. Edward's Church, Knighton, had their annual tour on Bank Holiday. At the first tower visited (Much Wenlock) they were joined by the Ludlow ringers. A few touches were brought round on the beautiful ring of six bells, and all the ringers specially commented on their magnificent tone. After a stay of an hour, and visiting the old Abbey, the party went on to Coalbrookdale and were most heartily welcomed by the Vicar and ringers of Holy Trinity Church. Touches of Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Bob Royal were attempted. The belfry was the most elaborate the band had ever seen, and was a great credit to the ringers and the church. Lunch was partaken of at the Coalbrookdale Inn. After a few more touches on the bells, and thanking the ringers for the cordial reception they gave, the party went on to Bridgnorth, and were met by the St. Mary's band. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung. After thanking the band for their welcome, the party enjoyed an excellent tea at the Commercial Hotel, and then proceeded to Burwarton, and there were most cordially received by the Vicar. Croquet and bowls were much enjoyed on the lawn, and a few touches of Grandsire Caters on handbells were rung and very much enjoyed, as were the excellent cigars handed round by the Vicar.

After a few touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles, the party went on to Ludlow, bringing the day to a good finish with a few touches of Grandsire Triples. Bidding farewell to the Ludlow company, the Knighton band returned home at 10 o'clock. All very much enjoyed their tour.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL 'MISSIONARY' MEETING AT PURLEIGH.

At the invitation of the Rev. Canon F. C. Macdonald, a meeting was held on Saturday last at Purleigh. Despite the pouring rain, forty-three members were present from sixteen parishes. A short service was held in the Parish Church, with an address by the Rector (Canon Macdonald). The lesson was read by the Master, Mr. C. H. Howard. Tea was provided by the Rector in the Rectory, and the meeting was held in the Eveleigh Room. Mr. G. Green, District Master, presided, the Rector was elected an honorary member, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Writtle in October.

The Master expressed the appreciation of those present to the Rector for his hearty welcome, and for his kindness in providing the tea.—Dr. Spencer Phillips proposed a vote of thanks to the organist and all who had contributed to the welfare of the visiting ringers.

The Rector, in responding, said the large numbers present on such a wet day was proof of the enthusiasm of ringers as church workers. He was anxious to form a band of service ringers at his church.

In response to an appeal by the Master, several from neighbouring towers offered to give their services during the coming autumn as instructors, and sufficient young men in the room expressed their wish to become ringers and take up change ringing, so that in the near future Purleigh would have once again a band of regular service ringers.

The bells, a ring of five, treble by Lester and Pack, 1765, the other four by Miles Gray, 1765, are in fair ringing order, hanging in a massive decorated tower, built of stone and cut flint, and occupying a prominent position overlooking the estuary of the Blackwater. It was here that the Rev. Laurence Washington, great-great-grandfather of General Washington, was Rector. He was appointed in 1632, and ejected by Cromwell for his loyalty in the rebellion of 1642. The parish is somewhat isolated being 4½ miles north-east of the line of the bus service from Chelmsford to Maldon. All those present had to travel either by cycle or car in a drenching rain, but they were well satisfied with the fact that the efforts of a missionary meeting gave promise of a revival of ringing in the parish of Purleigh.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.

DEVIZES BELLRINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the bellringers from the three Devizes towers were entertained at tea in St. John's Parish Room by Mr. and Mrs. H. Brownlee-West. On March 2nd of this year Mr. and Mrs. West reached the 60th anniversary of their wedding day. On July 12th Mr. West arrived at his 84th birthday, and in July Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weeks (Mr. and Mrs. West's daughter and son-in-law) celebrated their 'silver wedding' day. It was to commemorate these happenings that this happy gathering was arranged. There were present Mr. and Mrs. West and members of their family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weeks, the Rector of Devizes and Mrs. Clarke, the Rev. H. A. James, and practically all the ringers from St. John's, St. Mary's, and St. James', Southbroom, and nearly 40 sat down to an excellent tea.

After tea short speeches were made by Messrs. C. D. Heginbotham, W. Bolwell, F. Green and S. Hillier, congratulating Mr. and Mrs. West on having reached their Diamond Wedding day, all testifying in different ways to the very excellent work done in the past by Mr. and Mrs. West, and their lively interest in all things belonging to bells and bellringers in Devizes and neighbourhood.

Mr. West thanked all for their kind remarks concerning Mrs. West and himself, and assured them it was a pleasure to meet so many old friends. Mrs. West also spoke a few words, expressing great pleasure at the hearty response to their invitation, and returning thanks for the many good wishes.—The Rector also offered his congratulations, and addressed those present in his usual breezy manner.

Handbell ringing followed, in which both Mr. and Mrs. West took part. Before and after tea the ringers gathered in St. John's tower for combined exercise. Touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were successfully brought round. This is believed to be the first time all these methods have been rung in Devizes by an entirely local band at one meeting.

50 YEARS AS SEXTON.

A remarkable parochial record has been made in Lyminge, Kent, by Mr. Albert Tanton, who has completed 50 years as sexton in the very ancient church of SS. Mary and Eadburga. Mr. Tanton's duties have been continuous and without a break since June 2nd, 1877. During his long term of office he has served under four Rectors, namely, Rev. Canon Jenkins, Rev. R. B. Eves, Rev. A. F. Rutty and Rev. E. S. W. Watson.

Having been a very keen hallringer all his life, his fellow bellringers rang a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) on Saturday, August 13th, in which Mr. Tanton rang the treble, and he is to be congratulated on the way in which he handled his bell. He is now in his 74th year.

The parishioners of Lyminge wish to congratulate Mr. Tanton on his completion of 50 years as sexton, also to tender their thanks for the efficient manner he has carried out his duties in the above church.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HESTON.—At St. Leonard's Church on Sunday, August 21st, for morning service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45mins.: H. C. Chandler 1, H. G. Lewis 2, E. Gladman 3, C. S. Bird 4, C. J. Edwards 5, W. A. Lewis 6, A. Mannering (conductor) 7, F. Humphreys 8.

HATFIELD.—On Sunday, August 21st, in 48mins. at the church of St. Etheldreda, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,288 changes): A. Shepherd 1, R. E. Richardson 2, J. T. Kentish 3, J. Shepherd 4, J. G. Dunham 5, L. Shepherd 6, A. Lawrence 7, P. Sergt. A. Lawrence 8.

TENBY.—On Sunday, August 21st, for evensong at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45mins.: R. Palmer 1, T. Yeomans 2, Rev. F. A. Oswald 3, W. Jenkins 4, Geo. Jenkins 5, T. W. Griffiths 6, D. Cecil-Williams (conductor) 7, J. Williams 8. First quarter-peal for R. Palmer, a young beginner.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT HOUNSLOW.

The Southern District of the London County Association held a very pleasant business meeting last Saturday at Hounslow. The tower was opened at four o'clock, and ringing was started with Grandsire, followed by Stedman, Double Norwich, etc. Over twenty members sat down to the tea, after which the business meeting was held in the belfry.

During the meeting the Vicar kindly paid a visit and welcomed the association to the tower. He spoke of the valuable work that all bellringers did for the Church.

The Master (Mr. H. Mance), in reply, thanked the Vicar, on behalf of the association, for his kind remarks, and also for placing the bells at the ringers' disposal for the afternoon.

Further ringing was afterwards indulged in, the methods including Cambridge and London.

After eight o'clock, when the bells had been stopped, a social hour was enjoyed, when handbells were set going, and one or two gave the company a few songs and tunes on the handbells. A last-minute sprint for the last train ended an enjoyable day.

DEATH OF THE VICAR OF ST. LAWRENCE (THANET).

A LOSS TO RINGERS.

Many ringing visitors to St. Lawrence (Thanet) will learn with deep regret of the passing of the Vicar, Rev. A. G. Wilcox, M.A., Hon. C.F. A friend of all ringers, ever ready to grant permission to use the bells, either for peals or ringing outings, he was always visiting the tower on practice night and having a cheery word with the band. It was during these visits and seeing so many visitors, that the idea of making St. Lawrence a ten-bell tower occurred to him. Once he set his mind to the task, it was soon an accomplished fact. The following year, in July, he set to work, and the two trebles were added and opened on Armistice Day, 1924, and by January were paid for, which showed the energy and the keen interest he took in ringers. Only a fortnight ago we recorded how he took the local band to Belgium for an outing on August 1st and 2nd, which had been his ambition for several years, and which was thus realised only a few days before his death. Those who were with him on that occasion will ever remember those two pleasant days, the joy it gave him, and also his words, 'My dream of many years has come true: that my ringers should visit the carillon of Bruges and the war cemeteries of Belgium.'

The deceased served on the Flanders front from 1915 to 1918 as chaplain, and in 1915 he had the painful ordeal of burying his only son in Reninghelst churchyard.

The local band deeply deplore his death, and feel keenly the loss of a 'real Vicar' and friend.

NOTICES.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cradley on Saturday, September 3rd. 6 bells available, 3 o'clock.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Childe Okeford on Saturday, September 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, at which the Rector, the Rev. C. H. S. Power, will give an address. Tea at 5 (6d. for members) followed by a short business meeting. Bells available: Childe Okeford (6), Shroton (6), Manston (5). Will all ringers who wish to be present at the tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, Sept. 6th, at the latest.—R. E. P. Gorringe (Rev.), Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on September 1st, 15th and 29th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th, Southwark Cathedral on the 8th, and *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PEAL TABLET DEDICATION.—A peal tablet recording the 17,824 Treble Bob rung at Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge, Yorks, on Easter Monday, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Frodsham on August 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Teas at moderate prices to all who notify L. Greenwood, 21, Northgate, Heptonstall.—Particulars from E. Cutsforth, 69, Swan Lane, Bolton, Lancs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Kinver, Staffs, on Saturday, August 27th. A through tram for Kinver leaves Dudley station at 2.25 p.m.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8), available from 10 a.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/3 per head.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Upper Deal on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 'The Magnet,' Upper Deal.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 'Fair View,' Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Orston on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open 2.30. Tea will be provided free. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Barkway, Saturday, August 27th. Bells 8, ready at 3 o'clock, a very fine peal. Short service at 5 o'clock, and tea at 5.30 at the Wheatsheaf. All are welcome. Good bus services from various towns.—Geo. T. Croft, Dist. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Town Street, Duffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Stoke Albany (6) on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Usual arrangements.—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Dunsfold on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Frequent buses from Godalming.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Hughenden (8 bells) 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. High Wycombe (12 bells) 7.30 to 8.45 p.m. Tea can be obtained in High Wycombe.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Sherfield English, near Romsey, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells from 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m.—J. E. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. Practice meeting at Stanmore on Thursday, Sept. 1st. Bells from 7 p.m. Middlesex and Herts ringers especially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Easebourne, near Midhurst, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Tower open 2.30. Tea at the Village Institute at 5 o'clock. Those who intend to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Ham Road, Broadwater, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Re-opening of the bells, after being rehung, etc., by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. There will be a service in the church at 3 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar. After service the bells will be at liberty for visiting ringers, etc. Tea will be provided, at 1s. 6d. per head, in St. Mary's School for all those sending in their names to Mr. H. H. Shaw, 12, Henry Street, Rawtenstall, not later than Wednesday, Aug. 31st. Meeting will be held at 7 o'clock. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers to the re-opening.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Manchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A special meeting of the branch will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. All Saints' bells (8) at 2.30. Short service 4.30. Tea at Great Mead at 5 to all who inform me by Tuesday, Aug. 30th. St. Paul's bells (8) after tea. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Clifton-Keynes on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided to those who notify me by August 31st.—Walter Sear, Hon. Secretary, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Opening of bells of Parish Church, Braintree, after tuning and re-hanging, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Service 3 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. H. A. Canon Lake, M.A., Sub-Dean Chelmsford Cathedral. Tea will be provided free in the Masonic Hall at 5 p.m. to all who notify their intention to be present not later than Thursday, Sept. 1st. All ringers welcome.—Chas. H. Howard, 37, Bank Street, Braintree.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available at 3. Short service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at the Maypole Inn (1s. per head) for those who notify me by first post Wednesday, Aug. 31st. As this meeting is arranged to try and promote interest in this district, it is hoped a good number will be present. All are welcome. — Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoxton on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Lypstone on Sept. 3rd. Bells at Lypstone and Woodbury available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, price 1s.—T. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting on Saturday, September 3rd, at Norton (8 bells). Tea will be provided at a nominal charge to those who notify Mr. Wm. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Sheffield, by Tuesday, August 30th. Important.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Courteenhall on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (5) at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. It is important that all who want tea should notify me not later than Monday, August 29th.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, September 3rd. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to all who notify Mr. C. Clarke, 338, Higher Walton Road, not later than Tuesday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Sprotborough on Saturday, September 3rd. Will all who require tea please notify Mr. E. Stacey, Lower Sprotborough, Doncaster, before September 1st?—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Welton (6), Saturday, September 3rd. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, District Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672)—Unveiling of peal board at King's Norton-by-Gaulby, Leicester, on Saturday, September 3rd. Charabanc leaves Trinity Square, Nottingham, 1 p.m.; fare, 7s. inclusive. Applications for seats not later than Wednesday, August 31st.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Brightwalton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4. Tea at 1s., 4.30, all ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. J. E. Hedges, Brightwalton, near Wantage, Berks, by Wednesday, August 31st, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for September: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 4th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, 12th and 26th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 6th, at eight. Committee meeting on Monday, 19th, at 7.30, at St. Clement's.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E. 14.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual contest will be held at South Kirby on Saturday, September 10th. Tea will be provided for those who apply before September 6th to Mr. A. R. Harrison, Mill Lane, South Kirby, Pontefract. The last date of entry is August 27th. A hearty invitation is offered by the South Kirby band to all ringers.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Frinsted on Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me before Wednesday, September 7th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. District Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at Accrington on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready 3.30, meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, September 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at Cock Hotel, 5 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly advise the undersigned at latest by Tuesday, September 6th?—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath; C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged as usual. Ask for cheap return tickets. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DEVON GUILD.—A meeting of the N.-E. Branch will be held at Uffculme on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, 1s. each. Will those hoping to attend notify me by Tuesday, September 13th?—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, September 17th. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York, the new ring of thirteen bells will be available from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 1.30 to 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, at 5.30 p.m. at a charge of 5/6 per head. All applications for dinner tickets and hotel accommodation must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, September 13th.—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The meeting arranged for August 20th at Higher Walton will be held there in September. Particulars later.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8 Carrington Rd., Chorley.

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Last week we referred in this column to what has been proved, by an Essex experiment, to be possible in the way of recruiting by means of a carefully organised meeting. We have constantly urged that if the ranks of the Exercise are to be kept filled, the associations must make it their business to see that the belfries keep up their quota of ringers. One of their objects is the promotion of the art of change ringing, and change ringing cannot be extended unless the supply of ringers is maintained. For the sake of the art and their own existence, the associations are vitally concerned in that all important work of securing a constant supply of recruits. Whether all of our big organisations are devoting as much attention to this part of their responsibilities as they might is questionable, but none can afford to neglect it. The future of the art and of the associations depends upon the success of their efforts to bring into the Exercise a steady and adequate flow of young ringers.

There is, however, another side to the question, and that is that church authorities themselves have a responsibility. Indeed, theirs is the primary responsibility to keep the bells of their churches ringing for the Sunday services, and if they would do it successfully they must adopt the principle of self-help. The maintenance of a Sunday service band should be treated as a matter of equal importance to the maintenance of a choir, yet in how many cases is this really so? Not only is there often a total indifference as to the proper ringing of the bells, but instances are to be found where the incumbent is actually opposed to the formation of a band, except, perhaps, under almost impossible conditions. In cases of this kind there is little or nothing to be done, but where ringing is a welcome preliminary to the Church's services, it is still the duty of the authorities to organise their own band of ringers, and not wait until an outside body comes along with suggestions and promises of help.

This responsibility can be brought home tactfully by associations when occasion arises, and opportunity should never be lost to stress its importance. The best results will be obtained when the policy of self-help is supplemented by assistance which the large ringing organisations ought to be able to give to the weak bands, and when the problem is tackled in the right spirit there can generally be found sufficient volunteers from neighbouring towers to enable useful work to be done in building up a strong company. In these days of difficulty in finding recruits it is something to be grateful for if enough can be obtained to man the ropes, but it ought always to

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be the aim to have at least a fifty per cent. margin of man power, if there is to be a reasonable possibility of ringing all the bells on all occasions. What a great many hands suffer from is a limited personnel, which results in having to ring only some of the bells if for any reason one or two of the band are absent. In every well organised pastime there is always a reserve. We, however, put church bell ringing on a higher plane than a mere pastime, and therefore it is all the more necessary that there shall be sufficient ringers to ensure that all the bells shall be rung for the services. In raising the strength of a local company, it is again largely a question of self-help, although, unfortunately, the need for an adequate reserve is not always fully appreciated by church authorities.

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THE DEVON GUILD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

WILLIAM SERLEY Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	HERBERT LANGDON 6
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3	KEITH HART 7
EDWIN COLLISON 4	JOSEPH WREN Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

This peal was arranged to commemorate Mr. J. Wren's forty years' service to the church. It was also the 500th peal for the association by Mr. F. Bennett.

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BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM DALE Treble	GEORGE E. DANN 5
WALTER FRANKS... .. 2	WILFRED BOOTH 6
ALBERT HODDEN 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
PHILIP S. THOMPSON 4	GEORGE E. PONT... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS
First peal of Triples on the bells since they were rehung. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. E. Pont, the hon. secretary to the local band.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cassy, ON,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
WILLIAM H. COOPER 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
WILLIAM GIBBS 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
This was the quarterly peal, and also a birthday compliment to the branch Master, Mr. A. Hackett.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HORACE H. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM STOCK... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 6
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS 7
EDWARD H. TINGEY 4	*THOMAS HARTWELL Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND J. HOBBS.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor in the method on tower bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*THOMAS WM. THORPE Treble	*JOSEPH H. BEALE 4
CHAS. HARRY WEBB... .. 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 5
†WILLIAM A. STONE 3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal, and made a member of the association previous to starting. Rung after meeting one short for Kent and Oxford, Mr. T. W. Thorpe kindly standing in at the last minute.

NEWCASTLE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. George, Jesmond,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ERNEST A. GILLMORE Treble	JOHN E. SCOTT 4
ERNEST E. FERRY 2	†WILLIAM SHECKFORD 5
†JOHN ROTHWELL 3	ADAM DEAS... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

* First peal, and hails from Durham Cathedral. † First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. H. J. Walton and Miss A. G. Young, who were married the same afternoon at the above church, where the bridegroom, who is chaplain-designate of St. Aidan's, Stagshaw, has been curate for the past two and a half years.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

O. WRINTMORE Treble	E. BOURTON... .. 4
C. THATCHER 2	H. PROUT 5
W. SHERBORNE 3	A. SHERBORNE Tenor

Conducted by H. PROUT.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to a fellow-ringer, William Sellers, who was buried on August 22nd in the churchyard of this church.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor about 19 cwt.

DENNIS HALE Treble	HERBERT G. WESTLAKE 4
ROBERT MILLS 2	TOM W. CREED 5
GERALD LOCK 3	ROBERT MANNING Tenor

Conducted by TOM W. CREED.

D. Hale is aged 15. First peal by Robert Manning, who is aged 72. First peal on the bells. Arranged for Mr. R. Manning. All wish to thank the Vicar for the bells, and Mr. S. Tilley for getting everything ready.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Ipswich, York, London, Durham, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM CORFIELD Treble	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	FRANK TRINER 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This peal was rung in honour of the Rector and Mrs. Hamlet's silver wedding.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 Spliced and 20 ordinary six-scores. Tenor reputed 17½ cwt.

PERCY GRICE Treble	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 3
RONALD H. DOVE 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 4

ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal rung on these ancient bells. The 2nd and 5th are undated, but circa 1500, 4th 1624, 3rd 1630, treble 1660.

IGHTFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being sixteen 120's of Plain Bob and twenty-six 120's of Grandsire.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ALBERT THOMAS Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 4
HAROLD G. SMITH 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 3	RICHARD H. FAULKNER Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells and first of Doubles by all the band. F. H. Crawley's 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and tenor; also as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. R. B. Faulkner), who is leaving the living after 37 years. The band wish to thank him for entertaining them to tea after the peal.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

At Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Thursday evening, August 25th, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ashworth, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: Wm. McCleave 1, H. Wormwell 2, W. Stephenson 3, T. Redman 4, F. Bentley 5, R. Hartley 6, Wm. Hunter (conductor) 7, Wm. Robinson 8. Mr. Richard Ashworth was formerly a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, but is now attached to St. Peter's tower.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. J. D. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5128 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MISS NELLY JOHNSON... 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3-4 | JAMES HEMMING ... 7-8
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 9-10

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpire: JOHN HALL.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by all the band and by the association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss N. JOHNSON.

NORTREPPS, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Five-and-a-Half Minutes,

In the Tower of the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising four 240's, arranged by Albert J. Pitman, and 34 extents, 14 different callings. Tenor size 15 in B.

CYRIL POOLE ... 1-2 | NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3-4

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 5-6

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged for Mr. Roberts, of Truro, after arrangements for a tower bell peal had fallen through. It was his first peal 'in hand.'

THE 'SURFLEET' WEEK.

SURFLEET, LINCOS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4 | WALTER AYRE ... 7-8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 9-10

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

SURFLEET, LINCOS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS... 1-2 | WALTER AYRE ... 5-6
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3-4 | WILLIAM H. HEWETT... 7-8

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

SURFLEET, LINCOS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS... 1-2 | WALTER AYRE ... 5-6
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3-4 | WILLIAM H. HEWETT... 7-8

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

SURFLEET, LINCOS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16½ in B flat,

MRS. F. I. HAIRS... 1-2 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4 | WALTER AYRE ... 7-8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 9-10

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

SURFLEET, LINCOS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS... 1-2 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4 | WALTER AYRE ...

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 9-10.

Composed by G. HAYWARD.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

A birthday compliment to Rupert Richardson.

5,013 STEDMAN CINQUES.

BY JOSEPH W. PARKER.

2314567890E 5 18

A 24531678E90

53412	—	—
41325	—	—
32154	—	—
35214	—	—
31524	—	—
52143	—	—
14235	—	—
23451	—	—
25431	—	S
43512	—	—
51324	—	—
32145	—	—
34215	—	—
31425	—	—
42153	—	—
15234	—	—
23541	—	—
24351	—	—

C 215347698E0

B 21354

Round first change of last six.

A=1 6 7 8 9 10 11 13 15 16 (20 sixes).

C=3 8 6 12 15 16 20 23 (24 sixes).

PEALS OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

5,088.

23456 M B W H

43526		2	1
62534	2	x	2
36245	x		2
32465	1	x	2
25463	1		2

Repeat twice.

5,024.				5,088.					
23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
62534	x	2	2		35264		x		
36245	x		2		56234	1	x		
32465	1	x	2	2	32654	1	x		2
46325	1	x	2	1	62534			2	1
52364	2	x	2	1	36245	x			2
65243	x		2		65243	1			2
62453	1	x	2	2	53246	1			2
45623	1	x	2	1	52436	1	x	2	2
32654	2	x	2	1	54326	1	x	2	2
53246	x		2		54263	x			1
52436	1	x	2	2	62453			2	2
54326	1	x	2	2	64523	1	x	2	2
64523	x	1			64235	x			1
34625	x	1			32465			2	2
23456	x		2		34625	1	x	2	2
					23456	x			2

Second is never in 7-8 with the tenor in either of these three peals.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Egremont, Cumberland, on Sunday, August 14th, 576 Bob Major and 1,152 Kent Major, with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Rector, who died at Keswick the previous day.

Previous to his retirement four years ago, he had faithfully carried out his duties as parish priest for thirty years. He was interred at Keswick on Tuesday, August 16th. The following took part in the ringing: J. J. Spedding 1, A. Elteck 2, J. Hutchinson 3, W. Douglas 4, W. H. Cooke 5, J. H. Rothery 6, W. Norman 7, G. W. Tembey (conductor) 8.

LIGHTNING STRIKES ABINGDON CHURCH.

Lightning struck St. Helen's Parish Church, Abingdon, Berks, on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Stacey, wife of the vergier, entered the belfry during a severe storm to toll the bell for a funeral, when she noticed a beam burning in the corner of the belfry.

Abingdon fire brigade quickly arrived on the scene and put out the fire.

Lightning had struck an electric bell on the beam through the lightning conductor in the roof of the belfry. The wire fused, set the beam alight, and melted a gas pipe.

St. Helen's Church has a ring of ten bells, with tenor of just over a ton.

**NEW TREBLE BELL AT COSBY.
VICAR'S GIFT TO HIS CHURCH.**

At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester, during evening service on Sunday, August 21st, the Vicar dedicated a new treble bell to make a ring of six, and new quarter chimes which have been added to the clock.

After service, a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was rung by the following members of the M.C.A. (who were invited for the occasion by Mr. Fred King, head ringer): T. Kelham Deacon 1, William Cope 2, Cecil Carr 3, C. Harry Webb 4, Henry Bird 5, George A. Newton (conductor) 6. The new treble is the gift of the Vicar (Rev. Canon E. Poulter), and was supplied by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The quarter chimes are the gift of Miss Poulter, sister of the Vicar, this part of the work having been carried out by Messrs. Cope and Co., of Nottingham. The bells are now a very handy ring, with tenor approximately 13 cwt. They are hung in an iron frame, having been augmented to five with a frame for six in 1915.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
YORKTOWN DISTRICT DISCUSSES DIPLOMAS.**

A meeting of Yorktown District was held at Egham on Saturday, August 20th, when 21 members and visiting ringers attended, including Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon, hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. Ringing did not commence until 3.40 p.m., and at 4.45 p.m. the ringers attended the Guild's service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Tranter). Tea had been prepared in the Parish Hall, and the Vicar afterwards occupied the chair for a short business meeting.

The Chairman expressed the pleasure of the district at the presence of Mr. Jones, and, in responding, Mr. Jones thanked them for the warm welcome they had given him, and hoped that any member visiting Newport or district would write to him, and he would try and fix up some ringing for them.

The question of diplomas for young ringers was discussed, and it was the feeling of the meeting that a badge should be given to ringers in ringing their first peal in preference to a certificate.

It was also mentioned to the members that should they leave their district they should let the captain or one in charge know, so that they might be brought into touch with another tower.

A vote of thanks was given to the Rev. A. C. Tranter for the use of the bells, for conducting the Guild's service, and presiding at the meeting.

The tower was then again visited, and various methods rung.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Sheffield English on Saturday last. The musical peal of eight bells by Taylor and Co. were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. Tea and a short meeting were held in the Church Room, the Rector and Mrs. Butler attending to the wants of the members. Tea had been arranged for 20, but 32 had to be catered for, and by a miracle all were well supplied.

Afterwards, the Rector gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and Mr. G. Williams (Master) expressed the hope that the local band would join the Guild.

The Rector, himself an hon. member, said he would do what he could towards this object.

Mr. G. Pullinger, general secretary, gave a few details as to the formation of the new Guild for the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth, and also moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and the kind arrangements made for tea.

The towers represented were Bishopstoke, Basingstoke, Romsey, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Southampton (St. Mary's), Stockbridge, Lymington, Bishop's Waltham, Ringwood, St. Martin's and St. Edmund's, Salisbury, Twyford and Winchester.

The annual meeting will take place at Winchester on Saturday, November 5th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**TEN IN A DAY.**

On Saturday, August 13th, the ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, had their annual outing, accompanied by three friends from St. Andrew's Society, viz., Messrs. G. H. Myers, T. Myers and J. Gluas. The day was showery, but a happy party left at 8 a.m. by charabanc for a 15 miles' ride to Rattery, where there is an ancient church and a peal of five bells, with a tenor of 13 cwt. Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Doubles were rung, and rounds for the youngsters. Afterwards, a move was made to Harberton, where hangs a fine peal of six (tenor 17 cwt. in F), and a long draught of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were again rung, and a well-struck 720 Bob Minor, the first on the bells, by: G. Godard 1, J. E. Lilley 2, T. Myers 3, G. H. Myers 4, J. Woodley 5, C. R. Lilley (cond.) 6. The party proceeded to Totnes for lunch, and then to Dartington, where Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Minor, conducted by Mr. Woodley, were rung. At this church there is a fine ring of six, with 16 cwt. tenor, but the ropes are too short for change ringing in comfort. A move was then made to Steventon, where they found a ring of six, tenor 21 cwt., just rehung. Here Grandsire, Stedman and rounds were rung, and a fine 720 Bob Minor: J. Gluas 1, G. H. Myers 2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3, J. E. Lilley 4, J. Woodley 5, T. Myers 6. Bradhempstone, with a light six, was next visited, and the same methods were rung, conducted by Messrs. Myers and Woodley, and then on to Little Hempstone, where there is the front five of a ring of six, the tenor pit being vacant. The visitors had a considerable job to get a 120 of Stedman on account of ropes being short. It was thought that a band of 7ft. men must ring these bells, for one of the youths stood on a 3ft. stool to ring in rounds. Returning to Totnes, the party enjoyed a splendid tea, and then went on to Coleton, where Stedman and Grandsire were rung on the nice peal of five. Stoke Gabriel (six, with tenor 17 cwt.) was the next call, and then to Berry Pomeroy, where hangs a good eight (tenor 17 cwt.), and where there are critics. The bells were raised in peal, and a finely-struck 168 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. Woodley, and another conducted by Mr. Lilley, brought round, and the party were congratulated on their ringing. Then on to the tenth tower of the day—Totnes, with its fine eight, tenor 28 cwt. Here again the bells were raised in peal, and a couple of 168's rung before departing for Plymouth, which was reached at 10.45 p.m., after an enjoyable day.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS RINGERS' EXCURSION.

St. Peter's Society, Tunbridge Wells, had their annual outing on August Bank Holiday, and visited various towers in Sussex and Surrey. The party, augmented by Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., of Chislehurst, Mr. Miles, of Mayfield, and Messrs. Lambert, of Horsmonden, with wives, sweethearts, and other friends, to the number of 70, left Tunbridge Wells by charabanc shortly after eight o'clock. Turner's Hill was the first stop, but owing to a service only a short ring was obtained. On arriving at Crawley, they were met by Mr. O. Sippetts and other local ringers. Short touches were the order of the day, and these ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge. Shortly after leaving here the rain commenced, and continued for the remainder of the day. Ramore, on the Surrey hills, was the next objective, and, had the day been fine, some lovely views of the surrounding country would have been obtained. This tower and bells fully repaid the visit, which was, however, rather hurried owing to the time set for lunch, which was partaken of at the Victory Tea Gardens, Dorking, and a most excellent meal was provided. Dorking Parish Church tower was then visited, where Mr. E. E. Dodd had everything in readiness, and touches in various methods were rung. Leatherhead was next on the list, and here the visitors were met by Mr. J. Beams and other local ringers, and touches in various methods on eight and ten bells were brought round. Permission had been obtained to ring at Ashted, but time did not permit, and the party wish to express their deep regret to the steeplekeeper that they were unable to avail themselves of the permission. Epsom was reached, and, after an excellent tea at Wright's Restaurant, the visitors enjoyed some ringing, and shortly after 7.30 started for home. On halting at Betchingley, however, some of the more enthusiastic found the Vicar and obtained permission to ring, which they did for about an hour. This delay, together with tyre trouble that developed and a wrong turning taken in the dark by the driver, made it nearly midnight before Tunbridge Wells was reached. The society wish to return their sincere thanks to the incumbents of the various churches for granting permission to ring, to the steeplekeepers and other ringers who kindly met them, and to Mr. E. E. Dodd and Mr. J. Beams for their kind assistance in arranging to satisfy the wants of the inner man.

(Reports of other outings unavoidably held over.)

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OLD ESSEX RINGER'S DEATH. LONG SERVICE AT WITHAM CHURCH.

The Essex Association has lost a very old member and valued supporter, and the church a loyal son, in the death of Mr. Arthur Chalk, of Witham, at the age of 70 years. He passed away on August 20th, after a short but painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude.

The deceased was the last of the old band of ringers at Witham, and had been in charge of the belfry for 48 years. He had only missed a few Sundays' duty during his long spell of service. He succeeded his father as leader, making a period of nearly 100 years that the Chalk family had occupied that position. It was a real joy to him to see that at the end of his ringing career the local band of ringers had reached such a high standard of proficiency.

The funeral took place on Wednesday of last week. The deceased was taken into the Parish Church of St. Nicholas that he had loved so well, and in which he had worshipped regularly the whole of his life. He was buried in the churchyard of All Saints', the only burial ground in the parish. Rev. Canon Galpin, a former Vicar of Witham, and now Rector of Faulkbourne, and Rural Dean, assisted by the Rev. N. Hagger (curate of Witham) officiated. In addition to numerous relations and friends, there were present Mr. O. E. Howard, Master, and Mr. W. Elliott, representing the Essex Association, Messrs. A. Evers, E. Bright, P. Ashcroft, W. Butler, W. B. Butler, and W. Mullen, members of the local band, and representatives of the 'Indian Chief' Lodge of Foresters, of which deceased was a member. The floral tributes included one from the clergy, wardens and sidesmen of St. Nicholas' Church, his fellow-ringers, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parker, his late master, the servants, and old garden friends at Faulkbourne Hall, where deceased had worked for 29 years.

Before the funeral service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung with the bells deeply muffled; afterwards, 720 Double Court Bob with the bells half-muffled, conducted by E. Bright. Following the interment, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by Messrs. F. Chalk 1-2, C. H. Howard 3-4, W. Chalk 5-6, W. H. Chalk 7-8.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting was held at Barkway on Saturday, when ringers were present from Baldock, Braughing, Royston, Sawston, Saffron Walden, Trumpington, Hitchin, Barley, Ware, and a number of the local band. The bells are a beautiful ring of eight, and were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Most of the best striking was in the Surprise methods.

A short service was arranged for five o'clock, but the Vicar did not

put in an appearance until much later, being unavoidably detained. After tea, which was an excellent meal, Mr. A. E. Pitstow took the chair at the business meeting.

Two new life members were made, namely, Messrs. L. E. Pitstow and L. Simmonds, and Royston was decided upon as the next place for a meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and a churchwarden present agreed to convey the same to him. The best thanks were due to the local captain, Mr. W. Machon, who made all necessary arrangements, which tended to make a pleasant time.

DEATH OF A MACCLESFIELD RINGER.

On Wednesday, August 17th, there passed to his rest, after a long illness, Thomas Mottershead, a member of the Parish Church company of Macclesfield, at the age of 68 years.

Deceased started his ringing career over 46 years ago at St. James', Sutton. Twenty-four years ago he joined the company at the Parish Church, Macclesfield, and since then has been a most attentive, regular and enthusiastic ringer, always ready at any time to do anything in his power to further the art of change ringing and to help any young band to the best of his ability. And while he called others to worship, he neglected not the call himself, for he was a regular communicant and worshipper.

He will be greatly missed by his brother ringers, for he was of a genial disposition and a good companion. He had rung about 20 peals.

He was buried at St. James', Sutton, on Saturday, August 20th, amidst many manifestations of regret. There were over 30 beautiful wreaths, including one in the form of a bell from his fellow-ringers, who also carried him to his last resting place. The service was taken by the Rev. T. J. Nash, Vicar of Birtles, in the absence on holiday of the Vicars of Macclesfield and St. James'. A touch on handbells was rung over the grave by Macclesfield and Sutton ringers, and, afterwards, 336 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled was rung on the Parish Church bells, in which E. Johnson, of Gawsorth, took part.

On Sunday, the bells were half-muffled all day, and for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 54 mins.: J. Burgess 1, H. Lomas 2, G. Bottomley 3, H. Dean 4, S. Dean 5, J. Norbury 6, A. Burgess (conductor) 7, J. V. Norbury 8.

TRYSULL, STAFFS.—On August 16th (after abandoning a peal attempt owing to illness near by), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: K. C. Taylor 1, T. E. Taylor 2, H. T. Piper 3, H. R. Pickering 4, F. Brotherton (conductor) 5, H. Hoswell 6. First quarter for 3rd, 5th and 6th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is unusual to meet 'three short' for a peal, but this happened last week at St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle, when five men assembled for Stedman Triples in honour of the curate's wedding, and the remainder of the band from 'beside the seaside' failed to turn up. However, all was not lost, for a local man was dug out and a peal of Minor rung to celebrate the auspicious event.

A day or two before, another band had met two short at a church, some hundreds of miles from Newcastle. They, however, may have the credit for introducing a new occupation for unemployed ringers. Before an admiring (?) audience they played off a round of the County (Ringers') 'Shove ha'penny' Championship, and in the end Surrey beat Sussex.

A sprained ankle was the cause last Saturday of yet another band meeting short. This was at Wolverhampton, where Cinques had been arranged, but, 'Uncle Joe' meeting with an accident at the last moment, only Caters could be rung. When ringing's afoot, he might postpone until afterwards such annoying details as spraining an ankle; but everyone hopes soon to see him on his 'hind legs' again.

In the report of the peal at Buxton, Norfolk, published last week, the asterisk denoting 'first peal inside' should have been placed against the ringer of the 3rd, instead of the 2nd.

There were contrasts in age among the ringers of the first peal on the bells at Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset, on Thursday week. Mr. Robert Manning rang the tenor to his first peal at the age of 72. At the other end of the scale, Dennis Hale, aged 15, rang the treble.

At last the Fairford bells have gone to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, to be recast and to have new fittings at a cost of £408. Up to the present, £260 13s. 6d. has been collected, and if any ringer would like to help this cause, donations would be thankfully received by Mr. J. Hope, London Street, Fairford, Glos.

A hundred and seven years ago to-day, the first peal was rung on the ten bells at Bishop's Stortford. It was a peal of Grandsire Caters by the Junior Society of College Youths.

Exactly forty years ago to-morrow the first peal was rung at Salisbury. This was at St. Martin's Church.

On September 6th, 1867, 6,140 'Bobb Major Royal' was rung at Coventry in 4 hrs. 23 mins.

Thomas Tolladay, a leading London ringer of his day, took part with a band of College Youths in a 6,144 Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Peter's, Walworth, on September 7th, 1830.

A correspondent asks the following questions, to which, perhaps, readers can find answers:—

Is it a fact that the recent collapse in Cornhill was really caused by a prominent member of the C.Y.'s propping himself and his scooter against the building what time he searched for his way home?

Who is the youthful Midlands' ringer who did not have to learn like other men, but was born 'ready learned'?

Can the gent with the aforesaid scooter recommend the oil he uses it with to gargle Uncle Joe's bad ankle?

Has Uncle really got his 42583 course-end up?

'THE BELLRINGER.'

In the series of 'Plain Guides to Lay Work,' published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, No. 8, which has just been issued, is 'The Bellringer.' Its author is the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, whose work for the art of ringing is too well known to need introduction to readers of 'The Ringing World,' and the fact that the little brochure comes from the pen of such a writer is sufficient guarantee that it is written with knowledge and sympathy.

The work opens with a short explanation of the mechanical operation of bells, and briefly deals with change ringing before going on to speak of the ringers themselves. Mr. Davies traces the reformation which has taken place in the belfry, and gives the following advice in cases where 'the old spirit of autocracy and insubordination' still lurks. He says 'in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred there is a simple way of overcoming the difficulty. Leave the "old lot" as they were, telling them that they shall still ring on occasions of payment, but that for other ringing, and in particular for ringing for church services, a new company is being founded, the members of which pledge themselves to learn, or do their best to learn, change ringing. This they will do for the glory of God and without any pecuniary reward. The result soon follows. The old company may, or may not, survive over the next Christmas season, the season of tips, Christmas boxes and the like, but before another such season comes round, bereft often of some of their own younger and more enterprising members who have gone over to the other side, they collapse of inanition. Left out in the cold, they leave the junior and more energetic society in possession of the field.'

Mr. Davies traces the modern development of the Exercise, points out the help which can be obtained by church authorities from the county and diocesan associations and Guilds, and from the Central Council, and concludes with a word to ringers upon the dignity of their calling.

This little book, published at the modest sum of 3d. by the S.P.C.K., is the very thing for associations to use in their propaganda work. In that respect alone it will fill a long-felt want.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the fifth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

FURTHER EXTENTS BY LEAD-ENDS.

All of the 'regular' Minor methods have one of the five rows shown below, when the treble makes her first blow on the front at the first lead-end—the handstroke row; or the last row of our 'theoretical lead.' These five rows are:—

124365, 132546, 146253, 153624, 165432.

In fact, the changing pairs in the first leads are so arranged to MAKE one of these five turn up at this row; otherwise the method is not 'regular.' The method is then completed, by making second's or sixth's place, as we have seen. The first two of the above rows can only be treated in one way, or else the bells will run 'round' (that is, run into 'rounds order'). In other words, if we cause 124365 to make second's place, 123456 will turn up; and, similarly, if we cause 132546 to make sixth's place:—

12-4365

1-3254-6

12-3456

1-2345-6

So that these two can be treated only in the opposite ways—124365 to make sixth's place, and 132546 to make second's place. The remaining three rows may be treated in both ways; both places can be made without the bells running 'round.' The combinations are given:—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12436-5	13-2546	14-6253	14625-3	15-3624	15362-4	16-5432	16543-2

14263-5	13-5264	14-2635	16452-3	15-6342	13526-4	16-4523	15634-2
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The lead 'ends' (or heads) below the line show that Nos. 1 and 3, 2 and 6, 4 and 7, and 5 and 8 respectively are identical; so that our five different rows are made to give four different lead-ends during the process of 'joining' the leads together in different methods. These four lead-ends are the same rows that we have in the plain course lead-ends of Bob Minor; and we have seen that, taking each one of these in turn, we can arrive at the lead-ends which will appear in the plain course of every method, no matter which place is made (second's or sixth's place).

In other words, the plain course of ALL METHODS which have the same row for the first lead-end could be 'called' (if we may use this term) from the same block of lead-ends, four blocks of which we have found, by taking each one in turn and using it as the first lead-end for transposition. This is very well for the plain course, but when 'calls' are introduced, a different case arises.

Singles, we know, are differently applied to the two classes of methods. To produce a single in a second's-place method we have to change a different pair from that which produces a single in a sixth's-place method; but the difference of the application of the bob is not so apparent, as we have always understood that it makes fourth's-place in EVERY METHOD.

This is true, and we may use it for finding our bob-rows from the first leads; but it must not be supposed, because the first lead-ends are identical in two methods, that the lead-ends of a 720 of a second's-place method will be similar to those of a sixth's-place method, just because the lead-ends in the plain course of each are the same, and that both have 'fourth's-place' bobs.

This 'fourth's-place' at a bob is applied to the row above the line to produce the new lead-head underneath. Examples 3 and 4 both have 146253 above the line, but they have different plain lead-ends; and yet, if the fourth's-place bob is applied to either we get 164(2)35 as the bob-end of each, making them one and the same method.

Examples No. 4 and No. 7 both have the same 'lead-end,' 164523, and therefore they belong to the same 'plain-course block' of lead-ends; but if the 'fourth's-place' be applied here, we get 164(2)35 in the one, and 156(4)23 in the other—two entirely different rows, which, at a bob, displace the same lead-end. For this reason, our lead-ends of the 720 will differ in second's-place and sixth's-place methods, even though the methods have the same plain lead-end.

We must clearly understand here that the pairs changing in the rows of the 'theoretical leads' can be so arranged that two entirely different methods can be made to end up (and to 'join' up) like any one of the eight examples above. We could have many different methods ending like example 1, or many like example 2, or 3, or 4, etc.

Provided that methods end-and-join with the same rows (in other words, are of the same 'class' with the same lead-end), then the lead-ends of the 720 will be exactly similar. So that one block of lead-ends can be used for the 720 of many methods, provided that, in such methods, the same observation bell is used, and that she is 'called' in the same 'positions' (at W.R.W., etc.).

The first parts of alternative callings are given below as examples. The tenor is the observation bell in each. Three such parts (that is, the given part twice repeated) will make a 720 of any Treble Bob method. The introduction of a single, and the whole repeated exactly, as shown before, will make a 720 of any plain-hunt method.

Call the singles where you will, so long as you do not disturb bells 5 and 6 when it is introduced, and so long as the single in the second

half is put in at a corresponding lead-end. Singles are better used as little as possible at this stage of our studies, for a reason that will appear, and it is unwise to introduce any more than is absolutely necessary. As we have said before, we must have at least two to produce 720 in a plain-hunt method.

Transpose the following, by the example of the plain lead-end, substituting the 'call row' when it is required, as we did with the Plain Bob calling. Use the black and red cards until the lead-ends can be written straight down without their aid.

It is usual to show lead-ends without the treble in the front of the rows, and she is understood always to be there, but it is better to write the rows out in full at the first.

For methods with 135264 as the first lead-end:—

SECOND'S-PLACE.

SIXTH'S-PLACE.

(Bob, 123564; Single, 132564.)		(Bob, 135642; Single, 135624.)	
W.R.W.	I.I. 4th's.	I.O.I.	4th's W.W.
123456	123456	123456	123456
— 23564	36264	35264	— 35642
36245	56342	56342	— 54263
64352	64523	— 64235	46532
— 45623	— 64235	43652	63425
— 45236	— 64352	35426	32654
— 45362	— 45623	52364	— 25463
56423	52436	— 26435	56234
62534	23564	— 63542	63542
25645	— 23645	34625	34625
134256	134256	142356	142356

The best place to introduce the singles for the W.R.W. and the I.I. 4th's figures is at the end of the third part, making 123456 into 124356, but it may be put in at any of the part-ends (134256, etc.), as it will not disturb the 5 and 6 here. With the other two sets of lead-ends, it cannot go at the part ends, but can be introduced at 56342 in the I.O.I., and at 56234 in the 4th's W.W. At both of these places the 5 and 6 would be undisturbed by the single. If it is placed at these particular lead-ends, it must be remembered that the corresponding ends in the second half must likewise be singled. It could also be placed at similar lead-ends in the repeated parts; that is to say, in the parts which follow those given. If any row in an example is altered by the introduction of a single, then all of the rows following will be different from those given here, so far as bells 2, 3, and 4 are concerned; but bells 5 and 6, being undisturbed, will be at similar places in the rows to those given above.

Now repeat these four 'callings' for each of the methods which have the lead-ends shown below:—

For methods with		Second's Place.		Sixth's Place.	
first lead-end:—	Bob row.	Single row.	Bob row.	Single row.	
142635	164235	146235	142356	142365	
156342	135642	153642	156423	156432	
164523	156423	165423	164235	164253	

The reader should take the trouble to work out the bob and single rows himself, although they are given here for reference. It is the principle that has to be impressed upon the mind, so that it may be applied to other numbers of bells. He who cares to prick out all of these combinations will have sixteen sets of lead-ends, which will provide two alternative 'callings' for any legitimate Minor method he may care to choose. The set to be used will depend upon the first lead-end (and the 'class') of the method chosen.

Apart from this, it is excellent practice in transposition, and the rows are useful for observing the 'fixed bells' when this stage is reached.

NOTE.—When dealing with the Plain Bob lead-ends, the alternative calling suggested for the I.O.I. was 'No. 5 bell O.I.O.' This is the same thing as No. 6 bell at 4th's W.W., and if we study these combinations we shall find that these callings automatically 'fix' both No. 5 and No. 6 bells as observations. For instance, the W.R.W. fixes No. 5 bell at '4th's O.O.' but more of this later.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED DIVISION OF LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at Woolton Parish Church on Saturday, August 20th, and was well attended.

Mr. Claude J. Davies, of Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, was appointed branch secretary.

A discussion on the division of the branch was adjourned, and Hale was fixed for the next meeting on Saturday, September 11th.

RINGERS' GIFT OF BELL ROPES.

On Sunday morning, August 28th, a very pleasing little ceremony was performed in the tower of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, when the ringers presented to the church a set of new bell ropes. The captain of the tower (Mr. J. Woodley) asked the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Chapman) to accept them as a gift from the ringers, and this he duly acknowledged, and hoped the ringers would soon wear them out. Afterwards 168 Grandsire Triples was rung: W. Phelps 1, J. Symonds 2, C. R. Lilley 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. J. Baldry 5, G. Godard 6, J. Woodley (conductor) 7, S. Symonds 8.

ICKLETON CHURCH BELLS.

RING OF EIGHT OPENED IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE VILLAGE.

The opening of the bells at Ickleton, Cambs, took place at a service held on Thursday evening of last week, and proved an interesting and successful event.

Ickleton has been much in the eye of the Exercise in the last year or so, first by reason of the fact that the tenor collapsed one day while being rung, then by the tremendous efforts which the parishioners of this little village made to restore the bells, and by the encouraging results, which not only induced them to rehang the old six but to add two trebles to make eight. Lastly came the Consistory Court proceedings, in which the Chancellor of the diocese censured the Rector and churchwardens for beginning the work before the faculty was obtained, and proclaimed a 'ban' on the founders.

However, all's well that ends well, and Ickleton has now got an excellent ring of eight bells, which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have installed in the tower, with an iron frame and all modern fittings. The tenor is in F.

The inscriptions and weights are as follow:—

Treble.—'In loving memory of Henry Francis and Ann Harriet Beales, this bell is dedicated by their sons and daughters, 1927. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.' 4 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

2nd.—'Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1927.' 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

3rd.—'James Keath and Henry Hanchett, Churchwardens, 1761. Lester and Pack of London Fecit. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1927.' 4 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

4th.—'Thomas Newman of Norwich made me 1729. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1927.' 5 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

5th.—'Chapman of London Fecit, 1781. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1927.' 7 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

6th.—'John Haley and Matthias Ripsher, Churchwardens, 1755. Lester and Pack Fecit. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1927.' 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

7th.—'I tell all that doth me se that Newman of Norwich new cast me 1729. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1927.' 12 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

Tenor.—'Thomas Lester of London Fecit. Charles Shepherd and Robert Miller, Churchwardens, 1751. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1927.' 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Total weight, 68 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

A large congregation was present at the initiation service, including several noted ringers from Saffron Walden, Cambridge, Long Stanton, Sawston, Trumpington, Shelford, and other places. Captain Freeborn was present to represent the founders (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston). The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. R. H. Cooke, and the Rev. H. B. Woolley (Long Stanton) gave an interesting address, his text being the last two verses of 150th Psalm.

The Vicar announced that it was not quite a year since the tenor bell was broken, and now they had got a lovely peal of eight bells. Great credit was due to the firm, and also the two men who had done the work in such a clever manner. The cost, including repairing the tower, was about £230, and only about £130 was needed to clear off the debt, which was very satisfactory.

Before the last hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' the bells were rung in rounds for the first time by the local ringers.

The collection was in aid of the bell fund, and amounted to over £4.

After the service, the bells were rung by visiting ringers up till ten o'clock, nearly all the standard methods being rung, everyone being pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells, which are hung in ball bearings with all the latest improvements. The tenor has a patent clapper, and all the bells are Simpson tuned. Practice night is Thursday, when all ringers will be welcome. The bells now run the right way round, instead of 'backhanded' as formerly.

THE WETTEST DAY OF 'SUMMER.'

On Saturday, August 20th, Gulval (Cornwall) ringers had their annual outing, accompanied by Dr. J. Symons (Ringing Master) and two lady ringers. At 8.30 a.m. a start was made by charabanc in a deluge of rain for Camborne, where several touches of Grand sire Triples were brought round. Thence to Kenwyn and Kea, at both of which places several touches of Triples were scored. A start was then made for Manaccan, by which time lunch was suggested, which took the form of a supply of pasties, which were taken on board before starting, and which were thoroughly enjoyed. At Manaccan, Grand sire, Bob Doubles and Stedman were the order, as also at the neighbouring church of St. Anthony, with its fine peal of six by Gillett and Johnston. After this, the party wended their way through lovely bye-ways to St. Keverne, with its beautiful peal of eight. After the bells had been started, it was thought to be time for tea. The tables, well laden with good things, were soon cleared, and then the ringers went back again to the belfry for a well-struck 504. Leaving St. Keverne, the party proceeded to Helston, ten miles distant, where there is another fine peal of eight, and here they finished their ringing for the day. By this time the church clock struck nine, and the car was turned homewards, all having thoroughly enjoyed six solid hours of ringing, and with spirits still buoyant, notwithstanding it was the wettest day of the summer.

AN ANCIENT CHURCH.

WINCHESTER GUILD RINGERS' VISIT TO DUNSFOLD.

Dunsfold, which the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild visited on Saturday, is a village nestling at the foot of the southern slopes of the North Downs, and possesses a church which, to those who have an eye for its beauties, is a perfect gem. The present building dates from the middle of the thirteenth century, and its architecture is one of the purest specimens of 'Decorated' work in the county, if not in the country. The church is well away from the village itself, and overlooks a tributary of the River Arun. It was probably built by the Augustinian Canons, who had a house close at hand on the river bank. There is a fine chancel, with a 'squin hole,' and two glorious little transepts, while in the nave are many of the original bench ends, in which Dunsfold is richer than any other church in Surrey. Originally, doubtless, the building was bright with colours, and small parts of the ancient frescoes are now uncovered. There is a complete list of the Rectors since 1294, and the present Rector produced for the inspection of the visitors the massive original key of the church, made probably out of iron mined near at hand, which dates from the time of his first predecessor. There can be few churches which still have in use a key which has done duty for more than six hundred years.

It is believed that the builders intended to complete the church by a central tower, but this part of the plan was never carried out. Instead, there is a small spire carried up over the roof at the west end, and in this is housed a little ring of six bells. Originally there were three ancient castings, the oldest, which was badly cracked, being dated 1533, and founded by William Knight, of Reading. The other two were by the Eldridges, one of 1621, probably cast at Horsbam, and the other 1649, in all probability cast at Chertsey. The bell frame is carried on massive timbers carried up from the floor of the building, and ringing is done in the church. For the inexperienced there is a rather long draught of rope.

Considering the fact that Dunsfold is a good four miles from a railway station, an attendance of five and twenty at this meeting, in the holiday and harvest season, was surprisingly good. Among the visitors was Mr. J. H. Shepherd, who made a special journey from Swindon to ring in his two thousand and umpteenth tower, and measure the two thousand and umpteenth tenor across which he has put his rule.

With the organist in attendance, the Guild service went with a swing, the familiar hymns being sung with great heartiness. The outstanding feature, however, was the Rector's address. The Rev. A. E. Hollins is a 'man's parson,' with broad views and sympathies, a keen cricketer, and, as he himself said, a bit of a bellringer. He had prepared no address, he said, and he frankly admitted that that afternoon he had wanted to play in a cricket match, but finding no other day was suitable for the meeting he had willingly agreed to the Guild's visit, and he extended a warm welcome to Dunsfold. He briefly alluded to the historical interest of the church in which they were gathered, and said that they in Dunsfold delighted in the fact that their ringers really took their part in the services of the church. They did their work in the church itself, and were not shut away out of sight in a belfry. The Guild that day, he continued, had been unconsciously the cause of teaching a great lesson. That afternoon one of the parishioners had been buried, and at first among some of the people there had been some question as to the fitness of ringing the bells. It had given him the greatest opportunity of his life to bring home to his people the lesson of death, to point out to them that it was not the end of all things, but the beginning of a new and greater life, and that in his view it was fitting that the ringing of the bells should greet it. He had talked with the bereaved family about it, and they had seen it in the same light; indeed, they felt that the dead would rejoice to know that the bells were rung. For himself, he asked for nothing better than that, when his time came, he should be laid to rest to the sound of the bells merrily pealing.

Tea was afterwards served in the Rectory Coach House, and the Rector, who many years ago was a curate at Painswick, presided over the short business meeting, at which the district Ringing Master (Mr. A. C. Hazelden) said that, in view of the work which was being done in connection with organising the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, the six-bell practices had had to be suspended. It was hoped to resume them later on, for they had proved of real value, not only in assisting the six-bell bands but in helping to bring home to those in authority the need, if they would have an efficient Sunday service band, of doing something to help themselves.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith gave a resume of what had been done up to the present in organising the new Guild, and asked for the support of the ringers and clergy in completing the arrangements. A preliminary meeting for that district was to be held at Guildford on October 1st, and for other districts on succeeding Saturdays, if possible, at Leatherhead, Chertsey and Farnham.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, the service, and his address, to the organist, and to the sexton and his wife who had prepared the tea.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening included Grand sire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On Monday, August 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: P. Kirby 1, W. C. Cuss 2, G. J. Winter 3, F. J. Lewis 4, A. J. King 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6. First 720 Minor by ringers of treble and 5th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ENJOYABLE MEETING AT ALMONDSBURY.

By the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon G. R. Wood), the members of the Bristol Branch held another of their enjoyable monthly meetings at Almondsbury on Saturday last, and were favoured with fine weather. The Bristol party journeyed by motor for the last time this year in connection with the country meetings, but this method of transit has proved very convenient through the summer. Arriving on top of Almondsbury Hill, a fine view was obtained over the Severn towards the Welsh mountains in the distance, with the village of Almondsbury lying in the valley, and the church showing up prominently. The bells were raised in peal and rung in various methods until the service, which was of a very bright and hearty character, and conducted by the Vicar, who gave a short address, taking his text from 1 Cor. ix. 16, 'Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel.' Tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) followed in the Vicarage grounds. The wooded slopes and the lovely surroundings added greatly to the enjoyment of the members.

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the chairman (Mr. J. Gould), about 60 being present, representing 18 towers. Members from outside the branch were Miss N. G. Williams (Bath), Messrs. F. C. Benger (Dorchester), C. D. and C. Heginbotham (Devizes), and Rev. E. Slater (Woodford, Essex).

Arising out of the minutes, a letter was read from Mr. E. D. Taylor (Loughborough) thanking the members on behalf of the family for their kind sympathy in the bereavement sustained by the death of Mr. Pryce Taylor.

The Hon. Secretary reported he had received a letter from Mr. E. Guiso (the general secretary), offering to give instruction in change ringing to St. Michael's Guild, Bristol, if the branch agreed, and the offer was accepted with thanks.

It was announced that the bye-meeting at Warmley had been fixed up for Saturday, September 10th, and the monthly meeting at Henbury on Saturday, September 24th. Tea, in each instance, would be provided at 6d. each.

The Chairman, in moving the vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind hospitality, mentioned the special interest he took in his ringers, and the way he had paid attention to the belfry, which was deserving of praise. The belfry in the past week had been painted and renovated. He had heard a little secret that day. It was the Vicar's ringing son's 21st birthday on the following Tuesday, and he was going to attempt a peal with the local band. He wished him every success.—Mr. Heginbotham seconded the vote in characteristic style, and endorsed the chairman's remarks. As a layman in the church, he had, he said, learnt something that day from Canon Wood.

The Vicar, on rising, was given a cordial reception. He thanked the chairman and Mr. Heginbotham for all the kind things said of him. It was, he said, through the great interest his son Stephen took in ringing that it had been brought so prominently before him. He thought his son should make a speech after what had been said about him.

Mr. Stephen Wood, being called upon, said he had only made one speech in his life before, and that at the ringers' meeting held there last year, when he responded for his father, who was absent from home.

Mrs. and Miss Wood were also thanked, as also were the ladies who waited at the tables.

The meeting over, the members repaired to the belfry, where Canon Wood dedicated three peal boards (two peals on one board), recording four peals rung in the tower: Bob Major, on October 25th, 1919, composed by J. Carter, and conducted by E. Guise; Grandsire Triples, rung on April 25th, 1925 (Holt's Original), conducted by A. Prince; a local peal of Grandsire Triples, rung on October 9th, 1926 (Groves' Transposition of Parker's twelve part), conducted by G. E. Capewell; and Bob Major, rung on April 18th, 1927, composed by E. Morris, conducted by S. H. Wood.

Congratulations were given to the local band upon their first peal after eight attempts.

The Vicarage gardens were thrown open, and were much appreciated, especially by the ladies.

Practice on the bells was continued until 8.30, when the Bristol party departed for home, after another very pleasant meeting.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh and Ashford District Guild was held at Lydd on Saturday, August 20th, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Collins. Though it was a very wet day, about 40 members turned up. During the afternoon and evening, good use was made of the bells, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and a course of Double Norwich. The Mayor, Mr. H. Finn, entertained the ringers to tea at the Town Hall, and presided over the business meeting which followed. He was supported by the Rev. Canon Collins and Mr. White, churchwarden.

Twelve new members were elected, and Rye was selected as the place of the next meeting, on Saturday, September 17th.

Mr. Younes, in humorous style, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor for his kindness in providing the tea, and for presiding, and to Canon Collins for granting permission to hold the meeting and for the use of the bells.

MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATIONS. JOINT MEETING AT NORTHAW.

The first joint meeting of the Middlesex and Hertford County Associations was held at Northaw, a border village, on Saturday week, when members of the North and East District of the former, and of the St. Albans District of the latter association, fraternised and rang together. Even in these days of petrol traction, Northaw is still difficult of access, unless one can sport a car of one's own, and it was therefore not surprising that the members who braved the elements on one of the worst days of this dreary August were somewhat few in number. However, thanks to a motor-cycle which brought two from St. Albans, and Mr. Bob Pye's serviceable steed with five Middlesex members, the pretty peal of six were set going about 3.30, between which time and five o'clock touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and a course of London Surprise Minor were rung.

Divine service was then held, and the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Allen) gave an exceedingly interesting address. Some 21 ringers afterwards sat down to tea, the chair being taken by Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president, Middlesex Association), who was supported by Mr. B. Jarman (ex-president, Herts Association), Mr. W. Nash (district secretary, Herts Association), Messrs. C. T. Coles, N. A. Tomlinson and W. Pye (Middlesex Association officers), Mr. B. McKie (Northaw), Mr. G. R. Pye, Mr. A. W. Coles, etc. The meeting being a joint affair, no business was transacted, but Mr. C. T. Coles made a brief reference to the idea underlying the holding of joint meetings, which, he said, signified that associations were not formed in rivalry to one another, but that all existed for the same object, i.e., the furthering of change ringing. He was glad to welcome both Herts and Middlesex ringers to Northaw, and added that it was hoped that this meeting would be the first of many, and that next year's joint meeting would be held at North Mimms.

Mr. W. Nash endorsed all that Mr. Coles had said, and stated that he would be glad to do all he possibly could to make a joint meeting at North Mimms as pleasant as that at Northaw. He agreed entirely that these meetings were all for the good of ringing.

Mr. McKie welcomed the ringers to Northaw, and said how glad he was that the first joint meeting held by the two associations should be held at that tower.

Mr. B. Jarman proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his interesting address, which he was sure all enjoyed. This was carried with acclamation.

After a little more ringing had been done at Northaw, a move was made to Hatfield. By the kindness of Mr. Nash, a motor was provided, which took several to that tower, whilst Mr. Bob Pye also took a party. The latter, however, got to Hatfield House instead of Hatfield Church, and were rewarded with a view of the interior of that famous mansion before they joined the others of the party in the belfry. Here came to an end a very pleasant meeting, which, although poor in numbers, was rich in enthusiasm, and left happy recollections in the minds of those who attended it.

MARKET BOSWORTH'S ANCIENT BELLS.

Although 'warned off' this place by the voices of both sexes, if any had ambitions for a peal on the ancient and jiffy-going peal of five bells at Market Bosworth, a band met there on Saturday last and scored the 'first ever' on them. It was the hearty invitation of the Rector, the Rev. Law Harkness, R.D., and his double notes of welcome when he knew a band might try, that tempted the writer to make the venture. In asking for volunteers, it was mentioned they must be a band of 'heroes,' who would not mind some pain. This they manfully did, and although some were ambitious for 'umpteenth' methods, a preliminary half-six-score as a 'feeler' decided the conductor not to be venturesome, and stick to Grandsire. In spite of the weight and slow turning of the bells, a good peal was accomplished, as was testified by the locals afterwards. A nice lot of medals were on view at the conclusion, in the shape of blisters, and the conductor had one—not on view—about six inches long, near the place medals are usually worn.

In connection with this peal, the following extract, kindly supplied by Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury clerical library, will be read with interest: 'Richard Dawes, a change ringer in the early part of the 18th century, was born at Market Bosworth in 1708. Being the son of poor parents and having great abilities, he was admitted as a sizar to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in 1725. He took his B.A. degree in 1729, and his M.A. in 1733. In Brand's "History of Newcastle-on-Tyne" we find the following concerning him: "Having indulged himself too much at college in an indolent, sedentary way of life, he at length found it absolutely necessary to have recourse to some kind of exercise. In this case, being of a strong athletic frame of body, and not over-delicate in the choice of his company, he took to the practice of ringing; and as such a genius could not stop at mediocrity, he quickly became the leader of the band, and carried the art to the highest perfection." In October, 1738, he was appointed headmaster of Newcastle Grammar School, and also master of St. Mary's Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Unfortunately, he gave way to intemperate habits, and the number of scholars at the school dwindled down so much that in 1749 the Corporation prevailed upon him to resign on promising him a pension of £80 per annum. He died at Heworth on March 25th, 1766, at the age of fifty-seven.'

THE SURFLEET 'ANNUAL'

HANDBELL PEALS AND HIGH JINKS.

The first day of the Surfleet 'annual' is usually of a very peaceful character, the visitors devoting their time to unpacking and settling down generally, but this year proved the exception to the rule, 'Old Bill' causing much amusement with his collection of pieces of wood, old 'Wellingtons', and bones, which he had made good use of to give his trunk that businesslike appearance (which has been lacking of former years), and to prevent his toothbrush and collar from moving about too much. Everyone settled, rooms allotted and unpacking finished, move was made to the supper table, but the unexpected (and unfortunate) arrival of Old Bill's 'missus' during supper was not at all welcome, but after the promise of a good supper and bed for the night, 'she' was eventually prevailed upon to 'dry up.'

On Sunday morning a visit was paid to the village church, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge being rung for morning service. The rest of the day was spent by all on the river.

Peal ringing should have commenced on Monday morning, but a burst of sunshine decided otherwise, and all had to turn to aid help with the 'cutting.' Everyone retired quite satisfied with their day's work and looking forward to a well-earned rest. But it was not to be, the bachelors giving a very good imitation of a cats' concert.

Tuesday was another field day for the party, Sutterton being the scene of operations. Later, the ladies followed, and an enjoyable tea in the harvest field was brought to an abrupt end by a rather sharp storm. Upon arriving home again, it was found to be too late to attempt a peal, so energies were given to making the 'cats' a very comfy bed, suitable food (fish and milk) being laid in a very appetising manner. Later, they were well rewarded by gentle showers from the garden syringe.

Wednesday's weather being anything but 'dry,' a peal of Bob Royal was attempted in the morning and brought round just in time to hear the dinner gong. Treble Bob was attempted after dinner, but, unfortunately, came to grief too late to start again before tea. Things were perfectly quiet and normal on retiring to bed, and a very peaceful night was hoped for by all, but again this was denied to everyone. A bad 'storm,' which broke forth from the direction of the loft, soon awoke the occupants from their slumbers, and one began to wonder if Glyn Garth would stand the shock. One of the party (no, we will not say who) was so nervous that he crept downstairs in his pyjamas and locked all the doors, hoping that that might have some good effect, but matters were getting from bad to worse. Eventually, to everyone's relief, the noise abated. The house still stood, and, we believe, had there been eye-witnesses outside they would have seen two rather suspicious persons hovering round trying to find some means of gaining access to the house. Doubtless the originators were under the impression that they were giving a lifelike reproduction of a jazz-band, but a collection of old tins require a lot of beating to obtain anything approaching a musical note out of them. Taking into consideration the amount of energy expended in their efforts, they deserved to get better results.

On Thursday, mine host deciding that he could manage better without help, left the remainder to do peal ringing. After several attempts during the day, the party decided to await Rupert's return and hear his opinion of them. We will not say what that was, so enough said. The majority of the party departed in small numbers to drown their sorrows fishing. The non-ringer of the party was not slow in pointing out that his oft-repeated remark was true: 'Some ringers can talk Cambridge Maximus but cannot ring Plain Bob!'

Our luck was certainly in on Friday, for two peals of Bob Major were scored in fine style, much to the satisfaction of one of the band, who invariably has a certain number of peals (anything from 5 to 20) he wants to score. One of the party was a little ahead of the calendar, for he had spent some time in procuring fireworks. These were 'let off' to fine advantage after dark (?), but were much more appreciated next morning at breakfast than during the actual display.

Saturday morning was spent chiefly in amusing the younger members of the party, and here and there one could see whispering going on, as though plotting was ahead. Directly after dinner a peal of Bob Royal was rung. Fishing was the pastime for the evening, but either the river was devoid of fish or the 'bait' was no good (the latter being a regular 'grumble' of one of the so-called fishermen). Supper was hardly over when the tolling of a very doubtful bell (described as B flat, and it certainly was) summoned all to the upper regions for what proved to be the unveiling of a bell to the 'heavy-bell man' (no names, please, but it is interesting to note that the said gentleman tried his strength on the 11th at Exeter). The bell was cast by 'Richardson, Surfleet,' and was beautifully inscribed, but of the tone—well, there are not many harmonics to be got out of an 18-gallon copper. The ceremony over, all retired to rest, but two beds were found to be missing, and this was the signal for a general 'rag,' the net result of which was a broken chair, one mantlepiece cleared of all its ornaments and two of the party uncomfortably wet.

Sunday morning found the house decorated with highly-coloured posters wishing Rupert 'many happy returns,' to which he replied by writing 'Thanks' on each. Ringing for morning service and a quiet stroll brought 12 noon, and a hasty move was made after dinner to ring the all-important birthday peal. This came round in fine style, and an adjournment was then made to Bryn Gwyn for tea, at the kind

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 40 mins., transposed from A. T. Pitman's four-bob set peal: T. Pendry 1, W. Yeend 2, H. Halford 3, W. Rose 4, W. Hale 5, G. H. Walters (conductor) 6, E. Withers (first quarter-peal in the method) 7, C. Tovey 8. Arranged for E. Withers, of Evesham.

HESTON.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday morning, August 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: W. Godfrey 1, H. G. Lewis 2, H. Chandler 3, C. S. Bird (conductor) 4, C. J. Edwards 5, W. A. Lewis 6, E. Gladman 7, A. Lewis 8.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On Sunday evening, August 28th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Large 1, J. Kyte 2, E. Large 3, G. E. Large 4, S. Petherick 5, R. Hecks 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richens 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Parish Church, on August 28th, for matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Johnson (conductor) 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Scott 3, W. Scott, jun., 4, A. Callaway 5, S. Moody 6, W. Upton 7, W. H. G. Scott 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples with the same band and conductor. Rung also in honour of W. Chambers' 52nd birthday.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', for morning service, on Sunday, August 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: K. Sewart 1, J. Smart 2, G. Perkins 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, J. Perkins 5, F. S. Bayley 6.—Also 360 Bob Minor, with Miss Pople and G. Pratt in place of K. Sewart and J. Smart. Mr. Bayley is from Portsmouth.

OVER, CAMBS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 28th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. W. Ginn 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, August 28th, for morning service at St. Mary-le-Tower, 720 Double Norwich Royal: B. Tillet 1, C. H. Gillingham 2, W. Tillet 3, W. G. Crickmer 4, H. Roper 5, W. P. Garrett 6, C. Catchpole 7, W. Woods 8, G. E. Symonds (conductor) 9, F. J. Tillet 10.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, for evening service on August 28th, 1,367 Grandsire Caters: E. Hunt 1, G. Large 2, W. Richards 3, P. Heath 4, F. Hamington (first quarter-peal inside) 5, L. Strong (first quarter-peal inside) 6, F. Smith 7, H. Smale, of Harlow Common, Essex (first quarter of Caters) 8, E. Combes (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

RICKMANSWORTH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Crowsley 1, H. Long (first 720) 2, G. Foster 3, S. Hoare 4, E. Hookham 5, B. Marks (conductor) 6, F. Elliott (covering) 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, August 28th, at St. Andrew's Church, before morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: J. Read 1, F. Kemp 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, C. Wells 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, H. Kemp 8. Rung as a compliment, and with the best wishes of the band to Winifred Ethel, the youngest daughter of the conductor, on her marriage to Mr. Richard Philip Moloney, of the Poplars, Ash, Surrey, which took place at Farnham, on Wednesday, August 24th. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 8th. All the ringers belong to the local band.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOS.—For morning service, on Sunday, August 28th, in 45 min., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. C. Peachey 1, G. Peare 2, H. Barnfield 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, H. Day (first quarter-peal) 5, W. Peachey 6.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, August 21st, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: W. Thorne 1, J. Hunt 2, C. Strawbridge 3, H. L. Arscott 4, F. Dale 5, W. W. Thorne (Ockham, Surrey) 6, G. Atkins (conductor) 7, W. Mele 8. Rung to commemorate the birth of a son to Mr. H. L. Arscott.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at St. Leonard's Church, Upper Deal, on Saturday last, when 22 members were present, representing Canterbury, Dover, Charing, Wickham, Wingham, Sturry, Littlebourne, St. Margaret's, Westminster, and the local band. Tea was held at the Magnet, Upper Deal, immediately after which, there being no business, the ringers returned to the tower for some enjoyable ringing.

On account of the small number of ringers present at four o'clock, it was decided to omit the service from the afternoon's arrangements.

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invitation of Rupert's much-respected mother and sisters. Music followed, and then an order for home, as everyone had to be early astir next morn.

Once again the party have to thank Rupert and his good wife for their unstinted kindness. The 'bag' was smaller than usual, but the harvest was to blame, so it was no good wishing when work had to be done. The party also wish 'Jack' (Mr. J. Goldsmith, jun.), who is staying at Glyn Garth for the benefit of his health, a speedy return to his usual self. He certainly seems to be well on the road, if the doings of the previous week count for anything.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on September 15th and 20th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th, Southwark Cathedral on the 8th, and *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Easebourne, near Midhurst, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Tower open 2.30. Tea at the Village Institute at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Ham Road, Broadwater, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Re-opening of the bells, after being rehung, etc., by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. There will be a service in the church at 3 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar. After service the bells will be at liberty for visiting ringers, etc. Meeting will be held at 7 o'clock. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers to the re-opening.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Manchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A special meeting of the branch will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. All Saints' bells (8) at 2.30. Short service 4.30. St. Paul's bells (8) after tea. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cradley on Saturday, September 3rd. 6 bells available, 3 o'clock.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Clifton Keynes on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Opening of bells of Parish Church, Braintree, after tuning and re-hanging, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Service 3 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. H. A. Canon Lake, M.A., Sub-Dean Chelmsford Cathedral. All ringers welcome.—Chas. H. Howard, 37, Bank Street, Braintree.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available at 3. Short service in church at 5. As this meeting is arranged to try and promote interest in this district, it is hoped a good number will be present. All are welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoston on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Lypstone on Sept. 3rd. Bells at Lypstone and Woodbury available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, price 1s.—T. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Welton (6), Saturday, September 3rd. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, District Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Brightwalton on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4. Tea at 1s., 4.30, all ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd, at 5 p.m. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—James Wm. Grounds, Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting on Saturday, Sept. 3rd, at Norton (8 bells). Tea at a nominal charge. Cars to Woodseats.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for September: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 4th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, 12th and 26th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 6th, at eight. Committee meeting on Monday, 19th, at 7.30, at St. Clement's.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Frinsted on Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me before Wednesday, September 7th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. District Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, September 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at Cock Hotel, 5 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly advise the undersigned at latest by Tuesday, September 6th?—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath; C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at Accrington on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready 3.30, meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Childe Okeford on Saturday, September 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, at which the Rector, the Rev. C. H. S. Power, will give an address. Tea at 5 (6d. for members) followed by a short business meeting. Bells available: Childe Okeford (6), Shroton (6), Manston (5). Will all ringers who wish to be present at the tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, Sept. 6th, at the latest.—R. E. P. Gorrington (Rev.), Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged as usual. Ask for cheap return tickets. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale Parish Church, Liverpool, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., Vicar of Childwall. Meeting afterwards. Business: Election of branch ringing master. Everyone welcome. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—By kind invitation of the Vicar and local band, a bye-meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 6d. per head, at 5. Frequent motor bus service from tramway terminus. Will those requiring tea kindly notify by Wednesday, the 7th inst.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Harmston on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, 1s. 9d. per head, for those who notify Mr. H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln, by the Monday previous. Bells (8) available. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The re-opening of the St. Mary's bells, Gateshead (after rehangings) will take place on Saturday, September 10th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be served in the Anchorage (adjoining the church) at 1s. 6d. per head. Those coming to tea please notify Mr. E. S. Kell, 26, Ellwood Gardens, Gateshead, by Wednesday, Sept. 7th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, followed by Business meeting. All welcome. — J. A. Hales, 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Desford on Saturday, Sept. 10th (Stoney Stanton bells not being available). Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The shield contest will take place at South Kirby on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Committee meeting 2 p.m. in Church Hall. The draw 2.30 p.m. prompt. The first company to commence ringing 2.45. The subscriptions for prizes must be received before Sept. 7th. Tea will be provided in Church Hall to those who apply before Sept. 8th to Mr. A. R. Harrison, Mill Lane, South Kirby, Pontefract. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Usual arrangements. Subscriptions now due.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

DEVON GUILD.—A meeting of the N.-E. Branch will be held at Uffculme on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, 1s. each. Will those hoping to attend notify me by Tuesday, September 13th?—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, September 17th. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York, the new ring of thirteen bells will be available from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 1.30 to 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, at 5.30 p.m. at a charge of 5/6 per head. All applications for dinner tickets and hotel accommodation must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, September 13th.—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District. — The next meeting will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Buses run from Ashby, Measham and Tamworth. Nearest railway station (Measham) 2 miles. A good attendance particularly requested, to stimulate local enthusiasm. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present at tea must notify me not later than Sept. 13th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those coming to tea please inform Mr. C. E. Read, 1, Grove Villas, High Street, Ewell, not later than Wednesday, the 14th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea notify P. Webb, Ickleton, by the 15th.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Lytham Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The meeting arranged for August 20th at Higher Walton will be held there in September. Particulars later.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8 Carrington Rd., Chorley.

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APSLEY END.—On Wednesday, Aug. 24th, at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 42 mins.: R. Bruce (longest length) 1, C. J. Henley 2, A. V. Good 3, F. Tompkins 4, J. Stopp (conductor) 5, W. Jones 6.

PLYMOUTH.—For 'civic' week, and as a welcome to the Atlantic Fleet, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was rung at St. Andrew's Church in 57 mins.: C. Holmes (first quarter of Caters) 1, S. O'Shaughnessy (first inside) 2, T. G. Myers 3, J. Gluas 4, A. W. Myers 5, A. Mitchelmore 6, C. R. Lilley 7, W. Hamlyn 8, G. H. Myers (conductor) 9, G. Marshall 10.

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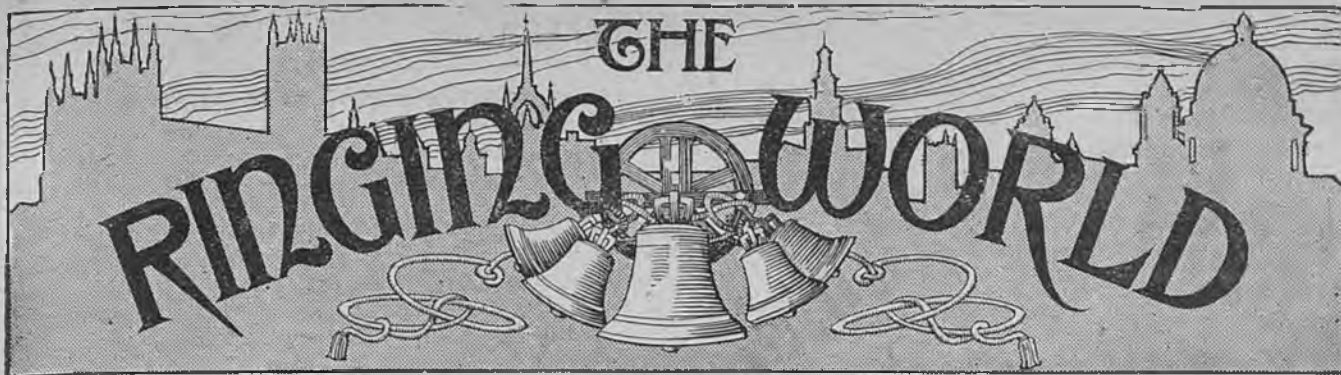
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The series of articles which is being published in our columns for the benefit of beginners in the art will, we hope, prove of benefit to those for whom they are specially intended. They have been prepared with a great deal of care by our correspondent, and we feel sure that his work will be appreciated. It is not easy to write upon a subject like the theory of change ringing in such a manner that the veriest tyro can understand, but we believe that any young ringer who will take the pains to study 'Minormania's' articles will find his knowledge of the science considerably advanced. These papers are not things merely to be scanned, if their contents are to be understood and put to profit. They require serious attention and steady application, and as they develop the beginner will, we hope, find a new appreciation of the theory opening before him.

We are pleased to print this week a letter from another correspondent, advising ringers to preserve these articles for the use of future recruits to the Exercise. We would like to emphasise his point that it is impossible to reproduce, in a journal which has to cater for the news of the day, elementary instructional matter. We have often been blamed for not catering sufficiently for the interests of learners in the art. In a way, we are all learners, the only difference between us being the degree of knowledge which we have already acquired, and it could be argued with justice that we might as well be perpetually trying to teach ringers how to ring Surprise methods or call Stedman Triples, as continually endeavouring to explain to beginners how to ring Grandsire Doubles or call a touch of Plain Bob. For this kind of thing ringers must, perforce, put their main dependence upon the text books of the day. Actually our task in this matter is to acquaint the Exercise with the various advances made and the new developments which arise. The difficulty of providing instruction for learners in a paper such as 'The Ringing World' is that, to carry it out effectively, we should have to begin a fresh series in every issue, for the reason that somewhere or other new recruits are entering the Exercise every week.

There would be, we feel, more justification for attempting to instruct Grandsire ringers how to ring Stedman, or in endeavouring to carry Bob Major ringers up to the Surprise standard, because there is a large group already in existence in both these categories to whom this might be of advantage, and we hope, perhaps, when 'Minormania' has finished his talks, that we may be able to do something in this direction, if there is any desire for it. In the meantime, the 'Theory for Be-

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BEN S. THOMPSON 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
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GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	REGINALD BROWN 5
*JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	FRANK BLONDELL 7
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. First peal of London on the bells. The conductor's 50th peal in the method. Mr. D. C. Williams was elected a member before starting. The band were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Faithfull after the peal.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	ALBERT HOBDEN 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 6
HARRY BAKER 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
PHILIP S. THOMPSON 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	HERBERT J. HAMMOND 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
JOHN WREADON 4	THOMAS LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

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LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF LONDONDERRY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
ALBERT W. COLES 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.
First peal rung in the method.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	THOMAS LAMBERT Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12 cwt. in F. sharp.

A. PADDON SMITH Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
JAMES GEORGE 2	THOMAS H. REEVES 6
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	WILLIAM H. PASSMORE 7
FRED PRICE 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the memory of William Henry Godden, sometime a ringer at this church, and for twenty years secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, who passed over on Sunday, August 28th, in the 78th year of his age.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

*GEORGE THOMPSON Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON 5
CHARLES H. WEBB 2	JOSEPH B. FENTON 6
JOHN W. CHANDLER 3	*FRED COTTON 7
WALTER MALINS 4	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor

Composed by J. FRITCHARD. Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

* First attempt for a peal in the method. The treble ringer was made a life member of the above Guild.

UFFCULME, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

PERCY SPARKES Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR 5
ALEXANDER EVANS 2	GEORGE S. COLES 6
ARTHUR W. HAYWARD 3	JAMES HUNT 7
WILLIAM H. COLES 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on this fine peal of bells, recently installed by Taylor & Co.

LONG ASHTON, BRISTOL.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*CHARLES H. JENNINGS Treble	RICHARD CLARK 5
*RAYMOND C. SEAGER 2	E. GEORGE TREW 6
*ALBERT PARKER 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
HENRY PRING 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Percy G. Yeo, hon. secretary of the Chew Deanery Branch of the above association, who was married at St. Aldhelm's, Bristol, on the above date.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*JOHN G. NASH Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Major. Arranged for Mr. Austin, of Great Shelford, Cambridgeshire, who was elected a member of the association prior to commencing the peal.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

VERNEY BAIRSTOW Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 2	*GEORGE AMBLER 6
EDGAR WHITELEY 3	*JOHN AMBLER 7
*ROWLAND MYERS 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method. Ringers of treble and 2nd were from Denholme, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th from Pudsey, 3rd and tenor are members of the local company.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GILBERT GUEST Treble	SAMUEL J. HUGHES 5
SAMUEL BAKER 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	WILLIAM GREEN 7
CHAS. WILLIAM COOPER 4	J. GOODMAN Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN.

This was the quarterly peal for the Guild, and the ringers represented the following towers: Dudley, Smethwick, Old Hill, Netherton, Stourbridge, Coseley and Bedwelty, Mon.

COLCHESTER.—On Thursday, August 18th, at St. Leonard's, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob: G. Lindoff, jun., 1, H. Pye 2, W. Button 3, F. Humpstead 4, W. Chalk 5, G. Lindoff (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 in the method on the bells.—On Tuesday, August 23rd, on hand-bells, a 720 of Plain Bob: P. Grimsey 1, W. Button 2, G. Lindoff, jun., 3, H. Finch 4, G. Lindoff (conductor) 5, L. Wilson 6. This was the first 720 by the ringers of 1st, 4th and 6th.

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WILBY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb.

JOHN NOLLER Treble	ALPHAUS J. BERRY 5
HARRY HALL 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 6
ALFRED H. WATSON 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 4	JOHN HALL Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER. Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

First peal of Major on the bells, the two trebles having been dedicated the previous Sunday. It is 31 years since the ringer of the treble rang a peal of Major. The band were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. Moyes.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON 4
WILLIAM WALDRON 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

The ringer of the 5th was elected a member previous to starting.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR STURMAN ... Treble	*CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 4
*WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 2	WALTER CHANDLER 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

* First peal. The above band reside in six different parishes.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*JAMES F. SMITH ... Treble	|RALPH G. EDWARDS 4
*WILLIAM J. JONES 2	|JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 3	|JOHN COOKE Tenor

Conducted by J. COOKE.

* First peal and first 720 of Cambridge. † First peal away from the treble. ‡ First peal of Minor. The ringers of 2nd and 4th are only 13 years of age.

WOUGHTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*HORACE P. GILES ... Treble	ALBERT FLEET 4
CHARLES W. SMITH 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS 5
HORACE H. SMITH 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

* First peal. This was the first peal on the bells, which were augmented to six by the addition of two trebles by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1926. Mr. Fleet was elected a member of the above Guild before starting for the peal.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*THOMAS LOCK ... Treble	TOM W. CREED 4
*ROBERT MILLS 2	*HERBERT G. WESTLAKE ... 5
GERALD LOCK 3	THOMAS JEANS Tenor

Conducted by TOM W. CREED.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. The ringers hail from Langport, and wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mr. S. Tilly for getting everything ready, and Mr. R. Manning and others for entertaining them after the peal.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6,000 CHANGES;

INCLUDING PITMAN'S AND MORRIS' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 9½ cwt.

REV. F. A. OSWELL ... Treble	GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN ... 4
PETER C. HEATH 2	ERNEST COOMBS 5
JOHN PHILLIPS 3	HARRY STRANGE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

First peal of Doubles for all.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

HERBERT COLLINS ... Treble	*WILLIAM GULLY 4
FREDERICK TALBOT 2	FRANKLYN D. RICKARDS ... 5
RAYMOND J. WEBB 3	*WILLIAM DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal. All belong to the local band except the conductor, who comes from Shepton Mallet.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHARLES WRIGHT ... Treble	*COLIN T. RYDER 4
ALBERT NASH 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
*ARTHUR FIRTH 3	ARTHUR PANTHER ... Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal of Minor and first on the bells since rehanging pre-war. Rung after meeting one short for Major.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, with two Plain Bob.

WILLIAM C. FOX ... Treble	JOHN T. NEWINGTON 4
CHARLES J. BALL 2	TOM BARTRAM 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

The conductor's first 720 of Single Oxford.

WEDDING BELLS.

In a picturesque setting the marriage took place on Saturday, at Horton Parish Church, of Flight Lieut. Wallis Halford and Miss Mary Edith Wynne-Davies, only child of the Rector, and niece of the late lamented Rector, the Rev. T. Read-Davies, who was connected with church work at Farnham Royal for many years previously. The service was fully choral, and the church, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, was crowded to overflowing. At the conclusion of the ceremony, after the Wedding March, several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the bells by: F. E. Law 1, H. Huit 2, F. Collins 3, E. R. Pope 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, S. Briant 6.

REOPENING OF BRAINTREE BELLS.

REHANGING EFFECTS GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

After a silence of eight months, the bells of Braintree Parish Church were reopened on Saturday last. A service was held at 3 p.m., at which the Rev. G. P. Bassett-Kerr, M.A., Vicar and Rural Dean, officiated, assisted by Rev. F. Peel-Yates, M.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, Becking, and Rev. R. Williams, assistant curate of Braintree. An inspiring sermon on 'Dignity of Service' was preached by Rev. Canon H. A. Lake, M.A., Rector and Sub-Dean of Chelmsford Cathedral. Mr. C. H. Howard read the lesson.

Tea was served in the Masonic Hall, about 120 ringers being present from forty parishes. The Vicar presided, supported by his wardens, the secretary of the Parochial Church Council, Mr. G. T. Bartram, J.P., C.A., chairman of the Braintree Urban District Council, and Mr. Frye, organist of Chelmsford Cathedral. The Vicar gave a hearty welcome to the large company of visiting ringers, many of whom had come from a great distance, on such an auspicious occasion. He expressed the appreciation of the parishioners and himself of the restoration of their bells and again hearing their message floating from the ancient tower (which dates from 1199). He heartily thanked the trustees of the Barron Bell Trust for their generosity in providing the money to defray the whole cost of the undertaking.

A vote of thanks to the ladies and others who had provided the tea was proposed by Dr. Spencer-Phillips.

The Master of the Essex Association (Mr. C. H. Howard) gave a brief account of the history of the bells, mentioning that originally they were a ring of five (tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.). In 1858 they were recast into a ring of six (tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.). In 1899 two trebles were added to complete the octave. For some few years the 'go' had been very indifferent, and on New Year's Eve of last year the gudgeon of the 7th broke, and ringing had to be suspended. Early in the present year he approached the trustees of the Barron Trust for assistance to rehang the whole peal, and they very generously offered to provide the whole of the money. Hitherto the treble and 3rd had hung in a frame above the others, and the ropes fell in very irregular order, while the trebles were inaudible in the tower and all the bells struck false. The bells now hang on one level in an iron frame, with self-aligning ball bearings, and steel headstocks. The ropes fall in an excellent circle, although the bells hang only 12ft. above the ringing chamber. Every bell strikes true at hand and back stroke, and all can be very distinctly heard in the tower. The tone is much improved by the tuning, and the 'go' is absolutely perfect. The work reflects great credit on Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who has carried out the contract under his personal supervision, with great success. Hitherto it was recognised that, with the bad circle and odd striking, ringing in Braintree tower was not so pleasurable as it might have been. This stigma is now completely removed, and Braintree bells may be classed among the best going in the county.

During the afternoon and evening short touches were rung in all the standard methods from Bob Major to London Surprise, and every visiting ringer had an opportunity of trying the bells.

On Sunday, for matins, 1,024 Kent Treble Bob was rung by: A. Wiffen 1, H. E. Hammond 2, A. Outmore 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, C. H. Howard (cond.) 5, H. C. Reason 6, G. Wiffen 7, L. W. Wiffen 8.—For evensong, 1,280 in the same method: A. Wiffen 1, A. Outmore 2, H. E. Hammond 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, C. H. Howard 5, H. C. Reason 6, F. Ely 7, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 8.

THE RECORD PEAL OF TREBLE BOB.

COMMEMORATIVE TABLET UNVEILED AT HEPTONSTALL.

A meeting was held on Saturday, August 27th, at Heptonstall, when a peal tablet recording the 17,324 of Oxford Treble Bob Major was dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Frodsham, Vicar of Halifax and Rural Dean. A service was held in the church, and the Bishop delivered a very appropriate address. They had come, he said, to dedicate a tablet in memory of a noble achievement made by ringers on Easter Monday last, when they locked themselves in the tower and did not leave it again until they had rung 17,324 changes, known technically as Treble Bob. All the changes were carefully worked out, and one mistake would have ruined the whole peal. The Lancashire ringers commenced to ring about eight o'clock in the morning, and did not leave until after seven at night. All that time they were swinging masses of metal, weighing from 7 cwt. to over 18 cwt., at the rate of over 27 changes per minute. It was a very remarkable example of bodily strength and mental concentration on the part of all the men, who had to be alert, prompt, and exact. No team of footballers or cricketers had to be so upit in their efforts as a team of bellringers. There was no room for a selfish man in a band. Someone in Halifax, said the Bishop, had asked him, 'What good does the ringing of bells do?' What good does any sport do that demands strength and skill, such, for instance, as boxing, which he had supported all his life? This had to be trained for, the same as bellringing. Concentration was also a training for life. The Bishop went on to refer to some of the different uses of bells, remarking that almost every interest in daily life was associated with their use.

After the service, the ringers assembled in the school, where about 84 sat down to tea. Seven of the record band were introduced to the Bishop, who congratulated them on their ringing.

(Continued in next column.)

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM H. GODDEN.

FORMER SECRETARY OF ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. H. Godden, which took place on Sunday, August 28th. For many years he was a leading figure in Birmingham and Midland ringing circles, having been hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild for twenty years, retiring from that office in 1909. He also represented the Guild at one time on the Central Council.

Born in Southampton in 1849, he came to Birmingham as a boy in his 'teens, determined to seek his fortune in a distant place, owing to differences with his stepmother. He soon found employment in a merchant's office, and after one or two changes he obtained a situation with James Barwell, Ltd., with which firm he remained to the end—the long period of fifty-four years. Such lengthy service speaks for itself, and it is almost unnecessary to add that his employers placed implicit confidence in him. His judgment in business matters was invariably sound, and he was eventually appointed to the responsible position of secretary to the company.

It was Mr. Godden's connection with Barwells, who ran a church-bell foundry as part of their business in those days, that brought him into touch with bellringing, and he soon realised that a practical knowledge of the art would be of immense value to him in the business. At the age of twenty-six, or thereabouts, he learnt to handle a bell, but did not ring his first peal until he was thirty.

He became a good, steady ringer on eight bells, fairly safe on ten, but was never really happy on twelve. Although he joined the St. Martin's Sunday band, he never lost his nervousness in this direction, and was always glad when a spare man turned up, which enabled him to stand out. Mr. Godden rang a large number of eight-bell peals, mostly Stedman, about twenty peals on ten bells, and two peals of Stedman Cinques.

He was a jovial soul, and the social side of the Exercise always appealed to him more than the actual ringing itself. In this connection it may be recorded that his death removes the last of a little coterie of men who, for many years, were to be found on Tuesday evenings occupying a certain corner of the smoking room at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, then the meeting house of the Guild. These men, whose names were household words among ringers, came to the Bull Ring on practice nights, but instead of going up the tower went into 'the annexe.' The party comprised Samuel Reeves, William Rock Small, John Carter, William Painter and W. H. Godden. By the younger men who rang first and adjourned later they were known as the 'Ministerialists,' or, alternatively, as the 'the whisky corner.' Often they were joined by that frequent visitor to Birmingham, Charles Henry Hattersley, and on those occasions the waiter would be busier than usual, and the laughter more boisterous.

Happy days! Alas, all the 'old boys' have now gone to their long rest, and the youngsters of that day, who used to refer, perhaps, somewhat irreverently to the 'old 'uns,' and beseech them to keep quiet while they rang Stedman Cinques double-handed, are fast becoming the 'old 'uns' to the next generation.

Apart from a little bronchial trouble in his latter years, Mr. Godden enjoyed good health, and the end came quite suddenly. He had arranged to take his usual summer holiday, and had cleared up at the works to get away when he was taken ill. He was removed to hospital, but nothing could be done to prolong life. He was conscious up to the last, and was visited, among others, by Mr. James E. Groves and Mr. James George, the latter seeing him only twenty-four hours before the end.

The funeral took place at Handsworth Cemetery on Wednesday, August 31st, and was attended by Mr. Arthur Barwell and Mr. Cecil Barwell (employers), and a large number of employees of James Barwell, Ltd. The Guild was represented by Messrs. J. E. Groves, G. F. Swann, A. Walker and A. Paddon Smith, who also rang a course of Grandshire Triples round the grave at the conclusion of the ceremony. The bells of St. Martin's were rung muffled on Tuesday evening, and a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Handsworth Parish Church on Saturday, as a last mark of respect to the memory of a man who, by his urbanity, never-failing good humour, and uprightness of character had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact.

'Though I be all-forgetting, yet shall I not be forgotten, but continue life in the thoughts and deeds of those I loved.'—Samuel Butler.

A. P. S.

(Continued from previous column.)

Mr. Cutsforth, in proposing a vote of thanks to all who had assisted the band to success, and also to the Bishop for his services that afternoon, said although this record peal was credited to the Lancashire Association, they borrowed the bells of a Yorkshire church, the ropes were borrowed from the Ashton Church, and now they had borrowed a Yorkshire Bishop to dedicate the tablet. Surely a victory with borrowed plumes?

Mr. Gabriel Lindoff (Dublin) seconded the vote of thanks, and endorsed all the proposer had said.

The Bishop, replying, said how pleased he was to be associated with the Lancashire ringers in their grand performance. It should, he said, create a great revival amongst the ringers of these two counties, especially with the younger section.

The tower bells were open for ringing during the day, and were fully utilised. The gathering was a most successful and pleasant one.

E. C.

LONDONDERRY SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY GEORGE BAKER.

The first peal in this method was rung by members of the Middlesex County Association at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Friday, September 2nd, conducted by Mr. William Pye. The composition was Middleton's peal of Cambridge, which appears to be the only peal which will run true to the method.

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A GIGANTIC CLOCK.**WHITCHURCH MECHANISM AND LOUGHBOROUGH BELLS FOR SHANGHAI.**

The enormous clock which Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., of Whitchurch, have made for the new Customs House at Shanghai is now on its way to the Far East, where it will be erected under the personal supervision of Mr. Norman Joyce, one of the directors, who sails next week, and expects to be away from this country for six months.

The clock is a magnificent piece of work, and does great credit to the firm. It has four faces, each of which is 18 feet in diameter, and it will strike the hours and Westminster chimes on five bells, whose total weight is ten tons, the largest, or hour bell, weighing 6½ tons. Each of the faces weighs 1½ tons, and the huge hands, made of gun metal and copper, weigh about two cwt. per pair.

The dials are beautifully designed. The spaces between the hour figures are glazed in flashed white glass, and the centres in flashed amber glass. The dials and most of the iron castings have been made by Messrs. W. H. Smith and Co. at their Whitchurch foundry. The frame is divided into three parts, in each of which have been set the three separate 'trains'—the hour train, the train operating the quarter-hour Westminster chimes, and the general driving train. The escapement is after the Lord Grimthorpe pattern; the double three-legged gravity, and the wearing parts are jewelled as in a watch. The pendulum is fifteen feet long, weighs four cwt., and beats with a swing of two seconds' duration each way. The hour bell weighs six and a quarter tons, and the four quarter-hour chimes weigh four tons. The striking hammer for the hour bell weighs two and a quarter cwt. The bells have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Some idea of the fine craftsmanship that has been put into the construction of this great timepiece can be gathered from the fact that it is guaranteed not to lose more than 15 seconds per month. It is the largest clock that has been turned out of the famous works of Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., and it is for the new building erected by the Chinese Maritime Customs, at Shanghai, at a cost of about a million and a quarter sterling. This building is of sky-scraper design, consisting of twenty or thirty stories, and the clock will stand in a tower several hundred feet from the ground.

Packing the clock for shipment presented no light task. The glass for the dials alone is in some 2,000 pieces—to replace breakages in transit five complete dials have been despatched—and, together with crates, etc., something like 14 tons were sent from Whitchurch. The bells were despatched direct from foundry to ship, and weigh another 16 tons when packed, so that altogether, clock, bells and packing weigh somewhere in the neighbourhood of 30 tons.

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BELFERY GOSSIP.

The autumn ringing holiday with Mr. G. Williams' party starts at St. Woolos' pro-Cathedral, Newport, on Saturday, September 17th. Eight days will be spent covering four counties, viz., Monmouth, Glamorgan, Carmarthen and Pembrokeshire.

The youngest member of the ringing family of Bibby, at Frodsham, has now passed the 'teething' stage. Last week he won £500, first prize, in a 'cross-word' puzzle competition.

We wonder what the result would be if a similar prize was offered for the best 'diagram' for extending Surprise Major to the higher number of bells, the decision to be made by a committee of peal ringers?

The Lord Mayor of London does not believe in the 'Dick Whittington' legend, and suggests that there were no cats in England at that period. There has now been discovered in Sussex, near his lordship's home, an ancient paving tile with an impression of a cat's feet.

The owner of the scooter, mentioned last week, writes to say that he was not the cause of the collapse in Cornhill. This catastrophe was undoubtedly caused by the 'langwidge' of the 'langwyns,' excluding, of course, the immaculate 'erb. The same writer recommends for Uncle Joe's aukle the 'lie' purveyed by all good honest lawyers. If outward application fails, try drinking it.

'Uncle Joe' writes, in reply to last week's inquiry: 'Yes, my 42563 course-end has come up, and I shall this week call "the 9th in and out at 2," and rounds will come up at Valby Gasworks, Copenhagen, Denmark, where I expect to receive my "Ringing World" dated September 9th, 1927.'

The meeting which was arranged for ringers to hear and try Ickleton's new peal of eight has been postponed to September 24th.

The Bishop of Whitby will preside at the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner at York on Saturday week.

That active Birmingham youth, Mr. James George, is on the last lap for his thousand peals. He started on Saturday to polish off the last 50. On the previous Wednesday he rang his 200th peal of Stedman Triples. This is pretty good going for a lad of nearly 74.

Charles Middleton little knew, when he produced his famous composition, how really wonderful its structure was. He put together not only the maximum length, but the only possible peal of Cambridge Surprise Major with the tenors together. Now, it appears that it is the only composition that will go to Londonderry Surprise. We believe the composition was actually got out by Middleton for London Surprise, and it was not until later that its unique application to Cambridge was discovered. Middleton died on September 14th, 1886.

Twenty years ago next Thursday, at Llangollen, Bertram Prewett called the first peal of Superlative in Wales.

William Shipway composed and conducted the first (and, for all we know, the last) peal of Imperial Place Major. This was rung at St. Mary's, Islington, on September 13th, 1802.

The Crowfield Society rang a peal of 'Gathrine' Triples at Coddham, Suffolk, on September 10th, 1741. This is now supposed to have been Garthorn's peal of Grandsire Triples, which was first rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1715.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO MR. A. H. PULLING. MOTOR SPILL NEAR HATFIELD.

On Friday last Mr. Alfred H. Pulling, of Guildford, met with a serious accident while motoring on the Great North Road, and is now lying in the County Hospital at Hertford in a critical condition, suffering from a fracture at the base of the skull.

Mr. Pulling was on his way from Guildford to Peterborough to fetch his wife, who had been staying there on a holiday. He was driving his 'trusty Triumph' with a sidecar attached, and the spill occurred between Potter's Bar and Hatfield. At the moment it is not known exactly what happened, but after the accident it was seen that he was badly hurt, and he was hurried off the hospital, and his wife hastily summoned.

Examination showed that his most serious injury was a fracture at the base of the skull, and his condition still gives rise to the deepest concern.

The news of this misfortune will be received with the greatest regret by his numerous ringing friends in many parts of the country, who will also deeply sympathise with Mrs. Pulling in her great anxiety.

Only last year, Mrs. Pulling herself spent some weeks in Sherborne Hospital as the result of a spill, on the opening day of the Somerset tour, and now Mr. Pulling is the victim of a serious accident. The motor-cycle and sidecar had done many hundred miles during this summer vacation, and, after the tour in the West, Mr. Pulling took his wife to Peterborough, while he returned to the Royal Grammar School at Guildford, where he is caretaker. On Wednesday of last week he visited Southampton, where he conducted his fiftieth peal of London Surprise Major.

On inquiry at the Hertford County Hospital on Wednesday morning we were informed that Mr. Pulling's condition was unchanged, and that he was still in a critical state.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Wednesday, August 24th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Bennett 1, G. Davies 2, K. Salter 3, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 4, A. Wright (first quarter-peal inside) 5, T. J. Salter 6, J. Smith 7, J. Woodberry 8.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the sixth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

INTERNAL TRANSPOSITION.

By the same form of transposition that we use to determine the lead-ends (from the first lead-head and lead-end), we are able to discover what any internal row will be. By 'internal row' is meant any row between the lead-head and the lead-end rows.

We have found that the paths through each and every lead, from head to end, are moulded upon the paths through the first lead. All leads being the same, it follows that any corresponding distance travelled in two given leads will likewise be symmetrical.

In another way, call the lead-head 'Station A' and the lead-end 'Station B,' as we have done before. Any row in between these two call 'Station C.'

The trains travel by set rails from A to B in every lead, and whatever the number of the train may be the route from the platform at A to the one at B remains unaltered, as we have discovered. Then, if our trains pass through a station in between A and B, which we have called 'Station C,' it follows that the platforms at C (through which they pass in the first lead) will be the same platforms as those at Station C in any lead, because the rails (or paths) are identical in every lead.

Therefore, by transposition from the first lead-head to any row within the first lead we can find a corresponding row from any other lead-head. It is merely the black and red cards transposition; there we have called the black row (underneath) the 'lead-end,' instead of row No. 9 (or whatever it may be) that we require here.

For example, we have a lead-head in the first part of our 720 of Bob Minor, 145362. We have got to find out exactly what the row will be in that lead when the treble bell makes her first blow behind (that is, in sixth's place in the row). The corresponding row to this, in the first lead, is row No. 6 (counting rounds as the first row), that is, 645231. Our example for transposition, then, is thus: We place in black cards, 123456, with 645231 under, in the usual way. We then cover 123456 with a red row of the lead-head under consideration (145362), and proceed to transfer exactly as before, but in the order of 6-4-5-2-3-1. The only difference is that 645231 has taken the place of our usual lead-end. The result will be 236451 in red underneath, which is the row we are looking for.

This transposition is exactly similar to that of the lead-ends. It may not appear to be so, but, nevertheless, it is so. The lead-ends are just as much one of the rows in the lead, as is 645231, but they have to be transferred bodily to the row above, because they are ALSO the lead-heads (like 145362 above).

BACKWARD TRANSPOSITION.

We have been studying the forward transposition, from lead-heads to the rows following, and before we leave the subject we must touch upon the transposition from rows BACK TO lead-heads. It is necessary, upon occasion, to determine the lead-head of a particular lead in which a certain row will appear.

We wish to find the lead-head of the lead in which 236451 will appear as the sixth row. The corresponding row in the first lead (row No. 6) we find to be 645231. For example, we are just reversing what has gone before.

Place the known row and head side by side, the figures spaced fairly apart, 6-4-5-2-3-1; 1-2-3-4-5-6. Under the known row place the unknown row 2-3-6-4-5-1, and draw vertical lines between all of the figures. You will now have:—

Rows.	Heads.
6 4 5 2 3 1	1 2 3 4 5 6
2 3 6 4 5 1	

Now fill in the spaces under 123456 with figures which will make the SAME PAIRS READ DOWNWARDS, as those pairs read downwards in the two rows, and your finished result will be:—

Rows (Station B).	Heads (Station A).
6 4 5 2 3 1	1 2 3 4 5 6
2 3 6 4 5 1	1 4 5 3 6 2

and we may know that, because 645231 is the sixth row from 123456, then 236451 is the corresponding row from 145362.

The reason for this is fairly simple, in view of what has been said of stations and platforms. The row 645231 is Station B, platform 1 being occupied by No. 6 train; opposite is Station A (123456), where No. 6 train occupies platform 6, its proper place in the row. In Station B underneath (236451), platform 1 is occupied by No. 2 train; therefore, at Station A the No. 2 train goes back to the same platform as did the No. 6 above it. That is to say, No. 6 and No. 2, occupying B1 (the 6 above and the 2 below), they both go back to where the 6 above goes—to A6.

In effect, we pick up the downward columns bodily (one column at a time), and put them down again in 'rounds order': first the column headed by '1,' then that which has '2' at the top, followed by '3,' then '4,' etc., etc.

We can see the 'column effect,' if we take the sixth row in the three first leads of the method:—

Sixth Row:—

6 4 5 2 3 1
4 2 6 3 5 1
2 3 4 5 6 1

Comes from lead-head:—

1 2 3 4 5 6
1 3 5 2 6 4
1 5 6 3 4 2

We should notice that the treble must be in the same place, in the two rows under consideration. If she is not in the same place in both of the rows, then the result will not be a lead-head. Suppose we tried to find the lead-heads, taking rows 645231 and 234156, the result would be:—

Rows.	Heads.
6 4 5 2 3 1	1 2 3 4 5 6
2 3 4 1 5 6	6 1 5 3 4 2

and, of course, 615342 is not a lead-head at all.

We now have the groundwork for applying transposition to any method, upon any number of bells, as the foregoing general principles may be used in most cases. Any exceptions there may be will appear as we progress.

AN APPRECIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I trust sincerely that the recruits, or better still, those who are beginning to take an intelligent interest in change ringing and its groundwork, are reading with attention 'Minormania's' excellent lectures.

These articles are the chance of a lifetime, because they are not likely to appear again. I stress this point for the reason that a technical journal cannot afford the time or space for elementary text-book work. Thus we owe a debt of gratitude to the Editor, and heartfelt thanks to the author, in placing before us in simple language the theory of our art. By close attention to his explanations we can now discard the laborious thumbing of our 'glossaries,' though it will be by no means a bad plan to study this volume in conjunction with these articles; much will be made plain in the former if we do.

I do most sincerely trust that these articles will be preserved by readers, and that they may appear finally in pamphlet form. However, the practical thing now is to cut them out as they appear, varnish and mount them on cardboard, and hang them in the ringing chamber—they may not appear again.—Yours faithfully,

'CASCABLE.'

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Cadoxton on Saturday last, when about 20 members attended from Gorseinon, Morriston, Neath, Baglan, Aberavon, and the local band. A service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Chancellor J. D. James), and Mrs. James presided at the organ. The members then adjourned to the Church Hall, where a splendid tea was provided by the Vicar and Mrs. James, and full justice was done to all the nice things.

The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. Gorseinon was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, to be held the first Saturday in December.

One hon. member was elected, and a discussion took place over the price of the Guild's certificate. It was agreed that a charge of 9d. should be made.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and Mrs. James for providing such a bountiful tea, to the ladies for looking after the visitors, and to the Vicar for his address and welcome and for use of the bells, which were made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

The Vicar, in responding, said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild, and hoped it would not be long before they came again.

Mr. J. P. Fidler, from Loughborough, was present, and later in the evening he was able to have a pull at Baglan.

PRESENTATION TO MR. G. H. CROSS.

RECOGNITION OF HIS WORK IN NORFOLK.

A pleasing function took place in the belfry of St. Peter's Mancroft at Norwich on August 30th, when Mr. G. H. Cross, who is now resident in London, was presented with a gold albert and medallion suitably inscribed.

Mr. A. L. Coleman, general secretary of the Norfolk Guild, who made the presentation, said the gift was a spontaneous one from some 60 subscribers in grateful appreciation of Mr. Cross' work for ringing in the Guild's area. He also voiced the hearty congratulations of Mr. Cross' many friends on his having obtained a permanent position in the Civil Service, and wished him every success in his new sphere of work.

Mr. Coleman also gave particulars of Mr. Cross' ringing career from the time he was elected a member of the Norfolk Guild, April 12th, 1909, up to leaving Norwich in March last, bringing out the fact that he had been instrumental in helping many young ringers through their first touches and peals. He had, he said, done great service for young ringers in Norfolk.

The meeting heartily endorsed all that Mr. Coleman had said, and Mr. Cross made a brief reply, saying that he deeply appreciated the gift, and thought too much had been made of what he had done, which was entirely a labour of love.

After a vote of thanks had been passed to Mr. Coleman, the proceedings closed.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On August 12th you were good enough to publish a letter from me on the subject of Superlative Surprise Maximus, in which I asked the Rev. H. Law James to give the Exercise an explanation as to why, in his opinion, the method rung at Ipswich is not as good an extension of the Major as Mr. James' extension to Maximus of Shipway's Royal, and also why in his variation he makes 4th's place at the first cross-section in the Maximus (as in the Major), when he has been compelled to make 6th's in the Royal.

Up to the present Mr. James has not replied. It may be he is taking a well-earned holiday; it cannot be that he has no answer to the questions. Perhaps he will be able to reply in an early issue of 'The Ringing World,' for I know of many others beside myself who are interested in this subject.

What I really want to learn is why the Ipswich method is not Superlative, when, as far as my limited knowledge goes, it is (judged by Mr. James' own standard of place making, i.e., calculating the places from the front or back), exactly the same in its place making as Superlative Major, exactly the same in the order of its work, and exactly the same in its diagram, allowing, of course, for the fact that there are twelve bells instead of eight?

Mr. James, in his article in your issue of December 24th, stressed the point that a method which is an extension should have the same coursing order as the original, and, according to his working, the 2685 coursing order of the Major should become 26801e95 in the Maximus. But why need it do so? The coursing order of the Ipswich method, surely, is at least equally correct. It is 260195, and, examined with the Major, it follows the same sequence.

In the Major, the only place where course bells come together is at the long dodge. The other bells, instead of being in Bob Major order, are in alternate order, as, for instance, after the first long dodge in front, in which 6-8 are together, the order is 8 (miss 7) 5 (miss 3) 2, 4 (for the long dodge) (miss 6) 8 (miss 7) 5, etc. The Ipswich Maximus follows exactly the same rule. After the first long dodge by 0-t, we have t (miss e) 9 (miss 7) 5, (miss 3) 2 (miss 4) 6, 8 (for the long dodge) (miss 0) t (miss e) 9, etc. It therefore seems to me that the argument in favour of the Ipswich coursing order is, at least, as strong as the other. But I may be mistaken; and when Mr. James answers the inquiries in my first letter perhaps he will kindly reply to this point as well, and say why the Shipway Maximus coursing order is right and the Ipswich Maximus coursing order is wrong.

I hope Mr. George Baker will not consider me discourteous in not having yet written to him privately for the figures he kindly offered, but for the moment I prefer to remain to everyone, Yours faithfully,
A PLAIN RINGER.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH AT URCHFONT.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Urchfont, on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and, later, the Guild office was said by the Rev. S. M. D. Davys, M.A., R.D. Tea followed at the residence of Mr. J. Harding, captain of the Urchfont ringers, and, afterwards, a touch on the handbells by Messrs. J. Bilby, R. Beck, S. Hellier and S. J. Hector was rung on the lawn.

The short business meeting followed, the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, presiding.

The chairman read a letter from the Archdeacon of Wilts, acknowledging the receipt of the donation from the branch towards the restoration of Calne bells, and expressing his thanks for the gift. A letter was received from Mrs. Awdry, of Seend, regretting being unable to entertain the branch at Seend on account of the illness of Mr. Awdry.

The election of Mr. S. B. Dobbie and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith as life ringing members was confirmed.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Trowbridge on Saturday, October 1st.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, the organist, and to Mr. and Mrs. J. Harding for providing the tea.

The visitors included Miss N. Williams (Bath), Mr. E. J. Rowe (Stourton), Mr. Ronald Beck (Midsomer Norton), and Mr. F. Precey (Upton Lovell). Ringers were present from Urchfont, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, Trowbridge, Southbroom, Melksham, Warminster, All Cannings, Bratton and Holt.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, also a touch of Oxford Minor on the back six, were rung.

The best thanks of those present are due to Mr. and Mrs. J. Harding and to those who assisted them in providing and arranging the tea, as a larger number was present than had informed the secretary, which entailed greater work.

Now that postcards are provided, tower correspondents are requested to inform the secretary of any members who intend to be present at the meetings, and who require tea, as it would greatly assist those responsible for the arrangements.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS IN LEICESTERSHIRE.

HISTORIC PEAL COMMEMORATED.

On Saturday, September 3rd, a jovial party of Sherwood Youths, together with their 'lassies' and 'offspring,' had an enjoyable outing to that out-of-the-way, but historic, place called King's Norton (or Norton-by-Gaulby), Leicestershire. Beautiful weather attended them, and on going through Leicester they picked up certain 'Leicester Scholars' who were deputed to show the driver the best way to this 'off-the-beaten-track' village. Although he who took off his boots in the historic peal said he knew it, somehow or other he mislaid it, and irrelevantly blamed 'Joe's' cigar. After having stopped a stray cyclist and the hon. secretary, S.Y., had got off to scan certain signposts, eventually the party arrived quite safely, even if a little 'shook up.' They were welcomed by the Rector and ringers from Billesdon, Syston, Sileby, Leicester. The 'Master' first wished the serious part of the business over, and this included photos of the peal band, then another 'all on,' and, by special request, one of the tomb of Wm. Foretry, Esquire, the munificent squire who rebuilt the two churches and gave the bells. The latter having been pulled up, a special touch of Stedman Triples by the peal band in the same order was rung, viz.: F. Blood 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, E. Morris 3, W. P. Whitehead 4, W. H. Clarke 5, F. A. Salter 6, F. W. Bailey 7, P. Price 8.

The Master then called upon the Rector to dedicate the peal tablet, which he did, and in a few well-chosen words welcomed the visitors and expressed his appreciation of the visit to his church, as such an event was one to be remembered by all. He referred to the Sherwood Youths' peal—the first ever rung on these peals as long ago as May 28th, 1776—and said how fitting it was that the modern Sherwood Youths should thus commemorate their ancestors' doings by a similar performance, such as this tablet recorded 150 years afterwards, viz., December 4th, 1926.

The Master, in reply, explained the objects in reviving the ancient society, and said that whatever else had been done, the outstanding feature was that the records of these early performances, which were in danger of being lost, were now recovered and safely stored. He was proud and happy to have with them that day the only actual living link with the ancient society, in the person of Mr. A. Archer, who had presented the society with his handbells, which they also had with them. He further thanked the general hon. secretary of the M.C.A. for his painstaking work in writing the tablet so beautifully.

After further ringing, an adjournment was made to the old house formerly occupied by Squire Foretry, where an excellent meat tea was done full justice to. Then a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, followed by a 'little' Surprise, when Joe's midget handbells suddenly appeared from nowhere in particular. On these, 'the lightest bells ever rung to a peal' (tenor 3oz.), an excellent course of Stedman Triples was rung. The church was again visited, and a few venturesome spirits also walked to Gaulby to try the peal of six there, and for the M.C.A. secretary to verify his transcriptions of the bell inscriptions. Finding the 4th rope missing, the rest were pulled up, and a weird six-score or so rung. Like all other good things, this afternoon's proceedings came to an end, the Sherwood Youths' hon. secretary afterwards mysteriously checking up certain documents and marshalling his party. The return journey was made quite happily and uneventfully, but thoroughly enjoyed by all.

DEATH OF A LEATHERHEAD RINGER.

The death has occurred at Leatherhead, Surrey, of Mr. Edward Hull, who had been a ringer for 53 years at the Parish Church. He was 71 years of age, and had been in failing health for the past three years. He was a native of the town, and with the exception of about four years, when he went to live at Andover just previous to his marriage, had lived there all his life. Owing to the state of his health he retired from his employment as a coachsmith four years ago. He was well known in Surrey ringing circles, and when he celebrated his jubilee as a ringer at the Parish Church in 1924 a peal was rung in his honour. He leaves two daughters, his wife predeceasing him.

The funeral took place at the Leatherhead Parish Churchyard on Tuesday of last week, the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge) officiating. The Leatherhead bellringers rang a muffled peal, under the conductorship of Mr. A. Dean, and rang the handbells at the graveside.

The large number of wreaths included tokens from Messrs. Ventham and Sons, with whom deceased worked for 54 years; his old workmates; and the bellringers.

A NEW BURTON VICAR.

On Thursday, September 1st, the Rev. John Goodacre, of Cold Ashton Rectory, Clippenham, was inducted by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Lichfield to the living of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, in succession to the Rev. the Hon. S. G. W. Maitland, who is now Rector of Ingestre, near Stafford.

Before the service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 54 mins.: A. J. Baxter (first quarter-peal) 1, M. Swinfield (conductor) 2, R. H. Dove 3, J. H. Swinfield 4, J. Ashmole 5, J. Slade 6, A. P. G. Stone 7, N. R. Wright (first quarter-peal) 8.

All the band, with the exception of the ringer of the 5th, are present members of the St. Paul's Society.

PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

BY GEORGE E. SYMONDS, IPSWICH.

The five following peals of 5,040 changes, with only 4th, 5th and 6th in 6th's place, have been produced by Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Ipswich. These are believed to be the only five peals obtainable, and the first to be published, with these qualities. The author began about 3,000 compositions to get these five.

1.				2.				3.			
23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
45236	—	—	—	42356	—	—	—	52436	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	34256	—	—	—	64235	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	53246	—	—	—	26435	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	42635	—	—	—	43265	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	63425	—	—	—	52364	—	—	—
63425	—	—	—	46325	—	—	—	63425	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—	23564	—	—	—	43526	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—	56234	—	—	—	63324	—	—	—
36524	—	—	—	35264	—	—	—	36524	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	63254	—	—	—	53624	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	25634	—	—	—	42635	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	62534	—	—	—	62534	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	45236	—	—	—	35426	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	23456	—	—	—	23456	—	—	—
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52436	—	—	—	52436	—	—	—				
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DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD.

MEETING AT KINVER.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at St. Peter's Church, Kinver, Staffs, on Saturday, August 27th. The weather was all that could be desired, and a good number of members availed themselves of the opportunity of being present and visiting this noted country village. The bells were at the disposal of the members from three o'clock, and they were kept merrily going in various methods.

The beautiful form of service used by the Guild at its meetings was conducted by the Vicar of Kinver (the Rev. T. A. Cooper-Slipper), who also gave a very eloquent address, in which he gave a hearty welcome to the Guild.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presiding, the Secretary announced apologies from Mr. B. Fullwood, Mr. B. Gough, Mr. H. Mason and others.

After business of a routine character had been disposed of, several new members were added to the roll.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at St. Martin's, Tipton, subject to the usual permission being obtained.

The quarterly peal is proposed to be attempted at Kinver, and the date, time and other arrangements are left in the hands of Mr. Abraham Greenfield, of Netherton.

At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his ready permission to hold the meeting at his church, for conducting the service and his inspiring address, for the use of the tower and bells and the vestry in which to hold the meeting, and for his courteous conduct in the chair at the business meeting. Thanks were also accorded to the organist for the musical part of the service. Thanks are also due to Mr. H. Lee and the local ringers for having everything in readiness for the comfort of the visitors.

The Vicar, in replying to the vote of thanks, said it was a great pleasure to him to welcome the Guild there that day, and hoped that at some future time he might have the pleasure of welcoming them again. He then closed the meeting with prayer.

Afterwards, several members adjourned to the belfry for further ringing, whilst others spent the time in rambling along the beautiful 'Edge' and lanes of this beautiful country village.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, August 30th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: J. Rann, jun., 1, W. Perry 2, A. Reeve 3, E. Bacon (conductor) 4, J. Rann 5, S. Carter 6, J. Carter 7, W. Clark 8. First quarter-peal inside for ringer of the 3rd, who was nearly 50 when he first took up ringing.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Wednesday evening, August 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. P. Roe 1, E. A. Hull 2, A. E. Austin 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, C. A. Button 6, J. G. Nash 7, H. Ellis 8.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING TOUR.

A decided change from the usual outing was undertaken by the Dunstable Priory band this year. Owing to the employment of several members, it was found that Sunday was the only day upon which all could get away, so, with the permission and sanction of their own church authorities, Sunday, August 28th, was chosen for a service ringing tour in Essex. The good offices of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, were enlisted, and an ambitious programme drawn up. Dunmow, to ring from 10 to 11, was the first on the list. As this tower meant a 45 miles' run, it was necessary to be away early, and let it be said that everybody was punctual and ready for a 7.30 a.m. start. General regret was expressed that one of the ringers had decided to be on the sick list, and so could not join in the excursion. However, 13 answered the roll, and a fine run made, Dunmow being reached at 9.50. The church lies wide of the town, and took a little finding. An elderly gentleman on being asked if the church was in the vicinity, caused lots of laughter by saying: 'Eh, guv'nor, it's a big 'un, too. It'll hold all on yer.' A sharp walk brought the visitors eventually to the church, where they received a cordial welcome from the Vicar and several local men. The bells (tenor 21 cwt.) are a lovely peal, and the ringing was much enjoyed, the touches being 336 Double Norwich, 168 Grandsire, 112 Bob Major, and 252 Stedman Triples. Everybody having had a pull, and service time having arrived, tracks were made for Felsted, where permission had been obtained for ringing after service. Noon had been the hour fixed, but owing to the service lasting longer than was expected, it was not possible to begin until 12.20, which curtailed the ringing, and only two touches were possible, 288 Kent Major and 231 Grandsire. The bells here go well, but are rather inferior in tone—a striking contrast to Dunmow. Dinner at Braintree was next on the list. Here the party were met by Mr. C. H. Howard. Booking was next on the programme, and the bells there were available from 3 to 4 p.m. The visitors were joined by Mr. L. W. Wiffen and several of the Braintree band. The bells are a good peal, but owing partly to disuse didn't go too well, and distinctly wanted pulling. Stedman was attempted, but lost, the only touch throughout the day to 'go West.' A good 432 was, however, rung, followed by a good course of Cambridge Surprise Major, Messrs. Wiffen and Howard standing in this, and then a course of Double Norwich. A run back to Braintree for tea was followed by a 12 miles' trip to Finchingfield to ring for evensong, Mr. Howard, in his car, being the pilot.

Finchingfield has a very fine church with a good peal of bells, and several touches were rung. The service touch was to have been Stedman, but only a few sixes had been tapped off when the second rope broke, and put 'paid' to it. However, 360 Cambridge Minor was brought round, time not permitting another rope to be put on. A hasty glance at this pretty and ancient village was all that could be allowed, as ringing at Ware after evensong was the next objective, and Ware was nearly 30 miles away. A pretty run was enjoyed via Thaxted and Dunmow, where 'Good-bye' was said to Mr. Howard. A nasty spill which had occurred on the road outside Bishop's Stortford delayed the party a little. After seeing what help could be rendered, and several of the stalwarts had lifted a combination out of the hedge, the journey was resumed, and Ware reached 30 minutes late. Here they were met by Mr. C. H. Barker and the local foreman (Mr. Greenway). The bells are a very fine peal (tenor 22 cwt.), but opinion seemed to be divided as to whether these or the bells at Dunmow were the best ring met with during the day. Owing to the late hour, only two touches were rung, viz., 224 Double Norwich and 231 Stedman Triples, Mr. Greenway standing in the latter. To be ready for home at nine had been the order, but for the first time during the day orders were disregarded. When the band that had rung the last touch descended from the tower, the rest were lost; when the rest turned up the others were lost; but eventually all stragglers put in an appearance, and the 24 miles' run home began, Dunstable being reached at 11 p.m., after a most enjoyable day, which opinion voted 'the best ever.' Everywhere the party met with the warmest of welcomes, which, with the happy spirit of comradeship right through the band, helped to make everything successful. The band desire to thank all who helped to this end, especially Mr. Howard, who made all the arrangements for the ringing in Essex.

HARWICH RINGERS' TRIP.

On Saturday, August 5th, the St. Nicholas's Guild, Harwich, had their annual outing to Long Melford and Clare, Suffolk, and Sible Hedingham, Essex, in splendid weather. The party, numbering 12, left Harwich by charabanc at 9.15 a.m. At Long Melford they were met by Mr. C. Bixby, and after some light refreshment the bells were set going to Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. After a stay of two hours they proceeded to Clare, where an excellent spread was awaiting them. Dinner over, the handbells were brought out, and a few tunes and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung. At the church, touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were brought round on this fine ring of eight (tenor 28 cwt.), and the company afterwards inspected the fine church, which is noted for its stone carvings inside. In a glass case by the door stands a large earthenware beer jar made for the 'Clare ringers' in 1729. There were many other items of antiquarian interest. Afterwards, a start was made to Sible Hedingham, where, after tea at the White Horse,

the visitors were met at the church by Mr. L. Wiseman. Touches of Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples were duly tapped off, with some of the local ringers taking part, after which the homeward journey was begun, via Sudbury and West Bergholt, Harwich being reached at 11 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The Guild wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents of the churches visited for the use of the bells, also Messrs. Bixby, Martin, Gridley and Wiseman for making the necessary arrangements, which made the outing so successful.

ESSEX MEN ACROSS THE THAMES.

The members of St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, accompanied by their wives and a few ringing friends, had their annual outing on Saturday week. Leaving Braintree at 8.15 a.m. by charabanc, they journeyed to Tilbury and crossed by ferry to Gravesend, to spend the day with their Kentish friends, and a very enjoyable day it was. St. George's, Gravesend, was the first tower visited, and the ringing opened with a well-struck touch of Double Norwich, succeeded by Grandsire and Treble Bob. Lunch was provided at the Prince of Orange, and Rochester Cathedral was reached at 2.30 p.m. A touch of Stedman Caters was brought round with the assistance of two local men, followed by a course of Grandsire Triples and Caters for the novices. The party then proceeded to Gillingham, where an excellent course of Cambridge Surprise was brought round on this handy ring, the lady member, Miss Pottit, ringing the second. A touch of Treble Bob followed. Hurrying on to Chatham, touches of Grandsire and Double Norwich were brought round, and then the party made for their last tower, Frindsbury, and found bells ready for their use. Only Bob Major and Stedman Triples could be attempted here before a hurried good-bye had to be said to keep the tea appointment at Gravesend. The Guild wish to thank Messrs. E. Hadlow, W. Haigh, E. Allen, G. Gilbert, and the towerkeeper of Chatham for their kind assistance and the excellent arrangements made at the various places, which tended to make one of the most enjoyable outings in the annals of the Guild.

HOGHTON RINGERS IN CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, August 27th, Houghton ringers had their annual outing, on which they were joined by Mr. E. Jennings, of Kendal, and their wives and friends. The party, which numbered 25, journeyed through Brindle, Leyland and Rufford to Ormskirk, where a halt was made for a pull. Those who wanted to ring had a touch of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. The party then proceeded to Liverpool, and crossed by ferry to Birkenhead, where they were again picked up by the charabanc, and reached Port Sunlight by 11.30. Here they visited the Art Gallery and the War Memorial. After dinner at the Bridge Inn, the ringers went to Christ Church tower, where they found a grand peal of eight bells, and rang touches of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major, this being the first touch of Treble Bob Major for E. Jennings. After being photographed by Mr. Jennings, the excursionists journeyed to Chester, and while some looked round the ancient city, others visited St. Mary's Within-the-Walls for a pull, and rang touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob Major. After tea, they went on to Frodsham, where they were met by Mr. Wm. Bibby, and enjoyed further ringing on what, in the opinion of all, were the best bells of the day. Touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob were rung, and, afterwards, assisted by Mr. Bibby, his son and daughter, an attempt was made for a touch of Stedman, the band including two lady ringers, Miss Clayton and Miss Bibby. The return journey was made through Runcorn, Warrington, Wigan and Chorley, Houghton being reached at 10.20 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank the clergy and local ringers at the respective towers for the use of their bells and having all in readiness, especially Mr. Scholicher at Ormskirk, Mr. W. J. Battle, of Birkenhead, Mr. R. Sperring, of Chester, and Mr. Wm. Bibby, of Frodsham, for their assistance.

On Sunday, August 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for morning service as a farewell to Mr. Jennings: H. Margerison 1, Miss May Clayton 2, W. Hilsley 3, E. Jennings (conductor) 4, J. Brown 5, G. Hooper 6, J. Moulding 7, J. Harrison 8.

RAINHAM RINGERS IN THE RAIN.

On Saturday, August 20th, in a 'slight' shower that lasted all day, St. Margaret's Society, Rainham, Kent, had their annual 'run round' for a 'busman's holiday.' At 7.30 a.m. a 28 and an 18-seater moved off loaded, the Vicar, Rev. W. A. R. Ball (biting his tongue because he could not join the party) giving them a hearty send-off. The first stop was at Leeds, where many had their first ring on ten bells, Grandsire Caters being the limit. Then on again to Wye, where good touches of Kent Major, Stedman and Grandsire were brought round on a beautiful eight. The next move was to Ramsgate for lunch, afternoon enjoyment, and an early tea at the Commercial Hotel. Picture palaces, Pavilion and Pleasure Land were visited, it being too wet for anything else. A party had arranged to go to St. Lawrence for a pull on the ten bells, but St. Lawrence had the misfortune to lose their Vicar, who died on the day previous after a very short illness. In the evening the party proceeded via Sandwich to Wingham, and another beautiful eight (all old bells) were rung in various methods. On again to Osprey, where, after about an hour's ringing, the party continued (Continued in next column.)

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STANSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, August 28th, for evening service, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob: H. Park 1, P. H. Johnson 2, G. Smith 3, R. Brett Smith 4, T. Slater 5, A. J. Clark (conductor) 6.—After service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Park 1, A. J. Clark 2, G. Smith 3, P. H. Johnson 4, T. Slater 5, R. Brett Smith (conductor) 6.

GREAT BADDOW.—On Sunday evening, September 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: P. Green 1, W. Rice 2, H. Dawson 3, Dr. Spencer Phillips 4, H. Allen 5, A. Rickell 6, G. Green (conductor) 7, F. Payne 8.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, on Sunday, September 4th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Belcher 1, J. E. Davis 2, J. Bennett 3, R. Bullen 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 6, R. Sanders 7, R. F. Deal 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, September 4th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: F. Kemp 1, H. Prior 2, J. Read 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall 5, C. Wells 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 503 Grandsire Triples: H. Prior 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall 5, R. J. Hasted (Havant) 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, September 4th, for evening service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Hall 1, A. J. Berry 2, T. Walker (London) 3, A. H. Watson 4, H. Hall 5, T. H. Chappell 6, W. J. G. Brown 7, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 8.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—On Sunday morning, September 4th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: P. Stratton 1, H. Barrett 2, L. Attwater 3, H. Cook 4, R. Macrill 5, W. Langdon 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, W. Gray 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: H. Harris 1, C. E. Rayson 2, Miss M. V. Godderidge 3, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 4, Miss D. E. Lewis 5, J. Draycott 6, J. E. Moreton 7, J. Gibbons (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung as a farewell to Miss M. V. Godderidge, a much-esteemed member of the band, who left the district later in the day for Folkestone.

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their homeward journey, arriving about 10 p.m. The only compensation the party had was that the towers visited contained some of the finest and most musical rings in Kent. The younger element kept things alive with their choruses. Anyway, all hope for a better day next year. The party would like to take this opportunity of thanking all incumbents and ringers at the various towers for having everything in readiness, which allowed the programme to be worked to the clock.

BATH RINGERS IN WILTSHIRE.

On Thursday, August 11th, the All Saints' (Weston, Bath) ringers held their annual outing, when they were accompanied by the Rev. R. L. Watson, Mr. R. D. Pointing (churchwarden), Miss N. G. Williams, Miss Roe, and Mrs. Broome. Travelling by charabanc through Wiltshire, Holt was the first stop. Various methods were brought round, and then, after a splendid drive through lovely scenery, Market Lavington was reached. After tea, steps were made for the tower, where Mr. Merritt met the party, and the lovely ring of six were set going to various methods. Send was the next stop, and here the party were met by Mr. Barns, Mr. Heginbotham and other ringers. After various touches having been rung, they proceeded to Melksham, where Mr. W. West was awaiting them, and after choir practice the bells were set going to Doubles and Triples. The methods rung during the outing were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. Home was reached at 10.35, after a very successful outing, in the course of which the party were fortunate to dodge the rain, which seemed to have preceded them.

The ringers wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents and tower masters for their kindness in allowing the use of the bells, and having everything in readiness. Every tower visited was found in splendid condition and 'go' of bells excellent.

BECCLES RINGERS' FIRST 12-BELL EXPERIENCE.

On Saturday, July 16th, the Beccles ringers, with friends from the adjoining towers, held their annual outing. Journeying by charabanc, the first stop was at Ufford, where the Rev. H. Drake welcomed them, and short touches were rung. The next call was at Woodbridge, where Mr. Cutting had everything in readiness, and the fine peal of eight were soon going to Stedman and Treble Bob, after which lunch was partaken of at the Crown Hotel. Henley was then visited, the party being welcomed by the Rev. W. C. Pearson, and short touches rung on the light peal of eight, much time, unfortunately, being lost owing to a broken rope. The next stop was at Ipswich, where Mr. Gillingham met them at St. Margaret's before tea, and after tea came the grand finale at St. Mary-le-Tower, where, with the kind help of members of the tower band, two courses of Stedman Cinques were rung, this being the first ring on twelve by most of the company. Although the weather was not as kind as it might have been, a most enjoyable day was spent by all, and they reached home, tired and happy, about 11 p.m. The best thanks of the company are due to the various rectors for the use of the bells, and the many ringing friends who helped to make the day a success.

NOTICES.

PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — An informal meeting will be held at Capel to-morrow (Saturday), Sept. 10th. Capel bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at Crown Hotel, Capel (1s. each), 5 p.m. Meeting to follow immediately after tea. Ockley bells (6) open in the evening. All ringers will be welcome. It is hoped to hold preliminary meetings at Guildford, Leatherhead, Chertsey and Farnham respectively on the first four Saturdays in October.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on September 15th and 29th, and *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery Branch. — The quarterly meeting will take place at Churchill on Sept. 10th (Saturday). Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting.—L. Tanner, Hon. Sec., Wonderstone, Bleadon, near Weston-super-Mare.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Frinsted on Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. H. Sone, Hon. District Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, September 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at Cock Hotel, 5 p.m. — E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath; C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at Accrington on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready 3.30, meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Childe Okeford on Saturday, September 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, at which the Rector, the Rev. C. H. S. Power, will give an address. Tea at 5 (6d. for members) followed by a short business meeting. Bells available: Childe Okeford (6), Shroton (6), Manston (5). —R. E. P. Gorringer (Rev.), Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged as usual. Ask for cheap return tickets. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Hale Parish Church, Liverpool, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., Vicar of Childwall. Meeting afterwards. Business: Election of branch ringing master. Everyone welcome. Tea is arranged for 6 p.m., 9d. each.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—By kind invitation of the Vicar and local band, a bye-meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 6d. per head, at 5. Frequent motor bus service from tramway terminus. Will those requiring tea kindly from tramway terminus.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Harmston on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, 1s. 9d. per head. Bells (8) available. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The re-opening of the St. Mary's bells, Gateshead (after rehanging) will take place on Saturday, September 10th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be served in the Anchorage (adjoining the church) at 1s. 6d. per head.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. All welcome. — J. A. Hales, 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Desford on Saturday, Sept. 10th (Stoney Stanton bells not being available). Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The shield contest will take place at South Kirby on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Committee meeting 2 p.m. in Church Hall. The draw 2.30 p.m. prompt. The first company to commence ringing 2.45. Tea will be provided in Church Hall. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davantry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Usual arrangements. Subscriptions now due.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

DEVON GUILD.—A meeting of the N.-E. Branch will be held at Uffculme on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, 1s. each. Will those hoping to attend notify me by Tuesday, September 13th?—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Thornbury on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify me early.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, September 17th. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York, the new ring of thirteen bells will be available from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 1.30 to 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, at 5.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Lord Bishop of Whithy (Rt. Rev. H. St. John Woolcombe, D.D.). All applications for dinner tickets (5s. 6d. per head) and hotel accommodation must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Tuesday, September 13th.—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District. — The next meeting will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Buses run from Ashby, Measham and Tamworth. Nearest railway station (Measham) 2 miles. A good attendance particularly requested, to stimulate local enthusiasm. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present at tea must notify me not later than Sept. 13th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those coming to tea please inform Mr. C. E. Read, 1, Grove Villas, High Street, Ewell, not later than Wednesday, the 14th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Next meeting Apsley End (6 bells), Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Those for tea notify me by previous Wednesday. Subscriptions now due. All are welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—Chas. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Western Division. — A meeting will be held at Newport on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Arrangements as usual. Tea (8d. per head) to all who advise me before Sept. 15th. All ringers welcome.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swindon on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Christ Church bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea after service for those who notify me by Thursday, Sept. 15th. St. Mark's tower (8) will be available at 7.20 p.m.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Lytham Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 3.30 p.m., if possible. If any member objects to the business meeting being held at 3.30 p.m. it can be postponed until the evening if such objection is sent to the Secretary by Thursday, Sept. 15th. The annual branch party will be held at Cross Stone on Saturday, October 8th. Further particulars per circular.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform me by Tuesday, the 20th. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Odiham on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. — Rev. Evan Jones, Hon. Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Old Basford (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tamworth on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with address by the Rev. E. H. Rogers (Vicar). Tea will be provided at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, the 20th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Essex District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service will be held at the Parish Church of St. Nicolas at 4.30 p.m., and the usual tea and meeting will be at 5.15 p.m. (1s. 6d. each). All intending to be present will they please notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 20th? — R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea notify P. Webb, Ickleton, by the 22nd.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Owing to local meetings and district arrangements, the next quarterly meeting at North Wingfield will be postponed until Oct. 15th. Full details later. Will all members and local secretaries please note?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea at the 'Old Eight Bells,' by kind invitation, at 4.30. Half rail fare, maximum 1/-.—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The meeting arranged for August 20th at Higher Walton will be held there in September. Particulars later.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8 Carrington Rd., Chorley.

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In the absence of the president, the chair was taken by the vice-president, Mr. G. Lewis. The place for the annual meeting, to be held in the Eastern Division, in the absence of an invitation was left to be arranged by the hon. secretary.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and hall, and to the local company and the ladies for the splendid entertainment given were carried with acclamation. The bells were kept going in various methods, and a very enjoyable half-day was profitably spent.

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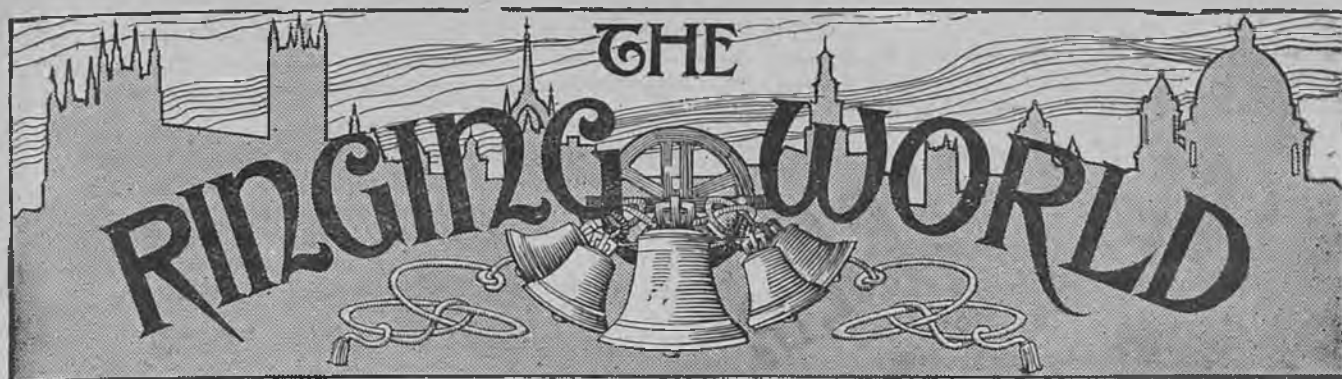
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When particular methods are selected for special attention it does not mean there will be nothing else rung, but that those who want to practise these methods will have special facilities. The value of organising the ringing at district meetings on these lines is that it encourages men with ambition to make definite preparation, whereas if a man goes to a meeting not knowing what he will have the opportunity of ringing he seldom takes the trouble to look up anything fresh. Often on the other hand, a man will attend a meeting hoping to achieve another step in the art, and go away disappointed at not getting the chance he desired. Sometimes this is due to

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his own reticence in making his aspirations known, and ringing masters would often render useful service if they tactfully enquired, especially in the case of young ringers, if they had come prepared to ring any particular method. The ringing at district meetings might, speaking generally, be made more 'educational' than it is, and the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association is taking a practical step to ensure that it shall be so in their area.

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*JOHN F. TILLET, JUN. ... 1	*ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 7
A. STANLEY BOAR ... 2	*EDGAR RIVERS ... 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	GEORGE FLEMING ... 9
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
CHARLES MEE ... 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

* First peal of Maximus. Arranged for Mr. A. S. Boar, of Teignmouth, who was on holiday in his native town.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Ashton-Under-Lyne Society.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

JOSEPH MELLOR ... 1	CHARLES BOWERS ... 7
*SYDNEY THOMSON ... 2	SYDNEY MARSHALL ... 8
HARRY HEAP ... 3	†ALBERT GORRINGE ... 9
†WILLIAM DYSON ... 4	ALBERT ADAMS ... 10
†MISS CISSIE THORP ... 5	BENJAMIN THORP ... 11
†JAMES CARTER ... 6	THOMAS JACKSON ... Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal. † First peal on twelve bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Heap. Miss Cissie Thorp is the first lady ringer in Lancashire to ring a peal on 12 bells. This is the first peal rung on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the 'go' is excellent.

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Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... 1	GEORGE R. JONES ... 6
FREDERICK WHITE ... 2	JAMES H. RIDING ... 7
EDWARD JENKINS ... 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 8
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Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES TOVRY Treble	WALTER ROSE 5
THOMAS PENDRY 2	WILLIAM HOLE 6
*HAROLD HALFORD 3	GEORGE H. WALTERS... .. 7
WALTER YEEND... .. 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEORGE H. WALTERS.
* First peal in the method.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

CHARLES WM. COOPER ... Treble	*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
GEORGE SMITH 2	GEORGE POPPNELL 6
T. HEMMING... .. 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
ALFRED C. BOXLEY 4	†LEONARD COZZELL Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* 40th peal. † First peal of Triples. This peal was arranged for Mr. G. Poppnell, of Newport, Mon. (formerly of Clent), who was on holiday, and wishes to thank the Vicar for use of bells, and all ringers who took part.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ROBERT PICKERING ... Treble	HARRY FARLOW 5
HENRY W. WILDE 2	BERT H. POUNTNEY 6
ISAAC EVANS... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 4	LESLIE TRUBSHAW Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN ... Treble	PERCY HARRISON 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
WILLIAM WILSON, SEN. ... 3	*WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
ERNEST MORRIS... .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

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At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	JOHN SANDERSON 5
MISS CLAYTON 2	FREDERICK HINDLE 6
THOS. WILSON 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 7
THOS. WATSON 4	WILLIAM E. WILSON Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal on the bells since rehanging. Arranged for Mr. T. Watson, and was his first peal of Treble Bob.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	THOS. CHAMBERS 5
HERBERT CHAMBERS 2	THOS. WATSON 6
JOHN HADFIELD 3	JAS. HARRISON 7
FRED CHAMBERS 4	JOS. A. TOMLINSON Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT CHAMBERS.

First peal, and first attempt for ringer of 3rd. First peal as conductor.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GRAPPENHALL BRANCH.)

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At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*OSWALD CLAYBROOK... Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
†ARTHUR BERRINGTON ... 2	CYRIL VALENTINE 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	WILLIAM BIBBY 7
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ALBERT FLEET 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
*JOSEPH ARNOLD 4	HORACE H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First attempt for a peal of Stedman, and a member of the local band. Mr. Trimmer hails from London, and was elected a life member of the above association.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Latimer Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... Treble	†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... 5
*MISS EVA D. LEWIS 2	†JOHN THOMPSON... .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	§WILLIAM H. CLARKE 7
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH... .. 4	*C. ARTHUR MANNING... .. Tenor

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NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*WILLIAM SHAW ... Treble	†LIONEL CLOUGH... .. 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 6
*JOHN BRIERLEY 3	TOM WILDE 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	*ALBERT HOUGH Tenor

! Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal away from the treble. Ringers of 1st, 3rd, 7th and 8th from Hyde, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th belong to the local band. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the memory of George David Warburton, for many years a ringer at this church, and, latterly, at St. George's, Stockport, who was interred on the 8th inst., aged 64 years.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL BAKER Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3	CYRIL WINWOOD 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Mr. G. Popnell hails from Bedwelty, Mon.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*SIDNEY T. C. SANSON ... Treble	†ALFRED H. DREW 5
*J. IVON P. DAVIS 2	GEORGE W. STOKES 6
*HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
FREDERICK C. BENDER ... 4	*PHILIP H. DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. The ringer of the 6th is from Eastbourne, and of the 7th from London.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 3½ cwt.

GEORGE ROBERTS Treble	GEORGE SMITH 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 6
ALFRED C. BOXLEY 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	WILLIAM GIBBS Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

The conductor has now completed this circuit by calling a peal from each of the above bells.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*EDWARD LAWSON Treble	FRED BLACKLEDGE 5
*ARTHUR HATCH 2	FRED HARWOOD 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 3	WILLIAM SHEARPLES 7
*ADAM BLOGG 4	ALFRED BLOGG Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. First peal as conductor.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES THORLEY Treble	JAMES MCCLUSKY 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	J. EDWARD CAWSEY 6
ARNOLD HILL 3	HARRY BARNES 7
*CYRIL F. OTTER 4	PERCY GLEDSTONE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY

* First peal, and elected a member previous to starting. First peal in the method on the bells.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, on Wednesday, August 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: R. Curtis 1, Mrs. A. Lovett 2, S. Franks 3, W. Franks 4, S. Driver 5, J. Downing 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, L. Franks 8. Ringers of 2nd, 5th, 6th and 7th are from Hastings, the remainder are local.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOCK Treble	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	THOMAS WALLWORK 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 3	TIXUS BARLOW 7
ROBERT WALLWORK 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

THAXTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY, JOHN-THE-BAPTIST AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 5
GEORGE WIFFEN 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by JOHN JAGGER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*THOMAS STORER Treble	WILLIAM POYSER 5
WILSON ALLIN 2	HERBERT G. FRETWELL ... 6
FRANK F. HILL 3	CHARLES CARR 7
†WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 4	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by J. LORD.

* First peal of Major. † 50th peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

GRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	HAROLD KENT 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
CHARLES MASON 3	JOHN HOLMAN 7
REV. R. F. WILKINSON ... 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by J. FLINT.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JOHN CAPP 2	ALFRED W. GROVES 6
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3	JOHN DEARLOVE 7
ARTHUR T. VERRELLS ... 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

The first peal on the bells.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

LAURENCE HALES Treble	CHARLEY BELSEY 5
WILLIAM R. G. SEAGER ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
WILLIAM SPICE 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
*WILLIAM J. WOOD 4	JOHN EXCELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal for thirteen years. Rung as a birthday compliment to the future Mrs. Seager.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

RICHARD C. BELTON Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 3	T. KELHAM DEACON 7
ERNEST W. TIPLER 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Composition rung for first time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Two Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eleven 240's of Pitman's and ten 240's of old Grandsire, with 21 different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

JAMES P. HYETT Treble	GEORGE R. HANKS 4
GEORGE J. PRICE 2	JAMES RANDLE 5
IVOR J. RAWLINGS 3	*SIDNEY BAKER Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Rung on the front six after meeting one short, Joseph R. Rawlings kindly sitting the peal out. J. P. Hyett's 100th peal for the above Guild, rung in 50 towers in Herefordshire, and each of the surrounding counties, viz., Breconshire, Radnorshire, Shropshire, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and Monmouthshire. He is the first resident ringer to accomplish this, and he has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

BLAENAVON.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

G. H. RICKARDS Treble	C. MORGAN 4
C. TEMPLE 2	W. V. COWLEY 5
T. LADE 3	*W. JONES Tenor

Conducted by W. V. COWLEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All the ringers belong to the Treveltham hand.

EVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION AND THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HERBERT ROOKE Treble	JOSEPH DIXON 4
†JOHN T. BARTRAM 2	†EDWARD DALINGWATER 5
*WILLIAM ALCOCK 3	†HARRY MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by H. MORGAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods.

EVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, September 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single Reverse, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY BARNES Treble	CHARLES AINLEY 4
*JOHN CANNINGS 2	*STANLEY SHEPPARD 5
ARNOLD HILL 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in more than one method. First peal in seven methods on the bells. All the above ringers are from Tickhill, Yorkshire.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Kent and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

NORMAN HENNINGTON ... Treble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 4
MISS EDNA WEBSTER 2	PERCIVAL PRICE 5
GEORGE WEST 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

Rung after meeting short for a peal of Stedman Triples in honour of the wedding of Miss Nellie Price, eldest daughter of Mr. Frederick S. Price, of Beeston, who was married at the above church previous to the commencement of the peal.

MORETON CORBET, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of Grandsire and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... Treble	HARRY BUNGAY 4
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the bells since they were recast and relunged by Messrs. Taylor and Co. First peal of Minor in the tower.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	NORMAN A. GEARY 3
JOSEPH NORTON 2	ERNEST F. PAYNE 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells since rehanging on old frame in ball bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The only other peal here was 6,000 Doubles in 1894, conducted by W. Hyde Inglesant.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. GEORGE'S, WILTON, GUILD.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George, Wilton,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Chester, London, Wells, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

DUDLEY F. SHALDON ... Treble	WILLIAM H. COLES 4
SIDNEY A. WYATT 2	ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	GEORGE S. COLES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE S. COLES.

First peal as conductor. The band wish to associate with this peal H. E. Causley, who rang in the previous attempts, but was unable to be present on this occasion.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At 17, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED STEDMAN AND GRANDSIRE CATERS. 5075 CHANGES;

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 1-2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	WILBY J. HAZELL 7-8
WALTER J. BOWDEN 9-10	

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

Mr. T. B. Worsley, of Manchester, and Mr. W. A. Cave, of Bristol, write to say that peal No. 4 of Mr. G. E. Symonds' Cambridge Surprise Royal, published last week, is false.

ELEVEN SURPRISE METHODS IN ONE 720.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to your report of the Bourne company's performance some weeks ago, it seems evident that Mr. Lake is not inclined to publish the figures of the 720, in spite of the gentle reminder in these columns of what is due to six-bell ringers generally, and to the Leytonstone men in particular.

In May, 1926, you published a record of a 720 in six Surprise methods, and we stated therein where the extent could be found. Any who cared to possess himself of a copy of 'Method Splicing' could have verified the probability of Leytonstone's performance.

On the contrary, no attempt has been made to substantiate the Bourne eleven-method extent, and those who possess 'Method Splicing' will certainly believe that the impossible has been accomplished. On page 5, in paragraph 2, will be found words to the effect that B, C and D, shown below, cannot be spliced one class with another. The methods quoted are those given in your report, and the classification is ours:—

B—Durham-York-Surfleet-Beverley.

C—Munden-Canterbury-Newcastle-Chester.

D—London-Wells-Cunecastro.

If Mr. J. W. Parker is to be believed, this report should have been corrected long since by the conductor, and we are of opinion that the six Surprise methods spliced at Leytonstone form the only combination greater than five that can be truly spliced in one 720 between rounds.

Nevertheless, we are only too willing to learn, and we eagerly await Mr. Lake's refutation of that which is implied herein.—Yours sincerely,

For the St. John-the-Baptist Association, Leytonstone,

GEO. DAWSON,

Hon. Secretary.

OLD PENDLETON RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Francis Smith, of Pendleton. 'Church Bells' of May 31st, 1879, recorded that 720 Bob Minor was rung at Pendleton, F. Smith 1st, first 720. A fortnight later he rang the tenor to another 720. Since that date he has rung 64 peals in the standard methods and Superlative and Cambridge, and for a number of years was towerkeeper. It is about four years since he rang last, rheumatism claiming him as a victim, and terminating in a 'stroke,' from which he died on August 31st.

He was laid to rest in St. Thomas' Churchyard, with muffled bells from the tower and handbells round his grave.

He was 73 years old, and in bygone years his birthday was often celebrated by 'first peals in the method' on the bells. Among the floral tributes was one from the ringers, also from the bowling clubs, and several from the family.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Lincoln District took place at Welton on Saturday, September 3rd. It was the district's third quarterly meeting of the year, and the attendance, numbering about 35, represented the following towers: Lincoln, Gainsborough, Bransford, Saxilby, Dunholme, Bassingham, Folkingham, Wragby, and the local ringers. A number of learners received a valuable course of tuition from the more experienced ringers. Following this introduction, ringing of standard methods was vigorously indulged in, and there was every indication that good progress is being made in the district.

A service followed, conducted by the Rev. W. H. Hall, Vicar of Welton, whose address upon the subject of bells and their significance with worship was of a most interesting character. His address was illustrated by drawings of some of the very early types of bells, including one made of sheet metal. Of this type there was a number on view. He referred to some of the earliest bells cast in China. These, he said, weighed approximately 60 tons, and were cast in the ground, and when the casting was completed a frame was built to support the bell. This completed, the earth was scooped from around and underneath the bell, and the means employed to create a tone from this monstrous casting was by swinging a heavy beam to come in contact with the bell. The Vicar also remarked upon the peculiar method of ringing some of the early bells. No wheels or ropes were fixed to the bell, but to take their places a strong piece of wood was attached, similar in many respects to the 'stay' on present-day bells. The ringer stood at the end of the frame and set the bell in motion by applying his strength to the wooden extension. Upon the bell reaching the horizontal position the ringer would often jump on to the wooden plank, with the result that he was lifted several feet high in the air. The Vicar remarked that this was a very dangerous practice, and often meant loss of life.

Tea was partaken of in the adjoining schoolroom, and following this a business meeting was held. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for his address and to those concerned in making the arrangements for the tea and meeting. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the enrolment of eight new members, thus bringing the total number of new honorary members to nine, and ringing members to twenty-two for this year in the Lincoln district. Ringing was continued until nine o'clock.

THE ACCIDENT TO MR. A. H. PULLING.
CAUSE OF THE SPILL.

Wednesday's report of Mr. A. H. Pulling was that his condition remains much about the same. He has been more quiet and restful this week, and has gained some bodily strength, but the critical stage has not yet passed.

Mrs. Pulling wishes to thank sincerely all those who have kindly made enquiries and sent expressions of sympathy. They are so numerous that it is impossible for her to answer them individually.

The cause of Mr. Pulling's accident has now been ascertained. As he was nearing Hatfield, a near-side link of the front forks of his motor-cycle broke. This caused the near side tension spring to become expanded in a forward position, and the rider thus lost control over the steering. The cycle shot out from the near side of the road, and the handle bars touched the handle bars of another cycle and sidecar travelling in the opposite direction. Mr. Pulling's machine then cut behind the other motor-cyclist, mounted a low bank and dropped into a ditch on the off side, throwing Mr. Pulling violently against a stone wall, and it was this which caused him his serious injuries. There was very little damage to the combination, and the other motor-cyclist luckily escaped with a cut across the fingers, where he was struck by the handle bars.

The breakage on Mr. Pulling's machine accounts for what eye witnesses described as his extraordinary action. All agreed that he was travelling at a steady pace well on his near side of the road when for some, to them, unexplained reason, the cycle suddenly shot across the road.

A doctor, who was called to the scene of the accident, at once ordered his removal to hospital, and he was on his way thither within twenty minutes of the occurrence. He has since received unremitting care and attention from the hospital staff, and Mrs. Pulling has been by his bedside almost continuously. His great vitality and sound constitution are enabling him to hold his own in the face of the severe injury which he received.

RINGERS WEDDED.

MR. F. W. GOODFELLOW AND MISS G. BAKER.

A wedding of considerable interest in the ringing world, especially to members of the Middlesex Association, took place at St. John's Church, Hillingdon, recently, between Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, of Hounslow, late of Ealing, and Miss G. Baker, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, of 'Dillwood,' Harlington Road, Hillingdon.

The bride was charmingly attired in an ivory crepe-de-chine gown, very daintily trimmed with ivory silk lace, and her handsome hand-embroidered lace veil was held by her two small attendants, Masters Roy and Max Rix, nephews of the bridegroom; her bouquet was of large white chrysanthemums. The two bridesmaids, Miss N. Baker (sister of the bride) and Miss P. Goodfellow (sister of the bridegroom), were attired in gowns of periwinkle blue, their hats being of felt, of a fancy design, fawn shade, with fawn shoes, etc. Their bouquets were of pale pink chrysanthemums. Mr. A. Fulwell, of St. Mary's, Ealing, ringers, acted as best man.

The ceremony was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Kitcat), and was attended by a very large number of people, including many ringers known to the happy pair, and Mr. T. Beadle, of Isleworth, the oldest ringer in the Middlesex Association.

As the bride and bridegroom left the church, the bells pealed forth from the tower. The reception was held at the bride's home, and, later, the newly-wedded couple left for Seaford, where the honeymoon was spent.

They were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents, including a handsome clock from the Hillingdon ringers, of which band both are members. The bridegroom has previously been secretary of St. Mary's, Ealing, Society.

ON THE DEVON AND SOMERSET BORDER.

On Saturday, September 3rd, St. Mary's Guild, Taunton, had their annual outing, when they made a charabanc trip to the borders of Somerset and Devon. Leaving Taunton at 8.15 a.m., the first stop was at Uffculme, where they found a new ring of eight by Taylor and Co. These were raised in peal, and some very good touches of Stedman Triples were rung before they were again lowered. Then a move was made for Cullompton, with its nice ring of ten. These were raised in peal and set going to Stedman and Grandsire Caters. Some well-struck touches were brought round, and the bells again lowered in peal. The next place of call was Tiverton, which possesses one of the finest rings of eight in the West. These also are by Taylor and Co., and recently new. Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on them. From here, the journey was continued through the beautiful Exe Valley to Timberscombe, where more Stedman Triples were brought round, before going on to Minehead, where lunch, which was thoroughly appreciated by all, was partaken of at the Strand Private Hotel. There followed a ring on Minehead bells, and Stedman Caters were once more rung. After tea and an hour by the sea, the homeward journey was commenced, and only one stop was made for ringing, this being at Old Cleve, where some Stedman Triples were tapped off. Taunton was reached about 9.30 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed the day's trip. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars and steeplekeepers of the various towers, and especially Mr. Atkins, of Minehead, for having everything in readiness for them.

LONDONDERRY SURPRISE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Please allow me, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to convey to the members of the Middlesex Association, who rang in the first peal of the above method, my congratulations and thanks for their accomplishment.

I must also thank you for publishing a lead of the method.

The statement that Middleton's peal is the only peal that will run true to the method is incorrect, because, although there are five false course-ends:

32546
24365
46253
65432
53624

these form one complete round block, and they, therefore, act only as one, consequently there are thirty true courses.

The following peal contains portions of the thirty true courses:—

5,120.
23456 B M W H

52436 — —
23564 — —
62534 — —
35426 — —
64523 — —

Repeat four times.

I have many other peals of varying lengths; and there are other features worthy of note concerning the method, which will extend to infinity, although there is never any place making above sixth's place.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

'STONY' RINGERS' RESIGNATION.

At Loughton, Essex, on Tuesday, August 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. Rann, jun., 1, G. Perry 2, A. Reeves (first quarter-peal away from treble) 3, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 4, J. Rann, sen., 5, S. Carter 6, G. Carter 7, W. Clark 8.

This society has recently taken over the Sunday service ringing, the 'Stony' band having been called upon to resign.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SYSTEMATIC PRACTICE.**

A very successful meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at Hale on Saturday. About 40 members and friends were present, including Mr. W. H. Shuker, the general secretary.

It was decided to take two particular methods for special attention at each meeting, in addition to the usual standard methods—one method at the lower end of the scale and one at the higher end. The methods selected for the next meeting were Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise. Mr. J. Wilkinson was appointed to the office of Branch Ringing Master.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the branch at Widnes on Saturday, October 8th.

ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.**JOINT MEETING AT WALTHAM ABBEY.**

The fourth annual joint meeting of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association and the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association was held on Saturday last at Waltham Abbey, and still proved an attractive feature in the programmes of the societies. In all, some 40 members attended, including many whose names are well known to the Exercise, and whose presence helped considerably with the ringing during the afternoon.

Shortly after three o'clock a touch of Stedman Caters opened the proceedings, and this was followed by Stedman Cinqs, Bob Royal, and Grandsire Caters, until tea time arrived. After a good tea had been disposed of, Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association) welcomed the company, and expressed pleasure at the continued support given to this annual event, which, he said, was a sure sign of the good feeling existing between the two societies. He apologised for the absence of the president of his association, who was on holiday.

Mr. E. J. Butler (hon. secretary, Essex Association, S.W. Division) endorsed all that was said by the previous speaker, and hoped that the meeting would continue to be popular for many years to come.

A suggestion that the Hertfordshire Association should be invited next year to officially support the meeting was considered quite a good idea.

A vote of sympathy with that well-known ringer, Mr. A. H. Pulling, and with Mrs. Pulling, was passed, coupled with a hope that the former would quickly and completely recover from the effects of his serious accident.

Subsequently the bells were again set going, touches of Stedman Cinqs and Caters, Grandsire Cinqs and Caters, and courses of Cambridge Maximus and Royal being rung.

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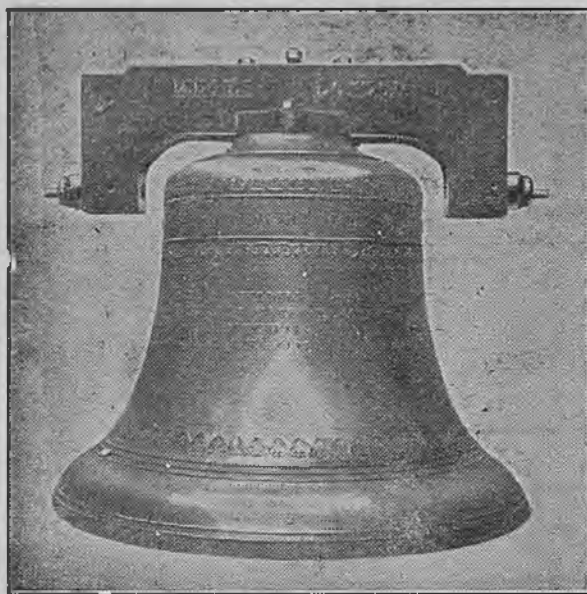
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. C. F. Carver, Vicar of Capel, Surrey, who is taking considerable interest in the proposed new Guild for the diocese of Guildford, was formerly curate of Duffield, Derbyshire, and learnt to handle a bell there when the late Sir Arthur Heywood rang regularly in that belfry.

The death has recently taken place of Mr. W. E. Pitfield Chapple, of Axminster, who was a contemporary at Oxford of Canon Coleridge, the late Rev. H. A. Cockey and Mr. G. H. Phillott. He rang with the Oxford University Society, and at Axminster he gave the tenor of the present ring of bells.

Two young and promising ringers, W. Jones and R. G. Edwards, took part in a peal at Bidston, Cheshire, which we recorded last week. Although only 13 years of age, they rang inside bells in a five-method peal of Minor, which included Cambridge Surprise. They should have a great ringing future before them.

The first peal by the Society of St. Martin's Youths, now St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, was rung on September 16th, 1755. This was 5,040 Bob Major at St. Philip's Church.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the 11,328 London Surprise Major rung by the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Drayton in the year 1896.

On September 19th, 1775, a peal of 5,130 Grandsire Caters was rung 'on the new peal of ten bells' at Grantham, conducted by W. D. Crofts. It did not say much for the hanging that it required two men to ring the 8th, and three to ring the tenor.

One of the ringers of the tenor in this peal was James Coppock, of Nottingham, whose great-grandson (Mr. Albert Coppock) is to-day the Master of the Sherwood Youths, the successors of the old society of the same name who made ringing history in Nottinghamshire a hundred and fifty years ago.

The first peal of Double Norwich Caters was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on September 22nd, 1894.

On September 25th, 1845, 6,701 Stedman Caters, composed and conducted by John Cox, was rung at St. James' Church, Bermondsey—the greatest number attainable with the treble in 2nd's place and bobs only.

The old bells of the Parish Church, Tisbury, Wilts, have been rehung and tuned, and will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, October 12th, at 7 p.m. A short peal will be rung in the service immediately after the dedication.

Will the theoretical experts of the Exercise, and others, agree (writes a correspondent) that it is a true extension of fact to state that a band met short for Cinques on August 27th, due to one of the intended twelve spraining his ankle on August 20th?

An exceptionally meritorious performance is that recorded this week by a band at Taunton, who have scored a peal of ten 720's in different Surprise Minor methods. They rang their first peal in seven methods in 1925, and have now accomplished a peal with three more methods in it. And they only practise once a month in summer!

WAS IT A PEAL?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Canterbury Cathedral, rung on August Bank Holiday, and duly published in your columns, I understand that four leads before the end of the peal the clapper of the 8th dropped out.

Is there not a rule under which it could be definitely decided whether the peal of Canterbury should be recognised or not?—Yours faithfully,
CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

[There is a rule in the 'Conditions Required for Peals,' laid down by the Central Council, 'that every bell must, during the peal, sound at every change.'—Ed. 'R.W.']

NEW RING OF EIGHT IN SUFFOLK.

DEDICATION OF TWO NEW TREBLES AT WILBY.

On Sunday, August 28th, the ceremony of dedicating two new trebles at Wilby, Suffolk, was performed by the Venerable Archdeacon Farmiloe.

The bells were erected by public subscription in memory of the late Mr. Charles Comins, J.P., F.C.A., of Wilby Hall, and 50, Cannon Street, London, who had been chairman of the Church Tower Restoration Committee, and to whose generous support and work the restoration is chiefly due. It will be recalled that the old peal of six bells were recast and rehung in January, 1925, and a framework put in for two trebles.

The Archdeacon was assisted by the Rev. H. S. Marriott (Rector of Wilby), and many parishioners and visitors were present, including Mrs. Comins and family.

On Sunday, September 3rd, the first peal was rung by visiting and local ringers, particulars of which appear in another column.

The writer was privileged to hear a considerable portion of the peal, and also took part in ringing for evening service.

The highest praise is due to all those who assisted in bringing into being another peal of eight for Suffolk, the go and tone of which leaves nothing to be desired.

One interesting feature is that the original tenor, dated 1440, was not broken up, but hung in the tower for tolling purposes, thus preserving an ancient relic of early bell founders.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the seventh of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

'IN-COURSE' AND 'OUT-COURSE.'

This subject is one of the least understood aspects of change ringing, and one of the most important; also, it is very simple.

It has been said elsewhere that the fundamental basis of method construction is the changing of pairs; forget the bells as individual numbers, and remember them only as PAIRS. Two bells, then, become a single pair, when they 'change.'

The rows are divided into two classes, which are very distinct from one another. One class is called 'In-course,' and the other 'Out-of-course.' This word 'course' should not be confused with 'plain course,' 'coursing order,' etc., and for this reason I prefer to know these two classes by the terms alternatively used, namely, 'even' and 'odd.' 'In-course' rows are 'even' rows; 'out-of-course' rows are 'odd.'

This classification of the rows has great bearing upon the truth of peals, and the tedium of satisfying oneself that no two rows in a peal are identical is greatly reduced by the knowledge of this fact, that it is absolutely impossible for an 'odd row' to be identical with an 'even row.'

When tracing false rows (that is, two or more identical rows), the first thing that we should look for is that at least one bell be placed in the same position in the rows. We can agree, for instance, that no two rows can be identical if the treble bell is in a different place in each, even if all of the other bells are practically the same; the fact that this one bell is differently placed within the rows is sufficient.

The treble bell, as we have found, has a fixed path which governs the number of rows per lead. She is known as a 'fixed bell' for this reason, and also because she is to be found in the same position in every corresponding row throughout all of the leads; that is to say, if she is in fourth's place in row No. 4 of the first lead, she will be in fourth's place in row No. 4 of every lead. Therefore, it is possible that two No. 4 rows taken from different leads might be identical, unless we can be certain that the remaining bells will differ. The 'calling' will fix other bells similarly, but we will not touch upon these here; sufficient that we understand what a 'fixed bell' is.

The fixed bells may be likened to a date upon a coin, and the other bells in the row likened to other peculiarities on a coin. Let us suppose that we had two bags, one containing nothing but half-crowns, and the other nothing but shilling-pieces. Also suppose that we wished to match exactly a shilling-piece that we had in hand. First we look for the date of our shilling—1912; very well, we search for a '1912' shilling, and, when found, we compare the other peculiarities, which may (or may not) differ. The point is, however, that we should not think of looking in our half-crown bag for the shilling. While it is possible that there may be '1912' coins there, we cannot possibly match our shilling from this bag.

Now then, that if we have an even row, with certain fixed bells in certain places, we shall not find its duplicate in the 'odd-row bag,' although some of the odd rows may contain the same fixed bells in the same places.

Take any even number you can think of, and add to it any other even number; your result will always be an even number (8 plus 6 gives 14, etc.). To any odd number, add any other odd number, and your result will be even (7 plus 5 gives 12, etc.); but, add odd to even, or even to odd, and your result is always odd (7 plus 6 gives 13, 4 plus 5 gives 9, etc.).

Then:—

Even plus even, gives even as the result.

Odd plus odd, gives even as the result.

Even plus odd, or odd plus even, gives odd as the result.

Apply this law to 'rows plus pairs.' Start with an even row as a basis, change an EVEN NUMBER OF PAIRS (two pairs, four, 98, or what not?), and your resultant row will be 'even.' Commence with an odd row, and change any odd number of pairs (3, 9, or 101 pairs, etc.), and your result will be 'even'; but an odd row by even pairs, or the reverse, will always give an odd row as the result.

We know that 'rounds' is the starting point of all rows in any method. It is, in fact, 'zero,' from which methods are constructed. From rounds we commence to change the bells IN PAIRS. It may be an odd number of pairs which we change to produce a fresh row, or an even number; but it is always PAIRS.

We must agree as to whether our basis shall be an odd or an even quantity; actually, it does not matter which we choose to call it, because the attainment of our aim will result in the same thing ultimately, viz., that of classifying the rows. If you choose odd, and I choose even for the basis, and we are both compelled (by the method) to change the same number of pairs, our odd and even results will differ from each other, which is all that we require; but the identical row which you name 'odd,' I shall name 'even,' and vice versa.

Therefore, for this reason (and only for this reason) we will agree that 'rounds' on any number of bells, from 2 to 12, is EVEN. Do

not mistake what is written: rounds on any number of bells. Rounds on three, five or seven bells is as much 'even' as rounds on six, eight or ten, because it is the rounds row, and is our basis.

Now take your even basis (rounds), and change an odd number of pairs, even plus odd gives odd. Therefore, the resultant row is an odd row, as example 1 below. Take rounds and change an even number of pairs (even plus even, gives even), and an even row is the result, as example 2.

1.	2.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 (even)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 (even)
(21)(43)(65)(87)(09) (five pairs)	(21)3(54)(76)(98) (four pairs)
An odd row results.	An even row results.

3.	4.
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 0 9 (odd row)	2 4 1 6 3 8 5 0 7 9 (odd row)
2(41)(63)(85)(07) 9 (even pairs)	(42)(61)(83)(05)(97) (odd pairs)
Result still odd.	Result now even.

Examples 1, 3 and 4 follow on, and row 4261830597 is the result of changing rounds, first by 5 pairs, then by 4 pairs, and, lastly, by 5 pairs, totalling 14 pairs in all; therefore, rounds (even) plus 14 pairs (even) has given an even row; and we may know for certain that if we take rounds and change 5, 17, 31 or 155 pairs, etc., etc., we shall never reproduce this row. This is unalterable, and as impossible as the finding of a shilling in the bag which contains only half-crowns.

EVEN AND ODD ROWS.

If an odd row is merely the result of changing rounds by an odd number of pairs, it stands to reason that an odd row will require an odd number of pairs to be changed in order to bring it back to rounds. Similarly with the even rows, which require an even number of pairs.

Therefore, take any jumbled row and change the bells in pairs until rounds turn up; if the number of pairs required to do this be odd, the original row is odd. If the number of pairs be even, then the original row is even.

Take the rows in your first lead of Bob Minor, and get each row back to rounds in this manner, marking the odd rows —, and the even rows +. This is good practice, but it is not really necessary to bring every row back to rounds here to find whether it is odd or even.

We have our rules 'odd plus odd gives even, etc.,' which can be applied here. Establish the class of the first row in your lead, and then apply your law of 'odd plus even pairs, gives odd row,' etc. Mark the remainder of the rows as you go along, establishing the class of every fresh row by applying your rules to the one above, thus:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 + (being the even basis).
 (2 1)(4 3)(6 5) — (odd, because even rounds by odd pairs, gives odd).
 2 (4 1)(6 3) 5 — (still odd, because odd 214365, by even pairs, gives odd).
 (4 2)(6 1)(5 3) + (even, because odd 241635, by odd pairs, gives even).

etc.

The pairs which change are in brackets. For practice, prove that each one that you mark in this manner is correctly classified by getting it back to rounds in this way:—

4 2 6 1 5 3 + (marked even).
 3 pairs change (2 4)(1 8)(3 5)
 2 pairs change, 2 (1 4)(3 6) 5
 3 pairs change (1 2)(3 4)(5 6)

Total pairs 8; therefore, 426153 was even.

The determination of the class of rows, by getting them back to rounds, can be done by short cuts, the most useful of which I will enumerate in the next article.

'MINORMANIA'S' ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Naturally, I am gratified by 'Cascable's' letter and by your remarks in the leading article, but I must ask you, in spite of your natural disinclination, kindly to give publicity to my acknowledgment of the careful editing that the MS. has received at your hands, the skilful re-punctuation and turning of difficult passages, while preserving the actual sense, or nonsense, of the text. I must congratulate you upon the way in which the examples have been set out, and thank you for the space afforded in so doing.

If the articles should prove to be of use to one ringer alone, my efforts will amply be rewarded, but I should like to say that I hope they will not be passed over because of the heading or the pseudonym. As you remark, a 'beginner' is not necessarily one who cannot ring, and the heading purposely is ambiguous, and, while the Minor has been used, the principles may be applied, in general, to other numbers.—Yours sincerely,

MINORMANIA.

BIRTHDAY BELLS.

On Sunday, September 4th, for evening service, at St. Andrew's, Derby, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes) in 51 mins.: E. Ward 1, C. Hart 2, H. Inckle 3, T. Sharmar 4, E. H. Clarke 5, S. Maskrey 6, P. Tate 7, Geo. Freebrey (conductor) 8, W. Wallace 9, A. Braines 10. It is the first quarter-peal in the method for the ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th and tenor, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. H. Clarke, a much respected and esteemed member of St. Andrew's company.

A BURTON REUNION.

INTERESTING GATHERING OF OLD ST. PAUL'S RINGERS.

An interesting reunion took place at Burton-on-Trent on August 27th, when, at the invitation of Mr. W. W. Worthington, many old ringers who have been associated in the past with St. Paul's tower, and who are now scattered about the country, met again in their old belfry.

St. Paul's Church was opened on April 7th, 1874, and 'Ted' Stone and John Jaggar were two of the first choir boys. There was a band of ringers who were being instructed by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Fish, Mr. C. Jaggar and Mr. Argyle, the respective fathers of J. Jaggar and H. Argyle, being two members of the band. Harry Argyle afterwards joined the company and rang his first peal in 1878.

In June, 1877, a large number of parishioners were confirmed, and on the following Monday evening at a young men's class the Vicar invited the members to learn bellringing. No few than 25 afterwards came to the belfry. The Vicar had tied the 6th bell, and, as John Jaggar could ring, he had to tie another and start instructing. The number soon dwindled down, but an extremely good band of novices was formed, who were allowed to ring on Sundays from 7 to 8 a.m. for early service, and on Mondays from 7.30 to 9 p.m. The regular ringers rang on Thursdays and on Sundays for morning and evening service.

In 1879 there was a 'bust up' with the 'regulars.' The Vicar 'sacked' four and retained four, and called on Mr. J. Jaggar to find the other four. This he did, and progress was soon made. They rang their first peal on November 6th, 1879 (Kent Treble Bob). The Vicar, himself an enthusiast, soon pushed them on to Stedman, and, as most people know, the Burton company soon became a famous band of ringers.

They were the modern pioneers of Surprise ringing, for, after ringing Double Norwich (their first peal being in May, 1882), they went on to Superlative, their first peal of many in this method being rung in May, 1884. Then came Cambridge, of which they rang their first peal in February, 1887, and New Cambridge (then called the 'Burton Variation'), of which they were the sponsors, in April of the same year. Incidentally, it seems probable that their first peal of Cambridge was only the second true peal in the method ever rung, the first having been at Benington in 1873. A peal of London Surprise followed in September, 1887, and for the next few years St. Paul's company continued to lead the way in Surprise ringing, the conducting being shared largely by William Wakley and Joseph Griffin. Most of the celebrities in the ringing world found their way at one time or another to this belfry round about this period, among the visitors being Squire Proctor, Rev. Earle Bulwer, Jasper Snowden, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, C. H. Hattersley, Henry Dains, Nathan Pitstow, and others.

But 'Time' eventually took its toll of the company, and business or death removed many of them. It was, however, a happy inspiration which prompted the reunion the other day, and the enjoyable nature of the gathering was due to the excellent arrangements made by Mr. Worthington and Mr. J. Swinfield.

The party met at St. Paul's Church, and, having faced the camera, made a ringing tour to Overseal, Measham, Netherseal, Tullington, and back to Burton, where the ringing concluded. Touches in a variety of methods were rung at each place.

Dinner was served at the British Oak in the evening, and, needless to say, many were the reminiscences recalled round the festive board. Afterwards, there were touches and tunes on handbells, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Worthington for all his kindness, on the proposition of Mr. Jaggar, seconded by Mr. J. Austin.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A 'BARREN' MISSIONARY MEETING.

A by-meeting of the Rochester District was held at Borden on Saturday, September 3rd, with the object of trying to promote interest in ringing in this parish, which possesses a peal of eight bells. From a meeting point of view, the visit was a distinct success, as 30 turned up from various towers within a 16 miles' radius, but from a missionary point of view it was a distinct failure, as not one of the locals put in an appearance.

The tower was open for ringing at 3 and at 4.50. The association service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. F. De Spalier, Mr. E. A. G. Allen, of Frindsburg, presiding at the organ.

Tea was partaken of at the Maypole Inn, and the only business transacted was the election of the Vicar as an hon. member of the association, and of one practising member. So, after all, the meeting did some good.

Ringing in standard methods from Grandsire to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise enlivened the villagers, but failed to bring any of the locals into the belfry. The Rev. Le Spalier has only been in the parish four months, and is most anxious to gather a band to ring, and it is hoped that his efforts will be better rewarded than the association's visit was. Ten towers in the district were represented.

NORTHREPPS.—At 2, Hill Cottage, on Friday, August 26th, 720 Plain Bob Minor on handbells: James W. J. Brown (first 720 of Minor) 1-2, N. Golden (conductor) 3-4, C. Pooley 5-6.

A BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

THE LATE MR. W. H. GODDEN.



Mr. William H. Godden, whose death we recorded last week, was for many years hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, which he also represented for some time on the Central Council.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South and West District was held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, September 10th, and good work was done with probationers and the more advanced members. 'Rounds' and methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major were practised during the ringing hours at St. Peter's and St. Mary's Churches.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mr. G. Walmsley, hon. secretary of the local band, and 26 members and friends sat down to an excellent repast, presided over by Mr. J. A. Trollope, supported by Mr. T. Beadle and others.

The usual business was transacted, and a vote of thanks passed to the Vicar and to the host and his assistants, to Mr. W. C. Parker, the steeplekeeper, and Mr. Trollope for presiding and acting as Deputy Ringing Master during the day.

A hearty vote of congratulation was accorded with acclamation to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goodfellow on their wedding, one and all wishing them long life and happiness.

Votes of sympathy were accorded to Mr. Holloway (Ringing Master) and his wife, the latter having been ill for several weeks; also to Mr. and Mrs. A. Pulling, of Guildford, on the latter's serious accident. Hopes were expressed for the speedy recovery of both patients.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STEBBING.—On Sunday, September 11th, for morning service, with bells half-muffled, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, also 540 of Kent Treble Bob: H. Young 1, J. T. Barker 2, E. Claydon (conductor) 3, H. C. Ruffel 4, F. Harrington 5, J. Scholes 6. Rung in memory of the Rev. W. W. Judges, former Vicar of Stebbing.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—For morning service, on Sunday, September 11th, 720 Oxford Single Bob: A. Coote 1, T. E. Exeter 2, C. J. Gasson 3, A. C. Gasson 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6. This was rung after meeting short for a quarter-peal of Treble Bob.—For evening service another 720 Oxford Single Bob was rung with the same band, conducted by C. Holman. The 720 for morning service was the first in the method by the treble and 2nd ringers.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On Sunday, September 4th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins., transposed from A. J. Pitman's four-bob set peal: H. Halford 1, M. Hicks 2, T. Dyer 3, G. H. Walters 4, A. Ruck 5, J. F. Ballinger 6, W. Yeend (conductor) 7, F. Simmonds 8.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Sunday, August 21st, for evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins.: H. Rushby 1, A. Thornton (first 720 of Treble Bob) 2, E. Godfrey 3, J. Coles 4, G. Hobbins 5, J. Bray (conductor) 6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH AND RINGERS' DIPLOMAS.

A meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Brightwalton, on Saturday, September 3rd, when upwards of 20 ringers attended from Bucklebury, Compton, East Ilsley, Highclere, Newbury, Peasmore, Shaw, Woolton Hill and the local ringers. A short Guild service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Howard), who also gave a very interesting address. Miss Howard presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mr. J. E. Hedges (foreman of the tower), assisted by lady helpers. Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) occupied the chair for a short business meeting in the absence of the Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch), and was supported by Mr. H. W. Curtis (branch secretary and treasurer).

The sum of £3 was voted to East Garston towards the cost of re-hanging the bells at that church.

The question of diplomas for young ringers was discussed, and it was left to the foremen of towers to talk it over and report at the annual meeting, which was fixed for November 18th, at Newbury.

It was also decided to hold a combined practice at Peasmore on Saturday, September 24th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his address and welcome to the ringers, also to the organist.

Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor were the methods rung.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH AT WOKINGHAM.

A most successful meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch was held at Wokingham on Saturday, September 3rd, ringers being present from Reading, Maidenhead, Cookham, Hitcham, Warfield, Dorking, Sandhurst, Twyford, Waltham St. Lawrence, Finchampstead, All Saints' and St. Paul's, Wokingham. Ringing commenced shortly before three at All Saints' Church, where a service was conducted by the Rector, who welcomed the ringers and spoke a few helpful words based upon 2 Timothy ii. 15, 20, 21. After service, the ringers adjourned to Great Mead, the residence of Miss Kemble, where a bountiful tea was partaken of, kindly provided by the Misses Robinson and Walker, and other ladies. Altogether 39 sat down to tea, including the Rector (Rev. B. Long) and Mr. F. E. Chapman, one of the churchwardens.

The Secretary expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Rector for the use of the bells and for arranging the service, to Miss Kemble for the room, and to the ladies who provided and served the tea. The Rector, Miss Kemble and Mr. Chapman responded, the last named remarking that all he knew about ringing was that in his father's parish, when he (the speaker) was a boy, they only had one bell, and they used to ring it quick for weddings and slow for funerals.

The Secretary mentioned that it was appropriate that they should be holding a meeting at Wokingham, as it was exactly seven years ago that very afternoon that Mr. Samuel Paice, a member of the branch and foreman of the local band, was laid to rest in All Saints' Churchyard.

Mr. White, of Dorking, and Mr. Fowler, of Cookham, spoke of their happy memories of the late Mr. Paice and of the high regard that they had for him.

Some handbell ringing took place on the lawn, and then the ringers made their way to St. Paul's Church, but, after half an hour's ringing, a request was received for the ringing to cease, because of a case of illness near by.

A return was accordingly made to All Saints', where ringing continued until 8.30.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major, and rounds for beginners.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of North Bucks Branch was held at Clifton Keynes on Saturday, September 3rd, this being the first occasion on which the branch had held a meeting at this place, which lays very wide of the other places in the branch. Although not a very large gathering, the attendance was sufficient to make it interesting, and the ringing was up to the standard.

Thanks are due to the Rev. C. W. Fulmer, Vicar of Clifton Keynes, for the reception he gave the branch and for his kind hospitality. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar. Tea was provided in the Rectory grounds, and a very pleasant time was spent. The object of holding the meeting was to get the tower in union with the branch, but, unfortunately, this was not accomplished owing to the local ringers not being present, but hopes of this being attained at a later date were expressed.

Members from Bletchley, Emberton, Penny Stratford, Newport Pagnell and Stony Stratford were present, also visitors from the Beds Association and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon.

The Secretary expressed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. W. Fulmer for welcoming the branch and making arrangements, and to this the Vicar suitably responded. Further ringing took place, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

AN AUGURY OF FUTURE SUCCESS.

An informal meeting in connection with the proposed Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Capel, Surrey, on Saturday, the principal object being to interest in the movement those connected with the three six-bell towers in that neighbourhood, viz., Capel, Newdigate and Ockley. To the older generation of ringers, Capel will be remembered as possessing at one time one of the foremost six-bell bands in the country, who in the late 'eighties rang a peal of fourteen 720's, in different methods, most of them Surprise Minor. Capel has a quaint little peal of six, two of them cracked and the rest out of tune. They are rung from a 'box' built into the roof of the church, but, nevertheless, they are bells with a history. The two oldest were cast by Richard Eldridge, the fifth in 1593, and the fourth in 1605. The Eldridges first set up their foundry at Wokingham, in Berkshire, and Richard was the second of the line. The fifth at Capel is his earliest product remaining in Surrey. Both these old bells were probably cast at Wokingham, although Eldridge had a branch business in the nearer town of Horsham, where from 1610 to 1622, at any rate, he paid an annual sum of 10s. to the churchwardens 'for the rent of the bell house.'

The meeting on Saturday was the first propaganda meeting held in connection with the proposed new Guild, and was a great encouragement to the promoters. Capel is not easy of access from the centre and western part of the county, but enthusiasm for the new Guild drew nearly thirty ringers to the village, and these, with wives and friends, made up a party of close on forty for tea. The meeting which followed was purely informal. The objects of the new Guild and the more important provisions in the proposed new rules were explained by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who appealed to the ringers of the three six-bell towers concerned to come into the Guild to strengthen the organisation in that part of the diocese, and to achieve again, if possible, that position in the forefront of ringing which once they occupied.

Mr. R. Whittington and Mr. C. Hazelden joined in the appeal, and the Rev. C. F. Carver (Vicar of Capel) and the Rev. J. W. Ward (Rector of Newdigate) expressed warm approval of the objects of the new Guild, and promised their hearty support.

A vote of thanks was accorded to these two gentlemen for their presence and for the use of the bells at their respective churches.

The Rector of Ockley was away from home, and, therefore, unable to be present.

Capel bells were rung to various methods during the afternoon, and in the evening visits were paid to Newdigate and Ockley. Newdigate, which has six bells, all by Thomas Mears, 1803, has one of the finest specimens of a wooden tower to be found in the country. Internally, the timbering is not only structurally perfect but artistically beautiful, while the well-kept church is a sheer delight. The Rev. J. W. Ward has only just come to the living after 30 years spent in Australia.

At Ockley, there is a square tower with an excellent ring of six. They are all by Richard Phelps, 1710, and are really an exceptional 'family' for that period. The church is very beautiful internally, and the chancel has a deep dado of marble which makes it almost unique among country churches in this part of England.

At these three towers, there is a great opportunity for advancing the art of change ringing. All the bells go well, and Ockley may some day be augmented. There are a number of change ringers in the district, although they are not now all active participants, but it is hoped that they may be united once again under the new Guild.

Visitors were present on Saturday from a number of towers, including Holy Trinity pro-Cathedral and St. Nicolas', Guildford, Haslemere, Godalming, Woking, Crawley, a whole bus load from Cranleigh and Ewhurst, and members of the local bands, while Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, added three more to his list. As an augury for the success of the new Guild, the meeting was most encouraging.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3rd, the Western Division of the Sussex County Association held a quarterly meeting at Easebourne, a small village on the borders of Cowdray Park, where there is a handy little ring of six bells, a treble having lately been added, and the whole overhauled.

About 30 members and friends were present from Heene, Pulborough, Billingshurst, Kirdford, Shipley, West Tarring and the local members. The bells were kept going to the tune of Cambridge, Bob and Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

Tea was served at the Village Institute, and at the business meeting, with the Vicar presiding, Heene was chosen for the next quarterly fixture.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rev. C. E. Hoyle for presiding and granting the use of the bells, and, after a few words of welcome from that gentleman, the members paid another visit to the belfry for further ringing.

HEIGHINGTON.—On Friday evening, August 12th, six members of the Darlington Holy Trinity belfry visited Heighington and rang on the bells of the village church 720 Beverley Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupton 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 of Beverley on these bells.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster, on Sunday, September 11th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major in 45 mins.: R. Sanders 1, Miss E. Chapman 2, E. F. Pike 3, W. J. Nudds 4, J. E. Davis 5, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 6, C. W. Grimwood 7, R. F. Deal 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, September 11th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Ward (Ufford) 1, A. Keeble 2, B. S. Bailey 3, C. E. Fisher (Ufford) 4, F. J. Smith 5, J. G. Rumsey 6, C. E. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey 8.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Sunday, September 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: W. Robinson (conductor) 1, E. Jennings 2, W. Nevinson 3, H. Hardy 4, W. Middleton 5, T. F. Hewertson 6, T. B. Newton 7, W. Fisher 8.

DARLINGTON.—At Holy Trinity Church for Matins, on Sunday, September 11th, 720 London Surprise Minor: E. Brown 1, W. Oliver 2, G. W. Park 3, W. H. Porter 4, W. N. Park (conductor) 5, R. Park 6.—For evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Wilfrid Park (first 720 of Treble Bob) 1, C. Todd 2, W. Oliver 3, E. Brown 4, G. W. Park (conductor) 5, J. T. Titt 6.

EXETER.—On Sunday, September 11th, at the Cathedral, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: T. G. Bartlett 3, W. Richardson 4, W. S. Lethbridge 5, J. R. Sandover 6, A. Mitchell 7, W. H. Lawrence (Little Munden, Herts) 3, F. J. Davey (conductor) 9, W. Bedford and A. Webber 10. Arranged for Mr. W. H. Lawrence.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, September 11th, for harvest festival, morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, T. Adams 3, V. Goacher 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6. Also 360 Oxford Single Bob, G. Warnett taking part.—For evening service, 720 Woodbine: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, T. Adams 4, R. Stredwick 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Denman 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goacher 4, H. Turrell 5, R. Stredwick (conductor) 6.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday, September 11th, at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Surrey Road, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Bunday 1, H. Mitchell 2, H. Bennett 3, A. Davis 4, G. L. Hewitt 5, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 6, G. W. Stokes 7, F. Longman 8. The ringer of the 5th is from Coalbrookdale, Salop.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 28th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, W. S. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, A. Woolston (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. H. Lawrence 1 and 2, S. Head 3, W. Williams 4, S. Carter 5, A. Phillips (conductor) 6.—On September 4th, for service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

BECKENHAM.—On Sunday, August 14th, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Dyas 1, H. Hawkes 2, W. Hollamby 3, W. Rawlings 4, J. Milner 5, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 6, W. Smith 7, A. F. Harris 8. First in the method by 2nd and 3rd.

LONDON.—At St. Matthew's Church, Bethnal Green, for evensong, on Sunday, July 31st, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: H. C. Taylor 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, W. W. Stevens 4, J. Martin 5, S. Penfold 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, H. Hills 8.

BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.

At the Church of St. Nicholas, Brockenhurst, on August 31st, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins. (tenor 4½ cwt.): S. Gates 1, F. Tucker 2, S. E. Armstrong (conductor) 3, J. P. Armstrong 4, C. W. Tucker 5, E. Pike 6. First 720 Doubles for all except ringer of 5th. Longest touch by a local band, and rung as a farewell to the conductor, who thanks the band for their assistance.

At Leytonstone, on Monday, August 29th, at St. John-the-Baptist Church, 720 Bob Minor, being the first extent by the ringer of the 2nd, who has made rapid progress: G. L. Joyce (conductor) 1, G. Ventris 2, W. Theobald 3, E. T. Butler 4, G. Dawson 5, Ph. Avey 6.

FUNERAL BELLS.

At Ottery St. Mary, Devon, on Wednesday, September 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Lord Justice Coleridge, at whose funeral service Canon G. F. Coleridge read the lesson: J. H. Godfrey 1, *C. Turner 2, *J. Hines 3, F. H. Stuckey 4, J. Arbury 5, P. Bennett (Oxford) 6, G. Burrows (first as conductor) 7, E. Marks 8. *First quarter of Stedman.

WET, BUT SUCCESSFUL.

Woodford and Loughton ringers and their friends held their annual outing on August 20th. The churches visited and rung at were Wendens Ambo, St. Andrew's the Great, Cambridge, Thaxted and Dunmow. The ringing included touches of Plain Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Major, all rung very creditably. It was a choice specimen of a wet day, but, arrived back at Loughton, the party unanimously agreed that the outing had been eminently successful and thoroughly enjoyable.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on September 29th, and *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DEVON GUILD.—A meeting of the N.-E. Branch will be held at Uffculme on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, 1s. each.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Thornbury on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify me early.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, September 17th. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York, the new ring of thirteen bells will be available from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 1.30 to 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, at 5.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Lord Bishop of Whitby (Rt. Rev. H. St. John Woolcombe, D.D.). — Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District. — The next meeting will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Buses run from Ashby, Measham and Tamworth. Nearest railway station (Measham) 2 miles. A good attendance particularly requested, to stimulate local enthusiasm. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—Chas. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting Apsley End (6 bells), Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Subscriptions now due. All are welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Newport on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Arrangements as usual. Tea (8d. per head). All ringers welcome.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swindon on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Christ Church bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. St. Mark's tower (8) will be available at 7.20 p.m. — S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lytham Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 3.30 p.m., if possible. The annual branch party will be held at Cross Stone on Saturday, October 8th. Further particulars per circular.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Odiham on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m.—Rev. Evan Jones, Hon. Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Old Basford (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tamworth on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 Service in church at 4.45, with address by the Rev. E. H. Rogers (Vicar). Tea will be provided at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, the 20th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea at the 'Old Eight Bells,' by kind invitation, at 4.30. Half rail fare, maximum 1/-.—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea

5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform me by Tuesday, the 20th. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwick, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock onwards. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The 3rd quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24th. Bells of Thurstaston (8) available from 3 till 4.45 p.m., and Anstey (8) from 6 till 8 p.m. Tea may be had at 3, Church Street, Anstey, at 5.15, for those who advise me not later than Thursday, 22nd. Short business meeting immediately after tea. All ringers welcome.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Willington, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea arranged at moderate charge.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on September 24th, at St. David's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, District Secretary, Belle Vue, Brecon.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter, on Saturday, September 24th. Tea 5.30. Will all who intend to be present please inform Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter before September 21st.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea notify P. Webb, Ickleton, by the 22nd.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Giggleswick on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available all day. Meat teas at 2/6 per head and plain teas at 1/6 per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. E. B. Fidoe, Black Horse Hotel, Giggleswick.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Etwall, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Henbury on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (at 6d. per head) and meeting. Frequent tram and motor service. Will those requiring tea kindly notify by 21st inst.—C. H. Jennings, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Essex District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service will be held at the Parish Church of St. Nicolas at 4.30 p.m., and the usual tea and meeting will be at 5.15 p.m. (1s. 6d. each). All intending to be present will they please notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 20th? — R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The Autumn meeting of this branch will be held at Steventon (6 bells) on Saturday, September 24th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea will please notify me before the 22nd.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East Street, Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Chislehurst at 3 o'clock on September 24th. Arrangements for tea will be made for all who send in their names by the 21st to Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst. The 290th Anniversary Dinner will take place at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Nov. 5th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, Sept. 24th. A good meeting is desired. Will all who require tea please notify Mr. A. Hill, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, near Rotherham, before the 22nd?—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A district meeting will be held at Saltburn-by-the-Sea on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The bells of the Parish Church (8—tenor 23 cwt.) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea at Kemball's Café, 1/6 per head. Business meeting follows tea.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pembridge on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (5) available 4 to 9. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45. Meeting after tea. Please notify me by Tuesday, September 20th.—Jabez Preece, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Stoke Poges (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Englefield on Saturday, September 24th. Service 4 p.m.—A. T. Claydon, Hon. Sec., Englefield, Reading.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Eastern and Western Districts will hold a joint meeting at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available after 2.30. Tea at the Crown Hotel at 5. Members requiring tea please advise Mr. H. Tyson, 23 Bungalow, Tanfield Lea, not later than the 21st.—George S. Taylor, Harry Tyson, Secretaries.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barford St. Martin (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Ringing commences at 3. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5, for those letting me know by the 20th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Romaine, Hon. Sec., 41 Green Croft Street, Salisbury.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock

Will all who are coming please let me know by Tuesday, Sept. 20th.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Aldate's Church, on Thursday, September 29th. Ringing from 6 p.m. Service 7 p.m. Business meeting in Rectory Room after service.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec., 13, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, October 1st. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—It is proposed to hold a series of preliminary meetings as follows: Guildford, Oct. 1st; Leatherhead, Oct. 8th; Chertsey, Oct. 15th; Farnham, Oct. 22nd. Further details will be announced in subsequent issues.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Barnet, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- each, at 4.45 in The Church House. Meeting to follow. Short service at 6 p.m. Hadley Bells from 7 to 9 p.m., as well as Barnet. Please advise me by Sept. 28th if you require tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—A quarterly meeting (Southern and Central Districts combined) will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, September 28th.—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—South West District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lifton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available 2.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Tea free to members. Practices in Surprise Minor methods will be resumed at Stoke, Plymouth, Thursdays, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Would those who intend to be present kindly notify me?—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st at Bishop Ryder's, City. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be arranged for those who send in their names not later than 27th September.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Phillip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Autumn meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet (10) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and Meeting at 4.30 p.m. Half fares up to 2/-. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before, Wednesday, September 28th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 'Fair View,' Littlebourne, Canterbury.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and an 8-bell contest at Almondbury, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, October 1st. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea (1/2 each) write to the secretary, L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfields View, Halifax, not later than Monday, Sept. 26th.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 15th at Wilby. Bells from 2 p.m. Important meeting after tea in the Schools at 4.30 p.m. Tea for all sending me word by October 10th, 9d.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

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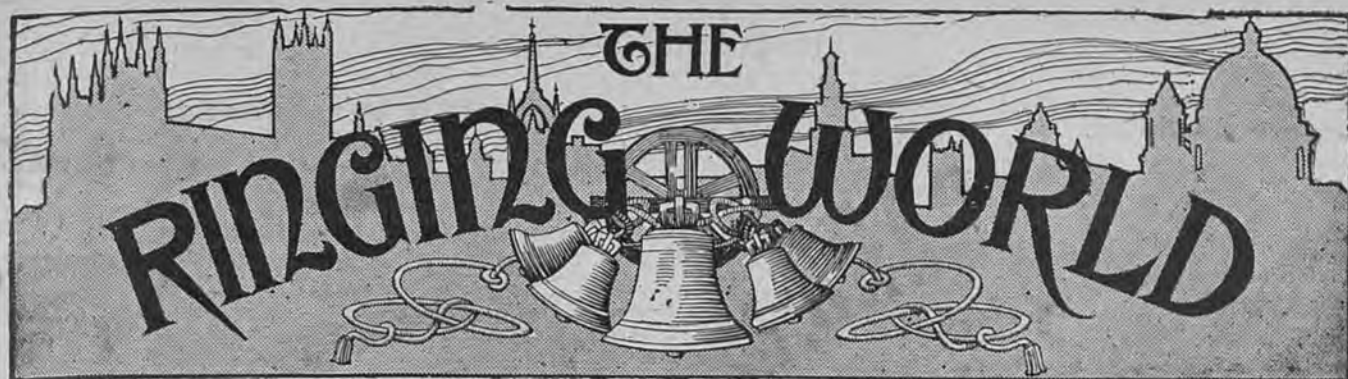
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On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	HENRY PRING 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	CHARLES W. BELL 7
ARTHUR PRINCE 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 8
E. GEORGE TREW 4	JOHN A. BURGESS 9
RICHARD CLARK 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

This peal was originally arranged for Mr. J. A. Dart, of London, but a slight accident to his leg prevented him from taking part. Mr. Rodenhurst, of Hodnet, Salop, was elected a life member of the above association previous to starting.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
GEORGE HUGHES 2	JOHN C. ADAMS 7
JOSEPH PIGOTT 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
ROBERT PICKERING 5	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

* First peal of Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK ... Treble	SYDNEY BROWN 5
ARTHUR BROWN 2	*RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... 6
ALBERT YATES 3	THOMAS WATSON 7
ARTHUR LORD 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. FOSDICK. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Arranged for Mr. T. Watson, of Dalton-in-Furness. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 8th from Churchkirk, 3rd, 4th and 6th from Rishton.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBORN ... 5
FRANK AINSLEY 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
ROBERT WALKER 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 4	*WILLIAM ARMOUR Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal. Rung by the service ringers, immediately after the ceremony, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. T. Stephenson (a member of this band) to Miss Kirtley.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES H. PAGE Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 5
ALBERT CRAWLEY 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 6
THOMAS HORD 3	HARRY PARKER 7
*JOHN S. ROYLE 4	ALBERT H. BOOTH Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 12, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FRANK BLONDELL Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 5
*WALTER SCOTT, SEN. ... 2	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 4	CHARLES AYLIFFE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* Hails from Newport, Isle of Wight. Rung after meeting one short for Major.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	PERCY J. SPICE 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 4	EDMUND MOUNTER Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the completion of the conductor's 25 years as a Sunday service ringer at this church, also the anniversary of his wife's birthday.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, September 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*SAMUEL HARRISON Treble	†JAMES MCCLUSKY 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE 2	†STANLEY SHEPPARD 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	HARRY BARNES 7
PERCY GLEDSTONE 4	ARNOLD HILL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. ‡ First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	JOHN WM. CUNDALL 5
MRS. J. COTTERELL 2	JAMES COTTERELL 6
JOE HARCASILE 3	THOMAS B. KENDALL 7
FIRTH HOPWOOD 4	FRED SALMONS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Ralph Maude, of Pudsey, on attaining his 21st birthday, also as a birthday peal to Mrs. J. W. Cundall. Firth Hopwood, Thos. B. Kendall, and Ernest Simpson. It is 44 years since a peal was rung on these bells.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT Treble	WILLIAM H. COLES 5
SIDNEY WYATT 2	*GEORGE S. COLES 6
*PERCY SPARKES 3	PERCY MERSON 7
HENRY NORMAN 4	JOHN CARTER Tenor

Conducted by P. MERSON.

* First peal of Stedman.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

MRS. C. HAZELDEN Treble	ROBERT J. DAWE 5
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
CHARLES A. HAZELDEN ... 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

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GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS MERRITT Treble	SIDNEY HILLIER 5
ERNEST J. TRUMAN 2	WILLIAM BOLWELL 6
THOMAS DAVISON 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
CHARLES LOVELOCK 4	CHAS. D. HEGINBOTHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

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On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	*WALTER WHITE 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 3	ALFRED G. RIVERS 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	ERNEST G. HIBBINS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Major in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	ALFRED G. RIVERS 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	*WALTER WHITE 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

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PITSTOW'S VARIATION.		Tenor 20½ cwt. in F.	
CHARLES SAMPSON	Treble	*FREDERICK J. SMITH... ..	5
ALFRED KEEBLE	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY	6
JAMES G. RUMSEY	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY	7
JAMES M. BAILEY	4	LEONARD P. BAILEY	Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Stedman.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
CECIL DRAKE	Treble	VERNEY BAIRSTOW	5
EDGAR WHITELEY	2	JOE GREENWOOD	6
*ARTHUR BAIRSTOW	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
THOMAS SENIOR... ..	4	MILLIGAN HARRISON	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal inside.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.	
STANLEY HONOUR	Treble	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON	5
EDWIN JENNINGS... ..	2	*JAMES E. BURLS	6
WILLIAM PITCHALL	3	WILLIAM ROBINSON	7
JOHN HOLME... ..	4	*RICHARD GREGSON	Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal. The ringer of the tenor is from Lancaster, and was made a member before starting; 3rd and 5th ringers belong to Barrow, 5th and 7th Ambleside, 4th Silverdale, 2nd Kendal, and treble Hatfield, Herts.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

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

		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	Treble	FRED BLACKLEDGE	5
E. ROGER MARTIN	2	*HARRY FRANCE	6
FRED RIGBY	3	WILLIAM SHARPLES	7
ALFRED BLOGG	4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE	Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*JAMES HARRISON	Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS	5
FREDERICK HINDLE	2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	6
JOHN SANDERSON	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
JOHN BOOTH	4	†JOHN BROWN	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an inside bell.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

		Tenor 18½ cwt.	
EDWARD J. BEER... ..	Treble	JOHN BURLS	5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	2	HENRY T. WILSON	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
Mr. J. H. Cheesman has now conducted a peal from each bell in this tower. A birthday peal for Messrs. E. F. Pike and F. M. Mitchell.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, September 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

SYDNEY MOSS	Treble	CHARLES F. MEE... ..	4
A. STANLEY BOAR	2	EDGAR RIVERS	5
PERCY MAY	3	CHARLES MEE	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

This peal was arranged for Mr. A. S. Boar, of Teignmouth, who has now rung peals of Cambridge on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.			
JOSEPH SHARP	Treble	HENRY STAPLETON	4
WILLIAM SHARP	2	WILLIAM STOCK	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	3	AMOS SMART	Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

This is the first peal and first attempt by the treble ringer, who is only 13 years of age. Great credit is due to him for the efficient manner he handled his bell throughout the peal.

SPALDWICK, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.		Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.	
ALBERT HUCKLE	Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	4
*A. WILLIAM T. GINN	2	ARTHUR J. GINN	5
BERRY WAYMAN	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First Surprise peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. C. Ginn.

THURLEIGH, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

WILLIAM DARLOW	Treble	HARRY SMITH	4
LEONARD WILLIAMS	2	ERNEST ASQUE	5
WALLACE G. CHURCH... ..	3	HERBERT L. HARLOW	Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

First peal of Minor by ringers of treble and 5th, who belong to the local band.

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BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, September 5, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

REV. R. H. WHITFORD (Pemb.)	J. BUTLER (Fitz. H.) ... 5
REV. H. WOOLLEY (Fitz. H.) 2	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's.) 6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 3	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 7
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's.) 4	S. H. WOOD (MAGDALENE) Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This is the first tower bell peal for the above Guild in which a father and son have both rung.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) Treble	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's.) ... 2	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS (St. Cath's) 6
REV. R. H. WHITFORD (Pemb.) 3	W. H. L. HOOTON (Queens') 7
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's.) 4	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART. (Trin.)

Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, September 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES (Cains) Treble	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON (Trin.) 7
J. T. RICKMAN (JESUS) ... 2	S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) ... 8
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 3	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) 9
REV. R. H. WHITFORD (Pemb.) 4	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS (St. Cath's.) Tenor
J. BUTLER (Fitz. H.) ... 5	
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's.) 6	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 15 in C.

Mrs. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6
W. H. L. BOCKINGHAM ... 3-4	WALTER AYRE ... 7-8

Composed by P. O. BIRBY.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6
*EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method in hand. First peal of Grandsire Triples in hand by all. Rung at second attempt, the first failing after ringing over 900 changes, after which a quarter-peal was rung, this being the only practice the band have had.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, Sept. 8th, at the Parish Church, 1,344 Bob Major in 48 mins.: E. Bennett (aged 15), longest length 1, J. Fernley, jun., 2, W. Fernley 3, H. Langley 4, L. Clough 5, T. Wilde 6, J. Fernley, sen. (conductor) 7, W. Hartley 8. Rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute to Mr. George D. Warburton, for many years a ringer at this church, and lately of St. George's, Stockport, who was interred this day at Norbury.

GATESHEAD BELLS RESTORED.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Gateshead, have been rebung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and were rededicated on Saturday week. The ceremony was attended by the civic authorities, and among those in the belfry during the dedicatory prayers were the Mayor (Alderman W. E. Wardill), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor W. Horn), the town clerk (Mr. W. Swinburn), members of the Council, the churchwardens, and Mr. T. Reed, who had given a donation of £100 towards the restoration. Mr. W. Story (ex-president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association) was also present, and Mr. S. R. Roper represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The Rector of Gateshead (Canon H. S. Stephenson, M.A.) rededicated the bells, and the sermon was preached by Rev. G. W. Froggart, now Vicar of St. Thomas', Sunderland, who in the past was a keen ringer at St. Mary's, Gateshead. His address dealt with the different purposes for which the bells are used.

The Rev. G. W. Froggart, together with Mr. J. Stuart, Mr. R. Patinson and Mr. J. G. Lennox (who are still members of the Guild), were present at the rededication, after repairs, some 25 years ago. The dedication touch was rung by the members of St. Mary's Guild, and, after the service, members of the Durham and Newcastle Association rang a short touch. Tea was served in the Anchorage, adjoining the church, after which the merry bells were kept going with short touches in various methods until 9 p.m.

The original peal, according to records, consisted of six bells, but, in 1738, the bells were recast and two trebles added.

The services were continued on Sunday, September 11th, the preacher in the morning being the Rector. In the evening, Rev. A. W. Lister, Rector of St. Stephen's, South Shields, and late president of the association (who took part in the service ringing), preached the sermon, his remarks being based on the words, 'That's all—Stand.'

A peal board in the belfry records a peal of Grandsire Triples (5,040 changes) rung in 1790.

DEATH OF MR. MARK WOODCOCK.

It is our sad duty to record the death at the age of 54 years of Mr. Mark Woodcock. Learning to ring a bell at Witney, under Mr. J. Monk, he quickly rang his first few peals under the conductorship of the late J. W. Washbrook. In 1900, he migrated to London, and residing in the Hampstead district he soon joined the Royal Cumberlands, and with that society he made rapid progress. Being an excellent striker, he rang peals in methods from 6 to 12 bells.

He was also an able conductor, and called many peals, including the last peal rung upon the 10 bells at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, in 1905. In addition to the Oxford Guild and Cumberlands, he was also a member of the old St. James' Society (and took part in the first peal rung under the new name of London County), Middlesex, Kent, Surrey and Bedfordshire county associations, also of the old Waterloo Society.

He had rung upwards of 100 peals when ill-health compelled him to give up the art he loved so well.

Deceased was unmarried, and was employed by the Metropolitan Asylums Board. Two years ago he was pensioned off, and retired to his native home at Witney. He was laid to rest in the cemetery of that town on September 12th.

In addition to members of his family, at the graveside were his two lifelong friends, Mr. J. Monk, representing the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and Mr. F. Smith, the Royal Cumberland Youths. R.I.P.

A RINGING HOLIDAY.

The following ringing was arranged for Mr. R. Sanders and Miss E. E. Chapman while on a holiday in the district, and they wish to thank those who made the arrangements and took part in the ringing:—

At Olney, Bucks, on August 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Boswell 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, A. Freeman 3, R. Sanders 4, B. Fisher (conductor) 5, W. Freeman 6, Rowland Perkins 7, Roger Perkins 8.

At All Saints', Emberton, on August 14th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Lovell 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, E. S. Mynard 3, F. J. Mynard (conductor) 4, W. Freeman 5, R. Sanders 6.—On August 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. J. Mynard 1, H. Lovell 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, E. S. Mynard (conductor) 4, W. Freeman 5, R. Sanders 6.

At St. Laurence's, Weston Underwood, on August 18th, 720 London Surprise Minor: H. Lovell 1, Miss E. E. Chapman (first in the method on six bells) 2, E. G. Mynard 3, F. J. Mynard (conductor) 4, E. S. Mynard 5, R. Sanders 6.

At St. Mary's, Wollaston, on August 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Minney 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, R. J. Bailey 3, A. Minney 4, A. Smart (conductor) 5, R. Sanders 6.

At St. Mary's, Clifton Keynes, on August 24th, 720 London Minor: W. Freeman 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, J. Lovell 3, F. J. Mynard (conductor) 4, E. S. Mynard 5, R. Sanders 6.—Also 720 Cambridge Minor: B. Fisher 1, F. J. Mynard (conductor) 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, R. Sanders 4, E. S. Mynard 5, H. Stapleton 6.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Thursday, September 1st, 720 Bob Minor: Alan Walker (first extent) 1, H. Harding, sen., 2, W. Stone 3, J. Goacher 4, N. Harding 5, G. Grover (first as conductor) 6.

THE BURTON REUNION.



Past and present ringers of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent. Names (reading from left to right) are: Messrs. E. R. Stone (Burton), J. Jagger (Oldbury), John Austin (Gloucester), Jos. Ashmole (Northwick), W. J. Smith (Coventry), Jos. Griffin (Elford), W. W. Worthington (Maple Hayes, Lichfield), J. H. Swinfield (Burton), H. Argyle (Nuneaton), Jos. T. Dyke (Chilcompton, Somerset), M. Swinfield (Burton), Jos. Slade (Burton), Arthur K. Harrison (Gloucester), and Reuben Hall (West Bromwich). Their reunion was recorded in our last issue.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SPADE WORK IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

Quite a successful meeting of the Western District was held at Apsley End on Saturday, September 17th, when members attended from Tring, Berkhamsted, Hemel Hempstead, Redbourn, King's Langley, Rickmansworth, St. Albans and the local tower. The bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, and Kent Treble Bob during the afternoon and evening. The tenor stay giving way before service caused some delay, while splicing of a primitive kind was being attended to.

A short service, with very appropriate address, was conducted by the Vicar, while the hymns were considerably brightened by one member officiating at the organ.

Tea, very kindly provided by the Vicar, was partaken in the Church Room, where the course-end came up without a hitch, unlike some others during the ringing.

At the business meeting, the Vicar presided. The president sent apologies for his absence, but business comes first.

Berkhamsted was chosen for the next meeting, to be held early in November.

Two peals and bands were arranged at King's Langley and Redbourn respectively, and the secretary foresees that in the near future he will have no difficulty to fill up his bands, even in fresh methods. Another matter—not for print—was suitably arranged for. The question of gentle reminders to the Berkhamsted authorities with regard to their bells was left to the secretary.

Very hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for his kindnesses extended to the association, and to the organist for his services. The Secretary announced that by early 1928 another peal of six would be available in the district, a treble having been promised at Great Gaddesden.

A course of Grandsire Triples was then managed 'in hand,' after which more spade work was done in the tower until 8 p.m.

LUGWARDINE BELLS AUGMENTED.

On Sunday, September 11th, at morning service, the Bishop of Hereford dedicated the two trebles to complete the octave at Lugwardine Church. The treble was given by Mr. Johnson in memory of his two sons killed in the war, so that the opening and dedication took the form of a memorial service.

The old six bells were very much out of tune, but have now been retuned at the Whitechapel Foundry, who also cast the trebles, thus providing another proof of what can be done by proper tuning, as these bells are now a very beautiful peal, and Lugwardine still possesses its old bells, perfectly tuned. The weights are as follows: Treble, 4cwt. 1qr. 18lb., F; 2nd, 4cwt. 1qr. 20lb., E; 3rd, 5cwt. 9qr. 3lb., D; 4th, 5cwt. 1qr. 14lb., C; 5th, 6cwt. 0qr. 2lb., B flat; 6th, 8cwt. 1qr. 13lb., A; 7th, 10cwt. 1qr. 23lb., G; tenor, 12cwt. 1qr. 20lb., F.

After morning service, several touches of Stedman Triples were rung, and again for evening service, Mr. A. A. Hughes taking part after morning service. The bells have all being rehung in ball bearings, the frame properly bolted and strengthened, and the whole work reflects the highest credit upon the firm for the masterly way in which the work has been done, and the whole of the parish are now justly proud of their beautiful peal.

C. E.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES' BELLS.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Harms-ton on Saturday, September 10th. Between forty and fifty members were present, amongst the towers represented being Bassingham, Bigby, Branston, Eagle, Gainsborough, Saxilby, Stow and Walsingham, while, in addition, some of the local company were present. The bells, a beautiful-toned ring of eight, were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going to various methods. There were rounds for the learners, some of whom were quite young, but seemed really enthusiastic, and showed good prospects of becoming efficient ringers in the near future. Owing to the Vicar being away from home and to the absence of the Rev. R. Bond, who had promised to officiate, but was unavoidably prevented from doing so at almost the last moment, Canon Swanzy (All Saints', Lincoln) took the service and delivered an instructive address. The Guild office was used, and the musical part of the service was heartily joined in by the members.

An excellent tea was provided at the Joiners' Arms, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. F. F. Linley presided. Apologies of absence were received from Canon W. Hicks (Messingham), Canon Morris (Gainsborough), Rev. R. Bond (Lincoln), Rev. H. Law James (Guild Ringing Master), and the correspondents of the towers at Lea and Ashby-de-la-Launde.

The election of Mr. H. Rooke, Warsop, as a non-resident life member was confirmed. Barton-on-Humber and Scunthorpe were proposed for the next half-yearly meeting, and, upon a show of hands, Scunthorpe was selected.

Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, Canon Swanzy for officiating at the service and his address, the organist for his services at the organ, the caterers for the excellent tea provided, Messrs. H. Marcon and J. Speed for making the necessary arrangements, and Mr. Linley for presiding over the meeting.

In responding, the president made reference to the bells of St. Peter-at-Arch, Lincoln, and expressed a sincere hope, on behalf of the members of the Guild, that should the time arrive for the demolition of that church, it would be found possible to retain the bells in the city of Lincoln.

Messrs. G. Chester and J. A. Freeman also spoke strongly in favour of Mr. Linley's suggestion, and on this being embodied in a resolution it was supported by the members.

A hearty welcome was accorded to the Rev. T. J. Pocock (Rector of Bassingham), who expressed his pleasure at being present.

This concluded the business, after which some of the members returned to the tower for further ringing, while others remained behind and took part in double-handed handbell ringing.

CLEVEDON.—On Saturday, September 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: *A. Durbin 1, F. Leaker 2, *W. Durbin 3, *C. Durbin 4, C. Jennings 5, W. Abrahams 6, W. Farley (conductor) 7, *S. James 8. Rung after meeting short for a peal. * First quarter-peal.

EALING.—On handbells, on Monday, September 19th, 2,160 Bob Minor, in 1 hour: Ernest Turner 1-2, J. Armiger Trollope 3-4, Wilfrid Wilson 5-6, being three 720's, one conducted by each ringer in turn. First 720 as conductor by ringers of 1-2 and 5-6.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**N.E. BRANCH.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Uffculme on Saturday, September 17th. The weather was glorious. No one could fail to enjoy ringing on such a splendid peal of bells.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly was an honoured guest, and the Rev. E. S. Powell was there for part of the meeting. Visitors also came from Exmouth, Buckfast, Newton St. Cyres, Milverton, Exeter, Thorverton. Seven out of the 10 towers were represented, and it was only due to a slight motor mishap that the Rev. F. Carter could not be present as he had intended.

In all, about 60 sat down to tea in the Parish Room.

Service was held in the Parish Church. The Rev. E. Powell and the Rev. E. Barton officiated, and a striking address was given by Prebendary Howard, Rector of Uffculme, the text being, 'His sound shall be heard.' During the meeting, Mr. Molineux made a suitable reference to the sudden death of the Rev. E. H. Hammond, who only so short a time ago had been elected an honorary member of this branch.

Two new associate members from Bradninch were elected, viz., William Bead and Stanley Glanville. The next meeting was fixed for Saturday, December 10th, to be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector and to all who helped to make the afternoon so successful.

NORTH NOTTS SECRETARY'S BEREAVEMENT.

Sincere sympathy will be extended to Mr. H. Haigh, hon. secretary of the North Notts Association, on the death of his wife, Mrs. Ellen Haigh, at 103, Gateford Road, Worksop, on Sunday last. Mrs. Haigh passed peacefully away in her sleep, after a short and painful illness, just after the bells of the Old Priory Church had ceased ringing for evening service.

One of the best of 'mothers' to many of the boys who were in training in the vicinity of Worksop during the years 1914-1918, the deceased lady will ever be remembered by those living. A devoted wife, she made many sacrifices for her husband's welfare, and gave him every help and encouragement in discharging his duties to the North Notts Association, always anxious that he should be doing that which would make the most people happy.

The remains of the deceased lady were interred at Ordsall, Retford, on Wednesday.

LOUGHBOROUGH VISITED.

On Saturday, September 10th, the Long Eaton ringers and a few friends had an outing, the party numbering 13. The journey was via Shepshed, Whitwick and Woodhouse Eaves, the towers of each of the churches in these places being placed at their disposal, and various touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent, Bob Major, and touches in Minor methods being rung on the bells. Tea was partaken of at Woodhouse Eaves. The return journey was made via Loughborough, where ringing took place on the bells of the foundry. The party were met by Mr. Stubbs, who first of all showed them 'Great Peter,' which has been cast for York Minster. The bell was in a frame, and it was swung for the benefit of the ringers to note the magnificent tone. The party were also conducted round the foundry, where several different rings of bells were in course of preparation, and great interest was taken by the members in the various processes of bell making. Afterwards, the ringers adjourned to the ringing tower, and some amusement was caused when various members tried for the first time to handle the bells. However, several touches were rung. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Stubbs for his assistance. A very enjoyable outing terminated only too quickly, and the party wish to thank the steeplekeepers of the churches visited for having the bells ready. Hearty thanks were expressed by the members to Mr. A. Hickton for the way the outing had been arranged.

ARMLEY RINGERS' OUTING.

On Sunday, September 11th, a party of ringers from Christ Church set out for the day by motor. The first stop was Bedale, which was reached in good time for morning service ringing. This proved rather an arduous task on this heavy ring of eight, and full justice was done to the dinner served soon afterwards at the Waggon and Horses. The party arrived at Middleham before 1 p.m., where Mr. H. Parrish kindly had everything in readiness. After ringing, the lord of the manor took the visitors round his gardens, and also brought out his fine set of handbells, on which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung. The next place of call was East Wilton, where a short touch of Minor was rung, after which they made for Masham. Having had tea at the latter place, they rang for evening service, and then made for home, after a most enjoyable day.

They would like to take this opportunity of thanking all who assisted in making their outing a successful one.

G. M.

GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Friday, September 2nd, 720 and 216 Bob Minor: Eric Ambrose 1, H. List 2, P. H. Johnson 3, R. Brett Smith (conductor) 4, Watson 5, J. A. C. Sparkam 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'Great Peter,' the 10½ ton bell, cast at the Loughborough Foundry for York Minster, has been hoisted into the lofty north-west tower this week. Great preparations had to be made for the task. It was necessary to remove the centre pillar of the west tower to get the old bell out, and, of course, this pillar cannot be replaced until the new bell is inside the Minster.

There was a brief service on Tuesday outside the west doors to welcome back the 'great chieftain of the bells,' as a special hymn composed for the occasion styled it.

A 'Sharp' lad has just rung his first peal, at the age of 13, at Harrold, Beds. A son of Mr. W. Sharp, he only commenced to ring a bell early in the year. He gets no regular practice, but can ring Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, as well as Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and other methods. These are the kind of boys who deserve encouragement, and Joseph Sharp is to be congratulated upon his youthful promise.

One of the experts would like to state that a theoretical extension cannot be a fact. A fact cannot be extended. Extension or elaboration of a fact causes it to have too many false course-ends, which act against the market value of the peal supply. Ergo, when a fact is not a fact you get a lot to the dollar on change.

An invitation for a peal is capable of extension. The fellow that wears the sprained ankle had three for August 27th, two of which came off O.K. A sprained ankle is capable of extension to infinity. Anyone enclosing a stamped addressed envelope to 'Uncle Joe' will receive the composition and proof scale.

The bells at Braughing, Herts, were opened on September 25th, 1745, and the first peal rung on them five days later by the Braughing Youths.

William Shipway was born at Bath on September 29th, 1760.

A report received on Wednesday states that there is a slight improvement in the condition of Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, who is lying in Hertford County Hospital, suffering from a fractured skull. He is more conscious and sleeping more naturally.

Mrs. Pulling remains at Hertford, and wishes to thank all friends for their further kind and sympathetic enquiries.

GLOUCESTER'S ELIZABETHAN RINGERS.

In the churchwardens' accounts of St. Michael the Archangel, Gloucester, this entry occurs every year during the reign of Queen Elizabeth:—

'The ringers for the ringinge of the prosperous raigne of the said Queene's Majesty Vis. VIII.'

When Elizabeth was Queen, one day in every year, The air was full of chiming bells that echoed far and near, From every tower and spire, through street or country lane, The praises of her Majesty's most happy, prosperous reign.

In Gloucester all day long they ring; from the cathedral bells Over the city and beyond—deep-toned—the music swells; *St. Mary and St. Nicholas tell ship and creaking wain, The praises of her Majesty's most happy, prosperous reign.

St. John-the-Baptist now begins; St. Michael makes reply; The Crypt Youths ring †St. Mary's bells in friendly rivalry. ‡St. Giles beyond the river sends a peal across the plain— The praises of her Majesty's most happy, prosperous reign.

'O God, save Queene Elizabeth,' the bells of Sandhurst pray— By faithful subjects thus inscribed—and on this glorious day, In joyful concert ringing, they loyally sustain The praises of her Majesty's most happy, prosperous reign.

§St. Swithin and ||St. Laurence and ¶St. Leonard sweetly ring; St. Mary's bells at Painswick further still the message ding; The city now is girdled round with bells that tell again The praises of her Majesty's most happy, prosperous reign.

HERBERT M. BRAITHWAITE.

* St. Mary de Lode. † St. Mary de Crypt. The Crypt Youths, old name for the ringers there. ‡ Maisemore. § Hempsted. || Barnwood. ¶ Upton St. Leonards.

MANCHESTER TOWN'S HALL'S JUBILEE.

On Tuesday, September 13th, in connection with the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Manchester Town Hall, the following touches were rung on the Town Hall bells by members of the City Police Force, viz.: 846 Grandsire Caters, 396 Grandsire Caters, 216 Stedman Caters, 504 Grandsire Triples, by P.C. W. Spicer, P.C. J. Mulliner, P.C. D. Brown, P.C. W. Pye, P.C. H. Paynting, P.C. G. Pye, P.C. J. Turner, P.C. J. Carter, P.C. J. Wilson, P.C. F. Page, P.C. G. Barlow.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.—On August 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: R. Williams 1, N. Coombs 2, T. Wyatt 3, L. Moore 4, E. Goldstone 5, H. Knight 6, J. H. Collier (conductor) 7, G. Tippet 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Moore on the anniversary of their wedding day, also as a birthday compliment to Miss Marjorie Thomas.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the eighth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

MORE ABOUT EVEN AND ODD ROWS.

I concluded my article last week by saying that I would next explain some 'short cuts' in the determination of even and odd rows.

The first thing to remember is that two bells cannot make a changing pair, unless they take the place of each other—unless they 'swap places.' Secondly, that to get any two bells into the places of each other, WITHOUT DISTURBING THE ORDER OF THE OTHER BELLS, will always require the changing of an ODD number of pairs. The bells may be placed anywhere in the row, not necessarily next each other, but to get bell A into B's place, and to get B into A's place, without altering the order of the other bells, will always result in an odd number of pairs being changed, and cannot be accomplished by changing an even number of pairs.

Now we are concerned with the total number of pairs required (to bring our row back to rounds) only so far as to whether the total be odd or even. The number '1' is as much odd as is '199.' Therefore, if we make two bells 'swap places' straight away and call it ONE PAIR, we have achieved the same end, as if we did it in full and called it 199 pairs, thus:—

- (6) 2345 (1) 7890 is odd, because it takes one pair (the 6-1 pair) to (1) 2345 (6) 7890 bring rounds.

When we are convinced of this, we can take our jumbled row at random and bring the bells 'home' (that is, to their rounds positions) one at a time, by making them change positions with another bell, every time this is done calling it one pair. The total of 'ones' will be either odd or even, thus determining the nature of the original row.

In one of the examples which follow, we see the bells brought 'home' for single pairs; and in the other example we have the same effect, but at the same time changing other pairs. First bring the treble home if possible, then the tenor, and work downwards if it is convenient. There is a reason for this getting the big bells home, as will be shown:—

- 8 3 1 7 6 4 5 2
 (1) 3 (8) 7 6 4 5 2 One pair (1/8) brings the treble home.
 1 3 (2) 7 6 4 5 (8) One pair (2/8) brings the tenor home.
 1 3 2 (5) 6 4 (7) 8 One pair (5/7) brings the seventh home.
 1 3 2 5 (4) (6) 7 8 One pair (4/6) brings the sixth home.
 1 3 2 (4) (5) 6 7 8 One pair (4/5) brings the fourth and fifth home.
 1 (2) (3) 4 5 6 7 8 One pair (2/3) brings the second and third home.

Total six pairs, so that the original row is even. Here follows the same row, dealt with in the shorter manner:—

- 8 3 1 7 6 4 5 2
 2 1 3 5 4 6 7 8 Four pairs (8/2, 3/1, 7/5, 6/4) bringing home 3-6-7-8.

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Two pairs (1/2, 5/4) bringing home 1-2-4-5.

Total six pairs, therefore original row is even.

Another 'short cut' to finding the nature of the rows is to bring the big bells 'home,' as is done above, and then to recognise the nature of the smaller bells AS THEY STAND, without bringing them 'home.'

In the example above, where we brought the bells home by single pairs, there is a row 13245678, which is the result of changing 83176452 by five pairs, and, judging by these five pairs, we have come to an 'odd' conclusion, AS FAR AS WE HAVE GONE; but we are not yet back to rounds.

Here let us consider the rows upon three bells. The greatest number of different rows that we can produce from '123' is six; three are produced by changing 'even' pairs, and three by 'odd' pairs. If we substitute '234' for the '123,' we shall get three rows of each class, as follows:—

EVEN ROWS: 234; 342; 423.

ODD ROWS: 243; 324; 432.

These six rows are easily memorised, and can quickly be recognised 'within' any row AS THEY STAND. By 'within' is meant between other figures, thus: 00423000, etc.

We have brought our original 83176452 back to 1(324)5678, by changing 'odd' pairs (5), and all of the bells are in 'rounds order' except 324, which, as it stands, is 'odd.' Therefore, (5) 'odd' pairs, plus 'odd' 324 gives an even result; and we may know that our original 83176452 is even, without bringing it right back to rounds.

Further examples:—

14326587 is odd, because 1(432)(65)(87) = change two pairs (6/5 and 8/7) and leave 1-5678 at home, and the 432 is odd.

Therefore, even (2 pairs) plus odd (432) gives an odd row (14326587).

84236671 is even, because (8)(423)(65)7(1) = change 2 pairs (8/1 and 6/5) leaves 1-5678 at home, and the 423 is even.

Therefore, even (2 pairs) plus even (423) gives an even 84236671.

The 'odd plus even, etc.,' laws hold good in every possible way. We have considered 'rows plus pairs,' and now will consider 'rows plus

ROWS.'

When transposing the lead-ends and internal rows, by means of our red and black cards, we have been transposing one row by another row. In covering 123456 with a red row, and transferring to the black row underneath, we transpose the red row at the top by the black row underneath. The 123456, which we cover, does not really enter into consideration; we only use it, UNCONSCIOUSLY, for reference purposes.

Let us understand, then, for the future, that if we transpose row 'A' by row 'B,' 'A' is the red row which covers 123456, and 'B' is the black row underneath, to which we proceed to transfer the red cards.

An odd row, transposed by an odd row, gives an even row. The odd row 83716452 (or row 'A'), transposed by the odd row 38647125 (or row 'B'), will give the even row 72415836. Cover 12345678 with row 'A' (83716452) in red cards, and place in black underneath, 38647125 (being row 'B'); transfer the cards as before, in the order of the 3-8-6-4, etc., which is underneath. The result will be as given. Bring the three rows back to rounds and see if it is correct.

Similarly with the remainder of the laws. An odd row 'A,' transposed by an even row 'B,' will give an odd row as the result, etc., etc. Make up some rows and prove it to be true.

We are now equipped to apply the principles of transposition (by pairs and by rows), and the laws which govern 'in-course' and 'out-course' rows, to any simple problem with which we may have to deal. FIXED BELLS.

The 'extent of variations' means the greatest possible number of differing rows obtainable, by using a given set of figures. The 'extent' of '1' is one row; that is to say, '1' can be placed in only the one order in the 'row.'

When another number is added, the extent of the lower set is multiplied by the higher number of figures, thus: The extent of '1' being one row, the extent of '12' is two rows (the extent of '1' multiplied by the two figures). The extent of '123' is six rows (extent of '12' multiplied by the three figures). Of '1234,' it is twenty-four rows (extent of '123' multiplied by the four figures), etc.

In another way, it is the multiplication of the whole of the separate numbers—1 x 2 x 3 x 4 x 5 gives 120 rows, being the extent of '12345,' and so on.

The reason for this can be explained. The addition of the extra number enables the extent of the lower set to be repeated, for every position held (in the rows) by the extra number. For example, the extent of '123' is six rows, and the addition of 'No. 4' will have this effect, the 0's representing the other bells in any order:—

Six '123' rows, with '4' in the first place in each—4000 (4123, etc.), ditto ditto second ditto —0400 (1423, etc.), ditto ditto third ditto —0040 (1243, etc.), ditto ditto fourth ditto —0004 (1234, etc.).

Therefore, '4' must not appear in any particular 'place' more than six times, because the extent of the lower set ('123') is limited to six rows; and if, for instance, '4' appeared on the front (or in the first place—4000) seven times, we should only be able to produce six variations of '123' to follow the '4,' and the seventh time would produce a 'false row' (otherwise, a repetition). It follows, that ANY one of the numbers (1-2-3 or 4) must not appear in the same place (in the row) more than six times, because the extent of the remaining three numbers is limited to six rows.

Similarly with any row; with '123456' any bell may appear in the same place 120 times, because this is the extent of the remaining five bells; moreover, to produce an extent, each bell MUST appear in every place the full number of times allowed. She must not do more or less.

The way of ensuring this is to make certain bells follow fixed paths throughout the 720, whilst the remaining bells are compelled to produce the extent of their variations; the fixed path may be repeated lead by lead in the case of one bell, course by course in another, part by part in the case of a third bell, etc.

The path of the treble bell is set lead by lead—it may be a 'plain hunt' or a 'Treble Bob hunt' path that she follows, but it repeats itself lead by lead. In Plain Bob, she steps from place to place as the fresh rows appear, travelling from the front to the back (one step at a time), and back again to the front. This set path causes her to appear in each place (in the row) twice in every lead, and thus we require 60 leads to put her into each place the necessary 120 times. We see that the leads are governed by the path of the treble.

In Treble Bob methods she is caused to appear in each place (in the row) four times in every lead, and therefore only 30 leads are necessary. The treble is the 'most fixed' of our fixed bells.

DENHOLME, YORKS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Tuesday, August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 45 mins., the bells half-muffled as a token of regard and respect to the memory of Mr. G. Denny, whose interment took place same day: V. Bairstow 1, J. Windle (longest length) 2, H. Atkinson 3, A. Smallbones 4, B. Holmes 5, W. Proctor 6, A. Bairstow (conductor) 7, M. Harrison 8.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Tuesday, August 16th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hitchman 1, H. Palmer 2, J. Bosley 3, W. Hitchman (conductor) 4, R. G. Rice 5, W. Corderoy 6.—Also 360, with J. James 5th, the rest as before. Rung as a welcome to the new incumbent, the Rev. J. C. Cohen, M.A., late Vicar of St. Cyprian's, Macclesfield, who visited the belfry and thanked the ringers for their greeting to him.

YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER.

JASPER SNOWDON AND PAST OFFICERS.

An enthusiastic gathering of Yorkshire ringers took place in the ancient city of York on Saturday for the sixth annual Snowdon Commemoration dinner. The event was a highly successful one, thanks to the excellent arrangements made by the local committee, of which Mr. T. F. Earnshaw was hon. treasurer and Mr. G. Horner hon. secretary. The fact that the new ring of twelve bells at the Minster were available was an added attraction, and this noble peal was rung for an hour before the morning service, and for two hours in the afternoon, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus being the methods.

Dinner was served at the Windmill Hotel, and was presided over by the Bishop of Whithy, the company numbering nearly 140. The president of the Yorkshire Association (Rev. C. C. Marshall) was in the vice-chair, and Yorkshire ringers were present, many of them with their wives, from all parts of the county. The chairman was supported by Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. J. Cotterell (hon. treasurer) and Mrs. Cotterell, and the members of the local committee. Among the visitors were Mr. T. Groombridge (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. W. H. Shaker (hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shaker, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smallwood (Derby), Messrs. C. Johnston (Croydon), J. Oldham and J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), J. W. Rowbotham (London), H. Chapman (Manchester), W. Storey, W. H. Barber, P. S. Anderson, A. Payne, J. E. Keen, G. Pickering, R. Thompson (Newcastle), R. Richardson (Surfleet), J. H. Goldsmith (Woking), H. Marson (Lincoln), J. T. Newton (Bedford), F. A. Holden (Cranwell), W. Bibby (Frodsham), H. Hemming (Bristol), E. Bishop (Swindon), T. F. King (Bath), W. Thomas (Bristol), H. G. Hampton (Bournemouth), J. G. Adams (Olney), R. B. Rowley (Lancaster), W. Haigh (Rochester), and others. Telegrams conveying good wishes were received from the College Youths and Mr. F. E. Dawe, and letters from Canon Nolloth (formerly of Beverley), Mr. Barrow (Minster Chapter clerk), Mr. G. Lewis and Mr. C. L. Routledge (Newcastle).

Mr. Routledge, in expressing his regret at being unable to be present through another engagement, wrote that he wanted to press the claims of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association to some substantial support from the Yorkshire Association when they celebrated their jubilee on Saturday, October 29th, at Durham City. Their associations had worked hand in hand for many years, although he must say the Yorkshire Association had offered more attractions to members of the Durham and Newcastle Association than the latter had to Yorkshire. He thought his association had paid more visits to Yorkshire—official and otherwise—than the Yorkshire Association had to Northumberland and Durham. Their visit to York to ring for a service on July 4th to commemorate the 1,300th anniversary would long live in his memory and those of his colleagues. On behalf of his members, he wished to say they would welcome a handsome support from the Yorkshire Association on October 29th, if they could see their way to come north. Mr. Routledge said his recollections and memories of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Harry Hattersley were necessarily scanty, but very happy and pleasant—another reason why he would have loved to be with them.

'BELLRINGERS ARE MAD.'

Mr. F. Cryer (Selby), proposing 'The Church and State,' said he loved the old Church and the State—the Church first and the State next, for that was the order of history. The Church of this country was in existence before the form of our country was settled, and the Church had had a good deal to do with the settling of the State from the beginning. Our country was a fine country, and with all her faults was a proud country. There was no Church to equal the old Church. A parish church was the very centre of all things in a parish. He was not one of those who thought the Church was going to the dogs because of Prayer Book revision; she would revive through it and become stronger. He wanted to see the Church and the State pull together in harmony. The Church could help the State, and the State could help the Church, and the result would be for the good of the people. He hoped the Church and the State would be found working in union for the good of the people (applause).

Canon John Solloway, D.D. (Vicar of Selby), made a very humorous response, and caused laughter when describing all bellringers as mad. He had actually seen bellringers go up the belfry and pat the bells and stroke them (laughter). He had known bellringers from Selby go away, and once when they returned they said they had had a splendid outing. He asked, 'Were the sands very nice?' and they replied that they did not see the sands; they went to Thirsk and had spent all the day in the tower. If that were not a sign of madness he did not know what it was (renewed laughter). Bellringers, he continued, were doing an essential work in connection with the Church of God

and the Church they were serving. It was a ministry—(applause)—they were calling people to church by their bell invitation. He knew bellringers never left the service before the end (laughter). He hoped the Church of England would always work in union and harmony with the State, whilst they were working and pulling together he thought they need fear nothing at all either for the Church or the State. The Bishops and the National Assembly working for the Prayer Book revision were doing their level best not for the good of themselves but for the good of the Church (applause).

A GREAT INSTRUCTOR AND HISTORIAN.

In proposing the toast of 'The memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the association,' Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said there were two respects in which Jasper Snowdon stood out above all other ringers in the view of those who had not the privilege of personal acquaintance with him. He had been the greatest instructor of ringers and the greatest historian of our art that the Exercise has ever had. His aptitude as an instructor was first evinced in his own belfry at Ilkley, when, having taken up the study of change ringing seriously in the year 1871, he and the young band with him, without the advantage of any elementary book on ringing to assist them at the start, learned five different Minor methods and rang extents of each of them within ten months of their beginning. Knowing what they did to-day, there was no need to speculate as to who was the inspiration of this remarkable progress. But of Jasper Snowdon's work as an instructor, almost all could speak from personal experience. Who, among the ringers of to-day, did not owe to his 'Rope-sight,' his 'Grandsire,' his 'Treble Bob,' and his 'Standard Methods,' to mention only some of his works, a great deal of their knowledge of ringing? The number of those who had not either directly or indirectly acquired the basis of their knowledge of ringing from these books must be small indeed. No one up to Jasper Snowdon's time ever explained the intricacies of the art so completely or in simpler or more lucid language. There have since been imitators and those who had endeavoured to improve upon his style, but in his (the speaker's) opinion he had no compeers, and certainly no superiors, as an instructor, while it was beyond dispute that no individual, since the beginnings of change ringing, had taught the rudiments of the art to so many people as Jasper Snowdon, for, although he had been gone from them for more than 40 years, he was still educating the young ringers through his unsurpassed text books. In speaking of Jasper Snowdon's status as an historian of the Exercise, the speaker quoted the words of the late Canon Wigram, who wrote that Jasper Snowdon, in this respect, 'held a position in the ringers' community absolutely unapproached. There are other ringers, other conductors, other composers, and also other authors of instruction for beginners, but there has never been any other true historian of the science. In this department he stands alone, and it is impossible to say which is the most remarkable, whether the amount of information which he collected, the patience with which he arranged it, or the critical skill with which he assigned to each composer the degree of merit which belonged to him.' Later discoveries, continued Mr. Goldsmith, had added to the mass of material which Jasper Snowdon unearthed with such painstaking zeal, but the sum of history since laid bare was not a tithe of that which he expended so much labour to collect, and most of which in various forms he handed on for all to read. These—his work as instructor-in-general and his labours as historian-in-chief to the Exercise—were perhaps the two things for which he stood out most conspicuously to those who had no personal touch with him.

A CROWDED LIFE.

He (the speaker) could not, however, turn from Jasper Snowdon without a word as to that side of his character which revealed itself to those who knew him best. The things which most impressed everyone with whom he came in contact were the electric enthusiasm which animated him and the dynamic power of his personality. In his enthusiasm he carried others with him, and he became the great driving force which lifted the Exercise in Yorkshire to the great position which it attained. Think of what he did in fifteen short years for ringing alone. He started at the beginning and learned method ringing, he pursued it in practice and studied it in theory. He carried out his great researches into the history of the art, and investigated many of the mysteries of the science. The shortcomings of the ringing literature at that time were quickly revealed to his keen perception, and he became the author of innumerable articles which appeared in the ringing press, and wrote several text books, which have not only stood the test of time, thus showing how thoroughly he did the work, but have become standard treatises in the Exercise. He was largely responsible for founding the Yorkshire Association, and filled the office of president for ten years—the first and most difficult years in its annals—and guided its destinies with unerring hand until his early and untimely death. In this short period, therefore, he did as much, if not more, for ringing than any other man in a lifetime, and yet this was only one phase of his energies and many-sided interests.

What was the secret of his great achievement? It was partly his great intellect, his unbounded energy, his unconquerable determination, but, above all, it was the fact that he religiously put into practice the precept which he enunciated in one of the very first letters he ever wrote to the press on ringing matters. In February, 1872, he wrote a letter to 'Church Bells,' explaining, as an encouragement to others, how the band at Ilkley had rung the five methods in ten months—a remarkable achievement in those days, and one which was publicly challenged as being commensurable with the proverbial fishermen's yarn. He concluded that letter by saying that perseverance was all in this as in everything, and added, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.' If any man ever applied that text to all he undertook, that man was Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. That, undoubtedly, was the great secret of his success. Jasper Snowdon not only accomplished much, but he set a great example. He began with nothing to help him. What he achieved, he achieved by his own application, energy and enthusiasm. If there was one regret which they all must feel with regard to Jasper Snowdon it was that he died too soon.

OTHER PAST OFFICERS.

But, continued the speaker, if they, as an association, were singularly fortunate in their first president, they had been fortunate also in the other officers, who, through the past fifty years had carried on the work. The men who rallied round Jasper Snowdon in the first days of their association were men of grit and men of faith, as well as men of enthusiasm. He need not go through all the list of those who had gone from them, but he could not pass on without mentioning the names of one or two. There was, for instance, William Snowdon, who not only succeeded his brother Jasper as president, and for 25 years gave his unstinted services to the association, but who, up to his death only a few years since, laboured with the labour of love to complete the work for change ringing in other directions, which his brother had so well begun. Then they had such men as William Horner Howard, one of their first vice-presidents, William Whittaker, their first secretary, Charles and Thomas Hattersley, the Lockwoods, Charles Jackson, George Bolland, and others. They were worthy successors of a long line of Yorkshire men famous in ringing annals, and each in his own sphere helped to lay the foundations of that association broad and deep, foundations upon which the members were successfully building and would continue to build. In this edifice which they were erecting, these men had their niche; with all who knew them they had left happy memories and the inspiration of a great example. To future generations they might be but names, but all the while they held these annual dinners they would keep their memory green and could, if they would, clothe their names with something of the spirit which pervaded those men in life. And they would do more than that. They would remind their own members of their debt to the founders of their association, and to those who had laboured to make it the success it had been for more than half a century, and they would remind the Exercise at large of what it owed to men like Jasper Snowdon, and of the example which they set to strive, not so much for what could be got out of ringing, as for what could be put into it. If they could do that, those gatherings would be not merely the enjoyable social events which they were, but something that would have a much greater and most lasting value (applause).

The toast was honoured in silence.

THE MINSTER BELLS.

Mr. P. J. Johnson, in proposing 'The Visitors,' said they had ringers present that evening from both ends of England, from Newcastle down to Bristol. There were representatives present from the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Winchester Diocesan Guild, the Bath and Wells Association, the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the Salisbury Guild, the Durham and Newcastle Association, the Lincoln Guild, the Lancashire Association, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, the Midland Counties Association, Kent and Surrey Associations, and he welcomed them heartily to York. Mr. Johnson referred to the absence of Canon Nolloth, and said all the ringers of England owed him a great debt of gratitude for what he had done for ringers. Mr. Johnson welcomed the presence of the Rev. R. S. Pine, and Canon Solloway, who took such a great interest in the ringers at his famous church. They were glad to welcome such stalwarts as Mr. Albert Walker, whose name was famous in twelve-bell ringing, and Mr. Thomas Groombridge, the Master of the College Youths, whose fame as a heavy-bell ringer was known to them all. There was also another name which they remembered with affection, the name of Story, and they were delighted to have Mr. Story with them. They offered a real Yorkshire welcome to all their visitors, and hoped they would carry away with them kindly memories of a hearty reception. It gave him the greatest pleasure to propose the toast, and to couple with it the names of the three ringers he had mentioned.

Mr. Albert Walker, who first responded, thanked the Yorkshire Association for the welcome extended to the visitors, and said he valued highly the inter-association work which was being done in some parts of the country, and which was helped forward by such gatherings as that dinner. They had seen instances of it recently between the Essex, Middlesex and Hertfordshire Associations and a short time ago the Yorkshire Association and St. Martin's Guild had a very successful joint gathering. He wanted to congratulate the Yorkshire Association and the York Minster authorities and ringers on the splen-

did peal of bells they had got, and, if he might be allowed to do so, he would like to suggest that they should, if possible, make a little improvement to enable the bells to be heard more distinctly in the new ringing room. In the old belfry they were too noisy; now it was difficult to hear the trebles, but he thought it was a matter that might easily be adjusted.

Mr. T. Groombridge said he was most happy to be present to represent his society. It was almost like coming to a home from home, because he had met so many there whom he had met before. He thanked the Yorkshiresmen for their kind reception, and wished their association continued prosperity.

Mr. William Story replied on behalf of the northern contingent, and he was delighted to know that they had been able to bring a party of nine from Newcastle. He paid a tribute to Jasper Snowdon, whom he met in 1885, although he never had the pleasure of ringing with him. He met a friend of Jasper Snowdon the other day, who spoke of his genial character and his thoroughness in all he did. Mr. Story referred to the coming jubilee of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and invited the members of the Yorkshire Association to visit Durham on that auspicious occasion.

(To be continued.)

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

A MIDLAND TOUR.

The 16th annual tour of Cambridge University Guild was held this year in Northants and the surrounding counties. It was admirably arranged by Mr. E. M. Atkins, headquarters being at Isham Rectory, near Kettering. A peal attempt was arranged for each morning, and two or three more towers were visited each afternoon. A new feature was the arrangement by which members attended local practices in the evenings, and this and the friendly way in which they were received by the steeplekeeper and local ringers everywhere was very much appreciated by everyone. A special word of thanks is due to the steeplekeepers, some of whom had to wait many minutes for the arrival of the visitors, for anyone who has been in a ringing week will know how hard it is to keep to a prearranged timetable with any degree of success. Handbell ringing was also indulged in in the evenings, but no handbell peals were rung, although Double Norwich was attempted once or twice.

Twenty towers were visited during the week, the two real treats of the tour being, perhaps, St. John's, Leicester, and All Saints', Oakham, than either of which it is hard to imagine a finer peal of eight. Grandsire Cinques and Treble Twelve were rung at St. Margaret's, Leicester. Illness near the church, unfortunately, prevented ringing on the beautiful peal at Rothwell, where the bells have the reputation of ringing Double Norwich automatically, but the Guild has already rung a peal there, on the 1921 tour, and on this visit a course of Little Bob was rung on handbells in the Bone-crypt by the light of candles.

Of the five peals attempted, three were successful, starting off on Monday evening with a good peal of Kent at Burton Latimer, and this was followed on Tuesday morning by Bob Major at Newport Pagnell. On Wednesday morning, Parker's peal of Cambridge was lost at Gilmorton, after half an hour's ringing, but on Thursday a peal of Grandsire Caters was successfully brought round at Kettering. Friday provided one of those tragic last-course breakdowns which seem almost unbelievable when outside the tower, but which happen from time to time to the best of bands, and without which no ringer's peal record would be really complete. On this occasion a peal of 5,378 Bob Major was lost after 5,344 changes had been rung in 3 hrs. 41 mins. at Monk's Kirby. The following conversation, which passed between two of the ringers during this peal attempt, immediately after a small trip in 3-4, should, I think, be put on record:—

'The position in which we dodge together in 3-4 has now come up.'

'What did you say?'

'Oh, nothing. It's too late now.'

Which shows that even the most disastrous peal attempts may have their amusing sides.

Saturday morning saw the breaking up of the party, after a most enjoyable week's ringing.

5,008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

BY GEO. H. CROSS.

23456	1	2	3	4	5	6	8
36245	S	S	—	—	—	—	—
62435	—	—	—	—	—	S	1
64235	—	—	—	—	—	S	1
32465	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday, September 18th, for evening service at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: H. Luck 1, S. A. Staggs 2, F. J. Cullum, sen., 3, J. S. Morton 4, L. J. Cullum 5, H. A. Holden 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Darke 8.

ASETON-UNDER-LYNE.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, September 18th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins.: Miss Ida Wolstencroft 1, A. Prestwick 2, Ed. Johnson 3, James Clayton 4, Wm. Hawke 5, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss I. Wolstencroft prior to her departure for St. Mary's College, Bangor, North Wales. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on September 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Hunt 1, F. G. Tannor (Weston-super-Mare) 2, F. Hannington 3, J. Phillips 4, G. Large 5, P. Heath 6, E. Coombes (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.

CHIPPING BARNET.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, September 18th, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): R. Roffey 1, Miss P. Upsher 2, H. J. Eldred 3, H. Long 4, S. Hoare 5, F. A. Milne 6, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, W. Langley 8. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the niece of ringers of 4th and 5th, and as birthday compliment to the conductor.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Sunday, September 18th, at St. Peter's Church, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: H. W. Martin 1, Miss M. L. Cufflin 2, W. A. Skinner 3, J. Pole 4, A. Disney 5, R. Barrow (conductor) 6. First 720 for ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and first as conductor.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, September 18th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor: Miss Ida Crawley 1, H. G. Smith 2, A. Thomas 3, C. Sandlands 4, J. Bayley 5, F. H. Crawley (conductor) 6. All are Sunday service ringers.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, September 11th, and also on Sunday, September 18th, for morning service, two 504's of Grandsire Triples. The following took part: J. Spedding, J. Hutchinson, B. Douglas, A. Elibeck, J. Whittam, W. Norman, W. H. Cook, J. H. Rothery, and G. W. Tembey.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, September 11th, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Wyatt (conductor) 1, H. Norman 2, H. Pocock 3, W. Underhill 4, W. Cross 5, A. Tout 6, P. Merson 7, T. Pavey 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by ringers of 3rd and 4th. First as conductor.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of St. Dunstan's Doubles (1,320 changes), being eleven six-scores: F. Pudwell 1, E. J. Lewis (conductor) 2, A. Pudwell 3, E. Telling 4, P. Kirby 5, J. Ryman (first quarter-peal) 6.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL SHIELD CONTEST.**

The annual contest took place at South Kirby on Saturday, September 10th, when eight bands entered from seven towers, two bands being from one tower.

- 1.—No. 1 Felkirk (Bob Minor), 385 faults, 30 penalties; total 415.
- 2.—Sandal (Oxford), 134 faults, 5 penalties; total 139.
- 3.—Darfield (Oxford), 277 faults; total 277.
- 4.—Cawthorne (Oxford), 142 faults, 15 penalties (rung out); total 157.
- 5.—Shelley (Oxford), 44 faults, 20 penalties; total 64.
- 6.—Hoylandswaine (Oxford), 200 faults, 10 penalties (rung out); total 210.
- 7.—Wath No. 1 (Snowdrop), 99 faults; total 99.
- 8.—Wath No. 2 (Oxford), 185 faults; total 185.

The result was declared in the Church Hall at the subsequent meeting presided over by the Rev. F. J. Greenstreet.

Shelley received the shield and six half-dozen of stainless knives. Wath No. 1 company received the second prize and six cake stands.

Mrs. Sullivan kindly presented the prizes. Thanks are due to all concerned, especially to the good people of South Kirby, for the arrangements made, and to the judges, Messrs. J. R. Brearley and W. Idle.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—At St. James' Church, on Saturday, September 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: N. Newby 1, J. E. Williams 2, F. Jeavons 3, S. Honour 4, S. Hyder 5, F. Limb 6, C. J. A. Cushing (conductor) 7, W. Piethall 8. The young ringer of the treble (who belongs to Ulverston) is to be congratulated on the way in which he rang in this quarter, as it was his first attempt for such a long 'touch' in this method.

NOTICE.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the district will be held at Wrotham, on Saturday, October 8th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- will be paid to members attending. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 4th.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on September 29th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Odiham on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. — Rev. Evan Jones, Hon. Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Old Basford (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tamworth on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with address by the Rev. E. H. Rogers (Vicar). Tea will be provided at 5.30. —H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea at the 'Old Eight Bells,' by kind invitation, at 4.30. Half rail fare, maximum 1/-.—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwick, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock onwards. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on September 24th, at St. David's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, District Secretary, Belle Vue, Brecon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The 3rd quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24th. Bells of Thurstaston (8) available from 3 till 4.45 p.m., and Anstey (8) from 6 till 8 p.m. Short business meeting immediately after tea. All ringers welcome.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Willington, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea arranged at moderate charge. —J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Giggleswick on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available all day. Meat teas at 2/6 per head and plain teas at 1/6 per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. E. B. Fidoe, Black Horse Hotel, Giggleswick.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Etwall, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Essex District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service will be held at the Parish Church of St. Nicolas at 4.30 p.m., and the usual tea and meeting will be at 5.15 p.m. (1s. 6d. each).—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The Autumn meeting of this branch will be held at Steventon (6 bells) on Saturday, September 24th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East Street, Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Chislehurst at 3 o'clock on Sept. 24th. The 290th Anniversary Dinner will take place at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Nov. 5th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A district meeting will be held at Saltburn-by-the-Sea on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The bells of the Parish Church (8—tenor 23 cwt.) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea at Kembal's Café, 1/6 per head. Business meeting follows tea.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Stoke Poges (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Englefield on Saturday, September 24th. Service 4 p.m.—A. T. Claydon, Hon. Sec., Englefield, Reading.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pembridge on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (5) available 4 to 9. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45. Meeting after tea.—Jabez Preece, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Eastern and Western Districts will hold a joint meeting at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available after 2.30. Tea at the Crown Hotel at 5. —George S. Taylor, Harry Tyson, Secretaries.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barford St. Martin (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Ringing commences at 3. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Romaine, Hon. Sec., 41, Green Croft Street, Salisbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Aldate's Church, on Thursday, September 29th. Ringing from 6 p.m. Service 7 p.m. Business meeting in Rectory Room after service.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec., 13, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Northleach on Thursday, Sept. 29th. Bells open 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, 5 o'clock. Service 6 o'clock. Will all those who intend being present please let me know by the 26th?—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A preliminary district meeting to discuss rules and other matters will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells of Holy Trinity pro-Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Church will be available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each, at St. Saviour's Hall, Onslow Street. Those requiring tea must let me know not later than Tuesday, Sept. 27th. Business meeting 5.45. The towers immediately concerned will be notified by circular, but all ringers will be welcome. Other district meetings will be held at Leatherhead, Oct. 8th; Chertsey, Oct. 15th; Farnham, Oct. 22nd. Preliminary general meeting Nov. 17th.—J. S. Goldsmith, hon. sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Election of officers for the ensuing year. All ringers and friends welcome.—A. C. Kay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LADIES' GUILD.—A quarterly meeting (Southern and Central Districts combined) will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, September 28th.—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Friskney on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (6) (recently rehung by Mr. A. Bowell) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. Those intending to be present are kindly asked to send in their names by Sept. 27th so that arrangements can be made for tea. Buses leave Boston G.P.O. at 1.10, 2.15, 3.30 and 4.15 p.m., returning 6.30, 8, 9.10, 10 and 10.50 p.m.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, nr. Boston, Lincs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Barnet, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- each, at 4.45 in The Church House. Meeting to follow. Short service at 6 p.m. Hadley Bells from 7 to 9 p.m., as well as Barnet. Please advise me by Sept. 28th if you require tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—South West District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lifton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available 2.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Tea free to members. Practices in Surprise Minor methods will be resumed at Stoke, Plymouth, Thursdays, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Would those who intend to be present kindly notify me?—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st at Bishop Ryder's, City. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be arranged for those who send in their names not later than 27th September.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Autumn meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Chant (10) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and Meeting at 4.30 p.m. Half fares up to 2/-. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before, Wednesday, September 28th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 'Fair View,' Littlebourne, Canterbury.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and an 8-bell contest at Almondbury, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, October 1st. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea (1/2 each) write to the secretary, L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfields View, Halifax, not later than Monday, Sept. 26th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (Christ Church 8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. Holy Trinity bells (8) also available for ringing.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn (1s. per head), followed by business meeting after service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Sept. 27th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The third quarterly meeting of the Reading branch will be held at Caversham on Saturday, Oct. 1st, commencing at 3 p.m. All are welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting Saturday, Oct. 1st, at North Wingfield (8 bells). Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. J. P. Tarlton, Hephthorne Lane, North Wingfield, by Sept. 28th.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chepstow on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Business meeting at 5 o'clock. Bells available during the afternoon and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting to be held at Royston on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5.30 at Beale's Café. Good bus services from all parts. All are welcome.—George T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hungerford, Berks.—Dedication of new trebles by Bishop of Oxford on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, at 2.30 p.m. Bells (8) open for ringing afterwards until 6.30. Visiting ringers invited to tea by the Vicar. Those intending to come should notify Rev. H. Wardley King, Hungerford Vicarage, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Surfleet (10 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea at 4.15 p.m. All requiring tea please let me know by Oct. 4th.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pocklington on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available all day. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Kemp's Café at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 5th.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at Wilton. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow in the Schoolroom. All who want tea must please let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 4th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

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

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Worksop on Oct. 22nd, instead of on Oct. 8th, as was originally announced. Particulars later.—Molly Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, nr. Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Service will be held in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m., with address by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. The bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m. After service, tea will be in the Church Hall at 1s. per head. It is necessary that all who require tea will send in their names not later than Monday, Oct. 3rd, to R. G. Black, General Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, nr. Kettering.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 15th, at Wilby. Bells from 2 p.m. Important meeting after tea in the Schools at 4.30 p.m. Tea for all sending me word by October 10th, 9d.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

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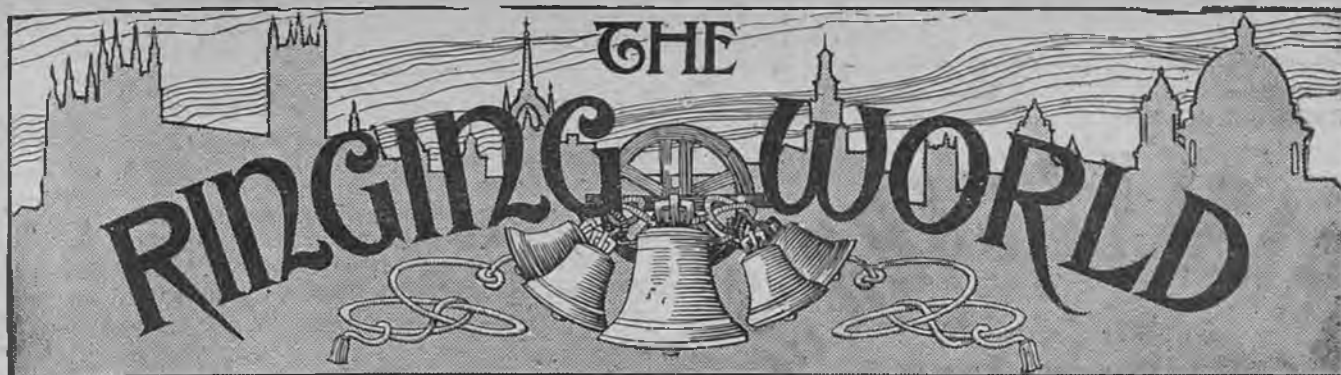
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LOYALTY!

In his speech at the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, the President of the Yorkshire Association (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) emphasised the importance of loyalty in the success of the organisation. No society can prosper without the loyalty of its members; it is the secret of success in all undertakings where success depends upon co-operation. Not a few of our associations suffer to-day from the lukewarm loyalty of the members. It may show itself in a general lack of interest in the association's work, a slackness in paying subscriptions and in numerous other small ways, but whatever form it takes it is a source of weakness to the society, as well as being a direct discouragement to those officers and members who strive to build up the organisation and make it worthy of the cause which it is established to promote.

Equally necessary is it that ringers should be loyal to their own tower. The man who, to the detriment of his own band, neglects his own belfry, whether it be from apathy, or from a desire merely to be in better company, is a poor asset to the Exercise. The man who professes to be a ringer and lets his comrades assemble for service or practice ringing while he stays away for no genuine purpose, knowing that they will be short-handed, exhibits the worst type of disloyalty with which ringers have to contend. The man who is always late is another kind of bugbear to all who have a desire properly to discharge their duties or to make progress in the art. The success of an association is founded on the success of the individual bands, and lack of loyalty to one is bound to react upon the prosperity of the other.

Who among the enthusiasts has not had the galling and discouraging experience of meeting short for practice or peal, or of having to ring perhaps four, five, or six bells for service in a tower where there are eight or more? And this not once, but time after time, not because there are not enough ringers in the parish, but because some, or maybe only one or two, are too indifferent to their responsibilities and to the loyalty which they owe to their colleagues to make just that little effort necessary to take their part in the ringing. They not only stay their own advance in the art, but are a distinct bar to the progress of the rest of the band. The ideal condition would be a Sunday service company in every tower, a company not only in name, but in desire and enthusiasm, keen upon its work, regular and punctual. Where such bands exist they are the backbone of any association, and it is to this side of their development that ringing organisations will have to turn in future if they desire to make real advance. Success in these days cannot be counted entirely by the

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number of peals that may be rung, but rather by the number of churches at which the bells are regularly rung for the Sunday services; not merely by counting heads, but by the sum of loyalty and keenness displayed by the members towards their association and in their work. If the President of the Yorkshire Association thought it necessary to make an appeal to the loyalty of his own members, it is no less necessary that this same appeal should be brought home to the ringers in every county and diocese.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELTEMHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5059 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble	*FREDERICK JORDAN 7
*HERBERT JORDAN 2	†JAMES HEMMING 8
†JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	†FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 9
*FREDERICK NURDEN 4	HARRY MIDDLETON 10
†JOHN HALL 5	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 11
*HAROLD STREETS 6	*ERNEST WITHERS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Cinques. † First peal of Cinques on tower bells. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on tower bells by the association since 1894, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Johnson. Mr. W. T. Pates was elected a member of the above association previous to starting, and the visitors, all of whom belong to the Evesham Sunday service band, wish to thank him for his kindness in making arrangements and having everything in readiness for the attempt.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5041 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HENRY A. BARNETT Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	HAROLD A. EDWARDS 7
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 3	FRED C. MAYNARD 8
JAMES C. ADAMS 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 9
ROBERT J. MAYNARD, SEN. 5	†GEORGE A. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Stedman Caterers. † First peal on ten bells. Rung as a compliment to H. A. Barnett and R. Maynard, both of whom attained their 71st birthday within a few days of this date. The composition was specially selected, the changes equalling 71 times 71.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*TOM CLARK Treble	†EDWARD DALINGWATER 5
†HERMANN COOPER 2	HARRY MORGAN 6
†JOHN T. BARTRAM 3	HERBERT TORR 7
†JOSEPH DIXON 4	†CHARLES A. HEWITT Tenor

Conducted by H. MORGAN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to mark the completion of the restoration of the roof, and a compliment to Mr. F. F. Linley, president of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, on his promotion to the rank of officer of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. He is senior churchwarden of Gainsborough.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 27, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE OLIVER Treble	ALFRED J. BELL 5
*REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2	*CECIL NICE 6
†BERNARD WELLS 3	*NELSON ELLIOTT 7
*CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal inside.

BRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	*CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	†FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
*JAMES BENNETT 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of New Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge away from the treble.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT WIFFEN Treble	FREDERICK T. ELY 5
*MISS ELSIE E. PETTITT ... 2	HERBERT C. REASON 6
HENRY E. HAMMOND 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
GEORGE WIFFEN 4	WALTER H. HAMMOND ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGET.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method and first lady to take part in a peal in Braintree, also first peal in the method, in which a lady has taken part, by the association. First peal on the bells since rehanging. All are members of the local band.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

BERTIE O. SODEN Treble	JOSEPH DEAN 5
ERNEST SISLEY 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER 6
FRED HOPPER 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
JACK DOVE 4	*HENRY J. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new curate, the Rev. A. H. Adley, late of Australia.

SWINTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb.

DAVID CLARKE Treble	WILLIAM COLLIER 5
TOM LINGARD 2	SID JAMES 6
ALBERT WALLWORK 3	JOS. H. RIDYARD 7
STANLEY BRADLEY 4	*JOHN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by T. LINGARD.

* First peal, and proposed a member of the Lancashire Association previous to starting. Rung in honour of the conductor's 70th birthday. He afterwards entertained the band and a few 'pals' to a 'pratie pie' supper, which was thoroughly appreciated.

The dedication of the 10½ ton bell, 'Great Peter,' will take place at York Minster on Saturday, October 22nd, at 3.45 p.m. The Minster bells will be rung prior to the ceremony, and also in the evening.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM NASH Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	*WALTER AYRE 6
*MRS F. I. HAIRS 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 200th peal.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	WILLIAM GREEN 5
PERCY HACKETT 2	ALFRED ROWLEY 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 4	CHARLES WM. COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Quarterly peal for the above Guild, also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. F. Simpson, one of the local ringers, who kindly entertained the ringers to tea at the close of the peal.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS H. REEVES Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 3
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 6
FRED PRICE 3	*WILLIAM DAVIES 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	GEORGE F. SWANN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. Messrs. Knowles and Holt, who hail from Madresfield and Crowle respectively, were elected members of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

E. HARRY STONELEY Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 4	PERCY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

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PORT MADOC, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	*FRED WILLIAMS 5
*JOHN W. HUMPHRIES ... 2	*PIERCE ROBERTS 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	*JOHN OWEN 7
*HARRY McMILLAN 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM D. L. ASHDOWN ... Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5
BERNARD WELLS ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
ALFRED J. BULL ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal on eight bells.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Idol Lane, City,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 5
*RONALD H. BULLEN ... 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 6
†FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 3	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 7
‡JAMES E. COOPER ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN

* First peal in the method. † Elected a member previous to starting. ‡ 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. W. Taffender.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
WILLIAM J. WASEY ... 2	JOHN MOY ... 6
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 3	WALTER H. MILLER ... 7
EDWARD HOWES ... 4	BEN S. THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WM. B. DUNCAN.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR DEAN ... Treble	JOHN HOYLE ... 5
MISS FREDA E. ORR ... 2	ALFRED H. WINCH ... 6
JOHN BEAMS ... 3	JOHN WHITE ... 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

BIRLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER ... Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 5
FRANK BENNETT ... 2	CHARLES TRIBE ... 6
ROBERT EDWARDS ... 3	ROBERT J. DAWE ... 7
HARRY BAKER ... 4	ALFRED G. BATTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE ... Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7
*HARRY BAKER ... 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

NORTH WINGFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS DORIS DILKS ... Treble	JOHN T. BUTLER ... 5
FRED KNOWLES ... 2	JOHN P. TARTON ... 6
†WILLIAM RENSHAW ... 3	†ARTHUR BUTLER ... 7
WILLIAM BUTLER ... 4	WILLIAM H. WAIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. WAIN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Treble Bob. This peal was rung to commemorate the induction on September 21st of the Rev. J. Worsley Boden, M.A., to the living of North Wingfield.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six-and-a-Half Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
HARRY BAKER ... 2	ROBERT J. DAWE ... 6
CHARLES H. SONE ... 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 4	OWEN HODGES ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CASSINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY & WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT GARDNER ... Treble	ALBERT E. AXTELL ... 4
HARRY D. FLOYD ... 2	DAVID EDMUNDS ... 5
GEORGE H. COX ... 3	GEORGE CHARLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. D. FLOYD.

First peal. The treble ringer belongs to Cassington, the rest are from Yawnton, Oxon. Is also the first peal on these bells.

ST. ERME, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Hermes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten differently callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

W. EWART MINORS ... Treble	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 4
JOHN SEDGELEY ... 2	WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... 5
HORACE BENNETTS ... 3	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD.

Rung on the Feast of St. Ninian, B.C.

EASTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 ordinary 120's, eight 240's each, by L. W. G. Morris and A. J. Pitman.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDGAR LEWIN ... Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 3
JOSEPH NORTON ... 2	A. NORMAN GEARY ... 4
	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, which were all cast in 1684. The ringers are indebted to Rev. Canon Harper for his invitation to ring and refreshments after. This is the 100th tower in Leicestershire in which the conductor has rung peals of 5,000 and over.

The death of the Dean of Norwich (Dr. Willink), president of the Norfolk Guild, took place suddenly on Thursday of last week.

**BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, September 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes
At the Church of St. Andrew,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM C. DDDFIELD ... Treble	† EDWARD HOWES ... 4
* PHILIP N. BARTON ... 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 5
* WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † Longest length of Treble Bob. Longest length of Treble Bob on the bells.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

*On Thursday, September 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Cathedral,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 4
RALPH S. LONG ... 2	JOHN THORPE ... 5
* HAYDN THORPE ... 3	* COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells. Rung after meeting short for London.

**EVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

*On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARNOLD HILL ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 4
JOHN CANNINGS ... 2	† HAROLD WAGSTAFF ... 5
* WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 3	† HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor. The Vicar kindly gave permission for this attempt at short notice, after a meeting at Tickhill had been abandoned owing to serious illness near the church.

**HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

RONALD H. DOVE ... Treble	WILLIAM MARTIN ... 4
HORACE V. ROWLEY ... 2	JOSEPH COTTON ... 5
* WILLIAM BROOKER ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal of Minor.

**NORTON CANON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sunday, September 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 240's of Pitman's, four of Morris' and five of ordinary Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

* JOSEPH R. RAWLINGS ... Treble	* CECIL W. DUKES ... 3
IVOR J. RAWLINGS ... 2	GEORGE BREEZE ... 4

JAMES P. HYETT ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal.

CORNISH LADY'S PROMISING START.

At Perranwell, Cornwall, on September 23rd, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 2,520 changes (being 21 six-scores) was rung at the Church of St. Piran in 1 hour and 20 minutes by: Miss D. Mannell 1, W. H. Southard 2, W. E. Minors 3, A. S. Roberts 4, W. H. Sleeman (conductor) 5, W. T. Teague 6. This was rung after meeting one short for a peal, Miss Mannell kindly filling the vacancy. She has only lately commenced to ring 'half-pull' changes, and had never before rung the treble to more than a plain course. The rest of the band wish to congratulate her on her ringing.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, September 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,*

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES T. TITT ... Treble	GEORGE WM. PARK ... 4
WILLIAM OLIVER ... 2	W. NORMAN PARK ... 5
WILLIAM H. PORTER ... 3	ROLAND PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

First peal as conductor in seven Surprise methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, September 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
In St. MARGARET'S BELFRY,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5062 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 1-2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Attested by J. MORRIS.

First peal in the method as conductor on handbells. Arranged for Mr. Hibbins, of Cambridge.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, September 20, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

* FRED HODGSON ... 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, September 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. THOS. MAUDE, HIGHTS HOUSE, PUDSEY,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MRS JAMES COTTERELL ... 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Attested by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Mr. Ralph Maude.

CROMER, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

*On Thursday, September 22, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. WILLIAM TENNANT, 12, MOUNT STREET,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 1-2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3-4
CYRIL POOLEY ... 5-6	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Miss Willers is from Trumpington, Cambridge.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

*On Friday, September 23, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Vicarage,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, with seven different callings. Tenor size 15 in G.

REV. H. WOOLLEY (Fitz. H.) 1-2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4
R. v. d. R. WOOLLEY (Gonville) 5-6	

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Minor.

PETERBOROUGH.—On September 19th, 720 Bob Minor at St. Peter's Church, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. Henson, organist at this church for many years, who was interred at Fletton on the 17th: Mrs. A. Goakes 1, E. Hall 2, Miss L. Beeton 3, A. Goakes 4, G. Hall 5, W. R. Barker (conductor) 6.

ICKLETON BELLS.

RINGERS' BIG GATHERING IN ANCIENT VILLAGE.

The little Cambridgeshire parish of Ickleton, which was created long centuries ago on the ancient Roman Icknield Way, but never seems to have grown up, despite its hoary age, has recently been in the throes of one of the few thrills which have disturbed the even tenor of its long, long history. Most readers of 'The Ringing World' are acquainted with the events that have happened. One day, about a year or so ago, when the old six bells were being rung, the decrepit tenor collapsed, and ringing for the time being was at an end. The Rector, the churchwardens, and the ringers, and, indeed, all the parishioners were greatly concerned with the silence of their bells, and, despite the smallness of the parish and the fact that they were already committed to an organ restoration scheme, they faced their troubles boldly and set about raising funds to put their bells in order. But until the latter were taken out of the tower the villagers did not know the worst, for it was then found that the frame was past repair, and three of the bells were cracked. A comprehensive scheme of restoration was, therefore, necessary, and the bells were taken away to the Croydon Foundry to be recast. With such a complete clearance of the belfry necessary, it was felt to be a great opportunity to increase the ring to eight, and, with unexcelled enthusiasm and in great faith, the Rector and the Parochial Church Council decided upon the larger scheme.

Then came a bombshell. When a faculty was applied for, the Chancellor for the diocese of Ely, sitting in the Consistory Court, roundly trounced everyone concerned because the old bells had been removed

with a tenor of 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb., which means a ring of bells with body as well as tune in it. And the 'go'! The whole peal is on ball bearings, and so it is almost needless to say that in this respect, also, there is nothing to be desired. Indeed, they go too easily, as was apparent to some of those who visited Ickleton on Saturday, when a meeting of the Ely Association was held there to give the bells a 'ringers' opening.' There had already been an 'initiation' service—the dedication, according to the rules of the diocese, cannot take place until the bells are free of debt—and this was the ringers' opportunity. They seized upon it with both hands, and never before in its long history had Ickleton held so many ringers at one time. There were nearly 80 there from all parts of Cambridgeshire and beyond.

TOO EASY!

Quite early in the proceedings the too easy running of the bells revealed itself, and someone, used to bells where real pulling is necessary, failed to put the second carefully against the stay, with the result that something had to go, and the timber snapped off short at the stock. A little delay to remove the remains of the broken member and then more touches were rung, what time one of the local band, who works at a carpenter's bench, fashioned a new stay. In between the touches a ringer had patiently to hold the bell on the rope, but it was successfully managed, until it had to be lowered at service time.

The ringing at Ickleton Church is done in the centre of the building, where nave and transepts meet, and so the ringers are not out of sight and out of mind. They are in full view of the congregation all the while they discharge their service duties. The church itself has no mean claims to distinction. Part of the existing building is Saxon, dating from shortly before the Norman Conquest, while four of the pillars, with their capitals, carrying the arches, are actually of Roman origin, having been brought by the Saxon builders from Chesterford (the Camp by the Ford), which is the neighbouring parish, and which was the site of a Roman settlement. There are also some twelfth-century pew ends, and outside the spire is hung the ancient Sanctus bell. Bells similarly hung are to be found in the neighbouring parishes of Hinton and Duxford, and at Histon and Fulbourn (Cams), Great Oxiborough (Norfolk) and Wickham Market (Suffolk), but they are not often to be met with.

A brief and hearty service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. H. Cooke), whose short but appropriate address was an appeal to ringers to take up their work with reverence, regularity and earnestness, and in the spirit of worship.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, and in providing the meal the ladies responsible rose admirably to the occasion, for, as usual, there were more present than had been expected.

The places represented were: Barley, Cambridge, Chatteris, Castle Camps, Croydon, Dry Drayton, Fulbourn, Grimsby, Hitchin, Harlow, Ickleton, Long Stanton, Over, Royston, Stapleford, Sawston, Swavesey, Trumpington, Waltham Cross and Woking.

The Rector afterwards extended a hearty welcome to the association, and said how pleased they were to have such a large gathering of ringers. They were particularly pleased to have with them Mr. Cyril Johnston, the founder of the bells, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, the editor of 'The Ringing World.'

There was not a great deal of business to be done, but what there was was interesting.

Mr. Frank Warrington, the district secretary, suggested Bourn as the next meeting place, and Littleton for a joint meeting with the Herts County Association. This opened the way for discussion on the question of joint meetings, in the course of which Mr. Finch made a spirited appeal in support of them, pointing out the advantages to be gained from fraternising with ringers outside their own area.

Eventually it was decided to hold a meeting at Bourn in five or six weeks' time, and to leave the district secretary and Mr. G. T. Croft, district secretary of the Herts Association, to consult as to a joint meeting at Littleton.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. C. F. Johnston and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith were elected life members of the association.

Mr. Johnston, freshly home from the opening of the great Ottawa carillon and a successful business tour in the United States, had to make a speech in reply, and, referring to the recent happenings in the Consistory Court, caused much laughter by saying that he understood that the Rector was a 'bad man,' the churchwardens 'were not nice to know,' and the bell founders were not to be trusted in any tower in the diocese. Ickleton's reply, he said, was the best answer that could have been given. They added two treble bells, and the Rector and churchwardens refused to retire (apology).

THE RECTOR'S 'RECOVERY.'

Mr. Goldsmith, in also acknowledging his election, remarked that although he was glad to become a member of the association, he had not come to Ickleton specially for that purpose, but he had come to hear the new peal of bells and to view the wreckage of the Rector (laughter). He was delighted to find such a splendid recovery from a 'knockout,' and he hoped the churchwardens were as cheerful as the Rector appeared to be.

On the motion of Mr. T. R. Dennis, hearty thanks were accorded to the Rector and to the ladies who had prepared and served the tea.

A member raised the question of peals being arranged on meeting days, and this led to a diversity of views being expressed, some holding

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ICKLETON CHURCH TOWER,
showing the ancient Sanctus bell outside the spire.

before the application was made and permission given. He suspended the churchwardens, reported the Rector to the Bishop, threatened the bell founders with ostracism in the diocese, and refused the faculty! Were the Ickletonians dismayed? Not a bit of it. They were sorry that they had not complied with the letter of the law, of course, but—well, the tower was empty, and they had got eight new bells at Croydon, Simpson tuned, with beautiful modern fittings, a lovely iron frame, and scrumptious ball bearings! So the bells and all connected with them came back to Ickleton, and, although the good people of Ickleton are still sorry they have not got a faculty, they have got their bells, which is the thing that matters most to them. And a fine peal they are. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have turned out an octave in

TENTERDEN RINGERS' LONG EXCURSION.

St. Mildred's Society, Tenterden, had their annual outing on Saturday, September 3rd. The party were augmented by Mr. C. W. Player, of Stone, Mr. J. G. Pattenden, Rye, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Frittenden, and Mr. W. Wenban, Staplehurst, and a visit first paid to East Grinstead, a run of over 40 miles through glorious country. After an hour's ringing on the fine old bells, the party proceeded to Crawley, of peal ringing fame. Lunch was arranged at the George Hotel, and Mr. O. Sippetts kindly met the party, who spent a very pleasant hour with this delightful little peal. Then away to lunch, and a right good meal was provided (despite short notice). Accompanied by Messrs. Sippetts and Bull, St. John's, Redhill, was visited, and the journey continued to Bletchingley, where they were met by Mr. Ashdown, who made them welcome. After enjoying some touches, the men of Kent took farewell of Messrs. Sippetts and Bull, and went on to Godstone, where tea had been arranged at the Clayton Hotel, and ringing took place on the glorious little peal by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Tenterden was eventually reached again at midnight, after a journey of about 130 miles through three counties. The methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major. The ringers wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the clergy at the various towers visited, and all those ringers who helped to make the day such a success.

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that loyalty should be shown to the association by avoiding peal attempts when meetings were to be held, and others that it was not always possible to avoid the clashing of these two things, while in the Ely Diocese one of their difficulties in the past had been lack of peal-ringing bands.

Mr. P. Webb, the captain of the Ickleton ringers, expressed the pleasure of his band at the presence of the large number of visitors. Many of them, he said, were distinguished ringers, composers, conductors, and stay breakers (laughters). He was particularly glad to welcome the editor of 'The Ringing World,' because in all probability, but for the support which he had given through his paper, they would not have been able to do all they had done in Ickleton. The least the ringers could do was to support the paper in return (applause).

The ringers then returned to the belfry, and ringing was kept up to a late hour, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. It was a great day for ringing in Ickleton, and one which will leave pleasant memories with all the many visitors.

About £130 is still required to complete the bell restoration fund, and contributions from ringers will be gratefully acknowledged by Mr. Webb.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT HENBURY.**

Considering the inclement weather of the past week, the Bristol Branch were favoured in having a fine day for their monthly meeting at Henbury on Saturday last. Henbury is a splendidly situated village in pleasant wooded country, and adjoining the famous Blaise Castle and woods, and much pleasure was afforded by a visit to this park by some of the members after the meeting. Thanks to the local members, who include the popular chairman of the branch, Mr. J. Gould (captain) and Mr. R. Devenish (sec.), everything was in readiness, and the bells were rung up to service time at 4.30. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon C. P. Way), and Mrs. Way presided at the organ. Tea followed in the schoolroom.

At the business meeting, at which 30 members were present, representing 11 towers, Mrs. Way (the wife of the Vicar) was elected an associate member. In the course of the general business, the Chairman reported upon the arrangements being made for the jubilee of the association, which is to take place at Bristol on Whit Monday next.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. S. H. Wood, thanking the members for their kindness on the occasion of his 21st birthday.

The usual vote of thanks were passed to the Vicar and Mrs. Way, also to Messrs. R. Devenish and Phillips for arranging the tea. The Vicar, in reply, said the chairman had told them about the association's jubilee next year, and he would also tell them it was the jubilee of the reopening of their ancient church at Henbury, which was reopened in 1878; therefore the jubilees came together, and he hoped the association would come to Henbury on that occasion. He was pleased to see the lady ringers present in such good numbers. He paid a high tribute to his own captain of ringers, who had been captured by a lady ringer. He could not ask them at present to drink the health of the association, but he wished it good luck 'in the Name of the Lord.' The Vicar's speech was loudly applauded, and concluded the meeting.

Those who visited the Vicarage gardens and Blaise Castle heard to full advantage the music of the bells in Triple and Major methods, which were rung up to the time of departure.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Cardiff, on Friday, September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 55 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Frank Forsdike, churchwarden of St. John-the-Baptist's Church: E. Coles 1, J. Phillips 2, J. Davies 3, W. Richards 4, P. Heath 5, E. Combes 6, G. Large (conductor) 7, S. Barker 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ringing week in South Wales resulted in ten peals being scored in 13 attempts, Surprise peals being rung in four counties. The visitors received a very hearty welcome, which made up for the rain and mist experienced during the week. The details of the performances will be forthcoming, we understand, in time for our next issue.

The bells of Farndon, Cheshire, have just been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the octave will be open to ringers on Saturday, October 8th.

Mr. T. Maude, who was among those present at the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner at York, was one of those who attended the funeral of Jasper Snowdon at Ilkley in November, 1885.

Members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will have their first opportunity of meeting the new Bishop of the diocese at a meeting to be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, October 8th.

The organising committee of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild hope to see a large attendance at the new cathedral city to-morrow, when the first of a series of preliminary meetings is to be held. There is much business to be done, and this is the time when the ringers in the diocese can help to shape the destinies of the Guild.

'Uncle Joe' Sykes, who is now in Copenhagen, is able to hobble about with the aid of sticks. His ankle is improving. Denmark is the tenth country to which 'Uncle Joe's' weekly copy of 'The Ringing World' has been sent.

On this day, in the year 1783, a peal of 10,080 Bob Major was rung in 5½ hours at Oldham. This peal was a preliminary to a 14,480 in the same method in 8 hrs. 24 mins. in the following January.

On October 1st, 1793, this length was exceeded at Aston, where Joshua Short called a peal of 15,360. This still stands as the record peal of Bob Major.

Exactly twenty years ago to-morrow the first peal of Bristol Surprise was rung on handbells. This was at Romford, conducted by Mr. Wm. Pye.

The first peal of Stedman Cinques (6,024) at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was rung on October 6th, 1788, and the first peal at Exeter Cathedral on October 6th, 1902.

It is unusual for a local band to have a practice immediately after a visiting band has rung a peal. This happened at Great Easton last Saturday. While the Rector entertained the visitors, the locals rang several 120's. Afterwards, the visitors showed them how to ring Plain Bob and Grandsire in the 'new' style, and then the locals did the original 120 in the 'old' style—i.e., by the treble man shouting 3-4 dodge, 2-5 bob, etc.

A report on Wednesday stated that Mr. A. H. Pulling's condition was satisfactory.

MR. WARREN STURGIS' VISIT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, express to each and all of the ringing friends I have met this summer my appreciation of the cordial welcome my son and I have received on all sides. Truly a fine feature of our noble Exercise is the universal bond of sympathy among its votaries. Whether in London, with old friends and experts of the College Youths, or among new friends at Bath and far-off Edinburgh, we were most heartily welcomed, and our very moderate ability most kindly encouraged.

We return home with increased regret that we have here so few opportunities for ringing, but with countless happy memories of the bells and brother ringers of England. Best greetings to them all.

Groton, Mass.,
September 11th.

S. WARREN STURGIS.

METHOD EXTENSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have been away from home and so unable to deal with the letters from 'A Plain Ringer' which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' lately.

The extension of Superlative really raises the whole question of method extension, and I propose, as soon as I can spare the time, to discuss the question.

At present, different people are working on different lines, and so naturally arrive at different results, and this causes confusion, so that plain ringers do not know what to think.

I will for the present ask everyone interested in the matter to consider what the word 'Extension' means.

H. LAW JAMES.

STISTED BELL FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged, £131 11s. 6d.; previous belfry fund £1 15s. 8d., Mr. Adams £1, Whittle ringers 10s., Barking St. Margaret's ringers 10s., Dunmow ringers 10s., Mistley ringers 5s., Braintree ringers £3 0s. 6d., W. J. Courtald, Esq., £5, S. A. Courtald, Esq., £5, F. H. Crittall, Esq., £1, — Tabor, Esq., £1 1s., collected by Mr. H. Sibley 9s., collected by Mr. W. Sibley 10s., collected by Mr. Blatch 11s.; total, £152 14s. 8d.

Over £100 is still required for this fund. Will those who have subscription cards kindly return with large or small sums (anything will be acceptable) to Henry F. Cooper, Stisted, Braintree, as soon as possible?

A BEGINNER'S THEORY. BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the ninth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

EFFECT OF 'FIXED' BELLS.

The 'positions' at which we introduce our 'call rows' will have the effect of 'fixing' our observation bell, but she is not tied down as much as the treble. She roams more, but, nevertheless, certain limits are fixed. The W.R.W. callings fix the tenor's path 'course by course'; she follows the same path in every course throughout the 720, and, being undisturbed by the calls, the path she pursues is the same that she would traverse throughout the plain course.

The effect of a fixed path upon the rows is that it causes the 'fixed bell' to appear in the SAME POSITION in every corresponding row of the section, in which the fixed path is completed. Thus, the treble completes her fixed path lead by lead, and she appears in the same place in every corresponding row of each lead; in other words, if she is in fourth's place in row No. 4 of one lead, then she will be in the same place at row No. 4 of every lead.

The tenor, being fixed 'course by course,' will appear in the same place in every corresponding row of EACH course (not each lead, but each course), so that, if she should appear at 000600 in the 25th row of one course, she will appear similarly in row No. 25 of every course.

Courses are built up of leads—there are five leads to the course in Minor. Each lead is a unit of each course, and, therefore, the 27th row of each course is also the third row of a certain lead.

Thus, with the treble fixed in corresponding rows of the leads, and the tenor in corresponding rows of the courses, it follows that in every corresponding row of the courses BOTH the treble and tenor will appear in the same two places. If in row 27 of one course we get 001060, then in every '27th row' we shall get 001060; '0000' represents the other four bells, which must produce the variations in the corresponding rows.

The particular calling (at W.R.W.) also fixes the path of bell No. 5, but in this case 'part by part'; so that she completes her fixed path an every 'part' of the extent. Every lead being a unit of each course, and every course a unit of each part, it follows (on the lines set out above) that at every corresponding row in EACH PART, 1-5-6 will be in similar places. If in the 27th row of one part we get 001560, then these same positions will be occupied by 1-5-6, in every '27th row' in each part.

The fixing of one bell leaves five others to perform the variations, and, therefore, she is allowed to be 120 times in the same place; the fixing of two bells allows of only 24 times in the relative places TOGETHER. The fixing of three bells permits of only six times that these three bells may occupy the same three places in the row (six rows being the extent of the remaining three bells, '234').

If we examine the lead-ends of our plain course, we shall find that the treble comes 'home' at every lead-end, but that no other bell comes home at a lead-end until the last lead-end of the plain course (in other words, the 'course-end'). In our 720, the tenor is undisturbed by the calls, travelling only the plain-course path, and, therefore, she comes 'home' at every course-end, 100006, etc., and completes her fixed path, as shown in the first part given. The calls disturb the 5th bell, making her path irregular in the courses, but set in the part; so that, while she may come 'home' at a lead-end in the part, she never comes home at the same time as the tenor until the 'part-end' (134256, etc.), where she completes her fixed path by coming home at the end of it. Each of the fixed bells recommences her path through her particular section, from the same place (in the row) in which she first commenced.

Our 720 is divided into six equal parts (three in each half of the extent), and '156' come home together at the six part-ends. We can see, in these six rows, that '234' perform their full variations, but they are not allowed to come home until the last part-end.

If we were to examine every row in one part of the extent, we should find that '156' (taken collectively) occupy the same positions (in the row) once only in that part. Therefore, however '234' be placed in the rows, we cannot get a repetition in this one part, because '156' are differently placed in every row.

The '156' occupy the same positions in corresponding rows of the other parts (only once in each part), due to the fact that they commence the parts from the same 'platforms' in the part-heads (otherwise the part-ends), viz., 100056. Conversely, '234', taken collectively, are DIFFERENTLY PLACED in the row, at every part-head, and, therefore, will NOT occupy the same positions in the corresponding rows of the parts. Then, because the fixed bells DO hold the same positions in corresponding rows, and because the unfixed bells DO NOT do so, the truth of the six parts is beyond question.

Provided: That '156' do not appear in the same relative positions in two rows of the one part. If this did occur, it would mean two rows in every part, twelve rows in all, and we know that '234' can produce only six variations.

Provided also: That the fixed bells occupy the same places at the part-heads, and that the unfixed bells do not do so.

In Treble Bob methods, the 'zigzag' path of the treble bell causes her to occupy the same place (in the row) four times in each lead,

and, therefore, only 30 leads are permissible (to produce the 120 times in each place allowed). We still have five leads to each course, and two courses to each part, giving 10 leads to the part; but our leads have twice as many rows as the plain methods, and, therefore, the first three parts of our calling produce the 720.

The remarks regarding '156' apply to Treble Bob methods, with modifications. Instead of appearing in the same positions, in one row only of each of the six parts, they appear twice in each of the three parts, and here the laws which govern 'odd and even rows' are applicable.

In our plain methods, '234' (examined by themselves) will be found to be 'evenly placed' within the rows at the three part-heads in the first half—023400, 034200, and 042300. In other words, 234, 342 and 423 are the 'even' rows on the three bells, and, '156' being at home, we may know that these three part-heads are 'even rows', in fact, all of the lead-heads in the first half are 'even.'

The introduction of the single at the half-way (applying our 'even plus odd, etc.') has the effect of making all of the lead-heads in the second half into 'odd rows,' and, therefore, 234 are 'oddly placed' within the rows at the other three part-heads—024300, 043200, and 032400. The single not only reverses the nature of the heads, but every row is likewise reversed, because we start from an even basis (123456) in the first half, and from an odd basis in the second half (the single at 124356). Therefore, every corresponding row in the two halves is of a reverse nature; that which is '+' in the one will be '-' in the other. The single always has this effect, until another is introduced, which (applying 'odd plus odd, etc.') puts the rows back again, as it were.

If the single is introduced at any lead-end previous to the 'half-way,' as is done in the I.O.I. calling, a similar action takes place, and we get the 'odd half' sandwiched in between two portions of the 'even half'; the first portion being prior to the first single, and the second portion subsequent to the second single.

Singles are not used in Treble Bob methods, because the 'dodging' path of the treble has the effect of introducing the 'odd-half' rows into the ordinary leads, thus welding the two halves into the whole. Every lead-end in a Treble Bob method is an even row, and thus '234' are evenly placed within our three part-heads—023400, 034200, and 042300; and in each part-head they are differently placed, whilst '156' hold the same positions, as heretofore.

With '156' appearing in the same positions in two rows of the same part, it is possible to get repetition; but we should find, upon examination, that in one of the two rows '234' will be evenly placed, and in the other they will be oddly placed. This being so in the one part, it will be the same in the other two parts, with the result that, in the whole, we shall get three even and three odd rows, with 156 in the same positions. If the two rows in the one part are both even, then all of the six will be even, and with 156 being in the same places in the six rows, we can know (because 234 cannot produce six even rows) that our extent will be false. Similarly, if both are odd, in the same part, we have a false extent.

In passing, we may notice the practical effect of the single. In the first half of our extent, we commence from 12(34)56, and in the second half from 12(43)56—'34' being reversed, with '1256' in the same positions. Therefore, '1256' will be similarly placed, row for row, and '34' will each take the place held by the other, row by row, in the two halves. Thus: (4)21(3)56, (3)21(4)56, etc. So that, '1256', collectively, are fixed bells, but only 'half by half.' Naturally, they are only fixed in the same positions in one row in each half, leaving '34' to perform their two variations.

ADDERBURY BELLS RESTORED.

The peal of eight bells at Adderbury, near Banbury, have been rehanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in an iron frame resting on steel girders. The 6th bell has been recast, as it was found to be cracked. All the fittings are of the latest and best make, with notable recent improvements, and the stone work inside the belfry has been thoroughly restored.

The Bishop of the diocese will dedicate the bells at a service to be held on October 25th, at 3 p.m.

The original peal was of six bells only, but they were recast into eight in 1789 by John Briant, of Hereford. The weight of the tenor is over 25 cwt., and the peal is one of the best in the county.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District was held at Willington on Saturday, September 24th, and was well attended, the following towers being represented: Holy Trinity and St. Cuthbert's, Darlington; Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Staindrop and Willington. The meeting had been arranged for the benefit of the local band, who are endeavouring to gain some knowledge of the art of change ringing. The peal is only one of five, and touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were rung. Tea was served in the Rectory grounds, after which courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on the handbells.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for preparing such an excellent tea. A visit was again made to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and members of the local band expressed themselves satisfied by the progress made.

THE SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. SNOWDON.

In proposing 'Continued prosperity to the Yorkshire Association,' the president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) first read a letter which he had received from Mrs. Laura Snowdon (widow of the late Mr. W. Snowdon), who wrote: 'I must send a few lines to say how much my daughter and I will think of you on Saturday. We do feel so grateful of your kind recollection of those who are gone, and appreciate your kindness. I hope the day may be fine in what we can only call a very wet year.' They would all appreciate that kind thought, said Mr. Marshall, and he felt he would be acting in accordance with their wishes in saying that their thoughts went out to Mrs. and Miss Snowdon that day, and in conveying to them their very best wishes (applause). It was, perhaps, fitting, he continued, that he, as their president, should propose that toast, although he felt very strongly, coming third in the line of very notable presidents, how inadequately he fulfilled the office. Fortunately, he had been, and was still, served by most excellent officers, and that enabled them to carry on the work. Although he could not hope in any way to emulate the distinction of his predecessors, there was one thing in which he yielded to none, and that was in his desire to uphold the traditions of that great association, and to guide it, as far as he was able, with the aid of the other officers, in the lines of continued progress which had been laid down for them by those who had gone before. Taking the toast as his text, he said, 'Continued prosperity' took them back to the thought that, at any rate, they took for granted that the history of the association had, up to that moment, been a prosperous one, and he felt they would all agree that that was so. He had before him the first report of the association, issued in 1875, when



JASPER SNOWDON.

First President of the Yorkshire Association.

it started with a membership of 104, and had a balance in the bank of £10. The membership to-day was between 1,400 and 1,500, and he was proud to say they had invested funds of £250. That was on the material side. On the other side they thought of the great names of those who had passed, and whose memory they cherished to-day, who had done so much to build up this great association on good and solid lines. It was the desire of the present generation, and especially the desire of the officers, to uphold the great traditions which had been handed down to them and hand on their trust, at any rate undiminished, and, perhaps, in some way enhanced (applause). Passing on to the next word of the 'text,' 'Yorkshire,' Mr. Marshall said there were other associations, other county associations—they had heard of a few of them that evening—but for them there was only one association, and that was the Yorkshire Association. It was that of which they spoke that night, that whose continued prosperity it was his honour to propose. They thought of it as a very distinctive association, as they thought of Yorkshire as a distinctive county. They were proud of their association. They were proud of the men who had built it up by their personality and their work. There was a distinctive characteristic in Yorkshiremen, and he had been told that at the meetings of the Central Council in the old days it was a real delight to the members from other parts of the country to hear the well-known voices of the Yorkshire stalwarts. He hoped the Central Council would for ever be proud to hear the well-known Yorkshire accents in their midst.

LOYALTY TO THE ASSOCIATION.

It was distinctively the Yorkshire Association they thought of that night and of which they were proud. It had its difficulties in its size, and it was a matter of great concern to the officers of the association to know how they could deal with the great district which they had to cover. They felt very grateful to those of their northern brethren who did their best to uphold a difficult task in that part of the county, and who had done their best to help forward the work of the association in the North. And not only were they grateful, but it was something which they wanted to bear in mind and try to make the association one which really did cover the whole of the county. They were proud, as ringers, to belong to a great brotherhood, and he hoped that the Yorkshire Association would always itself remember that. It was as a great brotherhood of ringers that they met together, and it was as a great brotherhood that they wanted to think of that association and work together for the good of the whole. That brought him to the last part of his 'text.' The object the committee had in view was to advance the interests of change ringing and to make the association in every way a society of practical ringers. The qualification for a member was that he must be a change ringer. That was some-

thing to keep before them, and it should always be their aim to foster change ringing in its different branches. He hoped there would come forward in the present generation men who would follow in the steps of the great men of the past, who had done so much to advance change ringing in its more intricate parts, and as a great science. What would they say must be the secrets of that future prosperity! He would only just mention two things. One, surely, must be loyalty—loyalty to the association to which they belonged, and that was what they asked for from all their members. They wanted members to think of the good of the whole, and think of what they could give to the association and not what they could take from it. Let them learn to be punctual in fulfilling their own obligations. It was not always the case. Most people who were in charge of associations found there were some members who gave them great trouble in this matter, some who were dilatory in paying subscriptions. If there was anything he could say which would lead members to be loyal to their association and to think of the good of the whole rather than of themselves, then, perhaps, there was some little good he may have done. The other secret was handed down to them by their first president—real zeal and real earnestness in anything they undertook (applause).

The toast was cordially honoured.

A BISHOP 'IN THE SOUP.'

Mr. T. F. Earnshaw proposed 'The Chairman.' He said they thought such an important gathering of ringers, which had for its object the revival of memories of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, warranted them in approaching even a Bishop to take the chair, and they were delighted when their invitation was accepted. As the occasion was worthy of their chairman, it went without saying that the chairman was well worthy of the occasion (applause). They regarded their chairman as essentially a Bishop for men, although it was quite evident from the good sprinkling there that night that he also had many admirers among the ladies (laughter and applause). Some two or three years ago the Bishop originated and organised mass meetings for men, held at intervals during the winter months on Sunday afternoons in one of the largest halls in York, and never failed to get a packed audience. The general feeling was that whatever the Bishop of Whitchy took in hand was sure to be a success, hence their daring in asking of him some of his valuable time to preside over that gathering. Three years ago the late Dean of York (now, as they all knew, Dean of Westminster) was in the chair—he was also 'in the soup' very early in the proceedings (laughter). They were all glad that the Bishop of Whitchy had escaped that misfortune, and they thanked him for his genial presence and the admirable way in which he had presided over them.

(Mr. Earnshaw's reference to the Dean being 'in the soup' related to the fact that a plate of soup was accidentally tipped down his back during dinner.)

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and the Bishop thanked the company for their kindly and warm welcome. He said he felt they had a right to claim his services for such an occasion, because he was, as Suffragan Bishop, a leader of the Church in that diocese, and they were a gathering of real church workers. He had never had much to do with ringing, he continued, although ringers once did him a great honour. When he first saw the light in a tiny little Devonshire village, 15 miles from a railway station, in the middle of the night at the end of December, the ringers walked through two feet of snow to ring a peal to congratulate his parents on his birth (applause). He had scarcely lived up to that reputation of being ushered into the world by a peal. While at his training school, Wells College, after leaving Oxford, he was asked whether he would like to learn to ring, but he did not get far. He learned to ring rounds, but got no further. He did, therefore, learn something of the A B C of ringing, but he had no time to go on with it. He had heard that at Coventry, where he was for a short time Vicar, the old bells had been recast, an action which, he believed, many of them considered to be a mistake. He hoped that the idea of many years' standing, that there should be a campanile and that Coventry Cathedral should have a peal of bells worthy of that wonderful church, would be realised (applause). He wanted to say, the Bishop added in conclusion, how delighted he was to be present with them. He had enjoyed a good dinner—the second he had had that day at someone else's expense (laughter)—he had enjoyed the speeches and music, but, more than all, he had enjoyed the delightful spirit of good fellowship (applause). Long might their association continue, long might it prosper, and go on from glory to glory and add to the glory of the glorious county of which they were never tired of speaking in their Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers (applause).

THE MINSTER BELLS.

Mr. J. Cotterell proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Minster bells. Three years ago, he said, when Dean Norris presided at that gathering, they mentioned that the bells were in poor condition. On their next visit they now found the old bells had been replaced by a peal which was one of the best in England (applause). The last time the association held its annual dinner at Leeds they referred to the condition of the bells there, and he hoped when they went to Leeds next year they would find their suggestion had had a similar result (applause).

The Rev. A. Spence, Chamberlain of the Minster, replied to the vote, and said he had no doubt the remarks made by Mr. Walker, with

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DEATH OF MR. BEN FOSKETT.

'FATHER' OF THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The death of Mr. Benjamin Foskett, which took place at Kenton, Harlow, on the 20th inst., removes another link in ringing history.

Born at Aston Clinton, Bucks, in November, 1846, Ben began ringing as a young man on the six bells at the village of Great Missenden. In the early 'seventies he migrated to Oxford, and here, at Magdalen College, he rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) in 1875. During a residence in the Oxford district of some nine or ten years he kept in touch with the local ringers as far as time and business would allow.

About 1882 he removed to London, and after settling down came into touch with the late George Newson and Henry Dains, with whom he rang a good number of peals for the Royal Cumberland Youths, the chief of which was the 13,440 Double Norwich at Romford on April 18th, 1894. 'Old Ben' had many interesting reminiscences of this peal, more particularly of the attempt at Brentwood three weeks earlier, when his rope came down around his head less than 400 changes from the end.

Mr. Foskett had been a regular attendant at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Sunday mornings from the inception of the company in 1916 until February, 1926, when the weight of years became too much for him. At this time he was living in Cricklewood, but a little over a year ago he moved out to Kenton. He had taken part in 147 peals, the last being Kent Treble Bob Major at Willesden in August, 1924.

The interment took place at Willesden New Cemetery on Saturday, September 24th, in the presence of the family mourners and a large number of ringers. Mrs. Foskett, a venerable lady of some 85 years, was unable to be present, and the service was consequently held previously at the deceased's home. At the graveside, therefore, the committal portion of the service only was used, following which a course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the open grave by members of his old society.

The esteem in which 'Old Ben' was held was shown by the large number of wreaths, among which was one from the Willesden ringers and another from the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Thus has passed from human ken another of the stalwarts of the Exercise, and one whose whole life was a model not alone for ringers, but for all men. R.I.P.

ENCOURAGING YOUNG RINGERS.

CLARE DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE.

A small but very successful meeting of the Clare District of the Suffolk Guild was held at Cowlinge on Saturday last. The local band were augmented by visitors from Newmarket, Lavenham, and Long Melford, and some well-struck six-scores were rung during the afternoon. A generous tea was provided by the people of the parish, and was served in the Parish Room, presided over by the Vicar, who expressed his thanks to the people of the parish for their kindness and support in providing the tea for the ringers.

Mr. G. C. Bixby, district secretary, of Long Melford, added a few words of appreciation to the people for their kindness, also to the Vicar for his kindness in presiding and for the use of the bells.

At the business meeting after tea, a suggestion was made, that 'This meeting desires to draw the attention of the Guild to the lateness of the getting out of the annual reports, also to the great expense of these reports wherein there is much that could be omitted.'

The ringers were favoured by a visit of Mrs. Gilbert, wife of the Rector, in whose honour two courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells by G. C. Bixby, A. Symonds, S. H. Symonds and B. Sharp.

A move was then made to Stradishall, where ringing took place on the five bells. The ringers' thanks are due to the Rev. Grant, Rector of Stradishall, for his kindness, also for the use of the bells.

This meeting was one of a series that have been held by the Clare District this year in outlying places, with the object of creating enthusiasm among ringers in small country places, and helping on young ringers by giving them the chance to stand in with more experienced ringers. The spirit in which these young ringers travel for miles to get a pull with older bands shows that there could be much done by Guilds in encouraging these small meetings in preference to large meetings where learners have just to listen, sometimes for hours, while Surprise and difficult methods are being rung. It is the learners who should have plenty of ringing at meetings, with old ringers to assist them, and the Clare District feels that it is progressing favourably by having done this and not by making spectators of the learners.

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regard to hearing the bells in the belfry would receive the attention of the firm responsible for the bells, whose representatives were present that night.

There was a delightful programme of music, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Quartettes were rendered by the Ebor Quartette and songs by Mr. A. Fryer, Mr. F. Holmes and Mr. A. Jones, while an excellent course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. C. Harrison, J. Thorp, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood, S. Briggs and R. Harrison.

The pleasant evening terminated with 'Auld Lang Syne.' A large number of visitors stayed over the week-end and enjoyed ringing on the Minster bells on Sunday, when, by the kindness of the authorities, they were available during three periods.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT OFFICERS.

A successful meeting was held on Saturday, September 24th, at Basford, a tower always attractive on account of the beautiful war memorial peal of eight bells. Eleven towers in all were represented, and there were also unattached members and visitors present.

The quarterly business agenda was light, and the vice-president again gave notice that both himself and the local secretary would terminate their official positions at the end of the year.

Owing to certain remarks concerning monthly meetings, these were left over for this year. In order to prevent a recurrence of the conditions reigning in the early months of this year, it is hoped that suitable nominations for both offices will be forthcoming before the annual district meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on January 6th, 1928.

LEICESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Leicester District was held at Thurstaston and Anstey on Saturday. Thurstaston was first visited, the methods rung on the bells being Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. The band were then entertained, during a heavy rainstorm, to some well-played hymn tunes on the eight bells by a local lady ringer. About 5 p.m. the rain was less severe, and a start was made by six of the members to walk to Anstey. These were warned that if they went by the usual and more direct road they would have to wade through 4ft. of flood water, so they had to make a detour via Cropstone. Very fortunately a friend from Husbands Bosworth was present with his motor-cycle and sidecar, and very kindly escorted these six 'tea-wanting' ringers in pairs through the cold and rain to Anstey. On their arrival at Anstey they were joined by three other members. After tea, the belfry was visited, and, following two short touches, a business meeting was held. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at St. Saviour's in January. It was also decided that at that meeting the question should be brought up as to whether Belgrave should in future be counted as one of the towers at which the annual meeting should be held.

The Chairman sincerely thanked Mr. Marsh for the kind way in which he had assisted the ringers in getting from Thurstaston to Anstey. The bells were then kept going for an hour or so, the methods rung during the evening being Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

SUCCESSFUL 'MISSIONARY' MEETING AT APPLEBY MAGNA.

The outlandish six-bell tower of ill-repute was visited by the Burton District of the M.C.A. on Saturday, September 17th, with a view to stimulating local enthusiasm. The attendance of almost thirty ringers was particularly gratifying, nine towers being represented. Amongst those present were the ringers from Market Bosworth, who turned up en bloc, and who motored over specially.

Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

An excellent tea was partaken of at the Crown, when twenty-one sat down.

The Rector (the Rev. D. J. Davies) presided at the business meeting. He was subsequently made an honorary member of the association. Ashby was selected for the next meeting on November 12th. The Rector expressed a hope that the visit would be repeated, and also thanked those present for their good attendance. He also referred to the visit of the band who rang the only peal on these bells, earlier in the year, in commemoration of which event a beautiful peal tablet, the work of Mr. Ernest Morris, the conductor, has been placed in an oak frame, and now hangs in the church porch.

Thanks are due to the Rector for the use of the bells and for his presence, and to Mr. John Chandler, captain of the local ringers, for making arrangements for the tea and for having the bells in readiness.

MR. E. MORRIS' LEICESTERSHIRE PEALS.

APPRECIATION AND THANKS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Would you kindly allow me a small space to give my many friends the very best thanks for their kindness and help given to assist me in scoring peals at 100 Leicestershire towers. Without their aid the task would have been impossible, and it has meant to many heavy tasks, many blisters, aching arms and 'wet shirts.' I especially thank my Billesdon friends for many five-bell peals, the Burton secretary and friends of that district for peals in his quarter; Ashby for the Staunton Harold peal on the bells at Earl Ferrers' private church, and other places; Loughborough, Melton and Harborough friends for their districts; the Sherwood Youths for King's Norton; and certain Leicester friends who have been kind enough to on these 'wonderful' excursions with me. To each and all I give my thanks, and hope still to carry on. I have more towers to conquer yet, and not all in steel frames or ball bearings!—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

A DISAPPOINTING EXPERIENCE.

The hon. secretary of the Western District of the Surrey Association had a most discouraging experience on Saturday, when she had convened a meeting at Cranleigh. She was the sole representative of her district, the others who put in an appearance being three visitors from Guildford, one from Pulborough, one from Rudgwick, and five of the local band. The few ringers who were present felt and expressed the utmost sympathy with the unfortunate lady secretary.

In the evening an informal combined practice was organised at the neighbouring tower of Ewhurst.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the above association was held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, September 17th. A fine day drew a very large gathering of ringers. The members expressed satisfaction with the 'go' of the bells after recent overhauling by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and there was ringing at various intervals from 3 p.m.

The service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. de la Hey). The choir rendered an anthem very sweetly. During the course of an address the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the association.

Thanks to the generosity of the Bromsgrove Guild of Ringers, all the members, their wives and friends were entertained to a splendid tea in the old schoolroom.

This was followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided. The officers were re-elected en bloc as follows: Mr. J. Pegott, Smethwick (Central Committee representative), Mr. A. Hackett, Halsowen (Ringing Master of the Northern Branch), and Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary).

Several new members were also added to the roll.

Mr. T. J. Salter moved that the quarterly peal be attempted by the local band. This was unanimously agreed to, and Mr. Martin, in reply, said they would do their best.

The Secretary stated that he had received a very cordial invitation for the branch to visit Lye for the next quarterly meeting, and it was unanimously decided to accept the kind invitation of Lye ringers to visit their church for the next meeting, to be held on the third Saturday in January.

Mr. A. E. Parsons moved that hearty thanks be tendered to the Vicar for his address, for the beautiful service, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at that meeting. He also coupled in the vote hearty thanks to the organist, and also to Mr. H. F. Martin (on behalf of the Bromsgrove Guild) for providing such a splendid tea, and to Mrs. Martin and her splendid band of lady helpers for their kind attention to the ringers' wants. This was carried in a very appreciative manner.

—Mr. Martin, in reply, said it had long been the wish of the Guild to entertain the association at Bromsgrove, and he thanked them for their very kind vote of thanks, and also thanked Mr. W. B. Cartwright, who had gone from Selly Oak in hail, rain and sunshine to give them his assistance. The Vicar, who also responded, said he hoped they had all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It had been a real pleasure to him to have the association at Bromsgrove.

The members then returned to the tower, where ringing was indulged in till 8 p.m., and this closed a gathering which almost created a record in point of numbers.

VISIT TO SALISBURY.

On Saturday, September 10th, the North Stoneham ringers had their annual outing, when six towers in North Hampshire and Salisbury were visited. Leaving at 8.15 a.m. by charabanc, the first stop was at All Saints', Basingstoke, where the party were welcomed by the Vicar, Rev. E. Jones, and a very enjoyable hour was spent. A move was then made to Whitchurch, where the party were met by Mr. Clarke, who had everything in readiness, and touches in various methods were rung. A splendid lunch was partaken of at the King's Arms, Whitchurch, presided over by the Rector of North Stoneham, Rev. T. Salmon, who thanked the ringers on behalf of the churchwardens and himself for their services during the year. Mr. G. Williams suitably replied. The weather, which up to mid-day had been wet, then cleared up, and the run from Whitchurch to Andover, where a short visit to the tower was paid, and then over the downs to Salisbury, was much enjoyed. At Salisbury, the party were met by Messrs. Romaine, Rolls and Cheater, and touches rung in various methods at St. Edmund's, St. Thomas', and St. Martin's Churches. At St. Edmund's the very fine old peal of bells were found badly to need the attention of a bellhanger, and the hope was expressed that the Vicar and Church Council would soon see their way to have the bells and ringing chamber put in order, and to be worthy of such a fine old church. Home was reached about 9.30 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed the trip. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents and steeplekeepers of the various towers visited. The methods rung during the trip were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Kent, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Major.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

Four quarter-peals were rung at St. John's Church, Cardiff, on Sunday, on the occasion of the harvest festival. For 8 o'clock Communion service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. H. P. Evans 1, P. Heath 2, J. Davies 3, L. Strong 4, J. Phillips 5, E. Coombes 6, S. Dawe (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.—For 11 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Dawe 1, *P. Heath 2, J. Davies 3, F. Smith 4, E. Coombes 5, *L. Strong 6, G. Large (first quarter as conductor) 7, *J. Phillips 8. * First quarter of Stedman.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: J. Phillips 1, F. Hannington 2, L. Strong 3, W. H. P. Evans (first quarter inside) 4, W. Richards 5, P. Heath 6, F. Smith 7, G. Large (conductor) 8, E. Coombes 9, S. R. Barker 10.—After evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: W. H. P. Evans 1, J. Phillips 2, L. Strong 3, J. Davies 4, F. Hannington 5, P. Heath 6, F. Smith 7, G. Large 8, E. Coombes 9, S. R. Barker 10.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—For evensong, at St. Nicolas' Church, on Sunday, September 25th, harvest festival, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: R. Radford 1, C. Hazelden 2, F. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, Mrs. Hazelden 5, W. W. Thorne 6, G. Tomsett 7, G. Gibbs 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, E. G. Heath 10.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Sunday, September 25th, at St. Peter's Church, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: A. G. Slade (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, R. Hayward 2, G. T. White 3, W. J. Benger 4, W. J. Simons 5, A. H. Drew 6, F. C. Benger (first as conductor) 7, J. W. Smith 8. All are local Sunday service ringers.

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NOTICE.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 8th, at Bucknall. Tea 5.30. Will all those who intend to be present please inform Mr. W. Stradley, 102, Charles Street, Hanley, not later than October 5th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

NOTICES.

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PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A preliminary District meeting to discuss rules and other matters will be held at GUILDFORD on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells of Holy Trinity pro-Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Church will be available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each, at St. Saviour's Hall, Onslow Street. Business meeting 5.45. Meeting at LEATHERHEAD, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Parish Church (10) bells 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) and meeting in the Institute. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 4th. The towers immediately concerned will be notified by circular, but all ringers will be welcome. Other district meetings will be held at Chertsey, Oct. 15th; Farnham, Oct. 22nd. Preliminary general meeting Nov. 19th.—J. S. Goldsmith, hon. sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Election of officers for the ensuing year. All ringers and friends welcome.—A. C. Kay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LADIES' GUILD.—A quarterly meeting (Southern and Central Districts combined) will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. —The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Friskney on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (6) (recently rehung by Mr. A. Bowell) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. Buses leave Boston G.P.O. at 1.10, 2.15, 3.30 and 4.15 p.m., returning 6.30, 8, 9.10, 10 and 10.50 p.m.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, nr. Boston, Lincs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Barnet, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- each, at 4.45 in The Church House. Meeting to follow. Short service at 6 p.m. Hadley Bells from 7 to 9 p.m., as well as Barnet.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st at Bishop Ryder's, City. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and an 8-bell contest at Almondbury, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, October 1st. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfields View, Halifax.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Would those who intend to be present kindly notify me?—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—South West District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lifton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available 2.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Tea free to members. Practices in Surprise Minor methods will be resumed at Stoke, Plymouth, Thursdays, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Autumn meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet (10) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and Meeting at 4.30 p.m. Half fares up to 2s.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn (1s. per head), followed by business meeting after service.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chepstow on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Business meeting at 5 o'clock. Bells available during the afternoon and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting to be held at Royston on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5.30 at Beale's Café. Good bus services from all parts. All are welcome.—George T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting Saturday, Oct. 1st, at North Wingfield (8 bells). L.M.S. trains to Clay Cross Station.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —A ringing meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—James Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hungerford, Berks.—Dedication of new trebles by Bishop of Oxford on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, at 2.30 p.m. Bells (8) open for ringing afterwards until 6.30. Visiting ringers invited to tea by the Vicar. Those intending to come should notify Rev. H. Wardley King, Hungerford Vicarage, Berks.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Oct. 4th, Southwark Cathedral on the 6th, St. Magnus on the 13th and 27th, *St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 18th, and Sunday, 23rd, at 5.30 p.m., St.

Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, at 8 p.m. All the others at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Surfleet (10 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea at 4.15 p.m. All requiring tea please let me know by Oct. 4th.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pocklington on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available all day. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Kemp's Café at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 5th.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at Wilton. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow in the Schoolroom. All who want tea must please let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 4th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the district will be held at Wrotham, on Saturday, October 8th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- will be paid to members attending. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 4th.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Service will be held in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m., with address by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. The bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m. After service, tea will be in the Church Hall at 1s. per head. It is necessary that all who require tea will send in their names not later than Monday, Oct. 3rd, to R. G. Black, General Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, nr. Kettering.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 9d. each. Meeting to follow. Special attention to Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise. Farnworth bells (6) available after meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, Oct. 6th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual branch party will be held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Social at 7 p.m. Tea and social in Priestwell Schools, Cross Stone Road. (Schools are about two minutes' walk from the bottom of Cross Stone Road.) Charges: Gentlemen 2s., ladies 1s. 9d. Names of those who intend to be present should reach Miss R. A. Bell, Lower East Lee, Eastwood, Todmorden, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 4th.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 21, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. St. Andrew's tower will also be open. Visitors are invited and will oblige by an early notification to F. W. Merrett, Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John the Evangelist's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells at liberty 3.15. Meeting 7.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Bletchingley (bells 8) on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m., at 1s. per head.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea provided. All ringers are welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Wath on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., but applications for tea must be sent before Oct. 6th to A. Panther, Sandymount Road, Wath, near Rotherham. A hearty welcome will be given to all ringers.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Faith's, Norwich, on Oct. 8th, at 3.30 p.m. Will as many as possible attend?—B. S. Thompson, Dis. Sec., 148, The Avenues, Norwich.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Darlington on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Meet at St. John's. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Holy Trinity bells (6) also available. Members requiring tea, at 1s. 3d. each, please notify me by Oct. 6th.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Ringing at St. Mary Magdalene (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30, address by the Rev. J. S. Jobling, M.A. Tea 6 o'clock, at Mrs. Jones' Restaurant (1s. 3d.). Meeting after tea. Kindly reply by Oct. 3rd to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly business meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes' on Monday, Oct. 10th, at 8.15, when a good attendance is desired. Ringing meetings during October: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the

10th, at 6.30, and the 24th at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 4th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 15th, at Wilby. Bells from 2 p.m. Important meeting after tea in the Schools at 4.30 p.m. Tea for all sending me word by October 10th, 9d.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 11th.—S. Proctor, Sec., 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 to 8. Tea at 5.30. Everyone heartily welcomed. Will those coming to tea kindly inform me before the 12th?—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Opening of bells of the Parish Church, Stisted, near Braintree, after tuning and re-hanging, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Tea will be provided free in the school to all who notify their intention to be present not later than Thursday, Oct. 13th. All ringers welcome.—Henry F. Cooper, Stisted, Braintree.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting (general) will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting in Schools 3.30. Tea (1s. 9d. per head) in Schools at 4.30. Names must be sent to Mr. J. P. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, by the previous Thursday. Church is close to Clay Cross Station. A good attendance is requested.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Oct. 22nd, Bushey Heath. Particulars later.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

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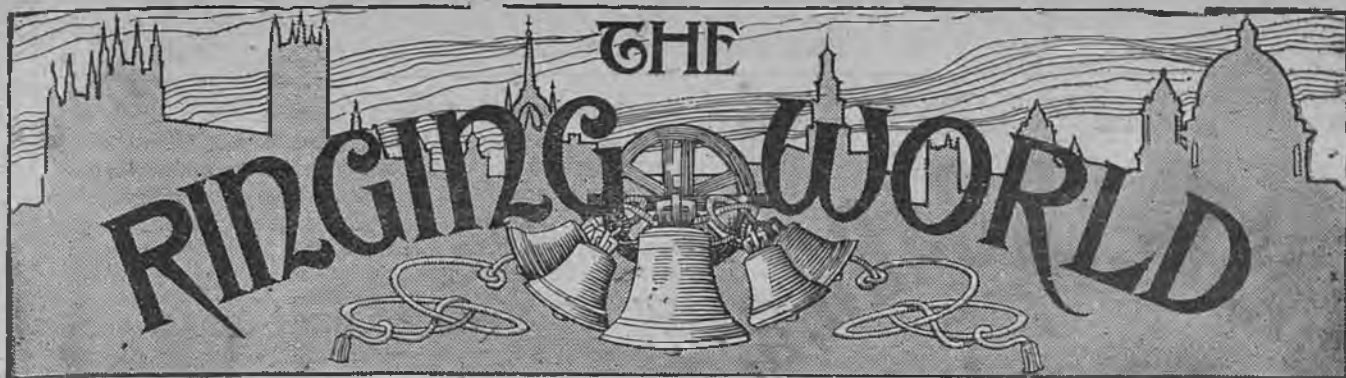
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Bell ringing, which to the public has been in the past a somewhat mysterious craft, is beginning to receive a more intelligent publicity in the Press than it used to do. It is true that there are still some weird and wonderful notions abroad as to what change ringing really is, but, taken as a whole, newspaper reports and comments on bell ringing are now of a more enlightened character. In our view this is all for the good of the Exercise. If the public know that what we do in the belfry has behind it something more than a mere mechanical method of making a noise; that change ringing is an operation based upon scientific principles and requiring brains, a quick perception, concentration and a vast amount of patience and practice, some at any rate will have a greater appreciation of what is performed in the belfry.

But apart from the columns of the Press, interest is being aroused in other ways, and in many instances lectures on the subject, given by ringers, have not only spread knowledge among the lay public but have found an appreciative reception in widely varying circles. Quite a new departure, so far as we are aware, is, however, to be made in the Cheshire town of Wallasey, where, at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Edwards (Hon. Sec. of the Salisbury Guild) is to preach on Sunday week on the subject of 'The Mystery of Triple Bob Major.' The Vicar has arranged this sermon specially because he desires that his congregation should learn something about the origin, use and purpose of church bells, about which, he admits, many people have very hazy notions.

It would be a good thing indeed if all congregations had the opportunity of enlightenment from a practical ringer like the Rector of Kington Magna, but, unfortunately, we have not enough parsons of his type to go round. There is still in many places an entire lack of interest in the ringers. If the choir were absent from their places, or if the organ were silent, all the worshippers would at once be making inquiries as to what was wrong. But the absence of the ringers or the silence of the bells is passed over without comment. In these days, when it is the object of those who have the interests of the Exercise at heart to have the bells rung regularly for the Church's services, something is needed to bring home to the church-going public not only the importance of the work which the ringers undertake, but a fuller realisation of what it involves. Bells provide a many-sided study—practical, scientific, historical and what not—but outside the ranks of the ringers themselves the majority of people are ignorant of it. The bell sermon at Wallasey is one way to educate the

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local public, and we should like to see the example followed in other places. A wider, general interest would almost certainly lead some to a closer investigation and a desire to learn something of the practical side of ringing, and in this way the Exercise is likely to make a direct gain. Any means by which the interest of the public can be stimulated is worth cultivating.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	THOMAS BEVAN 7
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2	JOHN W. CORNFORD 8
THOMAS NEWMAN 3	GEORGE A. CARD 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	FRANK SMITH 10
JAMES BENNETT 5	LEONARD H. BAYBUT 11
RICHARD BEVAN 6	CECIL J. MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. Ben Foskett, all the band having been regular service ringers at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields with the deceased. Also to the memory of Mr. Mark Woodcock.

TEN BELL PEAL.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY Treble	FREDERICK S. PRICE 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	ERNEST MANSELL 7
ALBERT WALKER 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	JAMES E. GROVES 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	JOHN BRAGG Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the memory of Stanley Bragg, towerkeeper at this church, and a popular member of the Guild, who passed away in the prime of life on September 29th, aged 44.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight 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.

WILLIAM HALFORD Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 5
ALBERT HARTLAND 2	FREDERICK HAWKES 6
JOHN ROWLATT 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
JOSEPH LAWRENCE 4	ARTHUR GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor, and to the ringer of the tenor.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, September 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT ONE MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

* LIONEL J. COLLUM Treble	WILLIAM A. MARTIN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

MISS JESSIE DAVENPORT ... Treble	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 5
MISS MOLLY DAVENPORT ... 2	RONALD E. JOHNSON ... 6
MISS ELSIE SMITH ... 3	ARTHUR S. ROBINSON ... 7
NORMAN SHORT ... 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. E. LEWIS COCKEY

Rung for the festival of St. Matthew; to commemorate the founding of the diocese of Derby, and the appointment and election thereto of Dr. Courtenay Pearce, sometime Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge, as first diocesan Bishop. First peal by the ringer of the treble (age 14), who is entitled to much credit for the way in which she rang her bell. The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal of Bob Major for the Yorkshire Association, each being a 'first peal' of one kind or another. The ringers of the 3rd and tenor are from Norton, the rest the local company.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WM. R. G. SEAGER ... Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... 5
SAM E. TAYLOR ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6
WILLIAM SPICE ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 4	LAURENCE HALES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

First peal in the method by the association, upon the bells, and by all the band. Rung at the first attempt.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... Treble	HORACE BELCHER ... 5
FRANK CORKE ... 2	HARRY G. WINCOTE ... 6
ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY ... 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	*GEORGE A. C. BLOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal. Arranged and rung to celebrate the marriage a few days previously of Mr. Robert A. Fardon and Miss Ruby Hawksworth, both members of the local band.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Treble	HARRY BAXTER ... 5
JOHN KING ... 2	JOHN R. MAIN ... 6
MISS KITTY MOORE ... 3	GEORGE BASFORD ... 7
CHARLES W. BIRD ... 4	ROBERT G. BLACK ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER

Mr. G. Basford has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HARRY OVERTON ... Treble	GEORGE JONES ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 4	*GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by P. C. THOMAS R. BUTLER.

* First peal in the method, and made a life member before starting for the peal.

OAKFORD, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

REV. ERNEST S. C. LOCK ... Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR ... 5
ALFRED J. WYATT ... 2	WILLIAM H. COLES ... 6
SYDNEY A. WYATT ... 3	PERCY MERSON ... 7
GEORGE SIBLEY ... 4	JAMES HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. HUNT

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal on eight bells by Rev. E. S. C. Lock, who is Master of the association. 50th peal by Mr. A. J. Wyatt. The conductor has now rung a peal in 100 different towers.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

ERNEST E. GRIMES ... Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 5
EDWARD G. GRINDALL ... 2	THOMAS WM. LAST ... 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

*REGINALD POSTON ... Treble	*JOHN H. BUSHNELL ... 5
ALFRED T. POULTON ... 2	*THOMAS BEVAN ... 6
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... 7
HENRY E. COX ... 4	*JOHN J. WEBB ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire inside.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

*SIDNEY G. HUMPHRISS ... Treble	PETER BOARDMAN ... 5
ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS ... 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 6
*HENRY GRACE ... 3	CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... 7
*REGINALD HOLME ... 4	*CHARLES HESKETH ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor, and rung on the occasion of his 21st birthday.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

REGINALD S. COOK ... Treble	J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5
*JOHN W. LANE ... 2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	HERBERT GATES ... 7
FREDERICK J. REEVE ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. First peal of Major on the bells.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... Treble	PETER CROOK 5
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 2	WILLIAM HORAN 6
HARRY LANGLEY 3	TOM WILDE 7
*HARRY NORGROVE 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

OXENHOPE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	LEONARD DRAKE 5
TOM STRANGWAY 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... 7
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH ... 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. E. Lawson and Mrs. Tom Strangway.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 2	*WILLIAM BEDDARD 6
WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 3	*THOMAS HEMMING 7
JOHN KENDALL 4	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Kent 'inside,' also first in the method on the bells, and rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Treble	FRANK JENNINGS 5
DANIEL D. COOPER ... 2	AMOS W. CLARK 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
*RONALD H. BULLEN ... 4	JOHN AVERY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Triples. Quickest peal on the bells, and rung after meeting short for Caters.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 5
MISS D. EVA LEWIS ... 2	JOHN THOMPSON 6
*ALFRED BALLARD 3	†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7
REV. R. P. FARROW ... 4	†THOMAS W. BARWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal on more than five bells. † 25th peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal and first attempt for Stedman. The band wish to thank Mrs. Ballard (for whose son the peal was arranged) for very kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At Temple Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

F. G. LEAKER Treble	W. HUNTER 5
W. DURBIN 2	J. JEFFRIES 6
J. CARMEN 3	W. FARLEY 7
W. ABRAHAM 4	A. DURBIN Tenor

Conducted by W. FARLEY.

Rung on the occasion of the Vicar being inducted Archdeacon of Bristol.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE GILBERT 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN S. MORLEY ... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
*GEORGE OLIVER 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
CECIL NICE 4	CECIL HUDSON Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal inside. † First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WELTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*E. G. LYMAN ... Treble	A. MARLOW 3
*W. C. MOORE 2	*H. SHIMMELL 4
R. ADAMS ... Tenor	

Conducted by A. MARLOW.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. After the peal, Rev. Fearis provided an excellent tea, which was much appreciated.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

CHARLES JENNINGS ... Treble	ALBERT E. ADSTIN ... 4
FRANK E. HAYNES 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	*ROBERT HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* Fiftieth peal.

MAXEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN LUNN ... Treble	WILLIAM TILLEY ... 4
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

BUCKNALL, STOKE-ON-TRENT.
THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DELIGHT MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of the 3rd's-place methods, Bucksall, Castleton, Chelsea, Dunedin, Knutsford, Rothern, Ely.

CHARLES PRESTON Treble	CHARLES BOWEN 4
MISS ALICE PRESTON 2	WILLIAM FRADLEY 5
REG PRESTON 3	HARRY BILLINGS Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BILLINGS.

First peal as conductor. The first peal rung consisting of all 3rd's-place Delight methods in this association. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Wheeldon, the leader.

KINGSLEY, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Ipswich, and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*J. BARKER Treble	HENRY CARNWELL 4
STANLEY C. RYLES 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. W. HALL.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First in seven methods as conductor. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th from Norton, 1st and 5th from Cheadle, and 4th from Kingsley. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. M. Levitt, of Cheadle, grandmother of the conductor, for her 90th birthday.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER WHITE Treble	R. HENRY BARTRAM 4
ERNEST BARTRAM 2	RICHARD MOUNT 5
JAMES F. GEORGE 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Quickest peal on the bells. Arranged for Mr. George, of Ilkeston, to ring a peal in his native village, also a birthday compliment to Miss K. A. White, L.R.A.M., L.T.C.L., daughter of treble ringer. This is the 100th Leicestershire church the conductor has rung a peal in. Thanks are due to Mr. Mount for conveyance and refreshments.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM H. T. KING Treble	FREDERICK BROWN 4
*GEORGE FREEBREY 2	SAMUEL HUNT 5
PERCY H. TATE 3	JACK BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREY.

* 50th peal.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN T. BARTRAM Treble	WILLIAM N. ALCOCK 4
*JACK PEARSON 2	CHARLES H. BAKER 5
HARRY CARTER 3	HARRY MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First peal. First peal in four methods by the remainder. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Charles McGuinness, of Lincoln, on his wedding to Miss Hilda Taylor, the band wishing them much happiness.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on October 2nd, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: J. Alderton 1, A. Alderton 2, C. Ellis 3, E. Scarte 4, G. Bernard 5, C. Ramplin 6, L. Mannering (Aldershot) (conductor) 7, F. Watling 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

THORPE MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 25, 1927, in One Hour and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. George Earle,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents.

Tenor size 15 in B.

WALTER C. MEDLER 1-2 | NOLAN GOLDEN 3-4

CYRIL POOLEY 5-6

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Witnessed by GEORGE EARLE.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRED HODGSON 1-2 | WILLIAM BARTON 5-6

PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4 | JOHN AMBLER 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE TOUR IN WALES.

Fifteen towers were visited during the Welsh ringing tour, and the following ten peals were the result of thirteen attempts in eight days:—

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

At the Pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
JAMES H. RIDING 2	CHARLES GREEDY 7
GEORGE MARTIN 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 8
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	EDWARD JENKINS 9
HARRY BARTON 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. F. Atwell received the visitors, and kindly made all preparations for their first peal attempt. The ringers of the first five bells and the 8th and 9th were elected members of the Guild before starting, by the courtesy of the diocesan hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Jones.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
WM. J. NEVARD 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
WM. H. FUSSELL 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

The conductor's 100th peal. Mr. G. Cooke received the band at the tower. The same band rang for one and a half hours in an attempt in the same method at St. Cyr's Church, Llangibby, the previous afternoon.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in B flat.

J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN Treble	HARRY BARTON 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
JOHN W. JONES 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 8
GEORGE MARTIN 4	EDWARD JENKINS 9
WM. H. FUSSELL 5	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

The treble man was elected a member of the Guild before starting the peal. The duty of towerkeeper was ably discharged by Mr. Seymour Barker.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*GEORGE POPNELL Treble	*WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
WM. H. FUSSELL 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
WM. J. NEVARD 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method and believed to be the first in the method in the county. The 'star men' are natives of Monmouthshire. An 'attempt' for Stedman Caters in the morning at Llandaff Cathedral lasted 3½ hours. Mr. P. Dawe, towerkeeper, had well prepared for the visitors' welfare, so they could not blame him, the bells, or the ropes for their failure in the last few sizes.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD, NEWCASTLE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

WM. H. FUSSELL Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
JAMES H. RIDING 2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 6
WM. J. NEVARD 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first peal in the method in the county. Mr. C. H. Perry welcomed the band at the station, and the Vicar kindly received them at the church.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E flat.

ALBERT J. PITMAN Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 7
HARRY BARTON 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

The first peal in the method on the bells. The towerkeeper, Mr. Wm. Williams, and Mr. E. Stitch acted as hosts to the party on arrival.

CARMARTHEN, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BREGON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E sharp.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
WM. H. FUSSELL 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
HARRY BARTON 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first peal of Stedman in the county of Carmarthen, and the first peal on the bells. A 'general election' took place in the belfry before starting for the peal, when the whole of the band, with Messrs. Nevard and Freeborn, were proposed as members of the Guild through the courtesy of Messrs. George Morris, of Llanstephan, and Mr. J. Curtis, the towerkeeper, of St. Peter's, who kindly received the company. Messrs. Shepherd and Fussell are foundation members.

LLANSTEPHAN, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BREGON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

WM. J. NEVARD Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
WM. H. FUSSELL 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal of Major in the county. Mr. G. Morris acted as local guide, and the band were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by the Vicar, the Rev. Rowland Thomas.

TENBY, PEMBROKESHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BREGON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WM. H. FUSSELL 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
WM. J. NEVARD 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major in the county. Mr. R. H. Jenkins, of Tenby, and the Rev. F. A. Oswell acted as 'guides and counsellors' to the tourists. The band rang 1 hour 40 minutes for Stedman Triples at Pembroke in the morning.

HAVERFORDWEST, PEMBROKESHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BREGON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES,

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

HARRY BARTON Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WM. H. FUSSELL 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
WM. J. NEVARD 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

The first Surprise peal in the county and the first of Major on the bells. The tourists were kindly received by the Vicar, the Rev. T. O. Phillips, and Mr. T. Rogers, local conductor.

The last four performances are believed to be first peals in the respective methods for the Guild. It was hoped to have visited Gorseion Church on the homeward journey, but difficulties at the Pembroke Ferry delayed the party.

FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

RETIREMENT OF MR. JOHN LAWSON, OF LIGHTCLIFFE.

An interesting event took place on Saturday, September 24th, at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe, Yorks, when a presentation was made to Mr. John Lawson in commemoration of his retirement on the completion of his fifty years' services as ringer and conductor. Mr. Lawson was one of the eight who rang the first peal at Lightcliffe in 1881, and is the only survivor of that team. He has officiated for the past 35 years as conductor, and has taken part in every peal that has been rung on these bells since that date, an achievement of which Mr. Lawson is justly proud. The Vicar, Rev. H. L. Taylor, the wardens, Church Council and the congregation determined to mark their appreciation of Mr. Lawson's services, and on Saturday afternoon a short service in the church was held, at which the Vicar officiated. A handsome tablet was unveiled by the Vicar's Warden, Col. R. H. Goldthorp. This tablet was inscribed, 'To commemorate the faithful services of Mr. John Lawson as bellringer and conductor, 1877-1927.'

An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom, where tea was served to the local ringers and friends from other towns and their wives. Afterwards, the Vicar presided and said they were assembled to express their hearty appreciation of the valuable services of Mr. John Lawson, who for 50 years had willingly given his services as bellringer, and for 35 years had been conductor. He considered bellringing was quite an important part of the church services, as it sent out an invitation to people to attend the church.

Col. Goldthorp, in making the presentation, said he thought this was a unique occasion, and spoke appreciatively of Mr. Lawson's services during the past 50 years. He understood, however, they were not severing their connection with Mr. Lawson altogether, as he was still remaining a member of the church; in fact, 'he was coming out of the belfry tower to attend the church.' He had very much pleasure on behalf of the congregation in handing to Mr. Lawson a handsome timepiece as a small token of the esteem in which he was held by them at St. Matthew's Church, and he hoped he would live long to enjoy his well-earned retirement. The inscription on the clock was, 'Presented to Mr. John Lawson by the congregation of St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe, as a mark of their appreciation of his services as bellringer 1877 to 1927, as conductor 1892 to 1927.'

In acknowledgment of this and other gifts, Mr. Lawson returned thanks, and for the kind words of the appreciation of his services. He said that change ringing was a very healthy occupation, and he certainly had got a good deal of pleasure from it. He hoped that more young men would come forward and learn the interesting art of change ringing. For his part he was willing to render all the assistance he could, and would gladly give them every possible encouragement.

A short miscellaneous entertainment followed, at which Miss Norwood, Mr. Clegg and Mr. Lawson took part. Touches on the church bells were rung in the afternoon and evening.

DEATH OF THE DEAN OF NORWICH. A TRUE RINGERS' FRIEND.

The announcement of the sudden passing of the Dean of Norwich (Dr. J. W. Willink) on September 22nd came as a shock to his friends in all parts of the country. Only on the previous day he was present at the celebration of the Holy Communion and Matins at Norwich Cathedral. He also attended evensong, and was a guest at the luncheon of the Norwich Rotary Club, while that night he preached at St. Matthew's Church, Thorpe Hamlet.

On Thursday morning he seemed in his usual health, but in the afternoon, when he was preparing to leave home for Badwell Ash, Bury St. Edmunds, where he had promised to preach at the harvest festival, he was seized with severe pains round the heart. Medical aid was summoned, and the Dean was removed to bed, but he passed away at six o'clock from angina pectoris.

Dr. Willink had always been a man of boundless energy, and was greatly beloved by all who knew him. From 1885 to 1891 he was Vicar of St. John's, Sunderland. In the latter year he accepted the Vicarage of St. Helens, Lancashire, where he remained until 1904.

In 1904 Dr. Willink became Vicar of Great Yarmouth, and in 1912 he accepted the Rectorate of Birmingham. There he remained until May, 1919, and it was as Rector of Birmingham that he became known to the majority of ringers through the close interest he took in the St. Martin's Guild. As all good ringers know, St. Martin's is the Parish Church of Birmingham, and one of the first things Dr. Willink did was to visit the belfry and make the acquaintance of his ringers, of whose doings he had heard from Mr. Dennison Hayward, of Great Yarmouth.

Ever afterwards he kept in close touch, visiting the belfry nearly every Sunday, and frequently bringing with him members of his family or friends.

He took the chair at every Johnson dinner but one held during his Rectorate, and on one occasion he rose from a sick bed to be present, in order, as he said, that he should not miss the most enjoyable evening of the whole year.

Those who attended any of the dinners over which he presided will remember what a splendid chairman he made, with his fine upstanding figure, rich, powerful voice, and never failing good humour.

Birmingham has been singularly fortunate in its Rectors, but never more so than when Canon Willink (as he then was) accepted the position.

In him ringers had a true and sincere friend. With him they were not 'out of sight—out of mind.' He took a particularly keen interest in them and their doings, and his own ringers of St. Martin's were frequently invited to spend a summer afternoon on the Rectory lawn.

It was a sad day for Birmingham when he left to become Dean of Norwich, but he continued his interest in our art, and was soon elected president of the Norwich Association (now the Norfolk Guild). In this capacity he attended numerous meetings of the association, and he presided at Easter over the Jubilee gathering.

A largely attended memorial service was held at St. Martin's on Tuesday, September 27th, at the time the funeral was taking place at Norwich, and the bells of which he was so fond were rung muffled before and after the service and again in the evening.

A. P. S.

At Fakenham, Norfolk, on Sunday morning, September 25th, 1,056 changes of Bob Major were rung, half-muffled, as a tribute to the late Dean of Norwich: P. J. Alfray 1, F. Gaut 2, S. Cooke 3, G. Dye 4, C. S. Tuthill 5, Geo. Cooke 6, Harry Cooke 7, Robt. Cooke (conductor) 8.—Also on Tuesday evening, the funeral day, 800 changes.

At Diss, Norfolk, on September 27th, touches of Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung at St. Mary's Church, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute to the memory of the late Dean of Norwich, president of the Norfolk Guild since 1919. Those who took part in the ringing were W. Wiskins, E. Youngs, J. Souter, A. G. Harrison, W. Steggall, W. C. Chenery, G. Archer, C. J. More and C. Goodman, the touches being conducted by C. J. More and G. Archer.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of this association was held at Chester-le-Street on September 24th. The attendance was somewhat disappointing, but the fine peal of bells at SS. Mary and Cuthbert's Church were kept going during the afternoon in Grandair, Kent Major, Stedman, etc. After an excellent tea at the Crown Hotel, Mr. F. Sheraton presided over a short meeting, and, on the motion of the president (Mr. C. L. Routledge), Mr. R. L. Patterson was elected vice-president for the Eastern District for the coming year, and Mr. W. F. Pattison, of Chester-le-Street, for the Western District.

Mr. R. L. Patterson supported Mr. H. Tyson in expressing the regret of the members at the impending departure of Mr. J. W. Smith, of Winlaton, for Sydney, Australia, and wished him every success and happiness in his new home.—Mr. Smith feelingly replied.

Mr. E. Ferry, the secretary of the association, sent a message urging the members to do their best to make the 50th annual meeting at Durham on October 29th a great success.

The company then adjourned to the belfry, and the bells were kept going until about eight o'clock.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Smith and Sons, the well-known clockmakers of Derby, have secured the order for a new large chiming clock and carillon to play on 10 bells for the new Derby Cathedral. Other important work just completed includes a new Westminster chiming clock for St. Mary's Church, Finchley, and two large clocks and bells for Canada.

'Great Peter,' the 10½ ton bell for York Minster, which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have cast, was safely hoisted into its massive frame in the north-west tower on Thursday last. The rededication will take place on Saturday, October 22nd, when the Minster ring of twelve will be open, and a welcome extended to all ringers.

The band at Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, who some time since rang a peal of Minor consisting of seven different 4th's-place Delight methods, have now rung a peal of seven different 3rd's-place Delight methods. Each was the first of its kind by the North Staffs Association.

If anyone asked the late Mr. Isaac G. Shade how many peals he had rung, he used to say, 'I don't know; you must ask Jack Lamb, my secretary.' Mr. Lamb kept a careful record of Mr. Shade's peals, and he has now just completed another big task of the same description, having been through the volumes of the ringing press and extracted particulars of the more than 700 peals rung by Mr. J. H. Cheesman. Perhaps it would be well if we refrained from publishing Mr. Lamb's address, for fear of his being inundated with requests from other ringers who want their peal lists compiled.

Henry Hubbard died on October 9th, 1881. He was born a hundred and twenty years ago this year, and rendered a great deal of service to the Exercise as a writer and composer.

Holt's famous ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Shore-ditch for the first time on October 12th, 1754.

CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Fire destroyed All Saints' Church, Eastbourne, on Thursday evening last week. All that remains standing, except the ruined walls, are the tower and two vestries. The clock in the belfry struck seven o'clock while the church was in flames.

The tower contains a ring of eight bells, and there is a regular Sunday service band there. There has been little peal ringing, however, on account of the situation of the church. The first peal on the bells was a muffled peal, rung for the funeral of Queen Victoria, and the second a peal for the coronation of King Edward VII.

SUTTON VENY BELLS. NEED FOR RESTORATION.

When the new Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Sutton Veny, Warminster, was built by the generosity of the widow and family of Mr. Joseph Everett, of Greenhill, and dedicated nearly sixty years ago, in 1868, a faculty was obtained to move the 6 bells and bell frame from the old Church of St. Leonard. A pleasing link was thereby kept with olden times. The old bell frame is by now in so poor a condition that it is unsafe for ringing, which had to cease at Easter, 1927.

An attempt is now being made to raise funds to repair the frame or to rehang the bells in a new frame.

The bells, which are of interest, will not be altered, except that the treble, which is sharp, may perhaps be tuned, if this can be done without injury to the bell. Only five of the six bells are the original ones from the old church, as in 1886 the third bell, which had been badly cracked, was done away with. To make the peal more in harmony, the old fourth was tuned to take its place and a new fourth cast. This new bell bears the inscription of the old third, with the names of the Rector and churchwardens at the time of casting added.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—'L.C. 1696.'

2nd.—'L.C. 1696.'

3rd.—'Mr. R. Bailey, Rect. Jef Long R. Exten c.w. 1695.'

4th.—'Mr. Noah Wilkins and Mr. John Best ChWds 1749. Recast 1886 G. F. Powell, Rector, R. Elling, Jas. N. Farham, Churchwardens.'

5th.—'Saml and Stepn Long Church Wardens, Robt and Jas Wells Fecit 1793.'

Tenor.—'Mr. Stephen Long and Mr. John Rundall ch wds. Wm. Cockey Cast Mee 1723.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The autumn meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, October 1st, when the following towers were represented: Canterbury, Littlebourne, Wingham, Dover, Sturry, Wickhambreau, and St. Nicholas. Tea and the business meeting, over which the Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore presided, were held in the Parish Hall.

A proposition that a bye-meeting should be held at Faversham on December 10th was carried.

The sad loss which the St. Lawrence parish had recently sustained, owing to the death of the Rev. A. G. Wilcox, was mentioned, and the meeting decided to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Wilcox.

The meeting closed with a discussion concerning the advisability of again continuing the mid-week evening meetings, but no propositions were made.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

The tenth article of this instructive series, by 'Minormania,' will appear in our next issue.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. QUARTERLY MEETING AND UNVEILING OF PEAL BOARD AT CHEPSTOW.

A quarterly meeting was held at Chepstow on Saturday, October 1st, and, although the day provided one continuous downpour of rain, a splendid muster put in an appearance from the towers of Monmouthshire and Glamorganshire. The bells, a fine old eight, tenor 21 cwt., by Evans, of Chepstow, were made good use of during the afternoon. The Vicar (the Rev. D. Hughes), contrary to what was expected, was able to be present, and conducted service in the church at four o'clock. Immediately afterwards he led the way to the ringing chamber, followed by the members. When all had assembled, the Vicar asked the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), the conductor of the peal, to unveil the board which had been erected, recording a peal rung a few years ago as a farewell to Mr. John Prickett, who for several years had been leader of the local ringers and who is now in South Africa. The Vicar read the dedicatory prayers, and after a few remarks invited all present to join him at tea in the Church Rooms.

Tea over, the business meeting followed, with the Vicar in the chair. The hon. secretary read several letters received relating to the minutes, including one from Mr. Denison Taylor, of Loughborough, acknowledging a vote of sympathy, and another from the Vicar of Tredunnock, which explained the reason why the meeting was held at Chepstow instead of Tredunnock.

There were no restorations or proposed augmentations to report, but Mr. Jones reported excellent progress in instruction at Penhow. Four months ago this tower was ringing call changes. The hon. secretary has visited there each week with one exception, and with the assistance of an occasional visit of one or two others, call changes have disappeared (and the boards), and the band are now doing half-pull ringing.

The place to hold the next Monmouthshire meeting was left until the annual meeting.

A number of new members were elected, including the verification as life members of the visiting experts who had recently toured and scored so many peals in South Wales.

The item 'any other business' was taken advantage of by the hon. secretary to read the leading article in 'The Ringing World' on 'Loyalty.'

The usual vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality, and the meeting closed.

The bells were afterwards rung in Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. Despite the inclement weather, the meeting was a huge success. Opportunity is now taken of thanking Mr. E. H. Sims (the local leader) for all the trouble and kindness shown, and to him is due the thanks for the very nice and fitting peal board erected.

THE RESTORATION AT FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

As announced in the 'Belfry Gossip' column last week, the ring of eight bells at Farndon, Cheshire, which have recently been tuned and rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be available for ringing on Saturday, and a hearty welcome is extended by the church authorities to all ringers.

The details of the restoration scheme are interesting. A mishap to one of the bells nearly two years ago led to the tower being examined by experts, with the result that it was pronounced to be in a dangerous condition, and all ringing was, of course, suspended. The parish, although only just having completed, at considerable cost, the restoration of the church roof, immediately tackled a more serious one, which has cost them something in the neighbourhood of £1,200. The work on the masonry was entrusted to Messrs. Morrison, the builders of Liverpool Cathedral, while Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were given the work in the belfry. All is now completed, and the opening of the bells, which has been delayed for some little time through a case of serious illness near the church, is looked forward to with keen interest.

The Rev. S. P. Gray, himself an honorary member of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and his parishioners are to be highly congratulated on their noble efforts on behalf of their ancient church.

THE LATE MR. B. FOSKETT.

The last peal the late Mr. Benjamin Foskett took part in was one of Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Mary's, Willesden, on August 9th, 1924. He rang 17 peals at this church.

In memory of this grand old gentleman, and as a last token of respect, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung by: G. M. Kilby 1, E. Lankester 2, R. G. Ilstey 3, W. G. Matthews 4, E. H. Kilby 5, T. Lock 6, J. A. Trollope 7, H. Kilby 8. He was one of the most lovable of men, and those who knew him will never forget his beautiful character.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, September 25th, at All Saints' Church, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Graney 1, Miss R. S. Cook 2, A. E. Dollimore 3, J. W. Lane 4, R. S. Cook (conductor) 5, E. J. Rowe 6, A. Hill 7, J. Hayward 8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEW PLAN FOR ELECTING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.

The annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Wigan on Saturday, September 24th, when representatives from over 50 towers met at the Parish Church at 4 p.m., after ringing at the five towers in the district. The service, a shortened form of evensong, was much appreciated, the hymns being led by the organ and choirboys. The preacher was the Ven. Archdeacon Howson, of Liverpool, the warden of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild. He took as his text, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.' He said the Church now looked on the ringers as a ministry in the church, although it was not always so. He hoped they would not do anything to disgrace their calling.

Tea was partaken of in the schools near by, following which, in the next room, the business meeting was held. The members found themselves in a peculiar position. Their president is somewhere in Africa, and their vice-president in a nursing home in Manchester. They therefore asked the Archdeacon to take the chair, which he very kindly did, and gave them a welcome into the Liverpool diocese.

The secretary read the committee's report and balance sheet, the ringing secretary gave his report, and the auditors told how well kept they found the books, vouchers, etc., that go to make the business side of an association.

There were only sufficient nominations for ringing secretary and auditors to fill the posts, so these were confirmed.

The office of vice-president brought six nominations, two of whom retired. The other names were voted on by ballot, and while the votes were being counted a notice of motion from last year was taken and discussed, and in a new form was passed, viz., 'That the election of Central Council representatives be by ballot before the annual meeting, and the result be declared at the annual meeting.' It was thought that as many members could not get to the annual meeting it would give them a chance to vote for those they favoured. It was also suggested that the nominees should state their willingness to stand before their names were put on the paper.

The tellers having arrived with the result of the election of vice-president, Mr. J. H. Banks was declared appointed for the next two years.

The General Secretary suggested that it was the turn of Fylde Branch to find a place for the next annual meeting, and Blackpool was proposed and carried without a second place being mentioned.

The vote of thanks took the form of an omnibus vote, including thanks to the Rector of Wigan, for church, bells and school, to his curate for arranging the service, to the organist and choir, to the authorities of other churches for the use of bells, and to the Archdeacon for his sermon and for presiding over the meeting.—This was responded to by the Archdeacon and Mr. J. Grounds, the local secretary.

This terminated the meeting, and allowed the Archdeacon just five minutes to catch his train. The rest of the evening was spent among the bells and in social intercourse between old and new friends.

The committee reported that 129 new members and 15 non-resident members were enrolled during the year. The association lost 12 by death and 31 through arrears, leaving a grand total of 1,543. A balance of £5 5s. is shown on the year's working, but £12 15s. had been taken out of the funds for new emblems, which were on view and sale at the meeting. With the emblems in stock, the association is worth £37 13s.

The sympathy of the meeting was sent to Mr. Rollerson, the vice-president, in his illness, together with best wishes for his speedy recovery.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE SIR A. HEYWOOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the issue of 'The Ringing World' for July 29th you were good enough to publish an appeal from Canon H. J. Elsee in connection with the proposed memorial to the late Sir Arthur Heywood. Up to the present I have received subscriptions as shown in the following list.

Canon Elsee's appeal was intended for any old friends of the late Sir Arthur, more especially to his old colleagues on the Central Council, and if there are any others who would like to subscribe to this fund before the list is closed I should be much obliged if they would kindly let me have their subscriptions as soon as possible.—Yours, etc.,

HENRY W. WILDE.

Belgrave,
Pulford, near Wrexham.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Mrs. Laura Snowden £1 1s., Canon G. F. Coleridge £1, Canon H. J. Elsee 10s., Mr. W. Story 5s., Mr. A. A. Hughes 5s., Mr. C. Dean 5s., Miss E. K. Parker 5s., Mr. H. W. Wilde 5s., Mr. Geo. Baker 5s., Rev. H. Drake 2s. 6d., Mr. W. J. Cockerill 2s. 6d., Mr. James Parker 2s. 6d., Mr. B. Barnett, sen., 2s. 6d., Mr. W. Cave 2s. 6d., Mr. A. L. Coleman 2s. 6d., Mr. R. Richardson 2s. 6d., Canon Baker 2s. 6d., Mr. W. J. Nevard 2s. 6d., Mr. J. Flower 2s. 6d., Mr. J. Cotterill 2s., Mr. J. T. Rickman 2s., Mr. P. Crook 2s., Mr. W. H. Shuker 2s., Mr. Geo. Williams 2s., Mrs. James Parker 2s., Mr. J. Waghorne, sen., 1s.; total,

£5 19s.

THE NEW GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A SERIES OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

As a preliminary to the general meeting which is to be held on November 19th, a series of district meetings have been arranged in order to discuss the organisation of the proposed Guild for the new diocese of Guildford. The first of these meetings was held at Guildford on Saturday, and was attended by some 50 ringers from various towers in the neighbourhood. The business was preceded by ringing at the pro-Cathedral of Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' Church, and by a tea.

The meeting was held in St. Saviour's Hall, presided over by Mr. Walter Harrison, churchwarden of St. Nicolas', who has long been interested in ringing, and who presided at the meeting in November when the formation of the new Guild was definitely decided upon. Among those present were Canon E. C. Kirwan (Holy Trinity), Rev. Sir Paget M. Bowman (Shere), Rev. H. Hamilton Jackson (Shaftord), the Rev. J. M. La F. McAnally (Haslemere), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (Woking), etc. Ringers were present from the pro-Cathedral and St. Nicolas', Guildford, Ash, Banstead, Cranleigh, Dunsfold, Farnham, Haslemere, Leatherhead, Merstham, Ockham, Shaftord, Shere, Thursley, West Clandon, Wotton, Worplesdon.

At the outset the Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. A. H. Pulling in his accident, and this was at once endorsed.

A report of the Organising Committee was read by the hon. secretary pro tem. This detailed the steps which had already been taken to organise the Guild, which will come into being on January 1st next. The Guild had the cordial support of the Bishop of Guildford, who had promised to become president and to give the Guild his personal interest. In the diocese there were at present three 10-bell towers, 27 8-bell towers, 24 6-bell towers, and two 5-bell towers. The committee had been able to secure the welcome co-operation of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in their project, and they acknowledged the friendly and even generous spirit in which their proposals had been received by the parent society. At the annual meeting of the Winchester Guild a resolution was passed agreeing to the splitting up of the area as from January 1st next, and voting 25 per cent. of the funds then in hand to the Guildford Diocesan Association, an action which at once demonstrated the friendly feeling which animated all sections of the Guild.

RELATIONS WITH THE PARENT GUILD.

In order that the intimate relations between the old members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild may be preserved, a motion was also carried that a reciprocal arrangement be made whereby any resident member of the present Guild on January 1st, 1928, may become a compounding member of any of the associations into which the present Guild may be divided (other than that in which resident) upon payment of 1s. to each such association, if application be made during the year 1928. This arrangement was originally suggested by the Guildford Committee, and they attached considerable importance to it. They recommended that the necessary resolution to give effect to the proposal should be passed by the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the proper time. At the request of the Surrey Association, a conference took place between the officials of that society and the Organising Committee to consider the question of amalgamation. As the Surrey Association had no proposals to put forward except that of complete absorption of the Guildford diocesan area by the Surrey Association, the committee informed the deputation that no definite reply could be given until after the Guild had come into existence in January next, as it was a question that could only be dealt with after the Guild had been established.

The committee have given considerable attention to the drafting of a set of rules, which members were invited to consider, and which, subject to any amendments which might be made, would be submitted for approval at a later preliminary general meeting of the whole Guild, and for adoption at the inaugural meeting.

The committee had mapped out the diocesan area into four districts, and in doing so had two considerations in view: (1) To make them workable in size, and (2) convenience in regard to means of inter-communication between the towers in each group. One of the questions which the members were asked to consider was whether they would accept the Winchester Guild's recommendation that life members of the Winchester Guild should automatically become life members of this Guild without further payment. A decision on this and other important matters would have to be made when the preliminary general meeting was held on November 19th, and it was hoped that in the meantime members would also carefully consider whom they desired to see holding the various offices in the Guild. The success of the Guild would depend largely upon the manner in which its organisation was now moulded and the officers who were entrusted with its administration. The committee would welcome proposals which would add to the efficiency of the Guild and further its objects, and they therefore invited suggestions from those who would become its future members. It was proposed that all those who joined by the date of the inauguration should always be distinguished as foundation members, and be so described in the records. It was hoped, therefore, that all who contemplate joining the Guild would become enrolled by January 1st next. The committee desired to enlist the support of every ringer in the diocese in making the new Guild one of the best ringing organisations in the country. There were sufficient ringers in the diocese to make a strong and virile Guild, and before the Organising Committee laid

down their work for a permanent executive to take over the task, they hoped to see in being a Guild worthy of the diocese and worthy of the Exercise of which it would form a not unimportant part.

The report was approved, and the following resolution was unanimously carried, on the motion of the Rev. Hamilton Jackson, seconded by Mr. R. Hasted: 'That this preliminary district meeting approves of the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, to come into being on January 1st next, and pledges itself to do its utmost to support the objects of the Guild and further its interests.'

The proposed rules were then considered serialim, and a few alterations suggested.

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Canon Kirwan, it was resolved to support the proposal that 'members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, residing in the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth on December 31st next, be admitted as compounding members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at any time before December 31st, 1928, upon payment of one shilling.'

On the question of life members of the Winchester Guild becoming life members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild without further payment, the meeting regretted that it could not support the proposal.

Suggestions were invited for promoting the successful conduct of the Guild, and a discussion took place as to the best time for the annual meeting. Eventually a proposal was carried that it be recommended that there should be an annual business meeting early in the year and an annual festival in the summer.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting, which revealed an extremely gratifying interest in the scheme for the new Guild.

A similar meeting is to be held at Leatherhead to-morrow.

STAVELEY'S LOSSES.

DEATH CLAIMS RECTOR AND CAPTAIN OF RINGERS.

During recent weeks, Staveley churchpeople, and the ringers in particular, have been very hard hit by death. On August 26th, the beloved Rector (Canon Molineux) passed away and was buried at Lewes, Sussex. Canon Molineux had a seizure three years ago, and since that time had been an invalid, having lost his speech and the use of his right side. He held the living of Staveley for 40 years, having been appointed in 1887, and during his rectorship had done a vast amount of good work in the parish, and was loved and honoured by everybody with whom he came in contact. He died at the ripe old age of 83 years, mourned by all, and especially the ringers, to whom he had been such a good friend, and in whose doings he took a big interest. Almost the last meeting Canon Molineux attended before his seizure was a meeting of the Sheffield District Society, held at Staveley in 1924, and in his address, when speaking to that gathering, he said that his clapper was nearly done. It was little thought then how soon his words would come true.

The bells were fully muffled, with tenor open only at back stroke, for all services on the Sunday following his death, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung in the evening. Two of the ringers were among the bearers on his removal from the church, which he had loved so much, and in which he had laboured for so many years, to the train which bore him away on his last journey. One of those was Mr. Samuel Smedley, who had been captain of the ringers for many years, and a ringer at Staveley 41 years.

He was suddenly called to his rest on Sunday, September 11th, after only three days' illness. Of him it can truly be said he did his duty nobly and well. He was seldom absent from the tower, and never late when there was any ringing to be done. It did not matter if it was to ring the old year out or to ring for 6 a.m. Communion service on Easter Sunday, Sam was always present, and regularly took his rope, which was usually the 7th. He has left an example to all young ringers.

Not only was he a ringer, but he had taken his place in Staveley Church choir for the past 61 years, and he did his duty in that position as he did in the tower, being regularly in his place on Sundays and on practice nights.

Of a quiet, unassuming nature, he lived a good life, and worked at his trade as a blacksmith right up to the last. He had been employed by the Staveley Coal and Iron Company nearly 58 years.

He was carried to his last resting place by four of his fellow ringers on September 14th, and the 'whole pull and stand' was rung at the graveside, and 672 Bob Major after the funeral, with the bells half-muffled. On the following Sunday, a half-muffled peal of Bob Major was attempted as a last tribute to his memory, but owing to indisposition of one of the band had to be brought round at half-way after 1 hr. 40 mins. splendid ringing, much to the regret of all.

Samuel Smedley had passed the allotted span, having reached the age of 73 years. He had rung 32 peals, chiefly of Treble Bob and Bob Major. He was a member of the Yorkshire, Midland Counties and Sheffield District Associations. He was a good ringer, and will be greatly missed.

F. E. P.

STAINES.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in St. Peter's Church on Wednesday evening, September 21st, after the institution and induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Flecker, M.A., D.C.L.: W. R. Shorter 1, J. Phillips 2, J. Lamb 3, A. J. Hiscock 4, G. Walsley 5, W. E. Butler 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, F. W. Smith 8.

STANLEY BRAGG.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN ST. MARTIN'S GUILD MEMBER.

To those of us who, like the writer of these few lines, had known him for something like 30 years, it seemed impossible of belief that the ruddy-countenanced, plump-checked, jovial-spirited Stanley Bragg could really be dead, but there it was in cold and unrelenting lettering on the tablet.

The falling leaves skirled and whirled, the skies wept, and all around seemed hushed in pity and regret, as, in the last few hours of 'Summer time' of this year which has seen no 'summer,' all that was mortal of Stanley Bragg was lowered into the bosom of mother earth on Saturday, October 1st.

On his bold visage middle age
Had slightly pressed its signet sage,
Yet had not quenched the open truth
And fiery vehemence of youth:
Forward and frolic glee was there,
The will to do, the soul to dare.—Scott.

Mr. Bragg had been a member of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, for about thirty years, having learnt to pull a bell at his native place, Solihull.

For many years he had been towerkeeper, during which period the well-known ring of ten have gone like the proverbial fiddle, and Solihull has been one of the favourite places with members of the Guild for meetings and peals.

'Stan,' as he was familiarly known, became a very safe ringer and good striker, and rang numerous peals on 8, 10 and 12 bells in the standard methods. He had been a regular attendant at the 'Johnson' dinners for the past twenty-five years, and his ready wit and hearty laugh will be sadly missed by many.

He was present at the last dinner, but had only then just got about after an attack of 'flu.' A few weeks later he complained of what was at first thought to be indigestion, and after going to the sea for a change he seemed to be improving, but rapidly went back again. Specialists were called in, and an operation advised, which was performed in a private nursing home.

The doctors did not seem to be too sanguine, however, and later, at his own request, Mr. Bragg was removed to his own home, where, although he had the best of attention and nursing, and everything that medical science could do was done, he gradually sank and passed away in the early hours of Thursday, September 29th.

The funeral took place at the new cemetery at Solihull on Saturday, October 1st, the service proper being held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar.

The organist and choir were present, and the beautiful old church was nearly filled by relatives and friends of the deceased and the family who came to show their respect for one who had been cut off in the very prime of life, one who had everything that man could wish to live for.

Psalm 39 was sung to a well-known old chant, and the old words seemed to take on a new meaning as one looked at the casket and had difficulty in making oneself realise that it contained the mortal remains of a man who, only a few months ago, was the very picture of health and looked good for forty years on.

'Lord, let me know mine end and the number of my days; that I may be certified how long I have to live.'

The solemn service of the Church of England for the burial of the dead, than which nothing is more impressive, was reverently conducted by the Vicar, and equally reverently taken part in by the large congregation present. The singing of deceased's favourite hymn, 'Abide with me,' was most touching, and many eyes were wet as the old familiar words were sung—

'Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day,
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.'

A few minutes of quiet prayer, a few audible sobs, and the organ pealed out to the majestic tune of the Easter hymn which tells of ultimate triumph over death—

'On that happy Easter morning
All the graves their dead restore;
Father, sister, child and mother,
Meet once more.'

A shuffling of feet and the bearers are already taking our friend out of his old Parish Church, in which he sang as a little boy, to his last home.

The cortege that followed the coffin for the three miles to the new cemetery was a long and imposing one, and many were the marks of respect in the form of drawn blinds and bared heads as it passed through the beautiful old Warwickshire village. The chief mourners were Mrs. Stanley Bragg, widow, with her two eldest sons (Robert and Arthur), Roland, Alfred, and Robert Bragg, brothers, and many other members of the family. The St. Martin's Guild was represented by Messrs. E. T. Allaway, J. E. Groves, S. J. Jessop, E. Mansell, Morris J. Morris, Geoffrey Martineau, F. Weeks, F. W. Perrens, T. H. Reeves, G. F. Swann, Albert Walker, A. Paddon Smith, E. C. Shepherd and T. Shepherd.

The coffin was borne to the grave by six of the employees of Messrs. Bragg Bros., Ltd., builders, of which company Mr. Bragg was a director. Many floral tributes were sent, among which was a beautiful wreath from his old friends of the Guild.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells round the open grave by A. Walker 1-2, G. F. Swann 3-4, E. C. Shepherd 5-6, J. E. Groves 7-8.

In the evening a muffled peal of Stedman Caters was rung on the tower bells, and will be found recorded in its proper place.

By the untimely death of Stanley Bragg, his wife and family have lost one of the best of husbands and fathers, the business has lost a man of fine experience and sound judgment, Solihull one of its most highly respected inhabitants, St. Martin's Guild one of its most popular members, and the writer of these lines one of his oldest ringing friends. It will be many a long day before Solihull will seem quite the same, and have quite the same attraction for those of us who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and the privilege of being numbered amongst his intimates.

'To know, to esteem, to love, and then to part,
Makes up life's tale to many a feeling heart!—Coleridge.

A. P. S.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,
TAMWORTH BELLS TO BE REHUNG.

A very successful meeting was held at Tamworth on Saturday, September 24th, when about a hundred members and friends assembled, which is undoubtedly a record attendance for a quarterly meeting. The bells were raised at three o'clock, and were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Partly owing to the fact that they are hung 'back handed,' also that they need rehanging, the striking was not quite what might be desired. However, stops are being taken to have the bells rehung, when no doubt both these defects will be remedied. They are a mixed lot: 4th by Hugh Watts, 1621; 5th, 1629, and 6th, 1628, by G. Oldfield, jun.; 7th, 1656, by B. Eldridge; the rest by Taylor and Co.

The service was taken by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th., clerical secretary and treasurer, and an admirable address delivered by the Rev. E. H. Rogers (Vicar). A capital tea was provided in the Parish Hall. The Vicar presided, and was supported by the Rev. C. H. Barker, Messrs. H. C. Goostry and P. Findley (churchwardens), R. P. Brindley, G. Chaplin and others.

The Rev. C. H. Barker moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Vicar for his address, use of the bells, etc., and to Mr. H. C. Goostry for so generously providing tea. The Vicar humorously replied, and gave the party a most hearty welcome.—Mr. H. C. Goostry, on rising, was received with applause, and said he was pleasantly surprised at the large muster, and wished to thank his willing helpers, who so readily acquiesced when he approached them with regard to making provision for tea.

On the proposition of Mr. R. P. Brindley, the Rev. E. H. Rogers and Messrs. H. C. Goostry and P. Findley (churchwardens) were unanimously elected hon. members.

Immediately before the service a photograph of all present was taken on the north side of the church. Although the light was not good, the photographer has hopes of getting a good picture.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Willenhall on January 14th or 21st.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
EASTERN DIVISION AT SALEHURST.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern District was held at Salehurst on Saturday, September 24th, between 30 and 40 members attending, representing the following towers: Battle; Christ Church, St. Leonards; Christ Church, Blacklands; St. Clement's, Hastings; Burwash; Benenden; Pevensey; Waldron; and St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, together with members of the local band. Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, was also present. A short service was held, at which an address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Ward), who extended a most hearty welcome to the members of the association.

After the service, an excellent tea was provided at the Old Eight Bells Inn, through the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens, at which Mr. L. J. Hodson, an hon. life member of the association, presided.

The usual business meeting followed, Mr. L. J. Hodson being voted to the chair.

Following some discussion, it was proposed by Mr. W. Franks, and seconded by Mr. A. Kennett, that the next meeting be held at Bexhill. This was put to the meeting and carried.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also for their hospitality in providing the tea. He also thanked Mr. L. J. Hodson for presiding at the tea and meeting.—Mr. Hodson responded, both for the Vicar and churchwardens, and himself, and remarked that he was pleased to see such a large number of members present, and assured the company that it had been a great pleasure to be amongst them.

This closed the meeting, and the company repaired to the tower, where excellent practice was obtained, several members ringing their first touches in various methods.

CAMBRIDGE IN CUMBERLAND.

At All Saints' Church, Cockermouth, Cumberland, on Sunday, October 2nd, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Potts 1, J. Smithson 2, J. Casson 3, W. Bowe 4, F. Tickle 5, Wm. T. Holmes (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 in the method by all.

THE ROMANCE OF THE BELFRY.

Two more well-known ringers, whose acquaintance began in the belfry, have joined their lives in matrimony—Mr. Robert A. Fardon, son of Mr. G. R. Fardon, a former Master of the College Youths, and Miss Ruby Hawksworth, who are ringers at St. Mary's, Acton.

In honour of the event a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by members of the Middlesex Association at Acton on Wednesday week, the band wishing the bride and bridegroom 'long life and happiness.'

WEDDING BELLS AT LINSLADE.

On Monday, September 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks, by members of the local band, and friends from All Saints' belfry, Leighton Buzzard, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Fred Vickers to Miss Ada Payne. The bridegroom has been foreman of the St. Barnabas' tower for the past 31 years, and during the whole of that time has had the confidence and esteem of the many ringers who have been associated with the tower during such a long period. He has done much to encourage change ringing in this district, and has taught the ancient art to many young men. Many of them have settled in other towns, and have become useful members of other bands, but all look back with pleasure to the happy hours spent under his kind and patient tuition. He has made many friends in local ringing circles, being a regular and enthusiastic attendant at most meetings held in the district. Mr. Vickers is continuing to reside in Linslade, and his colleagues wish him and his wife a long and happy married life, and express the hope that he will carry on and score the half-century as foreman of St. Barnabas' tower. The following took part in the quarter-peal: R. Butcher 1, R. Oliver 2, F. Dedman 3, F. Buttram 4, W. J. Jeffs 5, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 6, J. Nicolls 7, W. T. Jeffs 8.

WEDDING OF NUNEATON LADY RINGER.

The wedding took place at the Parish Church, Nuneaton, on Wednesday, September 28th, of Mr. Hayward Billington, of Attleborough, Nuneaton, and Miss 'Pattie' Clarke, who has been for some years a member of the Nuneaton Parish Church band of ringers.

The bride, who is a member of the Warwickshire Guild, and also of the Midland Counties Association, was charmingly attired in a dress of beige georgette and lace, with georgette hat to match. She carried a shower bouquet of red roses, and was attended by her sister, Miss Phoebe Clarke, who wore a crepe-de-chine dress of 'Mary' blue, with beige hat, and carried a bouquet of cream roses.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr. James F. Clarke, who has been for many years a member of the Nuneaton Society of Change Ringers. The best man was Mr. Frederick Billington, brother of the bridegroom.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. L. White, Vicar of Nuneaton, and president of the Warwickshire Guild.

Owing to the early hour, a band of ringers could not be obtained to ring the tower bells, so handbells were rung by Miss D. E. Lewis and Mr. A. H. Beamish, of the Chilvers Cotton band, as the newly-married couple were returning from the altar.

The honeymoon is being spent in Bedford and London.

'THE MYSTERY OF TRIPLE BOB MAJOR.'

A COMING SERMON.

In the monthly magazine of St. Nicholas' Church, Wallasey, the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Roscamp) says that on Saturday, October 15th, St. Nicholas' belfry entertains the members of other towers in the Wirral for their monthly gathering. 'Once a year,' he remarks, 'it is our turn and our pleasure to do this. Ringing will take place during the afternoon and evening, and a service will be held in the church at 5.30 p.m., to which anyone and everyone is welcome. The Rev. F. L. Edwards, Rector of Kingston Magna, Dorsetshire, and a member of the Central Council of Bellringers, is coming north to spend this week-end with us, and I have asked him to preach at St. Nicholas' on the Sunday night, October 16th, and tell us something about church bells. I feel sure that some information on the origin and the use and purpose of church bells, and some stories of old customs connected and associated with them, will be very welcome to many, as it will certainly be to me. Not only the great events of the life of each of us, but the great events in the life of the Church and also of the nation are linked up with church bells. I find that people's notions of the causes that produce the effect they listen to are so hazy that I am sometimes asked if one man rings all our bells! Mr. Edwards has chosen for the title of his sermon, "The Mystery of Triple Bob Major"! It sounds like Sherlock Holmes! Who was Bob Major, and why and how was he Triple? I give it up, but shall look forward to being enlightened on the evening of Sunday, October 16th.'

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

A BISHOP RINGS AT TAUNTON.

At St. James' Church, Taunton, on October 2nd, on the occasion of harvest festival, the Bishop of Taunton joined the ringers in ringing rounds. Afterwards a touch of 504 Stedman Triples: S. Every 1, J. Hunt (conductor) 2, A. J. Wyatt 3, W. H. Coles 4, G. S. Coles 5, H. Bosley 6, E. Priddle 7, S. Jarman 8. Also touches of Grandsire Triples, one conducted by P. Sparkes.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Jarman 1, W. Millard 2, P. Sparkes 3, S. Every 4, A. R. Thorne 5, W. Gigg 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, W. J. Farr 8.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest thanksgiving matin, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Wiffen 1, Miss E. Pettitt 2, H. E. Hammond 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, C. H. Howard 5, H. C. Reason 6, G. Wiffen 7, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 8.—For festal evensong 1,248 in the same method: A. Wiffen 1, H. E. Hammond 2, F. T. Ely 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, C. H. Howard (conductor) 5, H. C. Reason 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

ABERGAUENNY.—At St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival on Thursday, September 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: T. O. Smart 1, G. Lewis 2, A. Rackham 3, A. Rackham, jun., 4, R. G. Jones 5, W. Horsington 6, S. Rackham 7, J. Thomas 8. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th and 8th belong to the local band, 3rd, 4th and 7th are from Llanelly Church.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—At St. John's Church on Thursday evening, September 29th, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original in 42 mins.: E. Rivett 1, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 2, J. Hurrell 3, R. Fosdike 4, W. A. Simmons 5, H. Norgate 6, E. B. Crowder 7, A. Bennington 8.

LEA, NEAR GAINSBOROUGH.—On Wednesday, September 28th, at St. Helen's Church, after the harvest festival service, a 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: Miss E. Marshall (first 720) 1, Charles H. Baker 2, T. Clark (first 720 inside) 3, R. Daniels 4, E. Dalingwater 5, H. Morgan (conductor) 6.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—For harvest thanksgiving, on Sunday, September 25th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob for morning service: T. E. Exeter 1, A. C. Gasson 2, A. Steele 3, C. J. Gasson 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 in the method by the ringer of the treble.—For evening service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was attempted, but did not materialise owing to a shift course.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Sunday, September 25th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Hanson 1, Mrs. Knowles 2, Mr. Munday 3, W. Cockram 4, P. Orchard 5, F. Viney 6, R. Grater (conductor) 7, C. Knowles 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meetings will be held at St. Magnus on the 13th and 27th, *St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 18th, and Sunday, 23rd, at 5.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, at 8 p.m. All the others at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Surfleet (10 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea at 4.15 p.m.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Autumn Meeting at Farndon to-morrow, Saturday, October 8th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service 4.0, and tea (1/- per head) at 5.0.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Rake Lane, Eccleston, Chester.

PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A preliminary District meeting to discuss rules and other matters will be held at LEATHERHEAD, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Parish Church bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) and meeting in the Institute. Meeting at CHERTSEY, Saturday, October 15th. Parish Church bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea (1/3) at 5 p.m. in the Church Room. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 11th. The towers immediately concerned will be notified by circular, but all ringers will be welcome. Meeting at Farnham Oct. 22nd. Preliminary general meeting Nov. 19th.—J. S. Goldsmith, hon. sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pocklington on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available all day. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Kemp's Café at 5 p.m.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at Wilton. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow in the Schoolroom.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 9d. each. Meeting to follow. Special attention to Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise. Farnworth bells (6) available after meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrexham on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the district will be held at Wrotham, on Saturday, October 8th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- will be paid to members attending.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Service will be held in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m., with address by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. The bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m. After service, tea will be in the Church Hall at 1s. per head.—R. G. Black, General Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, nr. Kettering.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The annual branch party will be held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Social at 7 p.m. Tea and social in Priestwell Schools, Cross Stone Road. (Schools are about two minutes' walk from the bottom of Cross Stone Road.) Charges: Gentlemen 2s., ladies 1s. 9d.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 21, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. St. Andrew's tower will also be open. Visitors are invited and will oblige by an early notification to F. W. Merrett, Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John the Evangelist's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells at liberty 3.15. Meeting 7.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Darlington on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Meet at St. John's. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Holy Trinity bells (6) also available.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Faith's, Norwich, on Oct. 8th, at 3.30 p.m. Will as many as possible attend?—B. S. Thompson, Dis. Sec., 148, The Avenues, Norwich.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Bletchingley (bells 8) on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m., at 1s. per head.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea provided. All ringers are welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Wath on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., but applications for tea must be sent to A. Panther, Sandymount Road, Wath, near Rotherham. A hearty welcome will be given to all ringers. — C. D. Potter, Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Ringing at St. Mary Magdalene (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30, address by the Rev. J. S. Jobling, M.A. Tea 6 o'clock, at Mrs. Jones' Restaurant (1s. 3d.). Meeting after tea.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly business meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes' on Monday, Oct. 10th, at 8.15, when a good attendance is desired.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 15th, at Wilby. Bells from 2 p.m. Important meeting after tea in the Schools at 4.30 p.m. Tea for all sending me word by October 10th, 9d.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Litlington on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. The Vicar has kindly made arrangements for short service and tea, and extends a warm welcome to all.—Geo. T. Croft and F. Warrington, Dis. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, October 15th. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5.—W. Stapleton, 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Elm, Wisbech, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) ready from 2 o'clock. Tea provided for those who notify R. W. Crofts, Elm Bridge, by Thursday, October 13th. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Giddings, Dis. Sec., 10, Elwyn Road, March.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, October 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, October 15th. The bells (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 to 8. Tea at 5.30. Everyone heartily welcomed. Will those coming to tea kindly inform me before the 12th?—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Opening of bells of the Parish Church, Stisted, near Braintree, after tuning and re-hanging, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Tea will be provided free in the school to all who notify their intention to be present not later than Thursday, Oct. 13th. All ringers welcome.—Henry F. Cooper, Stisted, Braintree.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 11th.—S. Proctor, Sec., 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. at 1/6 per head for those who notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, No. 4, Shireoaks, Worksop, not later than 12th inst. Visitors welcome. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering (10), on Saturday, October 15th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Co-operative Hall, Tanners Lane, 5. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, October 11th. — H. Baxter, Broughton, Kettering.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Mid-week practice meeting, Southgate, Thursday, October 20th. Bells (10) from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed. —C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Next meeting to be held at Worksop Parish Church on October 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Evensong 6.30. Applications for tea to be made to Miss Taylor, Harness Grove, Worksop, before October 19th.—M. Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, October 22nd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/- each, to those who notify Mr. E. Pammenter, 110, Goosebut Street, Parkgate, near Rotherham, by October 19th.—Will secretaries of towers try and get all outstanding subscriptions paid at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

DEDICATION AT YORK.—The dedication of the 10½ ton bell, 'Great Peter,' will take place at York Minster at 3.45 p.m., Saturday, October 22nd. All ringers will receive a cordial welcome. Tea will be provided to those who send in their names to Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, by Tuesday, October 18th.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—October 22nd, Bushey Heath. Bells open 4 p.m. Tea 5.30, Parish Hall. Business meeting after. Number for tea by 18th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting (general) will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting in Schools 3.30. Tea (1s. 9d. per head) in Schools at 4.30. Names must be sent to Mr. J. P. Farlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, by the previous Thursday. Church is close to Clay Cross Station. A good attendance is requested.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells ready from 2 o'clock to 3.30. A short service will be held. Bells ready again at 4.30. Meeting after tea. Tea will be provided for all those sending in their names to Mr. Joshua Ramsbottom, 336, Hornby Street, Bury, not later than Wednesday, October 19th. — John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

DERBY CATHEDRAL. — Ringing for Hallowing day, and during the following week. Friday, October 28th: ringing by St. Andrew's ringers, Derby. Saturday, October 29th, Sunday, October 30th: ringing by Derby ringers and visitors. Monday, October 31st, Tuesday, November 1st, Wednesday, November 2nd, Thursday, November 3rd: open to any ringers by arrangement with Mr. James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby. Voluntary change ringers wanted to join the new cathedral band of Sunday service ringers. Apply by letter stating qualifications as a ringer. Visitors welcome. Learners invited.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A Whist Drive and Dance will be held in the Barker Gate Institute, Nottingham, on Saturday, October 29th, 1927. Ringing St. Mary's Church, 3 to 5.45 p.m. Whist 6.30 p.m. Dancing 8.45. Tickets 1/- each. Refreshments at moderate prices. (Good prizes.) All ringers and friends invited.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual Festival will be held in Durham on October 29th, 1927. At this meeting we are celebrating the Jubilee of the Association. Will all members (active, honorary and life) kindly keep the above date free, and if possible attend the meeting. We respectfully ask for the kind support of all ringers and friends. Full particulars of meeting later.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — The 290th anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained up to November 2nd from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, Albert Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4. Arrangements are being made for ringing from 3 to 4.30 p.m., at St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, and Southwark Cathedral, also for service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice.—The sixth Crofts Memorial Dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 28th, 1928. Guest of honour, the Bishop of Southwell. Visitors will receive a hearty welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

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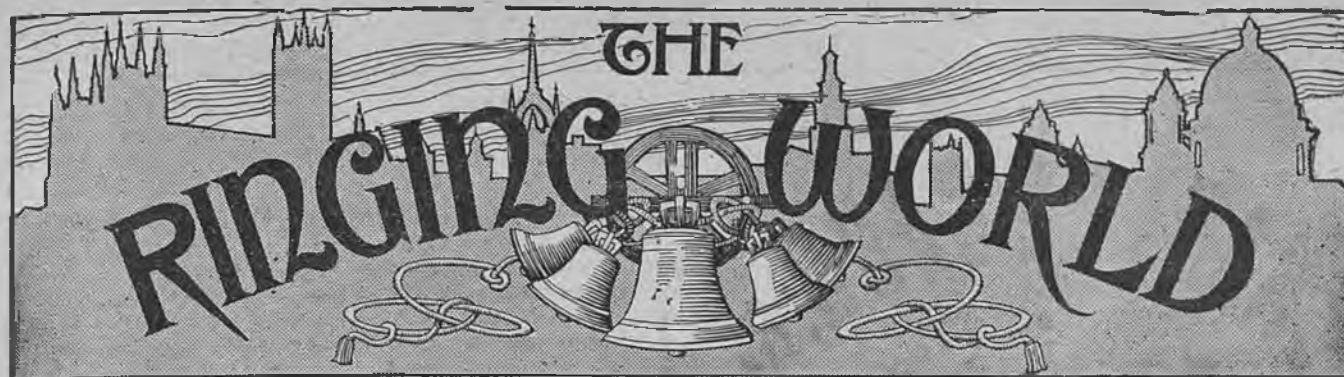
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We have often dwelt upon the discouraging results which meet the efforts of many a patient ringer in his efforts to keep together a band and to make good with new material the ravages of time and the losses of men occasioned by other reasons. Men go on year after year teaching young ringers, not one-tenth of whom probably ever remain to be of real assistance in the tower where they are taught. They move away to other places, or disappear from the belfry, because they fail to find sufficient interest in the early stages of their training to resist the many counter-attractions of this pleasure loving age. And so, time after time, the patient, painstaking instructor has to begin all over again.

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already giving their services in ringing the bells. The relations between the clergy and the ringers have improved immeasurably in the last five and twenty years, but there is still much to be done in bringing the authorities to realise the importance of their direct interest in the affairs of the belfry. In their scheme for the future management of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, the committee have proposals which it is hoped may assist in this direction, and, while only time can prove their efficacy, they are a step in the right direction in the organisation of a ringers' association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE 2	ARTHUR T. VERRELLS 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	RICHARD J. STONE 7
JOHN DEARLOVE 3	KEITH HART 8
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 9
HENRY J. TUCKER 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THOMAS, LONDON BRIDGE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILSON RUSHTON 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 6
HERBERT LANGDON 2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 7
HORACE BELCHER 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4	ERNEST BRETT 9
ROBERT W. GREEN 5	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Brett.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT STOKES 2	JESSE FRANCIS 5
WILLIAM LOUD 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
†JAMES BILBY 3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4	FREDERICK HAYES Tenor

Conducted by W. R. BAXTER.

* First peal on eight. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

FREDERICK OVERTON 2	ARTHUR T. SWAIN 5
STEPHEN BROMFIELD 2	HERBERT I. MINGAY 6
JAMES B. BUDD 3	CHAS. W. TAYLOR 7
JACK BRAY 4	JOHN E. KENNINGTON Tenor

Composed by J. BURTON.

Conducted by CHAS. W. TAYLOR.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Chas. Kennington, who is a member of the St. James' band. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor are members of the St. Andrew's Church; ringer of 4th hails from Burton Stather. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Messrs. A. B. Sheppard and G. Snell for having everything in readiness.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

C. E. PERKINS Treble	JAMES WHATMORE 5
HARRY HOLDEN 2	WALTER MASTERS 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	THOMAS HEMMINGS 7
WILLIAM POTTER 4	JOHN LLOYD Tenor

Composed by W. TAYLOR. Conducted by CHARLES E. PERKINS.

Arranged for James Whatmore, who has done 40 years' service ringing. All are members of the local band.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE BENNETT Treble	WILLIAM BROWN 5
THOS. J. SALTER 2	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE 6
CHAS. WM. COOPER 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
JOHN SMITH 4	ALFRED REYNOLDS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. WHATMORE.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a 61st birthday compliment to Mr. T. J. Salter.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	HENRY W. WILDE 7
JOHN HAYES 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER

Arranged for Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor, North Wales.

EXETER.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Monday, October 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. David,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Treble	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 5
THOMAS LAVER 2	*A. GEORGE BETTS 6
*CHRISTOPHER W. WALKER 3	FRANK J. DAVEY 7
ARTHUR W. SEARLE 4	ERNEST W. MARSH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

* First peal of Bob Major.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*JOHN WHITEHEAD Treble	THOMAS JONES 5
PETER LAFLIN 2	JOHN BRIERLEY 6
†WILLIAM BLACKHURST ... 3	TOM WILDE 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4	FRED PAGE Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal on eight. † First peal in the method and first away from the treble.

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THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. German's,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM G. HISCOTT Treble	WILLIAM WONNACOTT 5
*HARRY TIPPETT 2	WILLIAM J. RUNDLE 6
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 3	ERNEST W. MARSH 7
*ALFRED T. WESTCOTT ... 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	*SAMUEL ROBERTS 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	*JOHN RANGLES 6
WILLIAM ROBERTS 3	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ... 7
JAMES ALDERMAN 4	ARTHUR TILSON Tenor

Conducted by G. R. JONES.

* First peal. All are Sunday service ringers except the conductor.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, October 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN T. BROWN Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL 5
ARTHUR J. FARR 2	*JOHN G. AMES 6
GEORGE LADD 3	JOHN CURRY 7
JOHN B. HALLIFAX 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

* First peal in the method with an 'inside' bell.

LLANBRADACH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

WILLIAM PIKE Treble	PERCY JONES 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE COOKE 6
SIDNEY RACKHAM 3	ABBAN SLATTER 7
GEORGE POPNELL 4	CHARLES GREEDY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

HELMESHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	ROBERT WALLWORK 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 6
JOSEPH BANKS 3	THOMAS WALLWORK 7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the R. C. Cathedral Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS MILLER Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
JAMES E. GROVES 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BROADLEY Treble	WM. NORMAN PARK 5
*MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... 2	REV. ALBERT SIMPSON ... 6
THOMAS METCALFE 3	ROBERT LAUGHTON 7
*ROLAND PARK 4	THOMAS LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by F. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBERT LAUGHTON.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt.

TODDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

*BERT F. CALCOTT Treble	†ALBERT FLEET 5
ALFRED KING 2	EDMOND J. HOBBS 6
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 7
HERBERT L. HARLOW 4	HORACE H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival, and arranged with great pleasure for the ringers of the third.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD G. SMITH Treble	THOMAS HURD 5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN 6
JOHN BRASSINGTON 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
FRANK BARNARD 4	ALBERT ASTBURY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM H. FLETCHER ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
ARTHUR MARTIN 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

First Surprise peal on the bells. Mr. G. Wilson was proposed a member of the Guild before starting. A jubilee peal for Mr. W. H. Fussell, who started ringing in the old tower of St. Mary's in October, 1875. This was Mr. Fussell's 650th peal and the conductor's 200th.

ERITH.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

P.C. CHARLES DAVIS ... Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM 5
HERBERT HOLDEN 2	P.S. RICHARD STEERS ... 6
P.C. CHARLES ELLIOTT ... 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 4	WILLIAM E. DARKE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

The ringers of the treble, 3rd and 6th are members of the 'R' Division of the Metropolitan Police, and it is their first attempt for a peal away from the tenor. They, with the conductor, are Sunday service ringers at St. Nicholas', Deptford; the remainder are from St. John's, Erith.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ROBERT HARRISON ... Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5
COLIN HARRISON 2	*HAYDN THORPE 6
JOHN THORPE 3	A PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... Treble	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 6
FREDERICK L. LEEKS 3	FREDERICK A. POULSON ... 7
*PERCY L. JOHNSON 4	THEODORE E. SLATER ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS

* First peal. Messrs. Slater and Johnson hail from Glemsford. The rest are local men.

OXENHOPE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

ROBERT W. JENNISON, SEN. Treble	WILLIE PROCTOR 5
WILLIAM AMBLER 2	ROBERT W. JENNISON, JUN. 6
ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 3	VERNEY BAIRSTOW 7
JOSEPH GREENWOOD 4	MILLIGAN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by VERNEY BAIRSTOW.

First peal of Oxford by 5th, 6th and tenor.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES MARSH Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
ERNEST BIRCHALL 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6
JAMES WM. GROUNDS 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JOHN BOOTH 4	*FRED FOWLER Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by JOHN POTTER

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Marsh.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
*REGINALD C. KIRSEY ... 2	FREDERICK J. SMITH 6
*HARRY C. BALLS 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	JAMES G. KUNSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. A birthday peal for A. Keeble, also his 100th peal.

WASHINGBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Saturday evening, September 24th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major in 48 mins.: H. Lowman 1, C. McGuinness 2, G. Chester 3, F. W. Stokes 4, G. Flintham 5, S. J. Wolfe 6, J. Walden 7, J. A. Freeman (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by all in the method, and supposed to be the first quarter-peal in the county.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD G. BEARD Treble	CHARLES WM. CLARKE 4
WILLIAM STOCK 2	HENRY STAPLETON 5
WILLIAM SHARP 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MISS EDITH I. DAVIS ... Treble	†HARRY ANDREWS 4
†WILLIAM J. COOMBS 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
H. JIM RALPH 3	†PERCY H. HAZZARD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal. First peal with an 'inside' bell for ringer of the third. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells, and rung on harvest festival Sunday.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores of Canterbury, eight of Old Doubles, eight of Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire.

GEORGE MIDDLETON ... Treble	SIDNEY MUNTON 3
GEORGE BROWN 2	RONALD COLEMAN 4

REGINALD WILLIAMSON ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WILLIAMSON.

First peal on the bells by all local ringers. Rung as a twenty-first birthday compliment to B. James Coleman. First peal on an 'inside' bell and first peal in four methods by ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LESTER HILL Treble	HARRY HILL 4
†RONALD H. DOVE 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 5
ERNEST PULLEN 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal, and elected a member of the association previous to starting. † First peal of Minor inside.

CLIFF PYFORD, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CALNE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS AMY LAWRENCE ... Treble	LOUIS A. WILSON 4
MISS ELSIE LAWRENCE ... 2	LESLIE BOX 5
JOHN GIBBS 3	WALTER BOULTER ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS A. WILSON.

First peal by all except the conductor, and the first peal on the bells. The above are all service ringers at Wootton Bassett, and this is believed to be the first peal for the Guild in which two ladies have taken part.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, on Thursday, September 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Hughes 1, W. Hughes 2, H. Martin 3, J. Hughes 4, J. Breese (first 720 on an inside bell) 5, J. C. E. Simpson (conductor) 6. The first 720 on the bells since they were rebung.

TUNFORD, NOTTS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Sandal Exercise, York Minster, London Scholars' Pleasure, Royston Delight, New London Pleasure and Kent. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMHAM ... Treble	ARTHUR GILL 4
WILLIAM ASHWORTH 2	ROBERT J. RICKETTS 5
ALBERT NASH 3	CHARLES WALSH Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

First peal on the bells.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	*WILLIAM WEELMAN 4
GEORGE R. JONES 2	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 5
*JOHN BENNION, SEN. ... 3	†JOHN BENNION, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. † First peal with a working bell. This is the first peal on these bells in which Hoole ringers have taken part, Messrs. J. Bennion, sen. and jun., being members of the local band.

CADOXTON, NEATH.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 240's by L. W. G. Morris, six by A. J. Pitman, and 22 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*PERCY LAKE Treble	CYRIL LAKE 4
JOHN E. BLOXHAM 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
HARRY BOYCE 3	†LESLIE BENDLE Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES R. POWER ... Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES 4
*MISS MAY CLAYTON 2	FRED BLACKLIDGE 5
ARTHUR HATCH 3	WILLIAM FOWLER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

* First peal of Minor.

HUMBERSTONE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR AND GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (SPICED), 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN WILSON UDALL ... Treble	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 4
GUYDO DICKINSON 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
ALBAN DISNEY 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung on the eve of harvest festival services. This peal is in alternate 720's of each method, the Grandsire (also in spliced 240's) being spliced into the last lead of the Plain Bob, which is completed at the end.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Wednesday, October 5th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob (1,320 changes) was rung in 42 mins. as a compliment to Mr. P. Secretan, J.P., and Mrs. Secretan, of Slaughtam Park (parents of the Rector of Balcombe), on the occasion of their diamond wedding: T. E. Exeter (first quarter-peal of Treble Bob) 1, A. C. V. Gasson 2, A. Steele 3, C. J. E. Gasson 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. T. Gasson (conductor) 6.

LUBENHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	JOSEPH NORTON 3
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 2	A. NORMAN GEARY 4
ERNEST F. PAYNE ... Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST F. PAYNE.

STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ... Treble	JOSEPH DIXON 4
HARRY MORGAN 2	*ROGER W. DANIELS 5
HARRY CARTER 3	HERBERT TORR Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First peal. Arranged for Mr. H. Torr to enable him to ring a peal in the tower, where he first learned to ring; also a compliment to him on his 60th birthday.

SILVERDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob.

WILLIAM PICTHALL Treble	JOSEPH W. HAYTON 4
WILFRED BOLTON 2	JOHN HOLME 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

Tenor ringer belongs to Ambleside, treble to Barrow, 3rd to Kendal, rest to Silverdale.

HANDBELL PEAL.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3-4	*WALTER ARNOLD 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal on handbells.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS' 200 PEALS.

	On handbells.	On tower bells.
Stedman Triples	8	6
Stedman Caters	27	11
Stedman Cinques	11	2
Grandsire Triples	12	1
Grandsire Caters	*10	1
Grandsire Cinques	2	—
Bob Minor	1	—
Bob Major	40	—
Bob Royal	22	1
Bob Maximus	2	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	—
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	—	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	2	6
Superlative Surprise Major	1	7
Cambridge Surprise Major	—	5
Cambridge Surprise Royal	—	6
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	—	3
London Surprise Major	—	1
Bristol Surprise Major	—	2
Middlesex Surprise Royal	—	1
Totals	144	56

* Including 8,099 Grandsire Caters.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO WOLVERHAMPTON RINGER.

KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR-CYCLE.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Harry Andrew Farlow, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, at the age of 55 years.

The deceased, accompanied by two friends, was crossing the road in the evening to join a birthday party—where he had but a few minutes earlier been listening to some wireless items—when a motor-cycle came whizzing by, catching him in the back and dragging him some 20 yards. Upon examination at the hospital it was found that little hope to save him could be entertained, and in less than three hours later he had passed away.

Harry, as he was familiarly known, was of a bright and cheerful disposition, was always ready to stand in for a peal attempt, and was successful in scoring a total of 39 peals, including Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, and Bob Major and Maximus. He joined St. Peter's company on September 29th, 1907, and by a strange coincidence died on September 29th, 1927, thus being a member for exactly 20 years.

The funeral took place on the 4th inst., when the mortal remains were borne to the grave by three of deceased's workmates and three ringers. The first part of the service was held in St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Rev. Prob. Stockley (Rector), and the committal portion at the cemetery by the Rev. L. Morgan (senior curate). The floral tributes were many and beautiful, including some from St. Peter's and St. Luke's (Wolverhampton), Tettenhall, and Penn towers. Ringers present included Messrs. T. Smith, W. Maddox and H. Knight (bearers), T. Roden, T. Hinsel (Penn), A. Greenfield and A. Presidge (Netherton), J. D. G. Harris and G. Langley (St. Peter's).

Bells were rung half-muffled at St. Luke's, both mid-day and in the evening, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples brought round at Penn by: H. Brewster 1, A. Bowyer 2, J. Hickman 3, T. Roden 4, J. Bloore 5, T. Beards 6, E. G. Bowyer (conductor) 7, E. Beards 8. A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at Tettenhall, but came to grief after two and a half hours' ringing: J. Williams 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2, R. Pickering 3, E. F. Mitchell 4, W. E. Cooper 5, T. Smith 6, W. H. Lawley 7, J. D. G. Harris 8.

AMBITIONS.

In almost every walk of life we see and admire people with ambition. Some set their aim very high, some even at the impossible, yet he who would progress must of necessity have some goal to aspire to. In ringing, we have certain prominent men who with earnestness and zeal set out with certain aims. Some are merely ambitious to ring every bell in their own particular tower to a peal; some to conduct a peal from each bell; others with wider interests try the like at neighbouring towers. Then there are those with 'pet' methods to ring the extent of on all numbers, while others have the desire to ring as many tenors as possible. The late Rev. F. E. Robinson, not content with a 1,000 peals, endeavoured to get a like number of Stedman Triples. 'Uncle' Joe has (among others) the desire to ring every possible number of changes of 'Yorkshire Glory' from 5,000 to 50,000, as well as 'bagging' all the tenors in this and other distant countries. The great 'J. G.' of England has the desire (and, if rumour be true, he is not the only one) to ring a peal on every date in the year. In like manner, the hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association (Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester) has another ambition, and that is to ring peals on every ring of five bells and upwards in his native county. This may prove one of the impossible tasks, fraught, as it is, with very many difficulties, such as travel to outlandish places (he is not blessed with possession of either motor or cycle), finding the bells sadly neglected, especially the fives and sixes, sometimes making more than one long journey to oil bearings, tighten up frames and fittings, taking ropes to replace worn-out and unfit ones, and, in many cases, only scoring under great difficulties and punishment by way of blisters and aching limbs.

As reported recently, Mr. Morris has now scored peals in 100 towers in Leicestershire—a number yet unequalled by any for one county. They comprise peals in 35 five-bell towers, 31 sixes, 29 eights, 4 tens, 1 twelve, and included, in 33 cases, the 'first peal on the bells.' The peals are in all the standard and many Surprise methods from Doubles to Maximus, and include Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques in both Grandsire and Stedman, Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus in Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and the three former in Plain Bob and Spliced Treble Bob. They also include the longest M.C.A. peals of Doubles, Minor, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Spliced Treble Bob, Little Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

In his visits to these Leicestershire towers, Mr. Morris is also correcting and revising up to date the book 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' by the late Thos. North, F.S.A.

MR. GEO. FREEBREY'S 50 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles 2 (conducted 1), Grandsire Triples 10 (conducted 6), Grandsire Caters 1, Grandsire Cinques 1, Bob Minor 3 (conducted 2), Minor in two methods 3 (conducted 3), Stedman Triples 13, Bob Major 11 (conducted 9), Double Norwich 2, Duffield Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major (Treble) 1, Bristol Surprise Major (Treble) 1, Canterbury and Plain Bob Major (Spliced) 1. Total rung 50 (conducted 21).

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH TO LOSE ITS CHAIRMAN.**

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Wyndham Noel, M.A. Tea followed, after which the business meeting was held.

In the absence of the chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, through illness, the vice-chairman, Mr. B. Cook, presided.

The Secretary (Mr. F. Green) read a letter from the chairman, giving notice of his intention of resigning the office of chairman at the next annual meeting of the branch.—This was received with very great regret by everyone present, as Mr. Heginbotham has been an excellent chairman.

On the motion of the vice-chairman, the secretary was asked to convey the sympathy of the meeting to the chairman, and also to express their regret at his intention to resign.

The Secretary also reported the receipt of a cheque for over £4 from the Parochial Church Council of St. John's, Devizes, as a donation to the funds of the branch.

Mr. S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge, was proposed as a candidate for the chairmanship.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Warminster; Melksham was proposed for the meeting in December, and Trowbridge for the annual meeting in January, 1928.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service, and also to the organist.

The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the branch, and as an honorary member, although taking no part in the general business of the branch, he was pleased to see the keenness which had been shown by those present in the work of the Guild. He said how much he appreciated the work of the ringers, and he did not believe in any way interfering with the ringers in their work, as he thought as long as a man was doing his job well he should be allowed to get on with it without interference.

Ringers were present from Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church and Holy Trinity), Bratton, Devizes (St. Mary's), Rowde, Holt, Melksham and Trowbridge. Ringing also took place at Holy Trinity Church. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Cambridge Minor were rung at both churches.

There was a small attendance through the wet weather, but the quality of the ringing compensated for this, and one cannot help noticing the advance made by the branch.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the above association was held at Royston on Saturday, October 1st. In spite of the wet afternoon a goodly number of ringers attended, and nine different towers were represented. Royston is just now without a Vicar, so a short service was not possible. Tea, kindly arranged by Mr. R. G. King, was partaken of at Beales' Cafe, 22 members sitting down.

Mr. Hargreaves kindly consented to take the chair at the short business meeting, at which Hitchin was decided upon for the next place of meeting.

A 'whip round' was made towards Ickleton bells fund, and the collection handed over to Mr. P. Webb, who was present.

Mr. H. E. Day moved a vote of thanks to the churchwardens for the use of the bells. The ringing throughout was good, Stedman Triples seeming to be the favourite method.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Sounding Deanery Branch was held on Saturday, September 24th, at Sandhurst, ringers being present from Binfield, Finchampstead, Twyford, Wokingham, Waltham St. Lawrence and the local band. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and at five the party adjourned to the schoolroom for tea, about 15 sitting down.

The tea was kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. H. Craven, who has recently come to the parish, and the ringers were pleased to make his acquaintance. The wives and mothers of some of the local ringers kindly served the tea, and they and the Rector were cordially thanked by the secretary for all the trouble they had taken to make the meeting a success. The Rector briefly replied, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet the ringers and to do what he could to make the meeting enjoyable.

Service followed in the Parish Church, the Rector giving a short and practical address, urging those present to regard their work as something they were doing for Christ and His Church, and also that by reason of their high office people outside looked to them to see that their life and conduct was in keeping with the work which they did.

The tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going until 8.30. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and York Surprise Minor, and 'rounds' for beginners.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The performance of Miss Jessie Davenport, in ringing a peal of Bob Major at Dore, as recorded last week, raises the question as to who is the youngest girl to ring a peal. Miss Davenport was 14 years and 11 months old when she rang this peal. Incidentally, she has a twin brother who has twice rung about half-way in an attempt for a peal. They still have a chance of making history by being the first twin brother and sister to ring a peal together.

Mr. Wm. H. Fussell's jubilee as a ringer has been celebrated by a peal at Slough, not in the tower where he learned to ring, but in its successor. Mr. Fussell is one of the 'institutions' in the Exercise, and he must have had more experience in arranging ringing tours than any other individual. He has arranged three 'weeks' this year in Scotland, Ireland and Wales. And he looks as young as ever.

'This board was placed here by order of the Churchwardens, in consequence of the attention and good conduct of the ringers.' Thus runs the 'footnote' to the record in the tower at Wakefield, where on October 16th, 1820, was rung 'a complete peal of Grandsire Caters, comprising 6,530 changes of 60 nine six eights and 60 eight nines, composed by Wm. Woodhead, and performed in 3 hrs. 44 mins.'

William Ireland, one of the foundation members of the Norwich Diocesan Guild, called a peal of 10,272 Kent Treble Bob Major at Debenham on October 16th, 1880.

Thomas Tolladay, a leading light in the ranks of the old St. James's Society, in its early days, died on October 18th, 1843. He rang and conducted many peals in and around London.

We have heard a good deal in recent years about the necessity for retaining the old names of methods, but no one in these days rings 'Union Treble Bob', although that was the name applied to the method in the early days of Treble Bob ringing, and is found in the records down to the end of the eighteenth century. On October 20th, 1776, a 5,376 of Union Treble Bob was rung at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, and on October 20th, 1794, 6,720 was rung under the same name at St. Giles', Camberwell.

Exactly 150 years ago next Thursday a peal of 5,040 'Grandsire Trebbles' was rung by the College Youths at St. Mary's, Lambeth.

At the dedication of 'Great Peter' on Saturday, the 22nd instant, the York Minster bells will be rung prior to the service. Great Peter will be rung only at the dedication, and afterwards in conjunction with the peal of 12. The Minster bells will also be available for ringers during the evening.

The bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, will be broadcast at 8 p.m. on Sunday evening for a special service.

BUNTOSE AND BATRYES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Could any of your readers solve the following entries from parish registers:—

Date 1627.—To a Bell Buntose, 1s. 6d.

Date 1631.—Mending the Bell Batryes, 6d.

What were Buntose and Batryes? I shall be very pleased if you can help with this information.—Yours faithfully,

J. H. LENTON.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

MR. A. H. PULLING'S SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

We are very pleased to be able to report that Mr. A. H. Pulling, who is still in Hertford County Hospital, as a result of his serious accident on September 2nd, is making good progress towards recovery, and there has been a marked improvement in his condition in the last ten days.

He has been able to write a short message to us saying that he is getting better, and in that cheery spirit of his adds that if he could only get hold of the end of a rope he would soon get on. The best of the joke is, he says, that he read in 'The Ringing World' an account of his spill before he knew he had had one. He wishes to thank all who have written letters of sympathy and made inquiries.

By a strange coincidence there are now four ringers lying in Hertford County Hospital. In addition to Mr. Pulling, there are Mr. G. H. Barker, of Ware, suffering from yellow jaundice, Mr. Ladley, of Hertford, with throat trouble, and Mr. Leonard Chapman, at one time a member of the famous Bennington band, who has a broken thigh. The last-named, although over eighty years of age, is very cheerful.

Among the visitors to the invalids on Sunday were Mr. R. Dore, hon. secretary of St. Andrew's Branch of the Hertford College Youths, and Mr. W. H. Lawrence, hon. secretary of the Eastern Division of Herts County Association.

ROYAL FOR A ROYAL VISIT.

In honour of the visit of H.R.H. Prince Henry to Ipswich, on Friday, October 7th, at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, 780 Duffield Royal: H. Shemming 1, R. H. Brundle 2, G. Fleming 3, H. E. Smith 4, J. F. Tillet, jun., 5, C. J. Sedgley 6, W. P. Garrett 7, W. Wood 8, G. E. Symonds (conductor) 9, F. J. Tillet 10.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the tenth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

PRACTICAL USE OF THE LEAD-ENDS.

While we have set ourselves to the study of the theory, we can, in passing, pay some little attention to the practical use of the pricking of the lead-ends.

So far as Minor is concerned, our 'calling positions' have the same effect, when applied to any method, no matter what the first lead-end may be, so long as the same POSITIONS are used.

For example, the W.R.W. calling repeats the following characteristics in each part, when applied to methods with any one of the four lead-ends:—

The first bob at 'W' in each part is always 'made' by the fifth's-place bell at the part-head (the 5). In other words, the '5' bell makes fourth's place at the bob row. The second's-place bell at the part-head, always rung 'IN' to the treble. This is done by the '2' in the first part, the '5' in the second, and by the '4' in the third part. The third's-place bell at the part-head runs 'OUT' (the '3,' the '4,' and the '2' in the respective parts). The sixth's-place bell at the part-head (the tenor) is, of course, always at 'W,' and the fourth's-place bell is always at 'R' (the '4,' the '2,' and, lastly, the '3').

The bob at 'R' in each part is always made by the second's-place bell at the part-head ('2,' '3,' and the '4'). The fourth's-place bell is always 'IN,' and the fifth's-place bell always 'OUT.' The tenor, of course, is 'R,' and the third's-place bell is always at 'W.'

The third bob (the second at 'W') is always 'made' by the third's-place bell at the part-head, the fourth's-place bell 'IN,' the fifth's-place bell 'OUT,' the tenor at 'W,' and the second's-place bell at 'R.'

The part-heads are always the same, in all methods called the same way, and, therefore, the conductor may always know where his bells should be at the bobs, if not elsewhere. These same characteristics apply to any method called W.R.W., and, once memorised, they can be applied whenever this calling is used.

Similarly with the other callings at I.I.4th's, I.O.I., etc., the characteristics differing, according to which calling is used.

PROOF.

Before proceeding with this subject, it is necessary to understand clearly what is meant by certain terms, and what we are going to try to do.

A 'true' peal consists of a certain number of rows, of which no two are identical. The object of 'proving' a peal is to endeavour to find those lead-heads, which, although differing from all of the others, will produce rows that will appear elsewhere in the peal.

In the first place, all of the lead-heads must differ; if any two are identical, the whole leads will, of course, be identical.

Rows with the treble in different places in each are not mentioned here, because there is no possibility of these repeating with each other. 'Rows' mentioned hereafter, will refer only to those rows which have the treble in the same place therein.

'Corresponding rows.'—These are rows which appear in different leads at the same distance from their respective lead-heads. Row No. 3 in one lead is the corresponding row to No. 3 row of every lead, etc. These 'corresponding rows' are produced (in every lead) by changing EXACTLY the same pairs, and therefore cannot repeat with each other (although the treble is in the same place in each), because DIFFERENT bells at the lead-heads go to make the SAME PAIRS which change.

'Similar rows.'—These are rows which have the treble in the same place, but which are not 'corresponding rows.' The changing pairs which produce them are NOT the same pairs in each case, and therefore there is possibility of repetition. That is to say, while row No. 5 of one lead cannot repeat with row No. 5 of another lead, yet row No. 5 of the one might repeat with ROW No. 7 of another, although the lead-heads be different; and so on, with all of the 'similar rows' in the leads. There are four such rows, for every place in which the treble appears, in every lead of a Treble Bob method.

The following example is given merely to show how 'similar' rows can repeat, while the lead-heads and the 'corresponding' rows differ. Similar rows (No. 7 and No. 28) are chosen from the first lead of Kent Treble Bob Major; the corresponding rows in the other leads have been arrived at by transposition, as we did when finding 'internal rows,' by covering 12345678 with the other lead-heads in turn, and transferring the red cards first to 42163857, and then to 23154768:—

	From first lead-head. 12345678	From lead-head. 13426587	From lead-head. 14236587
Row No. 7 in each	42163857	23154768	34152768
Row No. 28 in each	23154768	34162857	42163857

It will be seen that No. 7 in the first lead is repeated by No. 28 in the third, and that No. 28 in the first is repeated by No. 7 in the second lead given. Also that all of the No. 7 rows differ, as do all of those numbered 28.

Taking a pair of 'similar' rows in the first lead, we can find the lead-heads that will produce each of them again, but as the CORRE-

SPONDING row of the other. For example, we can take the pair given above (No. 7 and No. 28), and the questions are: If 12345678 gives 42163857 as the 7th row, and 23154768 as the 28th row, which lead-head will give No. 7 again as its 28th row? Also, which lead-head will give No. 28 again as its 7th row?

FINDING THE FALSE ROWS.

First deal with No. 7 (42163857), and find the lead-head which will give 23154768 (No. 28) as the corresponding row to No. 7. Use the 'transposition back to lead-heads' as before. Place the 'known' row and head side by side (42163857—12345678), and under the row place the 'unknown' row (23154768); draw lines between all of the figures, and then fill in the empty spaces under 12345678, with figures which will make the same pairs READ DOWNWARDS, which you find in the two rows. The finished example will be:—

4 2 1 6 3 8 5 7	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 3 1 5 4 7 6 8	1 3 4 2 6 5 8 7

Then, if 42163857 is the 7th row from 12345678, the 7th row from 13426587 will be 23154768.

Now deal with the other row of the original pair by reversing the above procedure; find which lead-head will give No. 7 again as the corresponding row to No. 28:—

If 2 3 1 5 4 7 6 8 is the 28th row from	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Then 4 2 1 6 3 8 5 7 will be the 28th row from	1 4 2 3 6 5 8 7

We have two false lead-heads from this pair of 'similar' rows, which, if admitted to the peal, will give repetitions of these two rows which come from 12345678 (the first lead-head).

Ordinarily, this procedure should be applied to every pair of 'similar' rows in the first lead. There are four similar rows for every place (in the row) in which the treble appears; that is, four rows 10000000, four of 01000000, four of 00100000, etc. We can make four different pairs with four separate rows. So that, in Major, we have eight 'places' of four pairs each—32 different pairs in all. In Minor, we have six places of four pairs each, being 24 pairs in all; and so on.

So then, in Major, 32 pairs ought to be compared, but our law that 'odd and even rows cannot repeat' helps us here. Our basis at each lead-head is always 'even' in Treble Bob methods, so that 'corresponding' rows in the leads are always of the same nature; if No. 7 row in one lead is 'even,' then all of the No. 7 rows will be 'even,' and never an 'odd'; vice versa with the odd rows. This is always the case, unless the nature of the lead-head be altered by singles, which we do not use in Treble Bob.

Therefore, in comparing similar rows, if No. 7 is odd, and No. 28 is even (in the first lead) we can know that No. 28 (being even) will not appear elsewhere AS A No. 7 ROW, because all of the No. 7 rows will be odd, and vice versa. We only have to compare similar rows when both are 'odd,' or both are 'even.'

When we have taken all of the pairs of similar odd rows, and all pairs of similar even rows, in the first lead, and have compared them in the above manner, we shall have arrived at so many false lead-heads (two heads for every pair of rows compared). We can strike out all of the duplicates, and the remainder are placed in a column headed '... 12345678 (No. 1) ...'. Then, in this column, we have all of the lead-heads that will produce identical rows which are also to be found in the FIRST LEAD (from 12345678). Therefore, if we ring this first lead, we must not ring a lead headed by any of the 'false' heads shown in our column No. 1.

HENRY V. TRADITION.

DID THE MONARCH BRING FRENCH BELLS TO MONMOUTH?

The recent visit to Wales of what the 'Western Mail' described as a band of National Ringers has elicited some interesting history with regard to some old bells of Monmouth. Mr. R. G. Williams, of Penybont-ar-Ogwr, wrote to the 'Western Mail' as follows:—

'The presence of the National Bellringers in Cardiff calls to mind a reference I have recently read in a book on old South Wales, relating to the bells in the tower of St. Mary's, Monmouth. This book states that these bells once hung in the steeple of a church in Calais, France. When Henry V. sailed from that port for England on a certain memorable occasion, great was the joy of the French at sight of the hated Englishman's back; and to express their joy at the tidance they set the bells to ringing a merry peal as the invading army sailed toward the chalk cliffs.

'This left-handed compliment annoyed Henry, it seems, and when he got home he sent back to France and had the impertinent bells unhung and transported to his native town. There were ten, but two were left to console the Calaisois; the remaining eight were hung in this tower, and here they are still.

'As a boy in Monmouth I heard frequent reference to this tradition. Further, it was stated that the biggest bell was so heavy, and the weather so rough, that it capsized the boat and slid to the bottom of the sea.

'The local story was that Harry of Monmouth put back to ask the inhabitants of Calais the cause of their bellinging, and on learning the reason gave orders there and then for the removal to Monmouth of the bells. I have never heard nor read of authentic corroboration of the above tradition. Surely, such an incident as the transfer of the bells of Calais to the Royal and ancient borough of Monmouth would be mentioned somewhere in the records of the days of "Harry of Monmouth"! It is possible some of the bellringers at present in Cardiff can throw light on this matter, or, failing them, some of your readers.'

THE PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

RELATIONS WITH SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The second of the series of district meetings in connection with the founding of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Leatherhead on Saturday. This is a corner of the old widespread diocese of Winchester in which the Winchester Guild failed to make any headway, but the new spirit which the formation of the diocese of Guildford has put into church work promises to be reflected in the new diocesan Guild, and towers were represented on Saturday which have been unattached, at any rate for a number of years, to any association. The peal of ten bells at the Parish Church were at the disposal of the visitors, and were utilised both afternoon and evening, and the methods included Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

A short service was held, at which the Vicar of Leatherhead (the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge) officiated, and gave an appropriate address, based upon the words, 'There are, it may be, so many voices in the world and none of them is without signification' (1 Cor. xiv. 10).

A capital 'knife and fork' tea was partaken of at the Institute, which is a centre of life and activity in this old and thriving Surrey town. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge presided, and among those present were the Rev. C. F. Carver (Vicar of Capel), the Rev. H. C. Martin (Rector of Ockley), and ringers from Leatherhead, Banstead, Capel, Cobham, Cranleigh, Epsom, Guildford, Ockley, and Woking, and visitors from Streatham, Beddington, Edmonton, Woodford and Croydon.

The Vicar, in opening the meeting, said he could not help feeling that the whole cause of ringing in that part of the diocese would be advanced by the formation of the new Guild. It would not only stimulate interest in ringing among those who were already ringers, but he hoped it might help them in the difficulty which was being experienced in getting young ringers. There were many towers where the old bands were gradually dying out, and unless young ringers could be brought in, the art of ringing in those towers was in danger of extinction.

THE SUGGESTED AMALGAMATION.

The Organising Committee's report was presented by the hon. secretary pro tem. (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), who said that since this report was presented at Guildford on the preceding Saturday, the hon. secretary of the Surrey Association had raised with him the accuracy of the interpretation which the committee had put upon the Surrey Association's proposals for amalgamation. Although the Guildford Diocesan Committee fully gained the impression that the Surrey Association's suggestion was one of absorption, they were now assured that this was not the case, but that what was intended was amalgamation on a fifty-fifty basis. As the outcome of an informal talk that afternoon between the members of the committee and those of the Surrey Association Executive who were present, it was now suggested that the Surrey Association, if they desired to do so, should put an amalgamation scheme on paper, which the Guildford Diocesan Guild, after its formation, could consider. At the moment, the Organising Committee was appointed to organise a Guildford Diocesan Guild, and they could not go outside their terms of reference. Proceeding, Mr. Goldsmith said that the Organising Committee desired to make it as plain as they possibly could that in coming into that district they did so with no designs whatever upon the Surrey Association. They recognised the loyalty which many towers in that area had given to the county association, but as they were organising a diocesan Guild, and that area was within the diocese, they would be failing in their duty and they would be unable to claim to be a truly diocesan body, unless they set up their organisation in that district as in the other parts of the diocese. Whatever might be the outcome of future negotiations, the earnest desire of the Guildford committee was that the two associations, which had common interests, should work amicably side by side.

The report was accepted, and a resolution approving of the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and pledging support, was carried nem. con., on the motion of the chairman, seconded by the Rev. C. H. Carver.

The proposed rules were then considered in detail, and met with general approval, one or two slight alterations being suggested which will be brought to the notice of the preliminary general meeting.

A motion in support of the reciprocal arrangement with the Winchester Guild as to present members becoming compounding members on payment of 1s. was carried, but the meeting regretted being unable to support a proposal of the Winchester Guild that life members of that Guild should become life members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild without further payment.

A number of suggestions for furthering the work of the Guild when formed were put forward for consideration by the committee, and the business concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge for the service, the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting, also to the lady organist, who had assisted at the service.

Mr. R. Whittington voiced appreciation of the work which has been done in organising the Guild by the hon. secretary.

The towers which it is proposed shall form the Leatherhead District are: Ashted, Banstead, Capel, Cobham, Dorking, Epsom (Christ Church and St. Martin's), Ewell, Leatherhead, Newdigate, Ramore and Ockley.

Further district meetings are to be held at Chertsey (to-morrow) and Farnham (October 22nd). The preliminary general meeting of the Guild will be held at Guildford on November 19th.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the report of the meeting of the above Guild which was held at Guildford on October 1st, may I enquire through the medium of your paper if the decision not to admit life members of the Winchester Guild to membership of the Guildford Diocesan Guild without further payment also applies to compounding members of the former society?

If it does, what will the payment be? Will these 280 or more members of the Winchester Guild be given advantageous terms in view of the fact that they are already members of a society covering the area over which the new Guild will operate, and which is the predecessor of that Guild?—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

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Higham's Park, E.4.

REIGATE BELLS RE-DEDICATED.

PEAL OF TEN RETUNED AND REHUNG.

The bells of Reigate Parish Church, Surrey, after the silence of ten months, were set ringing again on September 22nd. Their reopening was signalled by a service of rededication, conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon of Kingston, and attended by a crowded congregation. It was a service at which all the Parish Church clergy officiated—the Vicar (Canon F. C. Davies, R.D.), the Rev. A. H. W. Sanders and the Rev. O. C. McD. Morgan. After the processional hymn, 'See the conqueror mounts in triumph,' there followed evening prayer, Psalms cxli., cl., the lesson from Numbers x., 1-11, and the Magnificat. Before the clergy and choir proceeded to the belfry, the hymn, 'Hark the sound of Holy Voices,' was sung. Suitable dedicatory prayers were offered, and while the clergy and choir were returning to the chancel, the bells were rung for two minutes. A special hymn, 'The sacred bells of England,' was sung, and, after an address by the Archdeacon, the service closed with 'Now thank we all our God.'

At the conclusion of the service, 557 Grandsire Caters was rung by: H. Ewins 1, A. A. Hughes 2, A. Bull 3, R. H. Thorpe 4, H. Jordan 5, J. Foster 6, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 7, W. Claydon 8, F. T. Hoad 9, W. Pooley 10.

The restoration and re-hanging of the bells was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, to whom great credit is due for the splendid work they have carried out in recasting the 9th bell, retuning the whole peal, fitting new gudgeons, and re-hanging the peal in ball bearings, and also for the promptitude with which the work was carried out.

The bells, with weights and inscriptions, are as follows:—

Treble.—4 cwt. 1 qr., 25 lb. 'J. Newman Harrison, Vicar, 1847-1899 (Little John).'

2nd.—5 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. 'Given to our dear Vicar, John Newman Harrison, by his Parish Church workers, 1899.'

3rd.—5 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. 'Recast by R. Patrick, London, at the expense of the Rt. Hon. John Somers Oaks, 1786, and Richard Barnes, gent, through whose exertions T. Mears, Fecit 1811.'

4th.—5 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. 'Recast 1899. J. Newman Harrison, Vicar.'

5th.—6 cwt. 1 qr. 'We eight were cast to supply the place of six, 1784.'

6th.—7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. 'The gift of R. Ladbrooke, Esq., and others, 1784.'

7th.—10 cwt. 0 qr. 5 lb. 'The gift of Edward Leeds and William Bellingham, Esqre., 1784.'

8th.—10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. 'The gift of the Earl of Hardwicke, 1784.'

9th.—14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. 'The gift of Charles Lord Somers, Lord of the Manor, 1784. Recast to record the completion of 25 years' ministry by Frederick Charles Davies, M.A., C.B.E., Hon. Canon of Southwark, as Vicar of Reigate, 18th June, 1925. F. C. Davies, Vicar; F. S. Orme, W. J. Bennett, Churchwardens.'

Tenor.—19 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. 'The Rev. Geoffrey Snelson, Vicar; Thomas Bodle, John Burt, Churchwardens, 1784.'

'DOWN IN KENT.'

Mr. E. A. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, and Messrs. Challis Winney and G. R. Fardon, paid a visit to Tenterden for the week-end, and on Saturday, October 1st, attended the annual meeting of the Ashford District, which was held at Hythe.

On Sunday, October 2nd, being the harvest festival services at St. Mildred's Church, Tenterden, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung for morning service. For a children's fruit and flower service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: E. A. Young 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, C. F. Winney (conductor) 3, H. Baker 4, W. Tickner 5, R. Edwards 6, C. Tribe 7, C. H. Ballard 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. Baker 1, G. R. Fardon (conductor) 2, C. Winney 3, R. Edwards 4, H. Baker 5, C. W. Player 6, A. Saxby 7, A. Battin 8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. COMBINED PRACTICES IN TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

A meeting of this district was held at Speldhurst on Saturday, October 1st, and was attended by nearly 40 members from Edenbridge, Horsham, Lamberhurst, Leigh, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and the local members. Service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Canon H. Masters), who also gave a short appropriate address. Mr. Aldridge (the local organist) presided at the organ, and the service was very bright and hearty.

Afterwards, the members were kindly entertained to tea at the George and Dragon Inn by the Rector, who also presided at the business meeting which followed. One new practising member from Tonbridge was elected, and the Rector was elected an hon. member amid applause.

Mr. A. Richardson (Tunbridge Wells) brought forward the subject of arranging combined practices at various towers, so as to enable members to practise methods which they were unable to do at their own towers.

The District Secretary intimated that while he heartily approved of the scheme, he was quite unable, owing to other duties, to undertake any further secretarial work in the matter.

It was ultimately decided that Messrs. A. Richardson and D. Findley, of Tunbridge Wells, should arrange monthly meetings for this object. It was pointed out that if these meetings were to be a success, members, both learners and those more advanced in the art, must make efforts to attend.

Mr. A. Relfe (Lamberhurst) spoke of the frequent clashing of district meetings, and suggested that efforts should be made to have fixed dates for the various district meetings.—It was decided that the matter should be placed on the agenda for the meeting of the Central Committee in November with a view of making some arrangements in the matter.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his generosity in entertaining the members to tea, and also to the organist for his services, were passed, and the Rector replied. The members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing. Altogether it was a most enjoyable meeting, but, unfortunately, the weather did not permit acceptance of the Rector's kind invitation to view the Rectory garden.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Hythe on October 1st. Although the weather was not too inviting, there was a good attendance, including Messrs. E. Alex. Young, C. F. Winney and G. Fardon, of London. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a service, at which the Vicar (Rev. De Boinville) gave the association a most hearty welcome to Hythe.

Tea was partaken of at Paddock House, presided over by the Vicar. At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar in the chair, the secretary's report was read and passed.

The election of officers next took place, and, after some discussion, Mr. Tribe was persuaded to carry on, and all officers were then re-elected, viz., Mr. C. Tribe and Mr. E. Ruck, representatives on the Central Committee; Mr. A. C. Kay, district secretary.

Meetings for 1928 are to be arranged as follows: February, Headcorn; May, Folkestone; June, Brabourne; and September, Ashford.

One new member from Brabourne and one hon. member (Mrs. C. W. Player) were elected with cheers.

The Secretary referred to the loss the district had sustained by the death of one of the Headcorn band, Mr. W. Hucksins. Mr. C. Tribe spoke a few words of tribute, and the company stood in silence for a few moments, and directed that a letter be forwarded to the widow from the meeting, expressing sympathy and condolence.

Ringing was kept up until 8.30, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Grandsire being the methods rung.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at St. Paul's, Widnes, on Saturday, October 8th, about 35 members being present, representing eleven towers.

Mr. W. H. Shaker (the general secretary) gave a report of the annual meeting held at Wigan.

Nineteen new members were elected.

The proposal of the previous meeting to pay special attention to two methods was highly appreciated, and good practice was made. At the suggestion of the Ringing Master, the same two methods will be taken at the next meeting at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, November 12th.

A hearty vote of congratulation was accorded to Mr. E. L. Humphreys, of Woolton, on scoring his first peal as conductor, and four of his colleagues on ringing their first peal.

ICKLETON BELL FUND.

The following further donations to the Ickleton Bell Fund are acknowledged with thanks: Mr. R. Lathbury 5s., Miss V. Shorter 5s., Mrs. B. Buttress 5s., Messrs. R. G. King 2s. 6d., R. Howard 2s. 6d., T. Fitzjohn (second donation) 1s., S. Bowtell 2s. 6d., Wm. Watts 2s. 6d., W. Watts 1s. 6d., collected at Herk's meeting at Royston 11s. 1d. Contributions should be sent to Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Cambs.

AN INNOCENT IN THE BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I feel I must write to your paper and express my admiration of those stalwarts, the bellringers. It is only recently that the Art has come to my notice; already my interest is stimulated. I shall, Sir, give bellringing my wholehearted support, and endeavour, through your columns, to understand some of its mysteries.

At present I am somewhat bewildered.

Am I right in assuming that the ropes in the belfry are for ringing the bells?

I watched a band of ringers last week for two and three-quarter hours; then the ringing suddenly stopped. Apparently an argument ensued, for two members appeared most annoyed. Can you explain all this? There also appeared to be an extraordinary number of ringers named Bob, for they all spoke at once when somebody called that name. Is this unusual?

I already know six ringers. Wishing you success, yours very truly,

'SURPRISED MAJOR.'

[We welcome a new supporter of our art, and hasten to assure him that the ropes are not for ringing the bells, but for testing the strength of the ringers. We could probably explain the argument when the bells suddenly stopped after ringing two and three-quarter hours, but perhaps it would be better not to do so here. We are glad 'Surprised Major' already knows six ringers. There are about 39,994 more whose acquaintance he has yet to make, and we reciprocate his good wishes for success.—Ed. 'R.W.']

LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Leatherhead on Saturday, October 1st, when the ladies received a hearty welcome from the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, and the local ringers. Ringing commenced soon after 3.30, and then the Guild service was held, the Vicar giving an inspiring address. Tea was enjoyed in the Institute, and Miss E. K. Parker (general secretary) took this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and Mr. A. Dean for their kindness and help.

There was very little business to deal with, the most important item being that it was proposed to hold the next meeting in conjunction with the Central District at St. Clement Danes, on January 21st.

Mrs. Hairs particularly asks all ladies to keep this date free, as she is anxious to have a very good meeting.

After the meeting the members revisited the tower and continued ringing until 8 o'clock.

HUNGERFORD BELLS DEDICATED.

At St. Laurence's Church, Hungerford, Berks, for evening service, after the dedication of two new trebles by the Bishop of Oxford, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes from Thurstans') in 45 mins.: H. Simmonds (Caversham) 1, R. W. Hymer (Swindon) 2, Miss Phyllis M. Moss (Uxbridge) 3, Cecil C. Mayne (Beaconsfield) 4, H. A. Heall (Swindon) 5, C. Hussey (Aldbourne) (first quarter-peal) 6, W. Simmonds (Oxford) (conductor) 7, H. W. Bishop (Swindon) 8. Longest length on the bells.

MR. A. E. SHARMAN'S 100 PEALS.

The Bedfordshire secretary's century was completed with the peal of Superlative at Caerphilly on the South Wales tour.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Minor, 1 method	2	1
Minor, 2 methods	1	1
Minor, 3 methods	1	1
Minor, 7 methods	5	0
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1	1
Grandsire Triples	6	4
Stedman Triples	10	3
Bob Major	5	3
Kent Treble Bob Major	4	1
Oxford Treble Bob	1	1
Double Oxford Major	1	1
Double Norwich Major	23	8
Superlative Surprise Major	11	3
Cambridge Surprise	14	0
Grandsire Caters	3	2
Stedman Caters	5	0
Bob Royal	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	6	1

Total ... 100 ... 32

Rung in 68 different towers, in 16 counties, for 15 associations in England and Wales.

A FIRST 720.

At Christ Church, Wanstead, on Wednesday, September 14th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung by: F. Corney 1, E. Plummer 2, J. B. Marks 3, C. Perry 4, J. A. Waugh 5, C. R. Morris (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 rung by F. Corney.—Also 360 Plain Bob: F. Corney 1, J. B. Marks 2, C. R. Morris 3, C. Perry 4, J. A. Waugh (conductor) 5, E. Plummer 6.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Sunday, October 9th, for harvest thanksgiving (evensong), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Walker (first quarter-peal) 1, W. C. Cuss 2, G. J. Wenter 3, H. Taylor 4, J. Hope (conductor) 5, E. Hughes 6, J. Pearce 7, T. Clark 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At All Saints' Church, for harvest festival evensong, 1,294 Stedman Caters in 50 mins.: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, G. Twitchen 2, F. W. Boxell 3, R. Coles 4, E. Markham 5, J. Evans 6, G. White 7, C. A. Smith 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, E. Croxford 10.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, October 9th, for harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: C. Bower 1, W. Gusterson 2, A. Ives 3, E. Leggett 4, J. King 5, D. Elliott 6.—720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Gusterson (first in the method) 1, A. Ives 2, C. Bower 3, E. Leggett 4, J. King 5, D. Elliott (conductor) 6.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On October 9th, at the Parish Church for harvest festival evensong, 720 of Cambridge Surprise and 48 of Double Court: A. E. Sneath 1, H. M. Day (conductor) 2, W. Tilley 3, H. Holmes 4, J. O. Landan 5, G. H. Wells 6.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, on Sunday, October 9th, for evensong of harvest festival, 1,288 changes of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: H. C. Taylor 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, W. W. Stevens 4, J. Martin 5, F. Smith (conductor) 6, H. Hills 7, S. Penfold 8.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's, on Sunday, October 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: A. Stevens (first quarter-peal) 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, A. Hiscock 3, J. Lamb 4, W. C. Parker 5, E. J. Goater (conductor) 6, J. Phillips 7, G. Walsley 8.—Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: W. Shorter 1, J. Lamb 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, J. Phillips 4, E. J. Goater 5, A. Hiscock 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, F. W. Smith 8.

BARNES, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 9th, for harvest festival, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples: L. Allwater 1, H. Barrett 2, E. E. Bish 3, H. Cook 4, J. Rumley 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, T. Hendy 8.

HALLIWELL, BOLTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on October 9th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: C. Pike 1, J. Kay 2, R. Holden 3, A. Parker 4, W. Pennington 5, A. Heywood 6, J. E. Markland (conductor) 7, W. Dearden 8.

COLCHESTER.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. L. Bumpstead 1, E. Kimm (Cromer) 2, G. Rashbrook 3, R. W. Stannard 4, Fred. Bowell (Ipswich) 5, G. Dent 6, H. Evers 7, Wm. Schofield (conductor) 8. First attempt of Treble Bob by E. Kimm.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCs.—On Sunday, October 2nd, at St. John's Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Nelson (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 1, E. Lawson 2, Adam Blogg 3, E. B. Coxhead 4, Alfred Blogg 5, A. Hartley 6, H. Lucas (conductor) 7, F. G. Bradley 8.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, October 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: G. Sanders 1, W. Webb 2, P. Blake 3, F. Cherritt 4, F. Tubb 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Cherritt 1, P. Blake 2, W. Webb 3, F. Tubb 4, B. Tubb 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.—After service, 360 Oxford Bob.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—For evening service, harvest festival, on Sunday, October 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: T. Scott 1, G. W. Day 2, A. Symonds 3, H. Else 4, H. G. Day 5, J. Hare 6, Geo. T. Croft (conductor) 7, A. Ketcher (first quarter-peal, and hails from Southgate) 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival services, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. J. Butler 1, Ray Curtis 2, J. Faithfull 3, F. Cole 4, F. Mursell 5, A. Newman 6, H. Payne (conductor) 7, F. Durnford (first quarter-peal) 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Faithfull (conductor) 1, A. Newman (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, H. Payne 3, F. Mursell 4, F. Cole 5, H. Reeves 6, R. Brown 7, H. Nash 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for evensong, on the occasion of the dedication and harvest festival, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): *F. Plummer 1, A. E. Butcher 2, A. Seabrook 3, †R. Butcher 4, W. Botsford 5, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 6, J. Nicholls 7, *J. Shepherd 8. * First quarter-peal. † First quarter-peal inside.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 49 mins.: *H. R. Cobbin 1, Miss E. Webber 2, S. Pinder 3, *J. E. Hobbs 4, M. Ward 5, F. A. Salter 6, G. West 7, F. W. Bailey (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival services, at the Priory Church, for matins, 1,216 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. F. Calcott (longest length of Treble Bob) 1, G. Heley 2, C. Rollings 3, G. W. Harris 4, C. E. King 5, G. H. Sentance 6, A. G. Matthews 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8.—For evensong, 1,008 Stedman Triples: G. H. Sentance 1, A. G. Matthews 2, G. W. Harris 3, C. Rollings 4, C. E. King 5, G. Heley 6, A. E. Sharman 7, C. T. King 8.—Also as a birthday compliment to G. H. Sentance.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival services, before 8 a.m. Choral Eucharist, 720 Ipswich Surprise; before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Norwich Surprise and 240 Cambridge Surprise; before evensong, 720 York Surprise and 240 London Surprise. Ringers: L. Camp, E. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright, G. Camp, A. Bradley (conductor).

FULHAM.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, E. A. Arthurton 2, M. Belcher 3, F. Norriss 4, A. Coles 5, J. Driver 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. W. R. Grimwood 8, A. Harding 9, H. Folkard 10.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): R. Foddy 1, T. Roberts 2, F. Case 3, T. Read 4, L. Smith 5, G. Cooper 6, J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Foddy 8.

WEST CLANDON.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for the harvest festival evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Harding, jun., 1, H. Harding, sen., 2, N. Harding 3, J. Goacher 4, G. Grover (conductor) 5, F. Bennett 6.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, H. T. Hughes 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Thursday, September 29th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. G. Twinn 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, J. H. Lucas 3, R. Warnett 4, H. H. Chandler 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, T. J. Childs 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church, for the harvest thanksgiving services, on Thursday evening, September 29th, 728 Grandsire Triples: F. Kemp 1, H. Prior 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, C. Childs (Godalming) 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7. W. Newberry 8.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, 608 Bob Major (after a quarter-peal of Stedman had been lost): H. Prior 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall 5, H. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8.—For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples.

CADOXTON, NEATH.—On Wednesday, September 28th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: Percy Lake 1, G. I. Lewis (conductor) 2, J. E. Bloxham 3, C. Lake 4, D. J. Lewis 5, L. Bandle (first quarter) 6.

BAGLAN, SOUTH WALES.—On the eve of St. Michael and All Angels' Day, September 28th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 52 mins.: H. Boyce (conductor) 1, Miss Lucy Thomas 2, Mrs. E. G. Bellinger 3, J. H. Curtis 4, E. G. Bellinger 5, A. E. Pitman 6. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 4th, who is from Carmarthen. The conductor belongs to Neath.

HEREFORD.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, September 25th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Colcombe 1, C. Edwards (conductor) 2, T. Taysom 3, G. W. Taysom 4, W. E. Williams 5, Alec Taylor 6, G. Lewis 7, H. Taysom 8.—Also 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by W. Taylor.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, September 25th, for early Communion service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: W. H. Lloyd 1, G. Coles 2, P. Merson 3, E. Elson 4, H. Pocock (first as conductor) 5, W. Underhill 6.

IPSWICH.—At the Church of St. Clement, for morning service on September 18th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Chas. Waters (age 14) 1, Fredk. Bowell 2, V. E. Waters 3, Wm. Prime 4, H. Shemming 5, F. J. Long (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: David Brunning (age 13) 1, F. Bowell 2, F. J. Long 3, Wm. Prime 4, Ernest Kimm (Cromer) 5, H. Shemming (conductor) 6.—First 720 Treble Bob and first attempt by C. Waters and D. Brunning, who only started ringing in November, 1926. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

FIRST CHANGE RINGING AT NANTMEL.

The Brecon ringers, accompanied by Mr. J. P. Hyett, of Hay, by the kind invitation of the Rev. E. E. Davies, visited St. Cynllo's Church, Nantmel, Radnorshire, where there is a very nice ring of six bells, cast in 1903 by Llewellyn and James. There is no record of these bells ever having been rung in peal. They had been well oiled and overhauled for this occasion, and with a new set of ropes were in perfect order. Several touches of Grandsire Doubles were brought round, also a touch of 220 changes, dedicated to the Rector's son and heir, who had attained that number of days since birth.

The Rector afterwards invited the band to a sumptuous tea, and it was difficult to know who was the more pleased, the Rector at the ringers' visit to his tower, or the Brecon band with the kindness shown to them.

BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT TO LONDON RECTOR.

On Wednesday, September 28th, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, St. Clement's Youths rang 1,299 Stedman Caters: G. R. Fardon 1, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, Miss F. E. Orr 4, F. Digby (longest length on ten bells) 5, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 6, J. E. Davis 7, R. Bullen 8, R. Sanders 9, E. G. Garrard 10. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, Rector, the band wishing him 'many happy returns.'

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meetings will be held at St. Magnus on the 27th, *St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 18th, and Sunday, 23rd, at 5.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, at 8 p.m. All the others at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 15th, at Wilby. Bells from 2 p.m. Important meeting after tea in the Schools at 4.30 p.m.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Litlington on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. The Vicar has kindly made arrangements for short service and tea, and extends a warm welcome to all.—Geo. T. Croft and F. Warrington, Dis. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, October 15th. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5.—W. Stapleton, 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Elm, Wisbech, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) ready from 2 o'clock.—H. W. Giddings, Dis. Sec., 10, Elwyn Road, March.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, October 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, October 15th. The bells (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, at 5 p.m.—S. Proctor, Sec., 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Opening of bells of the Parish Church, Stisted, near Braintree, after tuning and re-hanging, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. All ringers welcome. — Henry F. Cooper, Stisted, Braintree.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — South District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 to 8. Tea at 5.30. Everyone heartily welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Visitors welcome. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering (10), on Saturday, October 15th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Co-operative Hall, Tanners Lane, 5.—H. Baxter, Broughton, Kettering.

PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A preliminary District meeting to discuss rules and other matters will be held at **CHERTSEY**, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Parish Church bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 p.m. in the Church Room. Meeting to follow. Meeting at **FARNHAM**, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Parish Church bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. in the Church House, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea must inform me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 18th. The towers immediately concerned will be notified by circular, but all ringers will be welcome. Preliminary general meeting at Guildford Nov. 19th.—J. S. Goldmith, hon. sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingsbury Episcopi, near Martock, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Martock bells available after the meeting.—F. Farrant, Hon. Branch Sec., Martock.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Mid-week practice meeting, Southgate, Thursday, October 20th. Bells (10) from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Next meeting to be held at Worksop Parish Church on October 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Evensong 6.30. Applications for tea to be made to Miss Taylor, Harness Grove, Worksop, before October 19th.—M. Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

DEDICATION AT YORK.—The dedication of the 10½ ton bell, 'Great Peter,' will take place at York Minster at 3.45 p.m., Saturday, October 22nd. All ringers will receive a cordial welcome. Tea will be provided to those who send in their names to Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, by Tuesday, October 18th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Glington on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Bells available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincoln District.—A joint meeting with the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Guild will be held at Barton-on-Humber on Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) available 1 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 6d. each). Tea provided for those who notify Mr. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber, not later than Thursday, Oct. 20th.—A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—October 22nd, Bushey Heath. Bells open 4 p.m. Tea 5.30, Parish Hall. Business meeting after. Number for tea by 18th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, October 22nd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/- each, to those who notify Mr. E. Pammenter, 110, Goosebut Street, Parkgate, near Rotherham, by October 19th.—Will secretaries of towers try and get all outstanding subscriptions paid at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting (general) will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting in Schools 3.30. Tea (1s. 9d. per head) in Schools at 4.30. Names must be sent to Mr. J. P. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, by the previous Thursday. Church is close to Clay Cross Station. A good attendance is requested.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells ready from 2 o'clock to 3.30. A short service will be held. Bells ready again at 4.30. Meeting after tea. Tea will be provided for all those sending in their names to Mr. Joshua Ramsbottom, 336, Hornby Street, Bury, not later than Wednesday, October 19th.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 18th, those who require tea.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Proposed formation of Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Association.—A special general meeting in connection with the above will be held at the Chantry Hall, St. Mary's Street, Southampton, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 3 p.m. All members and ringers in the Dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth earnestly requested to attend. Bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches available before and after meeting.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Oct. 22nd, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5, tea at 5.30, at The Welcome. Good train and bus services, and a ringers' Vicar. All ringing friends will be made welcome. A good muster is hoped for.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

DERBY CATHEDRAL.—Ringing for Hallowing day, and during the following week. Friday, October 28th: ringing by St. Andrew's ringers, Derby. Saturday, October 29th, Sunday, October 30th: ringing by Derby ringers and visitors. Monday, October 31st, Tuesday, November 1st, Wednesday, November 2nd, Thursday, November 3rd: open to any ringers by arrangement with Mr. James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby. Voluntary change ringers wanted to join the new cathedral band of Sunday service ringers. Apply by letter stating qualifications as a ringer. Visitors welcome. Learners invited.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A Whist Drive and Dance will be held in the Barker Gate Institute, Nottingham, on Saturday, October 29th, 1927. Ringing St. Mary's Church, 3 to 5.45 p.m. Whist 6.30 p.m. Dancing 8.45. Tickets 1/- each. Refreshments at moderate prices. (Good prizes.) All ringers and friends invited.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jubilee Festival.—The 50th annual Festival will be held in Durham on Saturday, October 29th. Committee meeting at 11.45 a.m., and dinner at 2 o'clock at the 'Rose and Crown' Hotel. Dinner 2/6 to members, 3/- to non-members. The service will be held in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock. We earnestly ask ringers and friends for their whole-hearted support, as we expect a large number to dinner. Will those who intend coming kindly notify me by first post on Tuesday, October 25th, to enable the seating accommodation to be arranged. The bells of the Cathedral (8), subject to services, St. Oswald's (6), and St. Nicholas' (6) are available.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3. The association service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rector of St. Mary's (the Rev. Wiltshire). Tea will only be provided for those who notify me on or before last post on Wednesday, Oct. 26th. Business meetings will follow the tea.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. John-the-Baptist, Eltham, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, tea and business meeting to follow. Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 5, with tea and meeting to follow. A hearty welcome to all who attend.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HAGBOURNE BELLS will be reopened on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tea will be provided for those who buy tickets beforehand. See this column next week for details.—J. Butler.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A special meeting for combined practice of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open at 2.30. A short informal meeting will be held in the belfry during the afternoon to discuss the best means of arranging future similar meetings. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance of members at this meeting, which has been arranged to enable members to practise any of the above methods.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 290th anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained up to November 2nd from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. S. Hawkins,

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A PUTNEY WEDDING.

At the Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Putney, on October 1st, the marriage was solemnised of Miss Elizabeth Bolton and Mr. William H. Saunders. The Vicar of Putney (Rev. E. Priestley Swain) officiated. The bride, who was simply and daintily attired, was given away by her father, Mr. Thomas Bolton, the genial master of the local society of ringers. Mr. Paul Saunders (brother) was best man, whilst the bride was attended by her sisters, Annie and Ethel, as bridesmaids.

The local ringers attended in good force, and as the bridal party left the church the bells were fired, afterwards breaking into Stedman Triples, some good touches of which were subsequently rung. Owing to business and other calls it was regretted a quarter-peal could not be attempted. The ringers afterwards adjourned to another 'place,' where the health of the newly-wedded pair was suitably honoured, and a pleasant hour was spent as the guests of Mr. Bolton, who has now for many years filled the post of Master and steeplekeeper with great tact and courtesy.

BRIDEGROOM RINGS FOR HIS OWN WEDDING.

At Glemsford, Suffolk, on Saturday, October 1st, Mr. P. Leslie Johnson, one of the local ringers, was married to Miss Sparham, the sister of another of the Glemsford band. Later in the day, the bridegroom took part in a 720 Bob Minor rung on the Parish Church bells in honour of the event: C. Watson 1, H. List 2, P. Leslie Johnson 3, J. Sparham 4, R. V. Johnson (conductor) 5, T. E. Slater 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.—On Thursday evening, September 22nd, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): James Cowley (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Hesketh 2, H. Hesketh 3, G. Saint 4, W. Bagley 5, S. Cadwallender 6, J. W. Hall (conductor) 7, P. Shaw 8.

ROCHESTER.—On Wednesday evening, September 14th, for practice at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,287 changes) in 55 mins.: C. Winsor 1, P. Springham 2, J. L. Harris 3, A. E. Allen 4, F. Belsey 5, T. Beaumont 6, C. Norris 7, W. Haigh (conductor) 8, J. Haigh 9, A. Taylor 10.

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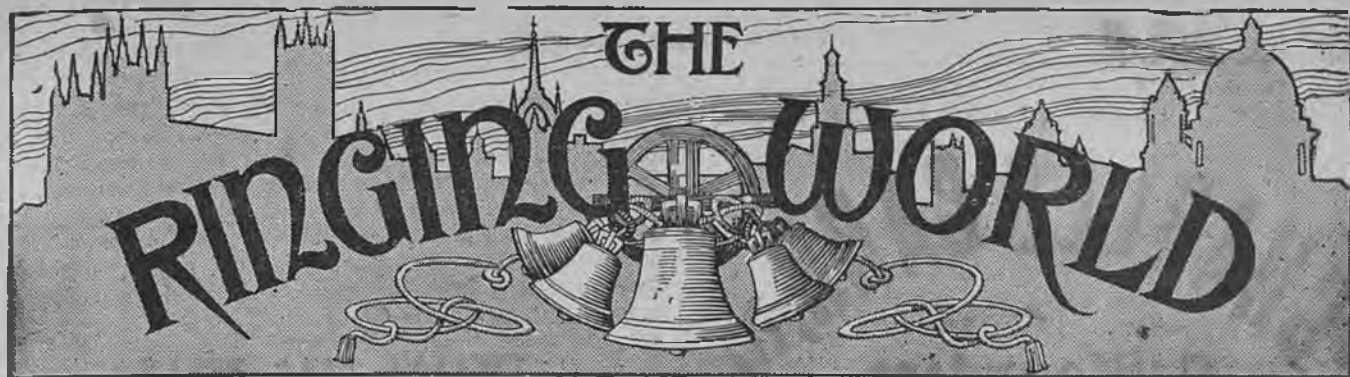
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A PLEDGE TO THE COUNCIL.

The new Guildford Diocesan Guild proposes to include as one of its rules a definite provision that it shall be affiliated to the Central Council and shall recognise and observe the Council's rulings. Although practically all the Guilds and Associations throughout the country are affiliated to the central body, there are few who make it an obligation under their rules to join the Council, nor do they commit themselves to observing the Council's rulings. At a meeting at which the Guildford Guild's rules were discussed on Saturday the question was raised as to whether any good purpose would be served by including the provision for recognition of the Council's rulings. The step which the organisers of the new Guild propose is, in our opinion, a very desirable one if we are to see the Central Council's position in the Exercise strengthened. It is true that nothing which the Central Council decides can be enforced upon either unwilling individuals or associations, but it is a logical attitude for an association to take to say that, if it agrees with the objects of the Council — as it implies when it affiliates — it will give its loyal support to the Council's decisions and do its best to give effect to them.

Let it be said at once that, taken as a whole, associations do, in their formal capacity, generally accept the Council's rulings on matters concerning the Exercise, but there is in the Council an undercurrent of feeling, or shall we say of hesitancy, when it comes to dealing with questions which concern ringing organisations, hesitancy because it is not known how the various bodies would take the ruling. If, however, the Council were assured beforehand that its decisions would be loyally accepted, it could turn with greater freedom to some of those subjects which at present it approaches with diffidence. The argument against action by the Council is always that it cannot compel acceptance of its resolutions. That being admitted, the next best thing is to achieve a voluntary acceptance, and this would be largely secured if all the associations were to incorporate in their rules a recognition clause. If only as an advisory body, the Council's decisions would have more effect if all its constituent organisations were pledged to its support rather than, as at present, entering upon the basis of, 'If I like it I'll have it, and if I don't like it I'll leave it alone.' At present the constitution of the Council is but loosely built up. There is very little tie between it and the associations who send representatives. This was probably all that was feasible when the Council was instituted, for the relationship between the Council and the Exercise was as uncertain as the ties between the associations and the

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ringers forty years ago. To-day things have changed. Ringers look upon their work from a totally different view-point, and the Central Council is as essential to the well-being of the Exercise as a whole as the existence of associations is to draw together the bands in the various dioceses and counties. The time has surely come, then, when the ringing organisations of this country can confidently bind themselves to support the parent body of the Exercise.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
ALBERT W. COLES 2	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 8
*MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3	*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	FRANK J. DAVEY 7
EDWIN J. RIDLER 2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 8
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	JAMES BENNETT 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 10
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5	REUBEN SANDERS... .. 11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor
	ARTHUR MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Stedman Cinques by the Guild. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 8
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES... .. 10
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 5	†STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 11
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6	*FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Maximus. First peal of Little Bob Maximus by all the band, on the bells, and by the association.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

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

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble	FRED PRICE 7
ALBERT H. WARD 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... .. 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 9
FRANK W. FERRINS 4	THOMAS MILLER 10
JAMES E. GROVES 5	A. PADDON SMITH 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal has 32 courses in the titlums position, with the 6th 24 times at home, and six courses in the handstroke home position.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

GEORGE LATHAM Treble	THOMAS WILLS 6
HUBERT SCRIVENS 2	THOMAS PRICE 7
TRAVERS PRITCHARD 3	JOHN BALLINGER 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	GEORGE ORCHARD 9
BASIL LATHAM 5	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a birthday peal to the ringers of the treble, 2nd and tenor.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. KEEVES Treble	JOHN A. BURFORD 6
HENRY PRING 2	ARTHUR PRINCE 7
ALBERT E. STOWELL 3	CHARLES W. BELL 8
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	E. GEORGE TREW 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	*JESSE HALLETT Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD F. MITCHELL Treble	*CLARENCE LAW 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	JOHN C. ADAMS 5
WILLIAM FISHER 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
THOMAS J. ELTON 4	ROBERT PICKERING Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

Rung in honour of the church crusade, which has taken place throughout the week in Wolverhampton, Willenhall, Bilston and Wednesfield. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Hughes, of Wednesbury, who kindly stood out to allow C. Law, of the local band, to attempt his first peal.

BINGHAM, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*HENRY F. CLULOW Treble	†ERNEST CLULOW 5
WALTER WHITE 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
*GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	*EDWARD FOSTER 7
JOHN HOBBS 4	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE Treble	*THOMAS HEMMING 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
CHARLES E. PERKINS 3	WILLIAM H. COOPER 7
WILLIAM GIBBS 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Bob Major, also first in the method on the bells. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This peal contains 2,944 changes of London, 608 of Bristol, and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. The Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses. First Spliced Surprise peal by the whole of the band and by the association; also first peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung in the county.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TEN-PART, No. 5.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	JAMES PAGETT 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
E. HARRY STONELEY 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN T. BROWN Treble	JOHN B. HALLIFAX 5
JOHN G. AMES 2	ARTHUR RIGGALL 6
JOHN W. WOOD 3	JOHN CURRY 7
GEORGE LADD 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

Rung in honour of the weddings of Mr. Tom Ladd, son of the ringer of the 4th, and Miss Florence Ivy Foster, who were married at Spalding, and Mr. Arthur Ground, member of the Pinchbeck band, and Miss Jessie Lilian Arnold, who were married at Fulney on the above date.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*MISS ETHEL MARSHALL Treble	*TOM CLARK 5
†MISS PHYLLIS G. BAKER 2	JOSEPH DIXON 6
HERBERT TORR 3	†EDWARD DALINGWATER 7
JOHN T. BARTRAM 4	HARRY MORGAN Tenor

Composed by H. TUCKER.

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First attempt for a peal of Major. † First attempt for a peal. † First peal in the method. The ringers of 2nd and treble are 15 and 16 years of age respectively.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. BROTEWELL Treble	HAROLD KENT 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	CHARLES MASON 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3	EDWARD ROBBINS 7
*ERNEST WAGSTAFF 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

1 PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

NORMAN HEMMINGTON Treble	MAURICE WARD 5
MISS EDNA WEBSTER 2	LAWRENCE CHADBURN 6
SAM PINDER 3	GEORGE WEST 7
J. ALFRED BARRETT 4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BAILEY

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 5th and tenor. First in the method by an entirely local band, and rung at the first attempt. The band wish Mr. F. A. Salter's name to be coupled with this peal, as he was unable to stand in owing to business.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

LEWIS CHAPMAN Treble	JAMES GARRATT 5
JOHN R. MAIN 2	*GEORGE BASFORD 6
JOHN KING 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
JAMES T. WARD 4	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by F. DUNCH.

Conducted by J. R. SHARMAN.

* 100th peal. The ringer of the tenor was proposed a member previous to the peal.

LYDD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	ROBERT EDWARDS 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
KENNETH PATTENDEN 3	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY 7
HARRY BAKER 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

SIDNEY WILTSHIRE Treble	WILLIAM C. WEST 5
WILLIAM BOLWELL 2	HARRY MOCKRIDGE 6
*CHARLIE LOVELOCK 3	FRED LAMBETH 7
*THOMAS DAVISON 4	*WILFRED WATERS Tenor

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal in the method.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

HARRY BADGER Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5
FRANK BLONDELL 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
REGINALD BROWN 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

The anniversary of the conductor's wedding, which took place on October 15th, 1881.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWIN JENNINGS Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
FRED HINDLE 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON 6
JAMES W. GROUNDS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
THOMAS WILSON 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. Also first peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Major R. W. Mackline and Miss R. E. Whitehead.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

E. HARRY STONELEY Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 3	JAMES F. GEORGE 7
JAMES S. HUTCHES 4	HENRY HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

The conductor's 50th peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN Treble	†CHARLES WRIGHT 5
*ARTHUR PANTHER 2	†ARTHUR FIRTH 6
†JOHN W. J. COTTAM 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
ALBERT NASH 4	T. COLIN RYDER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. NASH.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First peal of Major away from the treble.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MISS WINNIE LINN Treble	ARTHUR HEAD 5
JOHN WOOD 2	DOCTOR SPENCER PHILLIPS 6
HERBERT DEVONISH 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	FRANK PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal. This peal was specially arranged to celebrate Miss Winnie Linn's 21st birthday, and this is the first peal in which a lady has taken part in the South-Eastern District of the Essex Association. Rung on the third anniversary of the opening of the bells. After the peal, the band were entertained to a meat tea by Miss Linn's parents.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
HARRY WINGROVE 2	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
MISS PHYLLIS MOSS 4	ARTHUR MARTIN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Mr. F. Borcham, jun., kindly acted as steeplekeeper for the visitors, who greatly appreciated this opportunity of attempting a peal upon the recently rehung octave.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.
EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
WILSON ALLIN	Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER	5
HERBERT G. FRETWELL	2	JOSEPH LORD	6
*THOMAS W. HOPSON	3	THOMAS STIMPSON	7
*WILLIAM SWAIN	4	CHARLES CARR	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as an anniversary peal for the association, which was formed October, 1887.

SHERE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	Treble
C. ERNEST SMITH	2
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	3
CECIL NICE	4
NELSON ELLIOTT	5
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	6
ALFRED J. BULL	7
OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
CHARLES E. LAWSON	Treble
WILLIAM E. H. ASH	2
HERBERT DAVENPORT	3
JOSEPH BROADLEY	4
WILLIAM HORAN	5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6
PETER CROOK	7
JAMES INGHAM	Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.
First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. L. W. G. Morris.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	Treble
WILLIAM KEEBLE	2
GEORGE WIFFEN	3
FRANK CLAYDON	4
JAMES FLEETY	5
WALTER ARNOLD	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
ARTHUR SAUNDERS	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ASHWICK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.		Tenor 7 cwt.	
*J. TARGETT	Treble	R. F. BECK	4
J. T. DYKE	2	R. G. BECK	5
H. W. PEARCE	3	E. C. WADMAN	Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.
* First peal. First peal on the bells. The 150th tower in which J. T. Dyke has rung a peal.

EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of St. Simon's, 12 of Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire.		Tenor 11 cwt. in G.	
RICHARD FINBOW	Treble	ARTHUR CLEMENTS	3
RUSSELL WARD	2	WILLIAM FORSTER	4
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	Tenor		

Conducted by G. A. BLAXCELL.

First peal on the bells.

SPROUTON.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The Rev. E. Banks James' composition.	
CHARLES F. MEE	Treble
GEORGE W. MOSS	2
JOHN C. GORDON HAGGAR	3
WALTER HONEYWOOD	4
EDGAR RIVERS	5
CHARLES MEE	Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by Messrs. G. W. Moss and W. Honeywood, who hail from Mistley.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
*PERCY GRICE	Treble	*CHARLES DAVIES	4
WILLIAM BROOKER	2	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD	5
HORACE V. ROWLEY	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal of Minor. Mr. C. Davies had only once rung a 240 in the method previous to this peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ISHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Worcester, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
MISS MARY RANDALL	Treble	WALTER T. WILSON	4
MISS CECIL HEPBURN	2	TOM GORLEY	5
JAMES MITCHELL	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS	Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

The peal was rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of George Andrew Blaxley, associated with change ringing at this tower since its inception, more than 20 years ago.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 960 of St. Simon's, 2,120 of Grandsire and 960 of Plain Bob.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
WILLIAM H. POOLE	Treble	JACK W. LEGGETT	4
JOHN C. FURLONG	2	WILLIAM D. LEGGETT	5
HARRY TURNER	3	CHARLES A. BENBOW	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.	
ALFRED PRIOR	Treble
ERNEST PLUMMER	2
JOHN MOULE	3
*CHARLES J. PETTY	4
JAMES CHALK	5
CHARLES MORRIS	Tenor

Conducted by A. PRIOR.

* First peal.

HARROLD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
WILLIAM SHARP	Treble	AMOS SMART	4
*JOSEPH SHARP	2	WILLIAM STOCK	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal inside, and 13 years of age. This is the 100th peal that Messrs. Gayton and Clarke have rung together.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHERTSEY DISTRICT'S SPLENDID RESPONSE.

Another very successful district meeting, in connection with the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, was held at the ancient town of Chertsey on Saturday, when the attendance was even greater than anticipated by the organisers—and they are no pessimists. Nearly every tower which it is proposed to include in the district was represented, and there were several welcome visitors from places across the Thames, who were obviously interested in the proceedings. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector, the Rev. E. H. W. Leachman, Mr. W. Melville, of Guildford, a member of the Organising Committee, was voted to the chair for the meeting, which was held in the Church Room. Representatives of the following towers in the Chertsey area were present: Chertsey, Egham, Esher, Hersham, Otlands, Ottershaw, Thames Ditton, Walton and Weybridge. Ringers from other places in the Guild's territory attended from Bagshot, Cranleigh, Guildford and Woking, and there were visitors from London, Iwer Heath, Uxbridge, Staines, Maidenhead, Cookham and Hounslow, while the presence of Mr. W. H. Hollier, hon. sec., South and West District of the Middlesex Association, was much appreciated. Regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of Mr. J. B. Hessey, hon. secretary of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

The Organising Committee's report was read by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), who welcomed the presence of ringers from several towers which had not been associated with the Winchester Guild, and said this indication of support promised well for the future of the new Guild. He explained the new position which had arisen with the Surrey Association, and, reiterating what had been said at the meeting at Leatherhead, expressed the hope that, whatever might be the outcome of the negotiations with Surrey, the two organisations would work amicably side by side in those areas where their territory overlapped.

Mr. Ferris J. Sheppard moved the adoption of the report, and complimented the committee on the work which they had done.—Mr. W. T. Beeston seconded, and the motion was carried.

On the proposition of Mr. A. Woodrow, seconded by Mr. J. A. Crocker, the following resolution was adopted: 'That this preliminary district meeting approves of the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, to come into being on January 1st next, and pledges itself to do its utmost to support the objects of the Guild and further its interests.'

In the detailed consideration of the proposed rules the meeting showed the keenest interest, and discussions took place on various points. The suggestions made at this and the other meetings will be considered by the committee before the final draft is submitted to a general meeting of the whole of the ringers of the diocese.

A QUESTION OF TITLE.

A point which has caused considerable discussion at each of the meetings has been the inclusion of the word 'Church' in the title, which, as at present proposed, is to be 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.' It was argued at Guildford that the word 'Church,' in conjunction with the word 'Diocesan,' is tautology, and is, therefore, redundant. There are others, however, who claim that the word is necessary to distinguish the kind of diocesan ringers which the Guild will include, and there promises to be a great discussion on the matter at the general meeting at Guildford. The meeting at Chertsey voted almost unanimously in favour of retaining the word 'Church.'

A resolution in support of the reciprocal arrangement with the Winchester and Portsmouth dioceses to admit resident members of one Guild as compounding members of the other on payment of one shilling, was carried, but the proposal to admit as life members without further payment the present life members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild did not find favour.

Mr. W. Shepherd raised the question as to whether any good purpose would be served by including in the rules a provision that the Guild should recognise and observe the rulings of the Central Council, but it was pointed out that unless its rulings were observed it was rather useless to affiliate to the Council.

Mr. Sheppard also suggested that Weybridge should be substituted for Chertsey as the name of the district, as the former was more nearly in the centre of the area.

Discussion on a variety of matters relating to the future conduct of the Guild took place, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the committee and the hon. secretary for their work, to the Rector for the use of the Church Room and the bells, and to the chairman for presiding.

Chertsey can claim the distinction of having been at one time famous for a bell foundry. The Eldridges carried on their craft there for nearly a hundred years, possibly setting up their furnaces there in 1619, and coming to an end as founders with the death, at the age of 82, of William Eldridge in the year 1716. During this period a great many bells were cast for churches in Surrey and the neighbouring counties.

Only one bell from this foundry remains in Chertsey tower, and that is the 6th, cast in 1712 by the last of the line of Eldridges. But the 5th is a fine old pre-Reformation bell, one of the oldest in the county, and one which local tradition states came from the Abbey at its dis-

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TISBURY'S OLD BELLS RESTORED.

The renovated and restored tower and bells of St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Tisbury, Wilts, were dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday evening, October 12th. The tower has been thoroughly renovated, all decayed portions having been replaced by new stones and concrete. The peal of six 17th century bells, which were last rung in 1919 on the occasion of the peace festival, have been tuned and rehung in a new iron frame, with room for two more bells, with all the latest modern improvements and ball bearings, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry. The weight of the tenor is 16 cwt. in D.

After the dedication service, the local band rang the first rounds on the bells, after which ringers from Salisbury, Britford, Mere, Buckhorn Weston and Zeals rang 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and short touches of Bob Minor and Kent. Mr. Cyril Johnston represented the firm, and also took part in the ringing.

All the ringers present were pleased with the excellent 'go' of the bells. The old clock has been replaced by one of the latest design, and, in addition to the original face, two new stone dials have been added, and there is now a dial on the north, east and west sides of the tower.

OLD NORFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

On Saturday, October 8th, seven members of the Norfolk Guild met at the Parish Church, St. Cross, and rang three 120's of Bob Doubles as a last token of respect to Charles Clarke, of St. Cross, who died on the previous Tuesday. The deceased, who will be greatly missed by his fellow ringers in the Redenhall and Bungay districts, passed away suddenly at the age of 66. He had been a member of the old Norwich Diocesan Association and the Norfolk Guild since 1883.

On the following Monday, F. Borrett, G. Curson, R. Baldry, G. Howlett, R. Riches, W. Barrett, G. Poynter and C. Cutting met at Alburgh. Unfortunately, because of the serious illness of the Rector's wife, Redenhall bells were not available, and after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Kent rang 1,008 of Double Norwich, with the bells half-muffled.

OXFORD SOCIETY'S ANNUAL OUTING.

The Oxford Society held their annual outing on Saturday, September 10th, by charabanc to Berks and Gloucester districts, leaving Oxford at 9.25 a.m. and making Faringdon the first call, which was reached at 10.10. The party soon got to work on this grand ring of eight, when touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Kent Major were well rung. The next call was Cirencester, where the old church was visited. Stroud was reached at one o'clock, the party being met by Mr. A. Wright. The secretary thanked Mr. Wright for his kindness. The tower was visited for touches of Stedman Caters and Triples, and a short touch of Kent Major. Afterwards the members left for Painswick with Mr. Wright and a Stroud ringer. They found a lovely ring of twelve, all going well. A touch of Stedman Cinques was tried, but had to be given up. Next Caters, and, to finish, a touch of Plain Bob Major. Good-bye was said to Mr. Wright, and the company set out for Cheltenham. Arriving about 5.20, they found Mr. Pates and a few others to welcome them. They had a short ring, and soon followed the leader. Time did not permit of visiting Prestley, and regret was expressed at any inconvenience which might have been caused to the local ringers. Charlton Kings was reached at 8.10, an hour late, where touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Major were tried. The party arrived at Oxford at 11.10, and wish to thank all helpers for their kindness to them on this occasion.

A 'SILENT' TOUCH.

At Lawton, Cheshire, 504 Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's 10-part) was rung silent at the Parish Church for Sunday evening service, on October 2nd. It is 15 years since a similar touch was rung at Lawton: R. Harper 1, W. Rigby 2, *T. Arrowsmith 3, J. Booth 4, *G. Biddulph 5, J. Wildblood 6, E. Harper 7, R. Arrowsmith 8. * First Silent touch.

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The tower also contains another fine antiquarian specimen in the 7th, which was cast by Robert Mot, the first of the White-chapel founders, in 1588. The tenor, originally cast in 1670, was recast in 1859, when two trebles were added. The third was cast in 1730 by Richard Phelps, and the 4th in 1756 by Lester and Pack. The ring are, therefore, a very mixed, if interesting, lot. With a somewhat long draught, many of the visitors found them a little difficult to handle on Saturday, but touches in a variety of methods were rung, both during the afternoon and after the meeting.

The last of the series of district meetings will be held at Farnham to-morrow. The general meeting for the diocese is to take place at Guildford on November 19th, and the inauguration, at which the Lord Bishop will be present, on December 31st.

DUAL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth are to remain united in one Guild, and an important meeting is to be held to-morrow at Southampton to give effect to this proposal. The agenda includes the alteration of the constitution of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, arising out of the change of area, the question of name, the election of officers, and the rearrangement of the districts. Nearly the whole of Hampshire, and all the Isle of Wight, is covered by the two dioceses.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT BELLS. RESTORATION SCHEME COMPLETED.

The North Notts Association have taken a keen interest in the Sutton-on-Trent bells' restoration fund, and have given a good deal of practical help, financially, and by exhibitions of their skill in change-ringing on Bank Holidays, while the annual sports and gala have been taking place, to provide funds to pay for the bells. They will be pleased to know that the object for which the sports and gala have been held for the last four years is now fully achieved—i.e., the payment of the church bells restoration costs. The bells are now entirely free from debt.

It is interesting to record that the sports committees, patrons, subscribers, and helpers have each year consisted of members of every religious denomination represented in Sutton-on-Trent, and of ringers in all parts of the county of Nottingham.

Prior to 1922, the bells were a peal of five, cast by J. Harrison in 1825. These bells were of poor tone, and it was decided to have them recast into perfect musical tone and tune, and add a new smaller bell to complete the ring of six.

The work was done by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who also rehung the peal with modern fittings, including iron headstocks and ball bearings, in a new, strong and massive cast-iron framework, which they made complete for a ring of eight bells, so that two additional bells may be added in the future to complete the peal. The peal is in the key of G, and the tenor weighs 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

The inscriptions on the six bells are as follows:—

Treble.—'The Faith Bell, G. H. C. Bartley, M.A., Vicar, 1922.'

2nd.—'All Saints' Bell, 1825, recast 1922.'

3rd.—'St. George for England, 1825, recast 1922.'

4th.—'The ringers' bell, E. A. Midwinter, J. W. Neep, 1922, 1825, recast 1922.'

5th.—'G. H. C. Bartley, M.A., Vicar. J. E. Gregory, H. Rogerson, churchwardens, 1922, 1825, recast 1922.'

Tenor.—'J. Harrison, Founder, Samuel Pennington and William Buttery, churchwardens, 1825, recast 1922.'

The contract was considerably extended after the first order, which was for rehanging the five bells in a new framework for six bells for £400. Additions to this order were made to cover the new bell to make six, recasting the old ring into five of musical tone, supplying new clock hammers, etc., floor bosses, mufflers, and inscription on the bells. The total amount paid to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. is £791 3s. 8d. Other work, including new screen, and woodwork, cost £157 1s. 11d., and stonemasons' work cost £7 12s. 8d., making a grand total of £955 18s. 5d.

The Sports Committee have each year recorded their thanks to the North Notts Association for the help they have so willingly given by attending the sports and bringing their friends, and by giving advertisements of the event in 'The Ringing World,' and by their clever ringing which always helped to give a festive feeling on the sports and gala day.

PEAL TABLET UNVEILED AT PULBOROUGH.

The belfry of the Parish Church, Pulborough, Sussex, on Sunday evening, October 9th, was the scene of an interesting little ceremony, when the Rector (the Rev. E. I. Frost), accompanied by the churchwardens (Mr. Basil Gray and Mr. A. C. Dewdney), met the ringers for the purpose of unveiling and dedicating a handsome oak tablet which he has given to commemorate a peal of Grandsire Triples (5,040 changes) rung on December 8th, 1926.

After the brief but impressive dedication service, the Rector warmly thanked the bellringers for their services, and said their efforts were much appreciated.—In a happy little speech, Mr. A. C. Dewdney endorsed the Rector's remarks, and congratulated the ringers on the high standard of their striking.

Mr. P. H. Doick, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Rector for his kind thought in providing a permanent record of a performance that was a real credit to local ringers. They were very fortunate in having a Rector and churchwardens who took such a keen interest in ringing. Mr. Doick, continuing, paid a tribute to the loyalty of ringers generally, and was pleased to say that the brotherly spirit was very pronounced among the local band.

5,040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

BY J. A. BURFORD.

23456 M W H

43652	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—
65432	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—
58423	—	—	—
25463	—	—	—
45362	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Work on the installation of two trebles, the gift of an anonymous donor, to make a peal of ten at Haslemere, Surrey, has been begun by Messrs. Taylor and Co. This will be one of the lightest peals of ten in the country, the tenor being only 13 cwt. 6 lb. It will be a valuable addition to the rings of ten in the area of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild. At present there are three such rings in the new diocese—Guildford, Leatherhead and Epsom.

The bells of St. John's, Leytoustone, will be broadcast on Sunday, October 30th, at 8 p.m., on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the men's service. Ringers will be interested in this performance, but we are informed that the tenors do not go as well as could be wished.

The second peal of four Spliced Surprise Major methods has been rung, the performance having been achieved at Willesden last week by the Middlesex Association. For those who can ring Surprise methods, this form of peal ringing is of added interest, because of its greater difficulty.

The 'broadcast' of the bells at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Sunday evening, was a disappointment for listeners. No microphone had been fixed for the bells, and all that was heard of them was for a few moments, as in the dim distance, through the microphone in the church.

In 1705, Goody Burkott was paid 2s. 10d. for welters, which the workmen drank when they repaired the bells at Hughenden.

The 'Faithful Couple' rang their 50th peal together at Bridgend on the Welsh tour.

Mr. Arthur Knights composed the 'Treble ten' rung at Cardiff, not Mr. Arthur Craven, as reported by our benighted correspondent.

Bucks ringers who heard the Cambridge twelve at High Wycombe speak very highly of the striking and the music of this performance.

Has anyone seen a 'last whole turn' of Stedman lying about in one of the city towers? If so, will he please forward it to the tower-keeper of St Bride's?

'Anxious' wishes to know if it is true that the four most famous anatomical specimens that will go down to history are the Heel of Achilles, William Gifford's Blister, 'Uncle Joe's' Ankle, and 'He of England's' Nerve.

A hundred and thirty-seven years ago to-day a peal of 8,448 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung in the old tower at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington. The board recording the performance is still in existence, and runs as follows:—

'1790.—Thursday, October 21st, was performed on the bells in this steeple. A true peal Oxford Treble Bob, consisting of 8,448 changes, being the most ever accomplished without parting the tenors, and the greatest number of changes ever rung in this steeple, in 5 hours and 8 minutes. Performed by part of the Society College Youths. Benn. Prince treble, Edwd. Rumball 2, John Cotton 3, Charles Barber 4, James Brown 5, Jon. Langley 6, James Bartlett 7, William Parris 8. The peal was celled by J. Bartlett. Mr. Jno. Bordin, Mr. James Cowmedow, Churchwardens.'

The Vicar's name is not given, but the Rev. Richard Ormerod was Vicar of Kensington at that time. There is probably little doubt that the composition was the one by J. Reeves, which had been produced a few years earlier, and which Shipway records as having been rung in the Kent variation by the Society of Junior Cumberlands in 1787 at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, 'being the first time it was ever performed.'

Next Tuesday is the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung. It was achieved at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on October 25th, 1731. It is a quaint old record, which is still preserved at Norwich: 'Here was Rung that Misterious Peal called Stedman Tripples, the discovery thereof has been the Study of several Ingenious Ringers in England, though to no effect, until this intricate Peal, which differs from all other Methods of Tripples, as being every bell of like course, was perfectly discovered by Tho. Melchior, who first completed the Peal of Perfect Stedman Tripples, with only two Doubles and no alteration; the extent being 5,040 changes, was completely rung by us in 3 hours and 40 minutes.'

The story of the dispute between the rival Norwich companies over this performance has been well told in these columns by Mr. J. A. Trollope.

THE CLERGY AND RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to your article on the help which the clergy might give towards getting more ringers for our belfries, I think that a good many of the clergy would be more interested if their present ringers would attend the services more frequently. I had occasion recently to ask a local clergyman for his subscription to the Guild to which I belong, and he remarked that he would give it more readily if his ringers turned up better on Sundays. I have also in mind a church near my own tower, where often a dozen ringers will be present in the belfry and not more than two or three ever think of attending the service afterwards.

A great many ringers still look on ringing as merely an amusement or recreation, and as long as this state of affairs continues we cannot wonder that the clergy are apathetic towards the work of the ringers.

—Yours faithfully,

REFLEX.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY. BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the eleventh of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

PROVING A METHOD.

The next step is to treat all of the leads in the 'plain course' in exactly the same way as shown in the last article, but this does not mean that the pairs of rows have to be compared. Every lead is a replica of the first, except that the bells at the lead-heads are differently placed in the row, so that the 'internal-row' transposition can be used to give us the heads that will prove false against ANY LEAD. We transpose the new lead-head by every false row (in column 1) in turn. Cover 12345678 with your new lead-head (whatever it may be), and transfer the red cards to each row in your column 1, in turn. Here you should arrive at no duplicates, because they have been eliminated from column 1. Place the false heads produced in a column No. 2 (with the second lead-head of the plain course at the top, as in column 1).

Do this with every lead-head, as it appears in the plain course, and you will have seven columns of false lead-heads, which will produce identical rows to be found in the PLAIN COURSE; the identical rows from a particular false head will be found in that lead of the plain course which is at the top of its column. Then, if any of the seven plain-course leads is rung, the false heads in its column must be omitted from the peal; if any of them is not rung, then the false heads may be admitted; that is, those false heads which refer to the lead which is not rung. Provided that we do not discover other heads which are false against THOSE FALSE HEADS upon further investigation.

The seven columns that we now have, refer only to the PLAIN COURSE (headed 12345678), and, ordinarily, every course in the peal should be treated in like manner; but, in the majority of peals, this may be considerably abridged, due to the effect that 'fixed bells' have upon the rows.

We found in Minor that the tenors is fixed course by course, but that it was necessary to 'part' the 5th and 6th bells in order to obtain the extent of the rows, thus fixing the 5th bell part by part, instead of course by course. Peals in Major are generally arranged so that the tenors (7 and 8) shall not be 'parted.' In other words, BOTH of them are fixed course by course, and both of them come 'home' at every course-end, with the result that they pursue a 'plain course path' throughout the peal, which has the effect of fixing them (taken together) in positions at every lead-head, which are identical with the positions in which they appear in one of the PLAIN COURSE LEAD-HEADS.

For this reason, when the tenors are not parted in a peal, all of those false heads, where 7 and 8 are NOT in plain course positions, will never appear; they are not allowed to, and they may be eliminated from our seven columns, when proving a peal with the 'tenors together.'

All of the 'legitimate' Major methods follow the rule laid down for the Minor methods; they are compelled to produce 'Bob Major lead-heads,' and below are given the seven lead-heads (or heads) which will be found in a plain course of any legitimate Major method. They are not given in any 'order of sequence' in the column, as each one is intended to stand by itself as an example, and not as part of the whole block. At the side are shown the positions held (in the rows) by 7 and 8, and these are the ONLY positions they will hold (relatively) in all of the lead-heads throughout the peal, unless they are 'parted' by the calling, which usually is not done.

Bob Major lead-heads. Positions of 7-8 therein.

12345678	10000078
13527486	10007080
14263857	10000807
15738264	10708000
16482735	10080700
17856342	17800000
18674523	18070000

Therefore, the false lead-heads which may be eliminated from our seven columns are such as follow: 18700000, 17080000, 10870000, etc. In short, any of them which has not 7-8 placed EXACTLY as in one of the seven examples given above, which, of course, does not apply if calls are made that will cause 7-8 to appear in places other than those of the 'plain coursing order.'

When these are eliminated, we shall have seven abridged columns of lead-heads, which are false against the leads of the PLAIN COURSE; otherwise, the course that is headed by 12345678. The calling of each bob has the effect of introducing into the peal leads from various other courses; theoretically, our abridged false lead-heads should be extended to meet the new conditions, when parts of new courses are introduced. This would be done in exactly the same way as we extended column 1 to the other six columns, by transposing the new course-head by each false-head in turn. The better way is to find those COURSE heads which are false against the whole plain course, so that they may be avoided if necessary.

This is done in the same manner as that in which we found the false heads, by comparison of 'similar' rows; there, the treble is the

only bell in the same place in the rows, but here 1-7-8 must be in the same places in the two rows compared. One of the rows for comparison is a false head, and the other of the pair is its FELLOW from one of the plain course lead-heads given above. By 'its fellow' is meant the one of the seven which has 1-7-8 in the same positions as the false-head under consideration.

For example: A false-head in your column 1 might be 16254(8)3(7); its fellow in the plain course is 14263(8)5(7). Then—because 14263857 is the 6th lead-head in course headed 12345678 then 16254837 will be 6th L.-H. from course headed 12463578

Note.—While all methods have the same seven lead-heads in the plain course, they turn up in different sequences in different methods, so that 14263857 might be the third in one method, the fourth in another, and the fifth lead-head in the plain course of another method. Also note that in writing course-heads, 1-7-8 are generally omitted, always being understood to be 'at home.'

Then at the foot of our column 1 we can note '. . . 24635 (VI) . . .', signifying that the 6th lead-head from the course headed 12463578 will be false with the first lead (shown at top of column 1) from the course headed 12345678—the plain course.

One more example: Your third lead of the plain course (column No. 3) might contain a false lead-head 1(78)35264; its fellow is 1(78)56342, which may appear as the FOURTH lead-head of the plain course. Then—

because 17856342 is the 4th L.-H. from 12345678

then 17835264 will be 4th L.-H. from 14263578.

At the foot of column 3 we note '. . . 42635 (IV)', signifying that lead 4 from 42635 will give repetition with lead THREE (column 3) from course headed 23456.

Every false head having been treated in this way, we shall have, at the foot of each column, all of the course-heads that will be false against each particular lead of our plain course.

From these course-heads, which are false against the PLAIN course, we can produce those which are false against any course whatsoever by applying the 'internal rows transposition.' Cover 23456 with a new course-head and transfer the cards to each false-head in turn, and we shall produce the course-heads that are false against the new course which has been introduced into the peal.

Following the examples quoted above, if we ring the lead which heads column No. 1 (12345678), we must cut out lead VI. from the course headed 24635; on the contrary, if we cut out the lead which heads our column No. 3 (whatever the third lead-head of the plain course may happen to be), then we may include lead IV. in the course headed 42635, and so on, with the other five columns of our plain course.

Similarly with leads (included or omitted) in every other course of the peal and their corresponding false courses.

Then we have to decide, from the calling of our peal, which leads of the courses will be rung, and which will be omitted. Actually, each 'course' of a peal can (and will) consist of SEVERAL PORTIONS OF DIFFERENT COURSES, varying according to the composition of the peal. These 'portions' are welded into proper courses by the 'calling positions' laid down by the composer. This aspect must be dealt with in its proper place.

The examples given above, have been included by way of explanation only, and are not intended to be true examples. I propose to review what has been said by way of concrete figures, which must of necessity be curtailed, in view of the detailed explanation that has gone before.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

PROMISING YOUNG SURPRISE RINGERS.

The fifth meeting of the year was held at Shireoaks in bright and summer-like weather on Saturday last. Members were present from Anston, Blyth, Cuckney, Warsop, Barlborough, Staveley Town, Work-sop, Creswell, Gainsborough, Misterton, Ordsall, and a full number of the local company, also one lady ringer. A party of 30 sat down to tea in the Public Hall. The Vicar of Shireoaks (Rev. R. V. Dodd) afterwards presided over the business meeting, supported by the churchwardens (Messrs. W. H. Getcliffe and S. Winter), and the hon. secretary, H. Haigh, and the assistant hon. secretary, Mr. H. Revill.

The next meeting will be at Sutton-on-Trent, on December 10th, and will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

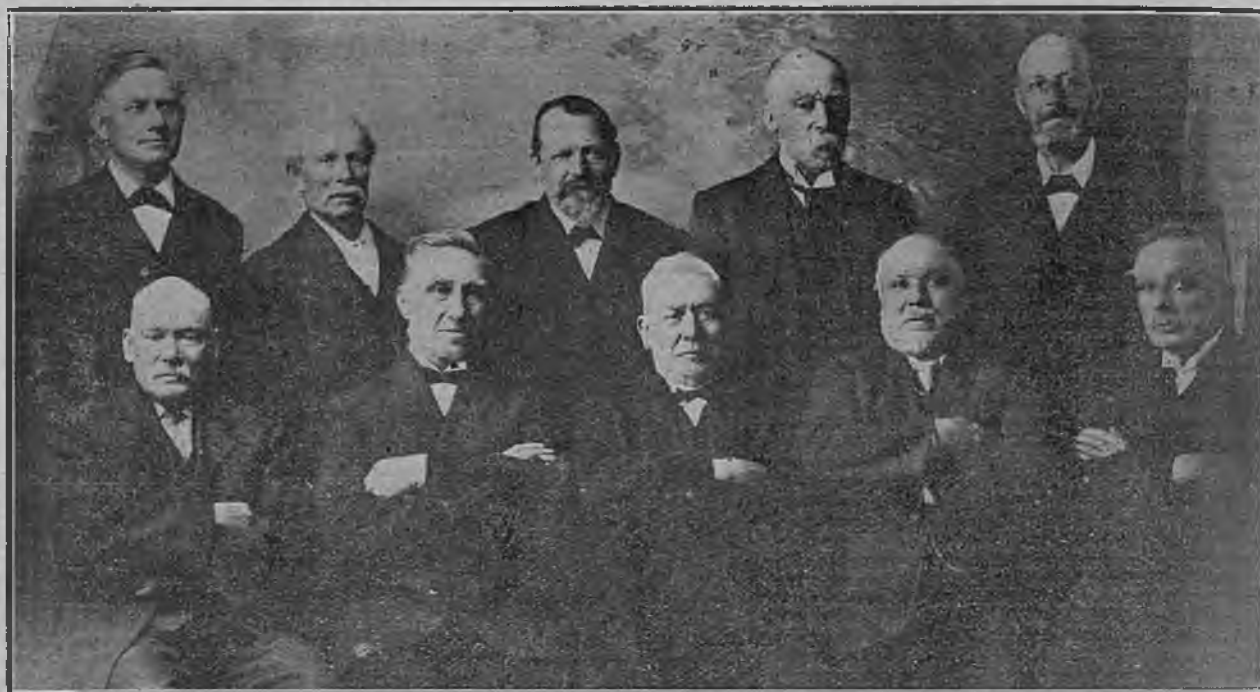
The following were duly elected members: Messrs. A. Ensor and W. Wilkinson, of Blyth, and T. Negus, of Shireoaks.

The Rev. R. V. Dodd, Vicar of Shireoaks, was elected as vice-president. A vote of thanks was duly accorded to the Vicar for presiding over tea and meeting, and for use of Public Hall, to the churchwardens for their attendance, and to the ladies of Shireoaks for their excellent catering, also to the hon. secretary.

The Vicar suitably replied, and moved a vote of sympathy to the hon. secretary in his bereavement in the loss of his wife, who was a valued worker for the association. The members accorded the vote of condolence by standing in silence for a few moments.

Ringing commenced in the early afternoon, and was kept up until a late hour in the evening, the following methods being rung: Plain Bob Minor, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, Killamarsh, Sandal, College Single, Double Court, Violet, Duke of York, Cambridge and London Surprise, four or five of the juniors acquitting themselves admirably in the Surprise methods, three touches of Cambridge being rung.

DISAPPEARING LINKS WITH PAST GENERATION.



The band of veterans, of whom Mr. James George is the only survivor, after they had rung the peal of Grandsire Caters on May 2nd, 1914. Left to right, seated: J. Jones, S. Spittle, W. Rock Small, T. Horton, J. Sanders. Standing: J. Carter, R. Hall, J. Smith, J. Bradney, J. George.

DEATH OF MR. REUBEN HALL.

Another old and respected Midland ringer has passed away in the person of Mr. Reuben Hall, of West Bromwich, who was in his 75th year. He rang for service at the Parish Church as usual on Sunday morning, Oct. 9th, but was taken ill afterwards and died the same day.

Mr. Hall was a very old member of St. Martin's Guild, and a foundation member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and by his death another link with the old school of Birmingham District ringers has been broken. The contemporaries of Henry Johnson are fast disappearing.

Mr. Reuben Hall was one of a band of veterans who rang two peals together. All but one have now gone to their last rest. The only survivor of the company is Mr. James George, who, happily, is still among the most active of ringers.

It is interesting to recall these two peals. The first was Grandsire Caters, rung at Aston Manor, Warwickshire, on April 11th, 1908, composed and conducted by John Carter. It was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. S. Pritchett, of King's Norton, secretary to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and vice-president of St. Martin's Guild, who was interred in the family grave at King's Norton on April 14th. It was also rung as an 'old men's' peal.

	Age.	Peals rung.
John Carter	55	234
William H. Godden	58	131
William R. Small	68	293
Thomas Horton	61	200
Thomas Reynolds	55	260
James Jones	58	109
Reuben Hall	55	178
John Smith	55	93
John Bradney	58	20
James George	54	370
	575	1,888

The second was a 'veterans' peal of Grandsire Caters, at Aston, on May 2nd, 1914, also composed and conducted by John Carter. The total age of the band was 653 years 10 months, and the average age 65 years 4 months. This was supposed to be the oldest band that ever rang a peal on ten bells, and the accompanying photograph appeared in 'The Ringing World' at the time.

In recording the peal, 'The Ringing World' said: 'A gay lot of "youngsters," ranging in age from 60 to 77 years of age, have been displaying their prowess at Aston, where they have scored a peal of

Grandsire Caters, and put to their credit what is believed to be a record, by being the oldest band to score a ten-bell peal. The conductor just qualified to squeeze into the band by reaching his sixtieth birthday a day or two before, while the task of ringing the tenor was pushed on to the next youngest in years, although, despite his youth, we can believe it was a congenial job. But these two were almost juvenile compared with the real veteran, Mr. Sam Spittle, who carried his 77 years well, and Mr. William Rock Small, who at 74 is as keen as ever.'

The band was: James Jones, Birmingham, 64 years 1 month; Samuel Spittle, Dudley, 77 years 4 months; William R. Small, Tipton, 74 years 5 months; Thomas Horton, West Bromwich, 67 years 7 months; John Sanders, Birmingham, 61 years 10 months; John Carter, Birmingham, 60 years; Reuben Hall, West Bromwich, 61 years 6 months; John Smith, Tipton, 62 years 5 months; John Bradney, Wolverhampton, 64 years 3 months; James George, Rugby, 60 years 5 months.

MUFFLED RINGING AT ST. PETER'S, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Tuesday, October 11th, the members of St. Peter's band met and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (consisting of 1,259 changes) in 59 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Harry A. Farlow, who was for the past 20 years a respected member of St. Peter's band; also for the late Mr. Reuben Hall (age 74), of Christ Church, West Bromwich, who had been a member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford since its inception in 1883: G. A. Baker 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2, J. Williams 3, T. Roden 4, F. Brotherton 5, E. F. Mitchell 6, T. Smith 7, W. A. Cooper 8, W. H. Lawley 9, R. Thompson 10.

At the conclusion of the quarter-peal the whole 'pull and stand' was rung for 55 times, representing the age of the late Mr. H. A. Farlow.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Thursday, October 8th, for practice, 224 and 334 of Superlative Surprise Major: W. Cook 1, J. H. B. Hesse 2, Miss I. Hastie 3, J. Beams 4, G. Marriner 5, A. H. Winch 6, J. Hoyle 7, A. Harman (conductor) 8.—Also 576 of London: J. H. B. Hesse 1, Miss I. Hastie 2, J. Beams 3, G. Marriner 4, A. H. Winch 5, G. Cook 6, J. Hoyle 7, A. Harman (conductor) 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Tuesday evening, October 4th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: S. Binfield (Folkestone) 1, R. Birch (Hythe) 2, C. R. Millway (Dover) 3, W. Fright (Hythe) 4, W. Bidnell (Hythe) 5, M. Pierce (Canterbury) 6, C. Turner (Dover) (conductor) 7, J. Coppins (Folkestone) 8.

RE-OPENING OF FARNDON BELLS.**COMPLETION OF A CHESHIRE RESTORATION.**

The eight bells at Farnndon, Cheshire, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were opened on Friday evening, October 7th, on the occasion of the harvest festival. After the ringing of rounds and call changes by the local company, the following took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Sperring (conductor) 1, A. E. Richards 2, G. Jones 3, H. W. Wilde 4, W. Thomas 5, J. Morgan 6, J. W. Clarke 7, R. Ince 8.

On the following day, the Chester Branch held its autumn meeting at Farnndon, when some forty ringers were present, representing most of the towers in the neighbourhood. Some well-struck touches of Triples and Major were heard in the early afternoon, prior to the Guild service at 4 p.m. The service was fully choral, and was attended by many parishioners as well as the visiting ringers. The prayers were read by the Rector, the Rev. S. P. Gray, and the sermon was preached by the Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, the Rev. C. A. Clements. Mr. A. E. Richards presided at the organ.

A most enjoyable tea was served in the Memorial Hall, during which Mr. H. A. Heywood, vice-chairman of the Chester Branch, took the opportunity to congratulate the church authorities and parishioners of Farnndon on their efforts, which had resulted in the excellent peal of bells now installed in the church tower. On behalf of the visitors, he tendered sincere thanks for the warm welcome they had received. The Rector suitably replied.

After tea, the tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going during the evening, Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing the founders, joining in.

Farnndon bells were cast by Messrs. Taylor in 1841, and hung in a wooden frame. The first peal, Grandsire Triples, is recorded as having been rung on Jan. 27th, 1843. Under a general restoration scheme, the bells were rehung in an H pattern iron frame, with the two trebles above, in 1899. The ropes were handled from the ground floor. The bells are now hung in a lower position in the tower, in an H pattern steel frame, and are fitted with ball bearings. They are in two tiers, and the relative positions have been very carefully considered with regard to strain on the ancient fabric. The treble, 6th and 4th hang on the top tier. Messrs. Taylor and Co. deserve great credit for the excellent manner in which they have carried out the restoration, for the tone and 'go' leave nothing further to be desired, and the Farnndon people are now justly proud of their bells.

J. W. C.

On Friday, October 7th, for harvest thanksgiving (evensong), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: R. Sperring 1, A. E. Richards 2, George Jones 3, H. W. Wilde 4, Walter Thomas 5, J. Morgan 6, W. Clarke 7, R. Ince 8. First quarter-peal on the bells.

SURREY ASSOCIATION'S LOSS.**SUDDEN DEATH OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECRETARY.**

The Surrey Association has sustained a severe loss by the death of Mr. H. F. Ewins, of Reigate, who expired suddenly in the early hours of Tuesday, October 11th.

Mr. Ewins was the hon. secretary of the Southern Division of the Surrey Association, and on Saturday, October 8th, had attended a meeting at Betchingley. On the Monday he spent the day at Brighton, and was apparently in his usual health. He was, however, taken ill in the night, and passed away most unexpectedly.

The funeral took place at Reigate on Saturday.

Mr. Ewins had been a district secretary of the Surrey Association for many years, and had been a most painstaking and efficient official.

EAST HAGBOURNE BELL FUND.

The restored bells at East Hagbourne are to be dedicated on Oct. 29th, and particulars of the arrangements for ringers will be found among the notices.

Appended is a list of subscribers to the bell fund from among ringers and ringing companies: Ringers at Sutton Courtenay 10s., Childrey 10s., Culham 10s., Stevenston 6s., Wantage 18s. 6d., Newbury 6s., Milton 21 17s., Ardington 8s., Goring 10s., Kidlington 8s., Blewbury 11s., Hughenden 21 1s., St. Helen's, Abingdon, 11s., East Isley 21 10s., East Hendred 10s. 6d., Cambridge University Guild 21, North Berks Branch, O.D.G., 24, Rev. H. B. Woolley 10s., W. H. J. Hooton 10s., Snow 5s., Canon G. F. Coleridge 21, Rev. H. C. Wilder 22 2s., Keith Hart 2s. 6d., J. Dearlove 2s. 6d., Mrs. J. Dearlove 1s. 6d., A. T. Vervells 2s. 6d., F. Bennett 1s., F. J. Lewis 2s. 6d., Oxford Diocesan Guild 25. Per Mr. R. T. Hobbart, 210s. as per following list: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 21, J. H. Shepherd 21, E. Bishop 21, Rev. E. B. James 10s., A. J. Wright 10s., H. Tucker 5s., E. Humfrey 5s., J. Butler 5s., G. W. Railway foremen 5s., J. Hedges 2s. 6d., W. J. Higgs 2s. 6d., Miss D. Blencowe 2s. 6d., G. N. Price 2s. 6d., R. T. Hibbert 2s., Miss V. Robinson 2s., All Saints', Wokingham, 10s., St. Laurence's, Reading, 21 1s., St. Giles', Reading, 10s., Tilehurst 10s., Caversham 10s. 6d., Henley-on-Thames 12s., Shipplake 12s. 6d.

Grateful thanks are extended to all who have contributed.

STAINES.—A quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 44 mins., on Saturday, September 24th, at the Church at St. Peter: J. H. Lucas 1, W. E. Butler 2, W. C. Parker 3, W. E. Taylor 4, L. Mannerling 5, T. Goodchild 6, P. E. Jones 7, F. Corke (first quarter of Major as conductor) 8.

BUNTOSE AND BATTRYES.

'Come Buntose! tell us who you were,
And you, too, Battryes, who be ye?
Perhaps the lads who did the job,
Or drew the beer in lieu of fee?
At any rate, in this life humdrum,
You're both a maddening conundrum.'

'Cascable.

THE YOUNGEST GIRL TO RING A PEAL.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the paragraph under the heading of 'Belfry Gossip' in your last week's issue, may I state that Miss Nancy Denyer rang in a peal of Bob Major at Aldershot on December 14th, 1923, her age then being 13 years. The peal in question was by the local band, who were fifty-five—four female and four male members. I should like, all the same, to convey my heartiest congratulations to Miss Jessie Davenport on her performance, and I hope some day to see that she is the youngest girl to ring in a peal of London.—Yours, etc.,

GEO. GILBERT.

Rainham, Kent.

YOUNG RINGER'S FIRST PEAL.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your note in the 'Belfry Gossip' in 'The Ringing World' last week, re the youngest girl to ring a peal, I should like to state that Miss Violet Beckett rang inside to a peal of Treble Bob Major at Loddon on Sunday, June 12th, 1927 (see 'The Ringing World' of June 24th), at the age of 14 years and 8½ months, which beats the record of Miss Davenport at Dore.

I have also found out that she rang in a peal of Doubles on December 31st last, when she was only 14 yrs. 3 mths. This peal of Doubles was rung by beginners, who have been learning under the tuition of Beccles and Bungay ringers, and they told me one they were starting for it, and said little about it afterwards. I told them at the time to have it published, but none of them troubled to do so (they said they had rung the peal, and that was all it mattered), so I have obtained the particulars from them, which I am sending on for publication. None of them were members of an association at the time.—Yours faithfully,

EDWIN R. GOATE.

The record of the peal is as follows: Ellingham, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Friday, December 31st, 1926, in 3 hrs. 5 mins., a peal of Grandsire Doubles (5,040 changes) (tenor 12 cwt.): Herbert Marshall (aged 16) treble, Miss Violet Beckett (14 years 3 months) 2, Sidney Hood (14 years), Stanley Rumsby (16 years) 4, Edward Chambers (22 years) (conductor) tenor. This is the first peal by all the ringers.

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Miss Jessie Davenport on ringing her peal of Bob Major. Regarding the query in 'Belfry Gossip' as to the youngest girl to ring a peal, Miss C. E. Hepburn rang the treble in a peal in seven Minor methods at Isham, Northants, on Christmas Day, 1918, when she was 14 years and 11 months old.—Yours faithfully,

R. G. BLACK.

A VISIT TO EXETER.

A flying visit to Exeter by some well-known London ringers resulted in a good peal of Stedman Cinques being rung on the cathedral bells. The following morning, at St. Sidwell's Church, a course of Cambridge Royal, the first in Exeter, and 507 Stedman Caters were rung, whilst at St. David's courses of Bristol and London Major were brought round. The visitors tender their best thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the cathedral bells, to Messrs. T. Laver and F. J. Davoy for their kindness in making excellent arrangements for their welfare, and to the ringers at St. Sidwell's and St. David's Churches for giving up their morning ringing.

MR. J. BASFORD'S 100 PEALS.

Minor in three methods 2, Minor in seven methods 9, Grandsire Doubles 6, Grandsire Triples 5, Grandsire Caters 3, Stedman Doubles 2, Stedman Triples 12, Stedman Caters 4, Bob Minor 1, Bob Major 4, Bob Royal 2, Kent Treble Bob Minor 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 14, Superlative Surprise Major 10, Cambridge Surprise Minor 4, Cambridge Surprise Major 7, Bristol Surprise Major 2, London Surprise Major 1; total, 100.

BOURN, CAMBS.—On Saturday, October 8th, for practice, 2,880 changes of Cambridge Surprise Major: A. E. Austin 1, Miss C. Fields 2, F. E. Haynes 3, W. A. Tack 4, R. Howard 5, S. J. Coleman 6, F. Warrington (conductor) 7, H. Fields 8. Time prevented an attempt for the peal.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Tuesday, October 4th, for special service in connection with the hallowing of the diocese of Portsmouth, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's in 48 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, C. Groves 2, J. D. Harris 3, A. T. Greenwood 4, F. W. Rogers 5, T. R. Taylor 6, E. J. Harding, sen. (conductor) 7, J. Gates 8.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A NORTANTS RINGER.

The death of Mr. George A. Blaxley has removed a well-known figure from ringing circles in the county of Northants. While returning from ringing for a harvest festival service at Addington, on the evening of Thursday, October 6th, he apparently had an apoplectic seizure, and was discovered lying dead beside his bicycle early the next morning.

The funeral took place at Isham on Monday, October 10th, and was attended by ringers from various places in the county, among those represented being Kettering, Burton Latimer, Addington, Ringstead, Thrapston and Isham. Immediately after the service the 'whole pull and stand' was rung by a mixed band, and then six members of the local band rang a memorial peal, which is recorded elsewhere.

When the Isham bells were restored more than 20 years ago, George Blaxley set to work to teach a band to ring, and a good many ringers have learnt their first steps under his instruction. Unfortunately, some years ago he had to leave the parish, but this enabled his talent to be more widely utilised, and Addington is among the places which benefited by his removal. He was a frequent visitor, however, to Isham on a Sunday evening, and always took his old place in the choir.

He rang many peals of Minor, and must have rung between 20 and 30 at Isham alone. His quiet and diffident manner was not always understood by beginners, but he always succeeded in raising the tone of the ringing, and was very keen on good striking. Always ready to turn out at whatever cost and however difficult the hour, he will be much missed. The more so at Isham, as it was anticipated that he was about to take up his residence there again, and great things had been looked forward to. His was a character which will long be remembered and emulated by all who knew him.—R.I.P.

KINGSTHORPE RINGER'S DEATH.

We very much regret to report the death of Mr. A. Pickford, of Kingsthorpe, which occurred on October 6th, at the early age of 20 years. Deceased had been in fairly good health till about a fortnight before his death.

He was a very highly respected member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, a quiet unassuming man, who made many friends during his comparatively short ringing career as an active member of the Guild. He joined the Kingsthorpe band about three years ago, and being of a studious nature he soon mastered the four standard methods. He was a regular Sunday service ringer at the Parish Church, where he will be greatly missed.

He was a good ringer, and fast becoming a reliable conductor. He rang his first peal on July 10th, 1926. He had rung five peals altogether.

On Sunday evening, October 10th, the ringers rang the whole 'pull and stand' twenty times, and on Monday evening, after the funeral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Double (1,260 changes) with the bells muffled: J. Dunkley 1, H. Parker 2, H. Clarke 3, W. Parsons 4, G. Parker (conductor) 5, H. Bannister 6.

The two youngest members of the band, Messrs. H. Parker and H. Bannister, with two of deceased's friends, acted as bearers.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT'S SMALL MEETING AT POCKLINGTON.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Pocklington on Saturday, October 8th, and the attendance proved somewhat disappointing on this, the association's first visit, only some twelve members attending, representing towers at Beverley, Howden, Hull, Market Weighton, Selby and Tadcaster. A short service was held in All Saints' Church, in which the Rector, the Rev. I. McN. Smith, B.A., gave a most helpful and instructive address, which was greatly appreciated by those present.

Tea was afterwards served in Kemp's Cafe, and was followed by the business meeting, the chair being occupied by the Rector. Three new members were elected—Mr. F. W. Hinton, jun. (Selby), and Messrs. E. Wood and C. Corrick (Hull).

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley in December.

On the motion of Mr. J. H. Howell (Hull), a unanimous hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for granting the use of bells and presiding over the tea and meeting, the organist, and the local ringers for their efficient arrangements.—The Rector briefly replied, which closed a very pleasant meeting.

FOUNDERS' COMMEMORATION AT NEW COLLEGE.

At New College, Oxford, for the Founders' Commemoration, on Monday, October 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,275 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Dubber 1, W. Brigham 2, F. C. Exon 3, J. G. Hambleton 4, W. Collett 5, S. Hounslow 6, F. Taylor (conductor) 7, V. Bennett 8, W. H. B. Wilkins 9, G. Horwood 10.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Monday, September 19th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: P. C. E. Davies 1, T. Ford 2, G. Popnell 3, S. Jones 4, G. Day 5, F. Atwell 6, W. Williams (conductor) 7, H. Amos 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. Arranged for P. C. Davies, who hails from St. Nicholas', Deptford.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

EDENBRIDGE.—For harvest festival, on Sunday evening, October 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: E. Colleson 1, J. Heasman 2, G. G. Marriner (Leatherhead) 3, R. Jenner 4, E. Leigh, jun., 5, G. Mulvan 6, J. W. Steddy (conductor) 7, W. Leigh, jun., 8.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. James' Church, West Derby, for harvest festival on Sunday, October 9th, 720 Bob Minor for Holy Communion service, at 8 a.m.: H. Hancock, jun., 1, B. Generi 2, A. Taylor 3, R. Harvey 4, F. Holmes 5, H. Hancock, sen. (conductor) 6.—For children's service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: B. Holmes 1, B. Genesi 2, A. Taylor 3, R. Harvey 4, E. Holmes 5, H. Hancock, sen. (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Single, the band standing in the same order as for Kent Treble Bob. The above 720's were rung also as a 21st birthday compliment to F. Holmes.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—On Sunday, October 9th, at evensong for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Oliver 1, E. Roberts 2, T. A. Meredith 3, G. Lewis 4, G. Elliott 5, G. Burrows 6, C. Smith (conductor) 7, E. Green 8. T. A. Meredith hails from Welshpool.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, October 9th, for evensong harvest festival, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Furrell 1, R. Stredwick 2, T. Adams 3, V. Goacher 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6.—Also 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Denman 1, G. Warneft 2, T. Adams 3, V. Goacher 4, H. Turrell 5, R. Stredwick (conductor) 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, October 9th, for the harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins.: Daniel Wheeler 1, Miss Ethel Grimshaw (first in the method) 2, Ed. Johnson 3, J. Clayton 4, W. Hawke 5, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 6.

MALDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, October 9th, for harvest thanksgiving, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes): S. R. Linnett 1, E. G. Ellinger 2, F. Chalk 3, J. Anos 4, A. South 5, F. White 6, W. Chalk (conductor) 7, H. J. Mansfield 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.—On Sunday, October 9th, for harvest service at 11 a.m., a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor (1,368 changes): H. Saunders 1, F. Warrington (conductor) 2, F. G. Cleaves 3, G. Ransome (longest length) 4, G. Perkins 5, J. Perkins 6.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—For harvest festival on Sunday, October 9th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins.: H. G. Smith 1, F. H. Crawley 2, A. Thomas 3, C. Sandlands 4, J. Bayley 5, A. Crawley (conductor) 6.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins., for harvest festival on Sunday evening, October 2nd: E. Barlow 1, W. Weelman 2, J. Benyen (conductor) 3, H. Cousins 4, J. Benyen, jun., 5, A. Milson 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sunday evening, September 18th, eight members of the Truro Diocesan Guild rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins. at the Church of Emmanuel on the occasion of the harvest festival: T. G. Myers 1, J. E. Lilley 2, A. W. Myers 3, W. Richards 4, J. Woodley 5, G. Godard 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, R. J. Baldry 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman for the ringers of 6th and 8th.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—For evening service, at Christ Church, on Sunday, Sept. 18th, a 1-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) (Thurstans) in 44 mins.: F. E. Dawe, Guildford (conductor) 1, F. G. Waymark 2, E. Guise (Bristol) 3, W. D. Smith 4, G. W. Stokes 5, A. C. Pankhurst 6, J. Sharp 7, F. A. Dallaway 8.

SOUTHEGATE.—On Sunday, October 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: G. Plater (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, A. R. Glasscock 3, W. Pickworth 4, H. Miller 5, A. G. Crane 6, J. E. Miller 7, A. Ketcher 8.

NOTICES.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitchurch, near Cardiff, on Saturday, October 29th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells available. Business meeting in the Parish Hall.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dartmouth on Saturday, October 29th. Ringing commences at St. Petrox 2.30 p.m. Service at the Old Castle Church 3.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Victoria Cafe, 5.30 p.m. St. Saviour's bells (8) also available. Will those who intend to be present please notify me by previous Wednesday.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meetings will be held at St. Magnus on the 27th at 7.30, St. Giles, Cripplegate, on Sunday, 23rd, at 5.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Next meeting to be held at Worksop Parish Church on October 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Evensong 6.30. —M. Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

DEDICATION AT YORK.—The dedication of the 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ton bell, 'Great Peter,' will take place at York Minster at 3.45 p.m., Saturday, October 22nd. All ringers will receive a cordial welcome.—Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Glinton on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Bells available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincoln District.—A joint meeting with the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Guild will be held at Barton-on-Humber on Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) available 1 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 6d. each).—A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, October 22nd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/- each. Will secretaries of towers try and get all outstanding subscriptions paid at this meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting (general) will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting in Schools 3.30. Tea (1s. 9d. per head) in Schools at 4.30. Church is close to Clay Cross Station. A good attendance is requested. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells ready from 2 o'clock to 3.30. A short service will be held. Bells ready again at 4.30. Meeting after tea.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Proposed formation of Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Association.—A special general meeting in connection with the above will be held at the Chantry Hall, St. Mary's Street, Southampton, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 3 p.m. All members and ringers in the Dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth earnestly requested to attend. Bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches available before and after meeting.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh.

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, Oct. 22nd, Bushey Heath. Bells available from 4 till 8.30. Tea (Parish Hall) 5.30 (1s. 3d. each). Cheap trains from London to Bushey. Bus service from Bushey or London stop at church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Oct. 22nd, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5, tea at 5.30, at The Welcome. Good train and bus services, and a ringers' Vicar. All ringing friends will be made welcome. A good muster is hoped for. — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — A preliminary district meeting to discuss rules and other matters will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Parish Church bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. in the Church House, followed by meeting. Preliminary general meeting for the whole diocese at Guildford on Nov. 19th. Inaugural meeting at Guildford on Saturday, Dec. 31st.—J. S. Goldsmith, hon. sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Bampton Aston on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. 3 p.m., service in the Parish Church; preacher, the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). 4 p.m., tea at the Church Room at 1s. per head. Business meeting to follow. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Bampton Aston (6), Clawfield (8), Bampton (8). Members who intend to be present must let me know by Thursday, the 20th.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Tackley Park, Tackley, Oxon.

DERBY CATHEDRAL. — Ringing for Hallowing day, and during the following week. Friday, October 28th: ringing by St. Andrew's ringers, Derby. Saturday, October 29th, Sunday, October 30th: ringing by Derby ringers and visitors. Monday, October 31st, Tuesday, November 1st, Wednesday, November 2nd, Thursday, November 3rd: open to any ringers by arrangement with Mr. James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby. Voluntary change ringers wanted to join the new cathedral band of Sunday service ringers. Apply by letter stating qualifications as a ringer. Visitors welcome. Learners invited.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Will all ringers please note that the meeting at Melbourne, proposed at the Etwall gathering, has been postponed, owing to the ringing at the Cathedral. See advertisement in these columns.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A Whist Drive and Dance will be held in the Barker Gate Institute, Nottingham, on Saturday, October 29th, 1927. Ringing St. Mary's Church, 3 to 5.45 p.m. Whist 6.30 p.m. Dancing 8.45. Tickets 1/- each. Refreshments at moderate prices. (Good prizes.) All ringers and friends invited.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woodford (6) on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 25th.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting at St. Albans on Saturday, Oct. 29th. St. Peter's bells (10) available from 3 to 5 p.m. Cathedral after tea. Arrangements for tea will be made on the day. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 5, with tea and meeting to follow. A hearty welcome to all who attend.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3. The association service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rector of St. Mary's (the Rev. Wiltshire). Tea will only be provided for those who notify me on or before last post on Wednesday, Oct. 26th. Business meeting will follow the tea.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jubilee Festival.—The 50th annual Festival will be held in Durham on Saturday, October 29th. Committee meeting at 11.45 a.m., and dinner at 2 o'clock at the 'Rose and Crown' Hotel. Dinner 2/6 to members, 3/- to non-members. The service will be held in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock. Address by Bishop J. C. Welldon, Dean of Durham. We earnestly ask ringers and friends for their whole-hearted support, as we expect a large number to dinner. Will those who intend coming kindly notify me by first post on Tuesday, October 25th, to enable the seating accommodation to be arranged. The bells of the Cathedral (8), subject to services, St. Oswald's (6), and St. Nicholas' (6) are available.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A special meeting for combined practice of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open at 2.30. A short informal meeting will be held in the belfry during the afternoon to discuss the best means of arranging future similar meetings. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance of members at this meeting, which has been arranged to enable members to practise any of the above methods.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Doddington on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 25th? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Hagbourne, Berks.—The new bell frame will be dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 29th, by Bishop E. D. Shaw, Archdeacon of Oxford, at 3.30 p.m. There will be a public tea afterwards. Visitors desiring tea must apply for tickets, price 9d. each, on or before Monday, Oct. 24th, from J. Butler, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Berks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. John-the-Baptist, Eltham, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided only for those who notify me on or before first post on Monday, Oct. 24th. A good attendance is requested.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify by the 26th inst?—C. H. Jennings, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Royal George Church, Friezland, on Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., and the meeting at 7 o'clock.—S. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Burnham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea (plain 9d., meat 1s. 3d. and 1s. 6d.) will be provided for all who send in their names to Mr. H. Peel, 2, Cross Street, Birstall, by Oct. 26th. Special attention to Cambridge and Plain Bob methods.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available from 4 p.m. A good meeting is requested. All welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Arksey, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available from 4 to 8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. A good meeting is desired.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — The 290th anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained up to November 2nd from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, T. Groombridge, Albert Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing: St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 3 to 4.30; Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, 5 o'clock.

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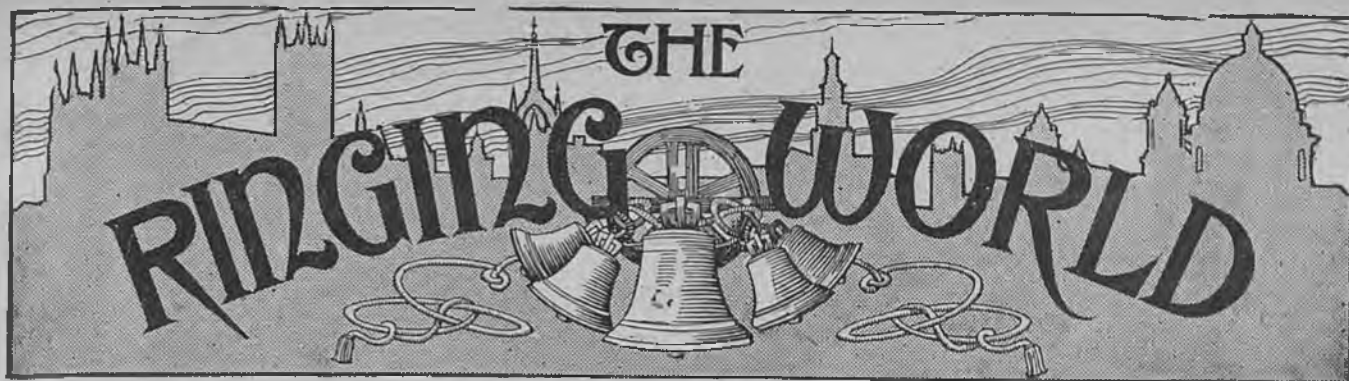
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As other associations came into being some took a territorial, others a diocesan title, as best pleased them, but in view of the present development of the Exercise, to become more and more allied with Church organisation, it would, perhaps, have been a good thing if all of them had made their boundaries diocesan instead of civic. Where these overlap there is always a latent cause of friction, but we believe that the trend in the future will be towards organisations diocesan rather than county in character, with a splitting up of some of the larger ones.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MRS. W. H. THOMAS ... Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 2	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... 3	HENRY BENNETT... 8
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 4	WALTER FARLEY... 9
RICHARD CLARK ... 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by A. E. REEVES.

Rung with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the parents of Edward William Rahtz (who was drowned as a result of a motor-cycle accident), his father being a past churchwarden of St. Stephen's.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
HORACE BELCHER ... 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... 9
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

HERBERT SHEPPARD ... Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY ... 6
SAMUEL BAKER ... 2	BENJAMIN GOUGE ... 7
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 3	†CYRIL WINWOOD ... 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 9
*SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... 5	GILBERT GUEST ... Tenor

Composed by the late WM. MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

* 70th peal. † First peal of Grandsire on an inside bell. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Reuben Hall, an old and esteemed member of the above Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*KENNETE KNOWLES Treble	ALBAN E. SLATTER 5
WILLIAM PIKE 2	*WILLIAM PHILLIPS 6
CHARLES GREEDY 3	GEORGE POPNELL 7
PERCY JONES 4	JOHN HAMMOND Tenor

Composed by H. HOPGOOD. Conducted by GEORGE POPNELL.

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

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	†GEORGE LEA 5
*RONALD G. JONES 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
GEORGE SPERRING 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WILLIAM ROBERTS 4	*HARRY PYE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES;

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. The ringer of the 2nd is son of the conductor.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*CYRIL F. HOWITT Treble	*ROWLAND BARROW 5
ALBAN DISNEY 2	MISS PHYLLIS HARE 6
†LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 3	*WILLIAM H. CLARKE 7
*PERCY HARRISON 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. † First of Kent 'inside.'

LLANTIGAN, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAUGHAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... Treble	†ROBERT G. JONES 5
WILLIAM EVANS 2	ALBC A. RACKHAM 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 7
JAMES P. HYETT 4	†SUPT. JAMES THOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung in the diocese for the above Guild, and first peal of Triples on the bells. Messrs. Jones and Thomas were elected members of the above Guild previous to starting the peal.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST FLEET Treble	WILLIAM ASTLE 5
THOMAS GRIFFITHS 2	WALTER THOMAS 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	WILLIAM GRIFFITHS 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	*NORMAN COLLINS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. Rung for evening service, and the last on these bells, which are going to be recast and relung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*RUPERT J. GOATE Treble	ARTHUR CORBYN 5
ROBERT WARMAN 2	ERNEST J. TRIMMER 6
STANLEY COPLING 3	HENRY W. BARRETT 7
EDWIN R. GOATE 4	FRANK H. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. H. DAVEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. This peal was arranged for Mr. E. J. Trimmer, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who was erecting a new clock in the church tower. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
BENJAMIN J. BUDD 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 6
E. HARRY STONELEY 3	WILLIAM WILLSON 7
ALBAN DISNEY 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

ALBAN DISNEY Treble	BENJAMIN J. BUDD 5
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. ... 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	PERCY HARRISON 7
WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

The above two peals were arranged for Mr. B. J. Budd, of Grimsby.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

HARRY HOLDEN Treble	*JAMES MARSHALL 5
CHAS. E. PERKINS 2	JOHN LLOYD 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
JOHN KENDALL 4	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. All are members of the local band.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES TOVEY Treble	JAMES J. CAUSON 5
THOMAS PENDRY 2	JOHN F. BALLINGER 6
HAROLD HALFORD 3	GEORGE H. WALTERS 7
WALTER YEEND 4	JOHN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEORGE H. WALTERS.

First peal in the method by all the band, and the first for this branch of the association. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. J. Coates Carter, churchwarden at the above church, who died at the Manor House the day before.

MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.—On handbells, at St. Mary's Parish Room, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. Miller 1-2, J. Tarrant 3-4, D. Wightman 5-6.—720 by: J. Arbon (first 720) 1-2, J. Tarrant 3-4, H. Wightman (conductor) 5-6.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TEN-PART, No. 81.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAFER 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	THOMAS K. DEACON 6
RICHARD C. BELTON 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
MADRICE SWINFELD 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE, E.C.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ROY WILKINSON Treble	†ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

PETERSTONE, WENT-LOO, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 5
JOHN PHILLIPS 2	WILLIAM BOLTON 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	SIDNEY DAWE 7
ERNEST COOMBS 4	BERT WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and to Mr. S.
Dawe, two stalwarts of the association.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB, No. 2.

THOMAS R. BUTLER Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	JAMES MARTIN 6
ERNEST JONES 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
THOMAS C. LARKEY 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	FREDERICK S. PRICE 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN LEE Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	GEORGE COOK 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
JOHN HOYLE 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

omposed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR BAKER Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON 5
JOHN PERRY 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 6
†HERBERT KNIGHT 3	JOHN C. ADAMS 7
WILLIAM COOPER 4	†ROBERT PICKERING Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN PERRY

* First peal of Major. † 350th peal. ‡ 150th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. F. Mitchell.

PERRY BARR, STAFFS.

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

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THORSTANS'.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
*WILLIAM C. RHODES 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	FRED PRICE 7
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor. This is the 900th peal by the Guild.

CHURCHKIRK.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SYDNEY BROWN Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM 3
JOSEPH WOODS 2	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE 6
FRED READ 3	JOHN HIRST 7
ARTHUR BROWN 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells, and by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th,
6th and 7th. The composition is new rung for the first time.
Ringers of 3rd, 6th and 7th from Rishton, remainder from Churchkirk.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE WIFFIN Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	GEORGE GILBERT 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	GEORGE STEERE 7
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect for the wife
of Mr. Richard Constance, conductor of the local band.

IDLE, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

FRED HODGSON Treble	ARNOLD BLACKBURN 5
HARRY LOFHOUSE 2	GERALD MOORHOUSE 6
JAMES INGHAM 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
*ARTHUR CLOUGH 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compli-
ment to Messrs. J. Broadley, G. Moorhouse, J. Ingham and 'Uncle'
Joe Sykes, and in honour of the marriage of Mr. R. A. Fardon and
Miss R. G. Hawkesworth, of St. Mary's, Acton, Middlesex.

BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. GARISIDE Treble	JOHN T. BINSON 5
JAMES MILLER 2	JOHN T. MILLER 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	ALFRED BLOGG 7
HARRY FRANCE 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (295). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN HUTCHINSON Treble	JOHN H. ROTHERY 5
*WM. NORMAN 2	*FRED TICKLE 6
†JOHN CASSON 3	GEO. W. TENNEY 7
WM. H. COOK 4	WM. T. HOLMES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. T. HOLMES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Spliced Pitman's and Morris'.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. BALL Treble	RONALD H. DOVE 4
†CECIL VERBY 2	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 5
†BEN MATTLEY 3	*HARRY KIGHTLEY Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. Rung in commemoration of the patronal festival of St. Denys.

KEGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Grandsire and five of Plain Bob, each differently called.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*PERCY J. SUTTON Treble	*HAROLD COOK 4
*MISS DORIS M. SUTTON 2	FELIX J. SUTTON 5
JOHN W. BOOTH 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. Second peal on these bells, made six in 1874. The conductor wishes to thank Rev. Canon Devereux for permission, and Mr. E. J. Sutton for kindly arranging this peal.

LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM HALFORD Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 4
*ALBERT HARTLAND 2	*FREDERICK HAWKES 5
JOHN ROWLATT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal of Minor. Quarterly peal for the Western Branch, also a 21st birthday compliment to F. Lawrence.

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BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Oxford Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

ALBERT HOWARD Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 4
FRANK HAYES 2	HARRY HOWARD 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

WHITWELL, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT, NEWPORT COMPANY.)

On Wednesday, October 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND RADEGUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt.

SIDNEY MOODY Treble	ALBERT CALLOWAY 4
WILLIAM CHAMBERS 2	HARRY BARTON 5
WALTER SCOTT, JUN. 3	WILLIAM UPTON Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

Rung after the marriage of Mr. H. Hobbs (one of the local ringers) to Miss A. L. Hansford, of Swanage.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Single Court; two 720's Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's Plain Bob, each called differently.

G. E. PADGETT Treble	†E. CLULOW 4
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	J. F. MILNER 5
*G. FOSTER 3	WALTER WHITE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

MAISEMORE, GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST SIMON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

BENJAMIN ETHERIDGE Treble	A. GAZEY 4
G. WASLEY 2	W. B. ETHERIDGE 5
W. WASLEY 3	JOHN WHITING Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN ETHERIDGE.

After the peal, the ringers congratulated the conductor, who is in his 81st year, and presumably the oldest member of the Gloucester Branch.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Six Minutes.

AT MAGDALENE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK S. HAYNES 1-2	STEPHEN H. WOOD 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	CHRISTOPHER H. B. WOOLLEY 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

CLAPHAM.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT 17, NORTH SIDE, CLAPHAM COMMON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

MRS. F. I. HARRIS 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE 7-8
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS 9-10
GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6	WALTER AYRE 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Messrs. A. W. Coles and W. H. Hewett heard the first 19 courses. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

THE LATE MR. REUBEN HALL.

MUFFLED BELLS INSTEAD OF BIRTHDAY PEAL.

The sudden death of Mr. Reuben Hall, which was recorded in these columns last week, came as a great shock to all his friends, especially to those who were so closely associated with him and rang with him so often in many Midland towers. On Sunday, October 9th, Mr. Hall was present as usual in the tower of Christ Church, West Bromwich, ringing for morning service. He was deeply interested in the 'go' of the bells and the condition of the ropes, which formed a subject of conversation with one of his brother ringers, Mr. Joseph Walker. Shortly afterwards, he returned to his home in Alfred Street and expired in his bedroom. His death was particularly tragic, inasmuch as he would have celebrated his 75th anniversary on the Tuesday following, and in honour of what would have been a happy event. Mr. Hall had already selected a band from the members of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters at Christ Church, in which he himself was to take part, despite his advanced age. After the peal he was to be the guest of honour at a social gathering. All these arrangements were quickly cancelled, and a half-muffled peal arranged to be attempted on Saturday, October 15th.

Born at Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire, in the year 1852, and at which place he recently enjoyed a short holiday, Mr. Hall went to live in the Midlands when quite young, and he had been



REUBEN HALL.

employed at Messrs. Lees' saw mills, Swan Village, for fifty-three years. Although a ringing member of the Christ Church band, the late Mr. Hall was for thirty years a ringer at Oldbury Parish Church, during which period also he was towerkeeper and clock winder.

His visits to any neighbouring tower were always welcomed, and his interest in the younger members of any company was always prominent, especially in those he met at any association gathering with which he was connected.

The late Mr. Hall was a member of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, Dudley and Districts Guild, and was for many years a member of the Worcestershire Association. At the annual meeting of the Stafford Society held at Lichfield in June last, a free honorary membership was conferred upon him, he being one of the oldest members of the society, which he joined in the year 1883, when the society was inaugurated. During his career he has taught many young ringers to manage a bell, some of whom are now prominent in the Exercise.

Not only was the deceased gentleman interested in tower bells, but he took a very great interest in handbells, and his tune playing, with his devoted friend, Mr. John Jaggard, was always masterly. Recently, at Burton-on-Trent, when the old ringers had a re-union, the many selections by Mr. Hall and Mr. Jaggard were greatly enjoyed. The late Mr. Hall was ever willing to assist in any charitable cause with the handbells, and for many years he and John Jaggard visited the institutions at West Bromwich on Christmas morning and delighted the inmates and patients with appropriate selections.

Mr. Hall rang nearly 220 peals on tower bells in various methods, two being worthy of mention, namely, 11,563 Grandsire Caters, and another peal in the same method, rung half-muffled, consisting of over 9,000 changes. Both these peals were rung at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

Many messages of sympathy have been received by his relatives, bearing testimony to the esteem in which he was held, not only as a ringer, but as one of the best type of British workman, a gentleman by nature, and beloved by all who knew him. Among these many kind messages were letters from Ald. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. W. W. Worthington, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, and Mr. H. Sheppard, secretary of Dudley Guild.

The funeral took place on Thursday, October 13th, amid many manifestations of sorrow and regret. The first part of the service, at which the Rev. E. N. Thomas officiated, was held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, where many old friends assembled. Among those present were the churchwardens (Messrs. Eales and Griffiths), Mr. W. Mason, ex-warden, Mr. John Lee, deceased's employer, Messrs. Jones and Guthbert, of the firm of Lees and Sons, Mr. H. Sheppard Dudley, and the employees of Lees and Sons. The interment took place at All Saints' Churchyard, and was of an impressive character. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. R. Hall, jun., Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, Jack, Cyril and Ernie (grandsons), Miss Kate Hall (granddaughter), Mr. John Jaggard (Oldbury), Mr. Jos. Walker (West Bromwich), Mr. and Mrs. A. Greenfield and Mr. A. Prestidge (Netherton). Representatives of ringing associations at the graveside were Rev. C. W. Barker (Archdeaconry of Stafford Society) and Mr. H. Sheppard (Dudley and Districts Guild), also Mr. A. Prestidge (St. Andrew's company, Netherton). The bearers were six of deceased's fellow workmen.

Among the many floral tributes, in addition to those from his son and daughter and other relatives, was one from his employer, Mr. John Lee, 'in memory of a faithful servant for fifty-three years,' and others from Ald. J. S. Pritchett; Mr. John Jaggard; the wardens at Christ Church; Christ Church bellringers; Archdeaconry of Stafford Society of Change Ringers; and Netherton Parish Church bellringers, the last-named bearing the following inscription:—

'Year by year the bells so softly
O'er the graves their music pour,
Where the dust of saints is garnered,
Till the Master comes once more.
'Life's work well done,
Life's race well run,
Life's crown well won,
Now comes rest.'

On Saturday, October 15th, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted at Christ Church, West Bromwich, but, unfortunately, after 2 hours 32 minutes, a 'change course' brought the ringing to an end. The ringers were J. Jaggard 1, A. Pickering 2, W. A. Cooper 3, S. J. Hughes 4, J. Walker 5, B. Gough 6, A. Greenfield 7, J. Screen 8, T. H. Reeves (conductor) 9, J. Reed 10.

On Sunday, October 16th, at Christ Church, West Bromwich, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 mins.: F. Pickering 1, A. Pickering 2, S. J. Hughes 3, F. Barraclough 4, A. E. Reeves 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, A. Greenfield 7, J. N. Reed 8.

LADIES' GUILD.

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT WORKSOP.

A most enjoyable meeting was held at the Abbey Church of St. Cuthbert, Worksop, on Saturday, October 22nd. This beautiful old church dates back to the 12th century, and was a source of great interest to many of the visitors.

Despite a thoroughly wet day and many counter-attractions in the way of ringing meetings, quite a number of ladies and gentlemen were present from Anston, Dore, Gainsborough, Sutton-on-Trent, Rotherham, etc., and the light bells were used to good purpose in methods ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise.

Miss Taylor is to be congratulated on the very excellent arrangements that were made for tea, which was provided in the old Gatehouse, and at which Mrs. D'Arcy, the Vicar's wife, presided, and the members were also privileged to have her as chairman at the business meeting which followed.

It was decided that the secretary should approach Mrs. James Gotterell with a view to asking her to become the vice-president of the Northern District.

One new member, Miss Ethel Winrow, of Worksop, was elected. It was also arranged that, with the consent of the local authorities, the next meeting should be held at Deane Church, Bolton, on Saturday, January 14th.

The meeting closed with expressions of thanks to Canon and Mrs. D'Arcy for their cordial welcome to the Guild on this its first visit to Worksop.

DOUBLE LONDON SURPRISE.

On Sunday, at St. Giles' Church, Sandiacre, for evening service, 720 of Mr. George Baker's variation of Double London Surprise Minor was rung, the first extent, we believe, in the method: W. Halford 1, W. R. Drage 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6.

'GREAT PETER' OF YORK.

The dedication of 'Great Peter,' the great 10½ ton bell which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have cast for York Minster, took place on Saturday, the ceremony being performed by the Dean, while the Archbishop of York was also present.

There was a large number of ringers among the congregation, and afterwards, at a gathering in the Ebor Hall, Canon Nolloth, whose enthusiasm largely inspired the work which has now been completed in connection with the bells of the Minster, was presented by York ringers with a beautifully illuminated address.

A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

PRESENTATION AT NUNEATON.**WEDDING GIFTS TO LADY RINGER.**

On Thursday evening, October 13th, a pleasing little ceremony took place in the ringing chamber of the Parish Church at Nuneaton, in connection with the marriage of Mr. H. Billington with Miss Pattie Clarke, which has already been reported in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. T. W. Chapman said they had met to show their appreciation of the services rendered by Mrs. Billington in the belfry. She had been with them over 10 years, and had rung several peals with the Nuneaton company, as well as having been very helpful in ringing for the services of the church—the first and most important duty of the ringer. Many thanks are due to her for the trouble she has taken in keeping the ringing chamber clean and comfortable. Mrs. Billington would now have other duties to attend to, so they could not expect to see her so often in the future as in the past, but she could always expect a hearty welcome in the belfry. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Billington the best of luck, health and happiness.

The Vicar sent an apology for his unavoidable absence, with best wishes to the newly-wedded couple.

Mr. H. Argyle, as the senior member of the company, then presented Mrs. Billington with a very nice clock, a gift from the Vicar and ringers. Mr. Argyle said they would be sorry to lose Mrs. Billington from the belfry, and he expressed the best wishes of the company for her future happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Billington thanked the Vicar and ringers for their kind wishes and the beautiful present.

Mrs. Billington was also the recipient of a very nice bridecake, made and presented by a well-known member of the Nuneaton Society, Mr. A. Wilkerson.

After the presentation, the bells were raised, and touches of London, Cambridge and Double Norwich Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, in which Mrs. Billington took part.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A CAERLEON RINGER.

The death of Mr. George Watts, of Caerleon, Mon., has removed an ardent and respected South Wales ringer. He was not an advanced change ringer, but what knowledge he did possess he was ever willing to impart to beginners. He had taught many to handle the rope, and as a consequence he was privileged at his last visit to the tower on Sunday evening, October 16th, to see fourteen present, ten of them being his pupils. His last words to the band were, 'Let us turn up on Friday and have a good practice.' But, unfortunately, by that time he had passed away. His motto was 'Loyalty,' and he placed the leading article of 'The Ringing World' of September 30th in the tower to remain and to be read by all visitors included. He practised what he preached, namely, regularity and punctuality, particularly at Sunday service ringing.

He had not rung many peals, but was always willing to take treble or tenor for anyone when meeting short, etc.

He leaves a widow, one son and two daughters to mourn the loss of an ideal father. He was known as 'father' even to the Caerleon band.

Mr. Watts retired to rest in the best of health on Tuesday, October 18th, but on Wednesday morning at 5.40 his wife became alarmed. He had a seizure, and by 6.10 a.m. had passed away.

The funeral took place at Caerleon on Saturday, October 22nd, and was attended by many ringers, including the Master of the Blandaff and Monmouth Association (Mr. Tom Ford). The bells were rung muffled, and the service was fully choral. In church, the hymn, 'God moves in a mysterious way,' was sung, and at the graveside, 'Jesus, Lover of my soul.' The muffled bells rang out again afterwards, several touches being conducted by his old and intimate friend, Mr. Samuel Jones, who is a regular ringer at Caerleon. George Watts will long be remembered by all.—R.I.P.

DEATH OF AN IPSWICH RINGER.

On October 12th, there passed away at Ipswich a noted ringer of a generation ago, in the person of Mr. Samuel Tillett. 'Old Sam,' as he was generally known of late years, did not pile up huge numbers of peals, but preferred good striking; that is to say, quality before quantity. To hear him strike St. Mary-le-Tower tenor in the eighties was something to remember. His rang his first peal in 1881, and altogether rang 19 peals on tower bells and nine on handbells.

He was laid to rest in Ipswich Cemetery on Saturday, October 15th, and a muffled peal was rung to his memory the following Saturday, in which his son, grandson and nephew took part.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The condition of Mr. Alfred H. Pulling continues satisfactory, and last week-end he was removed by ambulance from the County Hospital at Hertford to his home at Guildford. He is, of course, still confined to bed, and complete rest and quiet are essential. His friends throughout the country will, however, be glad to learn that he is making progress.

It has often been said that there seems to be no 'age limit' in ringing, and another instance, demonstrating that advancing years is no bar to participation in the art, is provided at Malsemore, Gloucestershire, where Mr. Benjamin Etheridge, who is in his 81st year, has conducted a peal of Grandsire and St. Simon's Doubles!

We hear that the Ladies' Guild is shortly to attempt a peal of Major, and that the method is to be Cambridge. They have now a number of excellent Surprise ringers in their ranks, and we hope their efforts will be crowned with success at the first attempt.

The Georges have scored a peal of London Surprise Major at a church dedicated to their own patron saint. The first 'name' peal of London Surprise was rung by a band of Johns at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 2nd, 1904.

The peal of Little Bob Maximus which Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., conducted at Canterbury Cathedral, as recorded in our last issue, was the 26th 'first in the method for the association' which he has called. This, surely, must be a record.

In the peal of Doubles at South Weald, rung on the 15th inst., and the report of which was published last week, the number of changes of Grandsire should have been given as 3,120.

Exactly one hundred years ago to-day Henry Hubbard rang his first peal. He was then nineteen years of age, and he lived to make his mark in the Exercise. This first peal of his was a 6,680 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung at Alburgh, and was conducted by Samuel Thurston.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob (9,120 changes), 'the longest length over rung with the tenors together,' was achieved at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds, on October 28th, 1876. The composition, however, would hardly be accepted in these days. It runs true to 9,119 changes with 4th's-place bobs, and is brought round with a single.

Ninety years ago to-day Henry Dais was born at Tibenham, Norfolk.

Another century this week is that of a peal of 6,011 Grandsire Caters, rung at Bromsgrove, on October 29th, 1827.

On October 31st, 1791, a peal of 7,002 Grandsire 'Quaters' was rung at the Church of Great St. Mary, Cambridge. This use of the word 'Quaters,' the only instance we know of in peal records, shows the derivation of the word 'Caters.' It comes from the French 'quatre,' meaning four.

St. Paul's Cathedral bells were opened forty-nine years ago next Tuesday.

The first 'name' peal was rung on November 3rd, 1796, when eleven Williams, including William Shipway, rang a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

CLERGY AND RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to 'Reflex's' letter as to ringers attending service, would it not be conducive to their attending more regularly if the clergy visited the belfry at more frequent intervals. How many members of the congregation would put in an appearance if they never saw the clergy from one month's end to another?—Yours faithfully,

TOWERKEEPER.

THE RINGERS' 'LITTLE BIT.'

Dear Sir,—Re 'Reflex's' letter of last week, I think that a ringer should attend one service on a Sunday, but 'Reflex' apparently forgets that in most cases the ringers start ringing about three-quarters of an hour before the service, and that in attending a service they are kept 2 hours or 2½ hours at the church at one stretch. I wonder how many consider this? Anyway, a ringer, whether he attends the service or not, has done his 'little bit.'—Your faithfully,

NEW RINGER.

CLERGY SHOULD VISIT THE BELFRY.

Dear Sir,—The local clergyman to whom 'Reflex' refers is not using quite the right spirit when he says, 'He would take more interest if their present ringers attended the services more frequently.'

At the short services that we hold at our meetings, we occasionally get 'rubs' for not stopping for the service after ringing is over. Ringers do not like that: it only makes them want to keep away from such men. If the Rector were to visit the belfry and encourage the ringers, much good would be done in many ways.

Where ringers go to ring just for amusement or recreation I think it the duty of the clergy to visit them, and so help them to higher things. There are some clergy who do not care whether their bells are rung properly, or just one or two chimed, but I hope these are few and far between.—Yours faithfully,

LAYMAN.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the twelfth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

The first lead of Superlative Surprise Major is here given, divided into sections, with the rows numbered and marked 'Even' and 'Odd' (+ and -). Also a few comparisons of 'similar' rows, showing the false heads that they give. The duplicate false heads from rows 2/29, 12/23, etc., are eliminated, and the completed result will be column No. 1, headed by the first lead-head of the plain course (12345678). The treble is omitted from the rows, being always at the lead.

The lead-heads of the plain course are given, in the order in which they appear. Note the positions held by the 'tenors' in each. Columns 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 will be headed by each of these in turn.

Row	First lead	Similar	Giving false
No.	Superlative.	Even Rows.	lead-heads.
1.	12345678 +	1. 12345678	15783246
2.	21435687 +	30. 15783246	16572834
3.	12463578 -		
4.	21645387 -		
5.	26143578 +	2. 21435687	15783246
6.	62415387 +	29. 51872364	16572834
7.	26145837 -		
8.	62418573 -	5. 26143578	15276834
		26. 58172634	13782546
		etc.	etc.

No.	Odd Rows.	lead-heads.
8.	62418573	15473862
27.	85712364	18532746

11.	68241537	17362548
24.	58761234	15376428

12.	86425173	17362548
25.	85672143	15376428
	etc.	etc.

PLAIN COURSE LEAD-HEADS.

No.	
1.	12345678
2.	15738264
3.	18674523
4.	14263857
5.	13527486
6.	17856342
7.	16482735

FALSE HEADS. COLUMN No. 1.

(First lead 12345678.)

No.	
1.	5783246
2.	6572834
3.	5238746
4.	3472865
5.	5276834
6.	3782546
7.	5473862
8.	8532746
9.	8352647
10.	5374682
11.	7362548
12.	5376428
13.	7345826
14.	2354876

The false lead-heads in columns 2, 3, 4, etc., below, are arrived at by transposition. For column No. 2, transpose the second lead-head (15738264) by each false lead-head (in column No. 1) in turn. For column No. 3 transpose the THIRD lead-head (18674523) by each false-head (still from column No. 1) in turn; and so on, with the other four columns, using the false lead-heads in column No. 1 each time, because they are those which are relative TO ROUNDS.

	Column 2. (15738264)	Column 3. (18674523)	Column 4. (14263857)	Columns 5, 6, 7.
No. 1.	8647532	4236875	3572468	Similarly
No. 2.	2865473	5428367	8354726	etc.
No. 3.	8574632	4863275	3427568	
No. 4.	7365428	6728354	2654783	
	etc.	etc.	etc.	

(The false COURSE-HEADS are placed under each column.)

When the seven columns are completed, ignore those false lead-heads which have not got '7-8' in their 'plain course positions,' pick-

ing out those heads in which '7-8' occupy the same places as shown in one of the PLAIN-COURSE lead-heads. There is none in column No. 1, and all can be ignored there. In column No. 2, the third one will be picked out—(8)5(7)4632—where '7-8' are in the same positions as in the third lead-head of the plain course—1(8)6(7)4523. In column No. 3, the fourth one will be picked out—6(7)2(8)354—where '7-8' correspond to the second plain course lead-head—15(7)3(8)264.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANOTHER ENCOURAGING PRELIMINARY MEETING.

Farnham, probably more than any other town in the new diocese of Guildford, loses old associations by its severance from Winchester, for it is here, in its historic castle, that for seven hundred years the Bishops of Winchester have made their home. Now, with the division of the diocese, the castle will no more house the prelates of Winchester, among the earliest of whom to inhabit the ancient pile was the great Henry of Blois. But Farnham has loyally accepted the cutting up of the diocese in the interest of modern needs, and, following the example of the other churchmen, the ringers in the district are preparing to give their wholehearted allegiance to the new Guildford Diocesan Guild.

On Saturday, the last of the series of district meetings, arranged by the Organising Committee, was held in the old Surrey town, and out of the eleven towers which will comprise the district seven were represented, viz., Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Farnham, Pirbright, Seale and Yorktown. The meeting, which was held in the Church House, was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. J. M. C. Crum), and there were ringers also present from Guildford, Cranleigh, Crawley and Woking, the number attending being over 40.

The Rector, in opening the proceedings, spoke of the more intensive work which would be possible under the new regime, and, paraphrasing a now well-known song, said, 'The more we ring together the happier we shall be.'

The Organising Committee's report was presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) and accepted, and a resolution was unanimously passed approving of the formation of the new Guild, and pledging those present to do their utmost to support its objects and further its interests.

The rules were considered in detail, and, with the various amendments which the Organising Committee propose to put forward as the result of the district meetings, were approved.

Mr. R. Whittington pointed out the importance of securing the best possible men for the various offices in the Guild and districts, and asked the future members to think seriously about these appointments before the time came for making them.

After the rules had been disposed of, the Rector had to leave for another engagement, and Mr. W. R. Melville was voted to the chair. Before his departure, however, the Rector was cordially thanked for presiding, and for granting the use of the bells.

A resolution was carried in favour of the proposed reciprocal arrangement with the Winchester Diocesan Guild, to admit resident members in the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth as compounding members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on payment of one shilling, but the meeting was unable to agree to the suggestion that the life members should be admitted free.

The question of the date of the annual meeting was discussed, and, as at the other district meetings, the suggestion which found most favour was a business meeting early in the year and a Guild festival in the summer.

A general discussion on a variety of matters of interest took place before the business, in which keen interest was shown, was concluded.

Afterwards, the ringers returned to the tower, where ringing, which had taken place in the afternoon, was resumed. Several ringers were helped through methods a stage higher than they are in the habit of practising, and altogether a very useful time was spent in the belfry. The church, dedicated to St. Andrew, is hidden away behind the houses and shops in the main street of the town, and, unless one knows the way, is not at all easy to find. You can reach a corner of the churchyard by a side street, but Farnham goes to church chiefly by alleys and footpaths. The bells are a mixed lot, of no particular interest, the earliest dating from 1723.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, October 22nd. Owing to the clashing of dates between the various societies in the division and the wretched weather conditions, the attendance was small, but a very enjoyable time was spent, and opportunity was taken to give some beginners a good drilling in the art.

A service conducted by the Rector of Rawmarsh (the Rev. Canon Scovell) was very much appreciated, and his remarks were keenly followed. After tea, the business meeting was held, the Rector taking the chair. Messrs. Milner (Southwell) and Bates (Norton) were elected out-county life members, and C. Otter (Arksey) a resident member.

The next meeting, to be held in December, was left in the secretary's hands to arrange, and after votes of thanks to all concerned the meeting closed.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

SOME OF THE PIONEERS. By C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

To-morrow, at Durham, the city of its birth, the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association will celebrate its jubilee, and some notes on its early history will be read with interest.

The initial meeting of the Durham Diocesan Association (the diocese of Newcastle had not then been founded) was held in the Choristers' Room of Durham Cathedral, on August 17th, 1877, and was convened by the first secretary, Mr. G. J. Clarkson. Dean Lake occupied the chair, and there were present some 22 ringers from Darlington, Hurworth, Newcastle, North Shields, Sunderland, Staindrop, Brancepeth, Stockton, South Shields, Morpeth, and Durham. Mr. Clarkson, who had come from the diocese of Norwich to the town of Stockton-on-Tees, as its engineer, was fired with enthusiasm and the spirit of emulation, in that the Norwich Association had then entered on its early years of activity. We may, therefore, assume that we are an offspring of the Norwich Diocesan Association. Previous to this the Devonshire Guild and the Yorkshire and Lancashire Associations had come into existence, so that of the territorial ringing institutions we are fifth on the list.



GEORGE J. CLARKSON.
The first secretary.

also an exceedingly good organist, and did duty at the Parish Church, North Shields, until his death some ten years ago. He once told the writer that he had three times more difficulty in teaching a ringer than he had in instructing a learner to play the organ, inferring, of course, that 'rope-sight' was more difficult to grasp than the manuals of the church organ.

The vice-presidents elected were Mr. Johnson E. Hern and Mr. Francis Lees. The former was then at Hurworth-on-Tees, and, shortly after, moved to Reading to become 'mine host' of a famous hostelry, and in this town he was for many years a tower of strength to the ringing fraternity. His brother, Mr. Joel Hern, whom everyone of us loved and respected, came to North Shields from Norfolk shortly after, and was the backbone of North Shields' belfry until his death some seven years ago. The late Mr. Robert Story, who followed Mr. Reed in the presidency in 1883, used to hold Mr. Hern up to the young ringers as the finest stylist in rope handling that he knew, and bade them copy his style. His rope went up as smoothly as it came down, in perfect rhythm and time in all methods.

The other vice-president, Mr. F. Lees, was a product of Derbyshire's best, coming from Glossop, where good striking was not secondary to the ringing of numerous methods, though he could do both. He came to the North as the servant of the 'Newcastle Chronicle' under Sir (then Mr.) Joseph Cowen, 'the silver-tongued M.P.', as head dispatcher for that newspaper. For fully twenty years he carried the St. John's Guild on his back, so to speak, and grounded the best methods and the best spirit of camaraderie into his pupils. In fact, St. John's was for many years the 'nursery' for ringers in the district, and more men have rung their first peals in that tower than in any in the North.

Mr. Clarkson himself was a tremendous enthusiast for the art. He was, too, an ardent Freemason, and held high honours in the province. In Stockton-on-Tees he did good work, and it was due to his efforts and to those of his devoted band of helpers, that the bells of St. Thomas', which were originally a peal of six, 11 cwt. tenor, were eventually in the Diamond Jubilee Year, 1897, augmented to a fine ring of ten, tenor 30 cwt. They were erected under his own expert engineering eye, and were at that time 'the' thing in up-to-date hanging. He was a hard taskmaster, but he got the best out of all he came in contact with. One of his best hands and staunchest supporters was Mr. Wm. Newton, the only original ringing member of the association now living, and still in harness at Stockton belfry. All the original members of the committee have passed away, and of the honorary members, only Dr. Barrow, of Rothbury, and Canon W. B. East, of St. Ann's, Newcastle, now remain.

Following up the work of the pioneers, we come to the man who did much for the association—Robert Spencer Story. He joined the association in 1879, and was elected second president in 1883, holding that office for 22 years, showing the utmost tact, capability and enthusiasm in the administration of its affairs. Under his rule, tremendous progress was made, not only in improving change ringing and striking, but in the status of the ringer as a recognised church worker. He was one of the founders of the Central Council, and upheld its decisions and ideals in his own association with the utmost loyalty. Many of his colleagues in St. John's belfry gave him their best support, and, later, held responsible offices in the association, namely, his brother, Mr. Wm. Story, a president of later years, Mr. Walter Routledge and his brother, the writer of these notes, who was secretary and then president for a number of years, and was also elected to fill the chair over the jubilee celebrations.

The first annual report, printed in 'Church Bells,' September 28th, 1878, shows the state of affairs in the counties at that time: 'The only society in the diocese which has any pretensions to a history is the Union Society of Newcastle and Gateshead. These two towns have



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a heavy eight at St. Nicholas', medium eights at All Saints' and St. Mary's, Gateshead, and a six each at St. Andrew's and St. John's, all out of repair. A 5,040 would be impracticable at St. Nicholas' or St. Mary's, while All Saints' would have to be patched up to have any chance of success.'

This, unfortunately, was typical of most rings in the two counties at that date, and we mention with pleasure and pride that now in Newcastle alone, including Gosforth, there is one peal of 12 (13 with the half-tone bell), one of 10, five of 8, ranging from 30 to 11 cwt. tenors, and two of 6, only one of which is still unringable. Gateshead still has only one peal, but they are now in first-class condition, and are rung for all services on Sundays, practices and an occasional peal attempt. In 1893, the St. John's Guild tackled a peal there, after much screwing up, oiling and a supply of new ropes—Grandsire Triples—and as the tenor could not be raised she was 'clocked in' to cover, and 'Holt's Original' was brought round in 3 hours 8 minutes: Similar increases in numbers of bells and in the proficiency of ringing have gone steadily on in nearly all the towns and villages of the two dioceses.

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TARRINGTON BELLS RESTORED.

Sunday, October 23rd, was a red-letter day in the annals of Tarrington, a Herefordshire village, when the reopening and dedication of the bells took place. The 2nd and tenor have been recast, the whole peal of six retuned, and the framework overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The Bishop of Hereford performed the dedication ceremony, and afterwards gave a very appropriate address on bells and ringing, paying a great tribute to the Hereford Guild. There was a crowded congregation, the whole of the inhabitants of the parish apparently being present, and they have now achieved their desire to have a musical peal in place of what has been described as 'a wretched old lot.'

A great number of visiting ringers were present, and all were delighted with the tone and 'go' of the bells. Rounds and methods up to Cambridge Surprise were rung.

WELL-KNOWN RINGERS MARRIED.**MR. HAROLD POOLE AND MISS PHYLLIS HARE.**

Two well-known ringers were wedded on Monday, when the marriage took place at St. Augustine's Church, Woodston, near Peterborough, of Mr. Harold Poole, youngest son of Mr. S. Poole and the late Mrs. Poole, of Leicester, and Miss Phyllis Hare, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hare, of Church View, Woodston.

Mr. Harold Poole, who is a member of the Leicester Police Force, is one of the most brilliant of the younger generation of ringers, and has displayed remarkable abilities as a conductor. Miss Phyllis Hare is also an extremely able exponent of the art, and on Saturday, at Deeping St. James, completed her first one hundred peals, which include all the commonly practised Surprise methods and Cambridge from Minor to Royal.

The good wishes of a large circle of ringing friends will go with the bride and bridegroom for their future happiness.

MISS HARE'S 100 PEALS.

Doubles 1, Bob Minor 2, Minor in two methods 2, in 3 methods 5, in four methods 2, in five methods 4, in six methods 1, in seven methods 12, in eight methods 3, in nine methods 1, St. Clement's Minor 1, Cambridge Surprise Minor 2, Grandsire Triples 7, Stedman Triples 6, Bob Major 5, Kent Treble Bob Major 2, Double Norwich Major 4, Cambridge Surprise Major 8, Superlative Surprise Major 8, Bristol Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 6, Grandsire Caters 2, Stedman Caters 4, Bob Royal 2, Cambridge Surprise Royal 8, New Cambridge Surprise Royal 1; total 100. Rung in 14 counties for 12 associations, and with 202 ringers in 50 towers.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The 57th quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Bedworth on Saturday, October 15th. About 20 members attended, and various methods were rung before tea, which was partaken of in the school-room. The general meeting was held afterwards, presided over by Mr. H. Argyle.

It was suggested that monthly meetings be held in the winter months at the six-bell towers, and Bulkington and Exhall were proposed for November and December respectively.

Leamington was selected for the quarterly meeting in January.

Four new life ringing members were enrolled.

In proposing a vote of thanks for the use of the bells to the Rector, Mr. T. W. Chapman, the Ringing Master, said he would very much have liked to see some of the local ringers at the meeting, as the main object of these meetings was missed if no local ringers showed up.

Ringing during the day included Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol, and London Surprise, and a course of Duffield Major.

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Other officers who did splendid work in the early life of the association were Messrs. Thos. Clark, of Ripon, J. H. Blakiston, of Middlesbrough, George Overton, R. Monaster, Geo. Park and W. Porter, of Darlington, John Simm, of Newcastle, D. Shipp, Staindrop, Tom Stephenson, of Stockton, Tom Gofton, of Whitley Bay, Lance Newton, Durham, and the Rev. C. Buxton, Embleton. The last and greatest of all was Mr. Thos. Hudson, of Sunderland, who gave of his best, and helped to bring the association to a high standard of perfection during his four years of secretaryship. He was a man with a high sense of duty, and of strong moral and religious integrity, and every one of the members felt that influence long after his regime had passed.

It would take too long to give even some sort of history of the years that have passed between then and now, but to bring home the vast progress made in the 50 years we may state that the 1877 list of members was 126, and the towers in union 12. Now the total membership is, roughly, 700, and towers in union 43. The number of peals rung is now well over 900, ranging from Minor to Maximus, from Plain Bob to Bristol Surprise.

There is still much good work to do, both in the tower and outside, but the association is on a sound footing, and is likely to continue to prosper and fulfil its objects and its destiny.

FIREMAN AND BELLRINGER.**DEATH OF A CREWE VETERAN.**

The death has occurred at Crewe of Mr. George Harding, late captain of the Crewe Corporation Fire Brigade, and formerly a ringer at Christ Church, Crewe. Mr. Harding had been in failing health for some time, and the end was not unexpected. He joined the Crewe Fire Brigade in 1886, and on his retirement in 1926 was presented with a gold watch and an illuminated address by members of Crewe Town Council in recognition of his long and faithful service.

He had been a bellringer from his youth, and was one of the band that rang in the first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Crewe by a local band. This was in the year 1891, and since then he had rung about 30 peals, principally of Grandsire Triples and Caters, with a few of Bob Major. He had not been able to do much ringing in late years, but gave occasional help in the belfry.

The funeral service took place at Christ Church, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Haworth). The coffin, covered with beautiful wreaths, was borne on the new motor fire engine, and members of the brigade attended in uniform, firemen also acting as bearers.

In the evening the bells of Christ Church were rung muffled, a touch of 503 Grandsire Caters being rung by: O. Beckett 1, J. W. Edge 2, H. Edwards 3, H. F. Holding 4, R. T. Holding 5, W. T. Holding 6, E. I. Holloway 7, R. D. Langford 8, H. Gorton 9, J. H. Riding 10.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**RAISING AND FALLING IN PEAL.**

A meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday at Broxbourne, when, in spite of the bad weather, a fair number attended and spent a pleasant time. The Vicar (Rev. A. Jenkins) extended a very hearty welcome to all, and gave the address at the service. He also presided at the business meeting after tea, and made everyone feel that in him they had a real ringers' Vicar. In the course of the meeting he suggested that raising and lowering of the bells in peal should be more practised, as it sounded so much better to listeners outside than the clanging of three or four bells before the actual ringing, and, so to say, spoiling the effect of good ringing before or after. He thought that it ought not to be a thing impossible to do by practical ringers.

Several of those present agreed with his remarks.

The death of Mr. G. H. Barker was alluded to by the district secretary (Mr. W. H. Lawrence), and Mr. G. Radley spoke feelingly of the great loss all had sustained by his passing. All stood in silence as a mark of respect to his memory.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his interest and welcome concluded the meeting.

LADY RINGERS' BEREAVEMENT.

On Friday, October 21st, several members of the Bedfordshire Association met at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, and rang 720 each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. H. A. Steel, father of the Misses Evelyn and Dorothy Steel, and who for many years was an hon. member of the Beds. Association.

Those taking part in the Plain Bob were: Miss Rose Beard 1, Miss Edith Knight 2, H. J. Harlow 3, W. Stapleton 4, H. Beard 5, H. L. Harlow 6. In the Oxford Treble Bob: H. L. Harlow 1, F. Webb 2, H. Harlow 3, W. Church 4, H. Beard 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6.

'CLAVIS' DRAW AT BROMLEY, KENT.

Mr. P. J. Spice and Mr. J. Emery beg to announce that the draw for the copy of 'The Clavis,' which they organised for the benefit of the widow of the late Mr. G. Durling, took place on Friday last, in the presence of two prominent members of the Kent County Association. The winner proved to be a well-known London ringer, Mr. H. S. Ellis, of St. Margaret's, Westminster.

Messrs. Spice and Emery take this opportunity of thanking all who participated, and especially those who sold the tickets, for their assistance in the matter. They will be able to hand the widow the sum of £6.

BISHOP'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

In connection with the recent peal rung at Dore, to commemorate the founding of the diocese of Derby, and the appointment as first Bishop of Dr. E. Courtenay Pearce, the conductor (Mr. Cockey) has received a letter from the new Bishop, stating that he is much interested in and gratified at the performance, and asking him to convey his thanks to the band, which he is glad to note comprises both sexes. Dr. Pearce adds that, though he cannot pretend to be a ringer, he loves to hear good changes rung. The record of the peal is also to be published in the 'Diocesan Gazette' for the dioceses of Southwell and Derby.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—On Saturday, October 8th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Beaumont 1, W. Spice 2, C. Winsor 3, E. Beer 4, W. Senger 5, W. G. Walker 6, G. Gilberto (conductor) 7, A. Haylor 8.

STISTED BELLS REOPENED.**RESTORATION OF AN ESSEX RING.**

The reopening of the bells at the Parish Church, Stisted, Essex, on Saturday week, was a very enjoyable event, and was attended by a large number of ringers from various parts of the county. The six bells have been rehung on ball bearings, in an entirely new frame, and pits provided for two trebles, which will be added when funds are available. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry, with excellent results, the highest commendation being passed by all who had the opportunity of trying the bells. The old oak frame, which has just been taken out, was probably constructed in 1799, but it got into such a dilapidated condition that ringing had to cease last November. Thanks, however, to the interest taken by Mr. Frederick May and his son, Mr. Douglas May, efficient restoration has been possible. Nearly half the cost, which has been about £270, was provided out of a sum generously given last year by Miss Mary May, of Richmond, Surrey, for the erection of a chancel screen, in memory of her two sisters, and which did not absorb all the funds available. The balance is being raised by subscriptions, and about £90 is still required.

The reopening of the bells was marked with a special service, at which an address was given by the Bishop of Chelmsford. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Jenkins), and the lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association).

BELLS TEACH BROTHERHOOD.

The Bishop, who preached from 2 Chronicles xxix. 28, said he was very glad that it was possible for him to visit Stisted that afternoon to share with the parishioners in thankfulness for the restoration of their bells. It was the first time he had had an opportunity of visiting Stisted. His Lordship went on to say that he claimed bellringers as fellow servants in the cause of the Kingdom of God. Church bellringing was either service to the Lord Jesus Christ or it was worthless; indeed, he would go further and say that if it was not service to our Lord it was mischievous. Their whole lives were lives of service, if they understood their religion aright. Religion was not for Sunday only, but was a life's service. No matter whether they were ringers, choristers or worshippers, all had their part to do to the Glory of God. In church worship the use of bells was a comparatively modern invention; the people used to be called together by means of trumpets. A wonderful lesson could, however, be drawn from a peal of bells. Each bell was different from the others and had a separate tone; they had to be rung in order and tune to produce harmony. The bells preached a sermon; they had to be kept in tune; they must ring in the right order; and they must ring at the right time. They taught brotherhood in the service of the Lord, and it was this that the world needed so badly to-day. This spirit of brotherhood helped forward the Kingdom of God. It might be asked how could a little parish like Stisted help in the brotherhood of a great diocese like Chelmsford, with its 500 parishes, and to that he would reply that the bells supplied the answer. The influence of each life spread, just as the sound of the bells spread from the belfry and was heard a long way off. Each one was ringing a little peal in his or her own heart—sometimes, perhaps, a little cracked—but helped by the Holy Ghost each life could be the means of helping to bring home the Kingdom of God to the home, to the parish, and to the land.

During the singing of the hymn 'Unchanging God Who Livest,' a collection was taken for the bell fund and amounted to £1 9s. The Blessing was pronounced by the Bishop.

WISE STEPS.

After ringing on the restored bells, visiting ringers were entertained to tea in the schoolroom by the Rector.

The Master of the association thanked the Rector for his kind hospitality, and congratulated the Rector, churchwardens, Parochial Church Council, and also Mr. Johnston, on the business-like manner in which the work had been carried out. Stisted had placed the work in the hands of a firm of the highest repute, and the bells had now been remarkably well hung on the latest improved principle. They ought not to cost very much in the future, for at least 100 years, except for an occasional coat of paint for the frame. He considered that they had been very wise in having the bells hung on ball bearings, and in the future bad striking at Stisted would be unpardonable. In his early days he had taken part in much ringing at Stisted; it was there that he had learned a good deal of the art of ringing, and much of his success in that art was due to the tuition of friends at Stisted. There was no reason now why Stisted should not again become a change-ringing centre as it used to be; he felt sure Mr. Cooper would teach any young men who would like to become ringers. He also thought they were wise at Stisted in making provision for eight bells, and he hoped that the necessary money would soon be raised so that the cost would be completely wiped out. He expressed the hope that those towers who had not yet contributed would do so, as it was only right that they should help each other (applause).

In reply, the Rector said he was very grateful to those ringers who had come such a long distance to join in celebrating the reopening of the bells. He did not expect so many present in church, and when they at Stisted got their other two bells he hoped all the friends present that day would again visit Stisted. Much of the success in raising money for the fund was due to Mr. Douglas May, who had worked hard on its behalf.

Mr. Cyril Johnston, of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, said that Mr. Howard had remarked that the bells should cost but little for at least 100 years; unfortunately for the bell founders, he (Mr. Johnston) thought it would be nearer 200 years (laughter). In Essex they were fortunate in having such a skilled ringer as Mr. Howard, to whom they might go for advice. He thanked the Rector and Mr. Howard for their kind remarks regarding the work, and added that when they at Stisted were in the position to fill the two gaps in the bell frame, they would know where to get the work done.

Mr. Douglas May thanked the Rector for what he had said, and also Mr. Howard for his valuable advice. The firm, too, had come 'up to scratch.' When the work was started, the belfry was in a very bad state, and they had previously had to stop ringing, as to do so would have endangered the tower. He had hoped that sufficient money would remain over from the cost of the chancel screen to meet the cost of the bells, but when the estimate was sent in he found that only sufficient to pay about half remained. However, they decided to go on with the work. Mr. May acknowledged the help he had received from Mr. Cooper, and also the Parochial Church Council, and said he hoped the church would not be in debt for very long. Mr. May said he considered they had done well in providing a frame for eight bells. Concluding, he said he wished his father had been able to be present on that occasion, but he was now 84 years of age and could not manage to get there.

On the suggestion of the Rector, the company sent Mr. May their warm congratulations, the Rector observing that Mr. May was a great influence and power behind the scenes, and he hoped he would be spared much longer to serve his church.

Mr. Cooper related the known history of the bells at Stisted from the year 1742, when there was a peal of five. In 1799 they were taken away, and after they were brought back it seemed that an extra bell was put in, for there were six after that date. The records gave no further particulars of the bells till 1895, when the tenor was rehung. Owing to the condition of the belfry and fittings of the bells they stopped ringing last November, but the ringers, however, 'stole a march' in order to ring the old year out and the new year in.

The company then dispersed, several returning to the church, where further ringing was done.

DEATH OF A HERTFORDSHIRE RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of a well-known Hertfordshire ringer, Mr. G. H. Barker, of Ware, which took place on the 14th inst., after a short illness. He had only taken to his bed three weeks before, although for several months he had not felt quite well. A steadfast friend to all, and liked by everyone with whom he came in contact, he was a man whose word was his bond. He was a faithful servant of the Church, having filled the office of sidesman and been a member of the Church Council at the Parish Church.

He was laid to rest on Wednesday of last week in Ware Cemetery, a large number of the residents of Ware attending, including members of the Town Council and employees, of which he was one. The many floral tributes which covered the grave testified to the respect in which he was held.

The Hertford College Youths were represented by Messrs. G. R. Gray and J. Ladley; Mr. W. H. Lawrence represented the Herts Association, and Mr. W. Greenaway the Ware band. The bells of Ware and also of Hertford were rung muffled in the evening.

Deceased was a member of the Herts, Essex, Middlesex, Sussex, Peterborough and District, Lincolnshire, and London County Associations, and the Royal Cumberland Youths, and had rung 119 peals in all the standard methods, including many in Minor methods with his friends at Little Mundon, and his familiar face there will be greatly missed. He leaves a sorrowing wife, but no family, and the world is the poorer by his death.

On Wednesday, October 19th, at All Saints' Church, Hertford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins. with the bells fully muffled, after the funeral and to the memory of Mr. G. H. Barker, who was Deputy Master of the Hertford College Youths: S. Rochester 1, R. Dore 2, D. Dye 3, W. Greenaway 4, G. Gray 5, H. J. Gray 6, A. Wright (conductor) 7, A. E. Akers 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—At St. Swithin's Church, on October 23rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins., with 7-8 covering: H. D. White 1, W. Mills 2, N. E. Hope 3, F. G. Willey 4, G. Lambert 5, J. Wren (conductor) 6, J. Ladd 7, S. Chisson 8. This is the first 720 by all the band except the conductor.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, October 23rd, for evensong at the Parish Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. E. Hammond 1, C. H. Howard 2, G. Lindridge 3, A. Wiffen 4, B. W. Pettitt (first in the method) 5, H. C. Reason 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for evensong, at the Parish Church, in honour of dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) from Holt's Original: Miss E. E. E. Collard 1, R. Hayes 2, F. Bowden (conductor) 3, B. Elliott 4, F. White 5, J. H. B. Hesse 6, R. Overy 7, W. Eldridge 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 290th anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained up to November 2nd from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, T. Groombridge, Albert Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing: St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 3 to 4.30; Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, 5 o'clock.

DERBY CATHEDRAL.—Ringing for Hallowing Day and during the following week as at present arranged: Friday, Oct. 28th, ringing by St. Andrew's ringers, Derby (all rights reserved); Saturday, Oct. 29th, open to any ringers, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and after the service to 9 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 30th, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., by Duffield, Derby and visiting ringers; 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., open welcome to any ringers; 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., Duffield, Derby and visiting ringers; Monday, Oct. 31st, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 1st, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 3rd, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 4th, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.; open welcome to any ringers; Saturday, Nov. 5th, no ringing. Voluntary change ringers wanted to join the new cathedral band of Sunday service ringers. Apply by letter stating qualifications as a ringer. Visitors welcome. Learners invited. Further particulars from Mr. James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby. The above Cathedral ten bells have now been retuned and rehung entirely on a new steel frame and ball bearings, and on this occasion will be rung for the first time.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A Whist Drive and Dance will be held in the Barker Gate Institute, Nottingham, on Saturday, October 29th, 1927. Ringing St. Mary's Church, 3 to 5.45 p.m. Whist 6.30 p.m. Dancing 8.45. Tickets 1/- each. Refreshments at moderate prices. (Good prizes.) All ringers and friends invited.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —The next meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 5, with tea and meeting to follow. A hearty welcome to all who attend.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. —Next meeting at St. Albans on Saturday, Oct. 29th. St. Peter's bells (10) available from 3 to 5 p.m. Cathedral after tea. Arrangements for tea will be made on the day. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. —The annual district meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3. The association service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rector of St. Mary's (the Rev. Wiltshire). Business meeting will follow the tea.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jubilee Festival. —The 50th annual Festival will be held in Durham on Saturday, October 29th. Committee meeting at 11.45 a.m., and dinner at 2 o'clock at the Rose and Crown Hotel. Dinner 2/6 to members, 3/- to non-members. The service will be held in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock. Address by Bishop J. C. Welldon, Dean of Durham. The bells of the Cathedral (8), subject to services, St. Oswald's (6), and St. Nicholas' (6) are available. — E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District. —A special meeting for combined practice of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open at 2.30. A short informal meeting will be held in the belfry during the afternoon to discuss the best means of arranging future similar meetings. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance of members at this meeting, which has been arranged to enable members to practise any of the above methods.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. —The next meeting of the district will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry Campanile will be available from 2.30 p.m. onwards. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers and friends invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —The next meeting will be held at Whitchurch, near Cardiff, on Saturday, October 29th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells available. Business meeting in the Parish Hall.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Doddington on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Hagbourne, Berks. —The new bell frame will be dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 29th, by Bishop E. D. Shaw, Archdeacon of Oxford, at 3.30 p.m. There will be a public tea afterwards.—J. Butler, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. —The next ringing practice has been arranged at Burnham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. John-the-Baptist, Eltham, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Royal George Church, Friezland, on Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., and the meeting at 7 o'clock.—S. Marshall, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available from 4 p.m. A good meeting is requested. All welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Arksey, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available from 4 to 8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. A good meeting is desired.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dartmouth on Saturday, October 29th. Ringing commences at St. Petrox 2.30 p.m. Service at the Old Castle Church 3.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Victoria Cafe, 5.30 p.m. St. Saviour's bells (8) also available.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) newly rehung; available afternoon and evening. Short service 5.15. Tea 5.30 at The Grange. All ringers welcome and please come early.—Geo. T. Croft, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 82, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Longton on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) will be available after 3 p.m. Tea (at 5.30) will be provided for all those who notify me by Nov. 2nd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Chipping Norton (8 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 5th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., 4, Crawborough Villas, Charlbury, Oxon.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Nov. 5th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.—G. A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., The Village, Grappenhall, near Warrington.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Offenham on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous. A social evening will be held.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Lugwardine on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) available 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than Nov. 1st.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual district meeting at Bocking on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Very Rev. Dean Brownrigg, M.A. Tea in the Hut, Church Street, at 5 p.m., to be followed by meeting. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance. Notification should be sent to me not later than Thursday, Nov. 3rd.—Chas. H. Howard, 37, Bank Street, Braintree.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Bourn (8) on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me by Nov. 2nd.—F. Warrington, Long Stanton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at Beighton. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. G. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 1st? — Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Cathedral and St. Maurice's bells from 2.30. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting in St. Maurice's Hall 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Nov. 1st?—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings during November: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 6th, at 10 a.m. and Mondays, the 7th and the 21st, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 1st, at 8; and St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 28th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Special attention to Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise. St. Nicholas' bells (12) available

6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. A good attendance is especially requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The last meeting of the above district will be held at Hawley (Blackwater) on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.30 p.m. I hope a good many members of the district will make an effort to attend. All ringers will be welcome.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey.

ST. ANDREW'S, WELLS STREET, OXFORD STREET, W.—This tower will be open for ringing every alternate Sunday for evening service from 5 p.m. until 6.30 p.m., commencing Nov. 6th. All ringers welcome.—H. Dyas, 53, Drayton Gardens, S.W.10.

MARRIAGE.

POOLE—HARE.—On Monday, Oct. 24th, at St. Augustine's Church, Woodston, Harold, youngest son of Mr. S. Poole and the late Mrs. Poole, of Leicester, to Phyllis, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hare, of Church View, Woodston, Peterborough.

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The bells at the celebrated 'marble church,' Bodelwyddan, Flintshire, have just been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A special service, with Benediction of the bells, was held on Thursday week, conducted by the Vicar and the Ven. Archdeacon Lloyd.

A peal is to be attempted shortly, to try the bells, and the local ringers intend to join the North Wales Association and take up change ringing.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, October 16th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), with 6-8 covering, for harvest festival evensong: W. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Smith 2, H. Smith 3, G. Roberts (first quarter with a working bell) 4, F. V. Beasley 5, B. Chance 6, A. C. Buxley (conductor) 7, J. S. Pearson 8. All are members of the local band.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Thursday, October 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: J. Yerrold (first quarter-peal) 1, H. E. Booth 2, F. R. Blewitt 3, J. W. Perry 4, T. Perry 5, A. G. Hunt 6, John Perry (conductor) 7, T. Whitehouse 8. Ring on the occasion of the harvest festival.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival service on Thursday, October 13th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Cherry 1, F. C. Webb 2, F. Gardner 3, G. Wolfe 4, R. E. Croft 5, R. T. Newman 6. Conducted by Geo. T. Croft. First 720 in the method by ringers of 3rd and 6th.

PONTEFRAC.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. Lenton 1, A. Walker, jun. (conductor) 2, A. Fox 3, W. Senior 4, A. Walker, sen., 5, T. Holder 6, V. Applegate 7, H. C. Walters 8. In the evening, touches of Stedman and Oxford Major were rung. On the Tuesday preceding, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was made at All Saints' Church, but 'stand' had to be called through an unfortunate 'mix-up' after 2½ hours' good ringing.

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'RAISING AND FALLING' IN PEAL.

The opinion expressed by the Vicar of Broxbourne, at a meeting of the Hertford County Association in his parish the other day, on the subject of 'raising and falling' in peal is not only worthy of notice, but is a view which should be encouraged. He urged that the practice should be more universal, as this form of getting the bells up and down sounds much better to listeners outside than the clanging of three or four bells, and spoiling the effect of good ringing before or after. From this opinion few will differ, but like everything else, raising and falling needs to be properly done.

The practice of getting bells up and down in peal is one which, it must be admitted, is nothing like as common in towers where change ringing prevails as where 'stony' is the order of the day. In many of the towers, where nothing is known of scientific change ringing, the ringers take a real pride in their raising and falling, and it is often a matter of greater ritual than anything that comes in between. One has only to visit some of the west country belfries to realise this. Among the men who ring the bells in some of these village churches, a man is of small account as a ringer, whatever other accomplishments he may have, if he cannot make something of a show at 'raising' and 'falling.' In this matter the call-change men often set an example to many of those who pride themselves on their change ringing abilities.

Obviously, bells well raised or lowered in peal are much nicer to listen to than bells jangled up or down, two or three at a time, often without the exercise of any regard for the 'chords.' And yet, to men with 'ears' and with ability to strike their bells, the task is an easy one. Why, then, is it not more extensively practised? Is it laziness, or is it a desire to save time and so put in a few more minutes' change ringing, or is it sheer indifference? Whatever the cause, there is no excuse why bands should not make themselves proficient in this branch of ringing. It needs practice, but it is worth it. We have seen men ring a bell with admirable precision through a difficult method, yet make a complete hash, immediately afterwards, of lowering a bell in peal, demonstrating that, however simple the process looks, it cannot be properly carried out without practice. Raising and lowering ought to form as important a part of a young ringer's training as his instruction in ringing rounds, but where there are towers—and there must be thousands of them up and down the country—in which no one can do it properly, he gets no tuition in this department of ringing,

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and cuts a sorry figure when he tries his hand in another belfry, or has to admit that the process is beyond him. It would be far pleasanter for the listening public if bells were raised and lowered in peal, and associations might do something to encourage it. We hope the plea of the Vicar of Broxbourne will have effect not only in the county of Herts, but in a much wider sphere where ringers do not at present utilise this excellent way of beginning and ending their ringing.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At St. Patrick's Cathedral,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*GABRIEL G. LINDOFF, JUN. <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH A. ATKINSON 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2	ROBERT TAIT 7
THOMAS MCMORRAN 3	ROBERT S. F. MURPHY 8
HARRY WILLS 4	GEORGE F. WILMOT 9
WILLIAM H. WILSON 5	WILLIAM E. LYNCH <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

* First peal. This peal was rung as a token of respect to the memory of the late Earl of Iveagh, who, amongst his many generous gifts, presented this cathedral with its noble back ten in 1897.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM PIKE 6
ERNEST H. HUNT 2	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
CHRISTOPHER P. HEATH 3	FRED ATWELL 8
JOHN BULLEN 4	CHARLES GREEDY 9
*PERCY JONES 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by CHARLES GREEDY.

* First peal of Caters and first attempt.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6001 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

PERCY HARRISON <i>Treble</i>	†GEORGE A. NEWTON 6
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 7
KEDVERS F. ELKINGTON 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 8
C. FERGUSON 4	HAROLD G. JENNEY 9
*ALBAN DISNEY 5	RICHARD GRANT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells. Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. Harold J. Poole and Miss Phyllis Hare.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

WALTER FISHER <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	CLAUDE I. DAVIES 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER 8
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SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral, on Wednesday, September 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Padgett 1, H. F. Clulow 2, E. H. Clulow 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, J. F. Milner (conductor) 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, W. D. Shorthose 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. R. Harrison to Miss D. E. Merryweather, both of Southwell.

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Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

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WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 2	HARRY WHEELER ... 7
ALBERT W. BOND ... 3	CYRIL HUSSEY ... 8
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HOLLIS' ONE-PART.

GEORGE DOWDESWELL ... Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT ... 5
FRANK PONTING ... 2	THOMAS WITTS ... 6
ARTHUR HARMER ... 3	THOMAS PRICE ... 7
HARRY PHELPS ... 4	LESLIE BARRY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

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On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*FRED COOK... .. Treble	JOHN W. GLEW ... 5
WILFRED H. BUNTON ... 2	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 6
CYRIL J. JENNINGS ... 3	WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... 7
FREDERICK W. STONE ... 4	ARTHUR SHERWOOD ... Tenor

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On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY BENNETT... .. Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 6
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 3	GORDON CAUDWELL ... 7
JACK HONEY ... 4	WILLIAM HUTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Honey.

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On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*EDWARD BAREHAM ... Treble	HARRY W. CATTERWELL ... 5
LEWIS WISEMAN ... 2	FRED WILKIN ... 6
HORACE COOPER ... 3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... 7
OLAVE BROYD ... 4	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by W. BURGESS.

* First peal. Harry W. Catterwell was elected a member of the Essex Association before starting for the peal.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 5
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 2	HAROLD V. COOPER ... 6
WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... 7
WILLIAM GIBBS ... 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and also a birthday compliment to Mr. Matthew Hackett.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CECIL DRAKE ... Treble	WILLIE PROCTER ... 5
*JOHN WINDLE ... 2	JOE GREENWOOD ... 6
WILLIAM AMBLER ... 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... 7
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 4	MILLIGAN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.

* First peal, and proposed a member before starting. First peal as conductor.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN, BLACKBURN, PRESTON & FURNESS BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	FORNESS WOODEND ... 5
*EDWIN JENNINGS ... 2	JAMES HARRISON ... 6
FREDERICK HINDLE ... 3	JOHN BOOTH ... 7
*MISS CLAYTON ... 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in method. Ringers of 4th and 6th hail from Houghton, 7th and 8th from Standish, 2nd from Kendal, 5th from Brathay, 1st and 3rd are local.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY AND THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*WILFRED HENAGUPH ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLETT ... 5
CHARLES COLES ... 2	HARRY TOLLEY ... 6
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 3	*GEORGE HORWOOD ... 7
†FRANK BECKETT ... 4	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. TUCKER.

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor, and the first peal of Major on the bells. Rung by all St. Ebbe's ringers.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1927, in Three Hours

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 3	THOMAS F. KING ... 7
*ARTHUR MARTIN ... 4	ALEXANDER EVANS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This was the 50th occasion on which T. F. King had rung a peal with J. T. Dyke and G. H. Harding.

STAMFORD HILL.—On Sunday, October 16th, for harvest festival, at St. Ann's Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins.: F. E. Ringrose 1, E. G. Hibble 2, T. G. Deal 3, F. Fensom 4, M. Fensom 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

TWERTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	THOMAS F. KING 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 2	HENRY W. BROWN 6
ARTHUR MARTIN 3	ALEXANDER EVANS 7
THEODORE GRANT 4	GILBERT H. HARDING... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

The peals at Corston and Twerton were arranged for Mr. Alex Evans, of Burnham-on-Sea.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	WALTER THOMAS... .. 5
ALBERT E. RICHARDS 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
HENRY W. WILDE 3	WILLIAM J. CLARKE 7
GEORGE JONES 4	REGINALD L. INCE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal on the bells since rehanging and tuning.

DERBY.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 28, 1927, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WILFRED H. BOXTON... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. PARSONS 5
WILLIAM POYSER 2	GEORGE W. BRAME 6
CYRIL J. JENNINGS 3	*CYRIL J. PORTER 7
JOHN W. GLEW 4	†JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by J. LORD.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal and 60th as conductor. Ring to celebrate the hallowing of the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Derby.

FOWEY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. FIMBARRUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... Treble	JOSEPH WOODLEY 5
JAMES E. LILLEY... .. 2	FREDERICK G. VILES 6
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 3	HAROLD BENNETT 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. First peal of Triples on the bells.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

RONALD G. BECK Treble	S. GEORGE COLES 5
*AUBREY L. BENNETT 2	PERCY MERSON 6
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
†DAVID G. TAYLOR 4	JAMES HUNT... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob with a bob bell.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-OF-HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

HENRY C. ALFORD Treble	ALBERT TURNER 5
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 6
CHARLES J. CHOOET 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. BURTON.

Conducted by J. BULLOCK.

Rung as birthday compliment to Mrs. Alford.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 6
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 3	*JOHN THOMPSON... .. 7
ALFRED G. GRANT 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method, and first 'attempt.'

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	*FREDERICK S. MACRY 5
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	*HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... 7
*BERT LUCK 4	PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Oxford. Birthday peal for C. H. Sone. This composition appeared on page 455 of 'The Ringing World,' July 22nd, 1927.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES S. RYLES Treble	ARTHUR W. HALL 5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 2	THOMAS HURD 6
THOMAS HILDITCH 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
ROBERT G. LEWIS 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

This peal was rung on the 20th anniversary of the hanging of the bells, and was the first peal in the method by all the band, also the first peal in the method by the above association.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	*NOLAN GOLDEN... .. 5
FRANK BLONDELL 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS... .. 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 3	WILLIAM E. CHREATER ... 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method, and hails from Northrepps, Norfolk.

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TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. 5
*ROBERT SPERRING 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
HAROLD EDWARDS 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING
* 400th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF BISHOP RYDER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.	
GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
FRED PRICE 2	THOMAS H. REEVES 6
ALBERT WALKER... .. 3	JOHN NEAL 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung specially in honour of the birthday of Mrs. Badger, wife of the Vicar at Bishop Ryders.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*RICHARD ATHERTON Treble	†ARTHUR HUTCHINSON ... 5
FRED READ... .. 2	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... 6
SYDNEY BROWN... .. 3	JOHN HIRST... .. 7
ARTHUR INGHAM 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by F. READ.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First of Major as conductor. Rings of 3rd, 4th and tenor from Churchkirk, the remainder from Rishton.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
WILLIAM NIBLETT 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the association. Rung at the first attempt.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

EAST CROMPTON.—On Monday, September 26th, in 1 hr. 16 mins., 2,160 Treble Bob Minor, being 720 each of Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Sandal: C. Thorpe 1, S. Heywood 2, R. H. Byrom 3, J. E. Buckley 4, C. Howarth 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6. Longest length by ringers of treble, 3rd and 4th.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ALLENMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD COLCOMBE Treble	HERBERT COLCOMBE 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 5
WALTER S. EVANS 3	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

*JACK BRAY Treble	*STEPHEN BROMFIELD ... 4
WALTER T. WILSON 2	*JOHN KENNINGTON 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal in four methods.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*HAROLD G. SMITH Treble	*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	*FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	†ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. E. WHEELDON.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells. The 50th peal together by the brothers A. and G. H. Crawley. The conductor's 60th peal, and the first he has rung outside of North Staffordshire.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight of Morris' 240's and 26 six-scores.

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL... .. Treble	ALBERT E. KITCHEN 4
NORMAN GEARY 2	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 5
GEOFFREY GEARY 3	JOSEPH NORTON Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

First peal of Doubles on the bells.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob and Double Court. Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD A. SNEATH Treble	WILLIAM ROSE 4
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	WILLIAM TILLEY... .. 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	JOSEPH O. LANDAN Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged for Miss Phyllis Hare to complete her century of peals.

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent, Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD THOMAS Treble	*CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... 4
DAVID HORNE 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	GEORGE JORDAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* 50th peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEORGE PRATT Treble	ARTHUR J. ABRAMS 4
*ERNEST H. MASTIN 2	JOHN SMART 5
†KENNETH SEWARD 3	JOHN T. NEWINGTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. NEWINGTON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor, and 25th peal. Rung after meeting short for Triples. Messrs. Pratt and Mastin were elected members of the association previous to starting.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

ERIC HOARE Treble	HERBERT HOARE 4
MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Harold J. Poole and Miss Phyllis Hare, two well-known ringers, who were married on that date at the above church.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

BERNARD GILLATT Treble	GEORGE HOBBS 4
BRIAN BRAY 2	*ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5
CHARLES H. BIRD 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First extent of Treble Bob. First peal entirely of Treble Bob Minor by all.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES R. POWER Treble	FRED BLACKLIDGE 4
ARTHUR HATCH 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
JOHN R. STOTT 3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF ANNABLE'S LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

PERCY WEBB Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
MISS KITTY WILLIERS... .. 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

DERBY CATHEDRAL.

At Matlock Parish Church, on Friday, October 28th, on the occasion of the hallowing of the new cathedral church at Derby, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 45 mins.: A. Smith, Darley Dale (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Paulson, Darley Dale, 2, W. Askew 3, E. Greator 4, J. H. Paulson (conductor) 5, F. Paulson 6, E. Holmes (first quarter inside) 7, V. Taylor 8.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*J. WALLIS, JUN... .. Treble	*H. HOOPER... .. 4
J. WALLIS 2	F. J. SANDERS 5
J. JUDD... .. 3	†H. R. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

* First peal. † 100th peal. Rung as a welcome home to the Rector and his wife.

SHEEPEY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY W. GRICE... .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
HORACE V. ROWLEY 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 5
RONALD H. DOVE 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The 160th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal. At the conclusion the ringers were entertained at the expense of Mr. Charles E. Thurlow, of Sheehey Hall, who personally visited and congratulated them on an excellent peal.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently.

FRANK DEWEY Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 4
JOHN T. BROWN 2	ARTHUR J. FARR 5
WILLIAM E. CLARKE 3	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lincoln, Durham, Stamford, Wearmouth, York, Lancashire and Lightfoot Surprise. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
WILLIAM ASHWORTH 2	ROBERT J. RICKETTS 5
ARTHUR GILL 3	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

First Surprise peal on the bells, which have been six since 1748, and first of Surprise by all the band, none of whom had rung even a touch or plain course of any of the methods above, until this their first attempt at the methods and at a peal of Surprise. Rung in honour of the conductor's mother's birthday on October 28th.

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On Friday, October 28, 1927, in Two Hours,

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ERNEST C. S. TURNER... .. 1-2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE... .. 3-4
WILFRED G. WILSON 5-6	

First and fourth 720 Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

Second and fifth 720 Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Third and sixth 720 Conducted by W. G. WILSON.

Seventh 720 Non-Conducted.

First peal by ringer of 1-2. First peal by ringer of 5-6 except for two tower bell peals of Grandsire Triples.

THE LATE REV. C. E. MATTHEWS.**PROPOSED MEMORIAL SCHEME.**

A special meeting of the Christchurch District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at Milford-on-Sea, on Saturday, October 15th, those present including Mr. G. Preston, Mr. Elliott, Mr. W. Andrews, and members from Christchurch, Brockenhurst, Lymington, Winchester, North Stoneham and the local band.

At the business meeting, which was held in the tower, the Vicar (Rev. H. M. Larner) presided, and was supported by Mr. Manders and Mr. Pike, churchwardens.

The General Secretary of the Guild (Mr. G. Pullinger) said the meeting was arranged for the purpose of meeting the Vicar and churchwardens to consider if anything could be done in the way of rehanging the present ring of five bells, and, if possible, to add at least one more bell as a memorial to the late Vicar, Rev. C. E. Matthews, who had been connected with the Guild for over forty years, during which time he had held the posts of secretary, treasurer, master, and, finally, vice-president. There was £33 earmarked in the funds of the Guild for the purpose of restoring Milford bells, which was a scheme that their late vice-president had contemplated. With this sum, together with subscriptions, which he thought could be raised, the Guild would add a bell to their late vice-president's memory, if the Vicar, churchwardens and Church Council would proceed with the work of restoring their present old ring of five and put in a new frame for six.

The Vicar, in reply, expressed his pleasure and that of the churchwardens in welcoming the Guild to Milford. He knew that the Rev. C. E. Matthews had taken a great interest in bells and ringers, and was aware that he had started a scheme before his death for the restoration of Milford bells. He thought there was nothing more appropriate to his memory than that the Guild's memorial should be a 'name' bell, added to the present peal of five after they had been put in order; in fact, he was greatly in favour of having a complete octave. The whole question would be laid before the Church Council at their meeting to be held during the week, together with the Guild's generous offer, for which he heartily thanked the members.

Messrs. Andrews, Elliott and Tucker also spoke in favour of the scheme, and the Vicar said that no effort should be spared to get the scheme under way.

After various touches of Doubles had been rung, the members proceeded to Lymington, where a splendid tea was provided for them by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott.

After tea, the bells at Lymington were available, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major practised.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
HANDSOME GRANT FOR DERBY BELLS.**

The second general quarterly meeting of the year was held at North Wingfield, Derbyshire, on Saturday, October 22nd. The weather was most unkind—very wet, windy, and generally miserable. In spite of this, however, a good number of visitors and friends turned up from the Burton, Derby, Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham districts, as well as the local ringers from Chesterfield, Sheffield, etc.

The bells, a splendid going peal of eight, were kept going to most standard methods, the striking being of the usual 'meeting' sort. The committee met in the schools at 3.30, and in the absence of the president (Alderman R. B. Chambers, J.P.), who sent a telegram regretting his absence owing to the state of his health and the terrible weather, Mr. C. Draper took the chair.

The usual routine business over, it was proposed to grant £20 to the rehanging and retuning of the bells at the new cathedral of Derby (All Saints').

In respect to the proposed memorial peal tablet to be erected in Duffield Church, recording the last peal rung by Sir A. P. Heywood, it was left to the hon. secretary to communicate with Mr. H. W. Wilde, of Chester (who has the matter in hand) and suggest that the M.C.A. make up the amount he has already collected, towards a suitable slate or stone tablet, to the sum required.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. Willson) also suggested that before printing the committee's report for the year it should first be read out at the third quarterly meeting in January, so that any comments, etc., might be noted.

An excellent tea was provided, and the general meeting took place immediately afterwards, the Rev. W. Peter Wright, of Eyam, being voted to the chair. New members elected since the last meeting were confirmed, viz., 16 ringing, 9 honorary and 3 life.

The proposed grant to Derby Cathedral bells was ratified, and the proposal with regard to the memorial peal tablet to Sir A. P. Heywood was passed. A further suggestion as to a stained glass window was discussed, and it was left to the hon. secretary to communicate with the president on the matter, with a view to an appeal to all associations, Guilds, societies and individual towers or ringers to subscribe.

The Rev. Peter Wright gave an outline of certain proposals he had in hand with a view to stimulating interest in change ringing in the scattered towers around Bakewell district, and appealed for support in this excellent work.

Hearty votes to the local committee and the ladies were passed and suitably replied to by Mr. J. P. Tarlton. Further ringing took place on the bells, during which the hon. secretary just had time to have a course of Cambridge on the tenor, dash off to catch the bus—incidentally falling 'up' (not down) the church step—away to Chesterfield and home with the hon. treasurer, wet and weary.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We are pleased to report that Mr. A. H. Pulling, who is now at his own home at Guildford, is making steady progress, but rest and quiet are essential to his successful recovery. Mr. Pulling is much touched by the many expressions of sympathy which have been sent, and he hopes in time to be able to acknowledge them.

To-morrow is the anniversary of several important events. Leaving out of account such things as Gunpowder Plot, it is the 290th anniversary of the foundation of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the 106th anniversary of the first peal of Superlative. This latter performance took place at Huddersfield, and was conducted by Benjamin Thackrah.

One hundred and forty years ago, also, a peal of 6,048 Cambridge Surprise Major (obviously, in the light of present knowledge, false) was rung at what is now Sheffield Cathedral, on the old ring, the tenor of which was 35 cwt.

The Yorkshire Association scored their first peal on November 9th, 1875.

We regret that through an error, the meeting of the Midland Counties Association at Loughborough was announced last week to take place on October 29th. This was the date originally fixed, but it was changed to to-morrow (November 5th), and the alteration did not appear in the advertisement.

A noteworthy performance was accomplished at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks, on Saturday, when a band rang a peal in seven Surprise Minor methods without having previously rung a touch or plain course of either of them. This is a unique achievement upon which the ringers are to be heartily congratulated.

The death took place at a nursing home in Tunbridge Wells of Mr. William Wooding Starmer, A.R.A.M., who was a great advocate of carillon music. He was the composer of a variety of Church and secular music, a writer on musical subjects, and an examiner at the Mechlin School of Carillonneurs. He will be remembered by ringers as one of the principal witnesses in favour of recasting Coventry bells. Mr. Starmer was 60 years of age.

CLERGY AND RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'New Ringer,' I do not wish to say anything against those ringers who attend one service on Sunday; my point was that there are many (not entirely numbered among the readers of 'The Ringing World') who do not go at all.

With reference to his remarks about ringers being 'kept' in church for two and a half hours, surely it is not a penance to attend the service, and, in any case, peal ringers have no objection to being 'kept' in for three and a half hours.

To 'Layman,' I would say that the clergyman I referred to does sometimes visit his ringers at practice, and is very pleased if the bells can be rung on Sundays; but he would sooner have a couple chimed than see three or four of the ringers walk out as the service is about to begin (there is no belfry door at this church).

We often read in 'The Ringing World,' and hear at meetings, high-sounding phrases about the position of ringers as church workers, and I think it does us good to hear the reverse side of the case sometimes, and to be told of our shortcomings. We should not forget that the primary purpose of the bells is to call the people to worship, and if those ringers who seldom or never attend that worship would take more interest in the affairs of the church, the clergy, on their part, would be more ready to help and encourage us.—Yours faithfully,

REFLEX.

AN OPINION FROM A 41 YEARS' RINGER.

Dear Sir,—If the tone of 'New Ringer's' letter is a reflection of his feeling, I would not give much for his churchmanship, especially if he thinks two hours a long time to be in church. Besides, if the clergy do not come to see you, go and see them, and hear if they have anything good to tell you.

I might add that I ring for and attend all the services, and it is not a flash in the pan, because I have been doing that for 41 years, and hope to do it a long time yet. If 'New Ringer' thinks he has done his 'bit' by going to ring, I should call it a very little bit.—Yours faithfully,

REGULAR RINGER AND SERVICE MAN.

MEMORIAL PEAL TABLET UNVEILED.

During the service at Lawton Church, Cheshire, on Sunday evening, October 16th, a peal tablet was dedicated in the belfry. This tablet, which records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by the local band on February 26th, 1927, was dedicated by the Rector (Rev. W. Harrison) to the glory of God and in memory of two late Lawton ringers who fell in the war. The tablet, which is made of oak, was carved and lettered throughout by one of the ringers in the peal, and was unveiled by Mrs. Condliffe, a sister of one of the fallen men.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, October 18th, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, 1,350 Grandsire Triples: R. Bullen 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, G. Cole 3, C. W. Roberts 4, E. C. Garrard 5, W. R. Madgwick 6, J. E. Davis (conductor) 7, E. A. Young 8. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. W. Pennington-Bickford, wife of the Rector of the church, on the occasion of her birthday.

JOINT GUILD FOR WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESES.

THE QUESTION OF TITLE.

A special general meeting of members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild residing in the new dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth was held at Southampton on Saturday, October 22nd, when about 50 members attended from the following towers: Basingstoke, Bishopstoke, Christchurch, Curdridge, Fareham, Hursley, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Portsea, Portsmouth, Ringwood, Romsey, Newport, Lyndhurst, Southampton, Whitechurch, Twyford and Winchester. A very welcome visitor was Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, with his usual outfit.

The meeting was held in the Chantry Hall, presided over by Rev. N. C. Woods, who was supported by Rev. E. Jones, Messrs. G. Williams, H. Barton, G. Preston, W. Andrews, F. W. Rogers, E. J. Harding, F. Burnett, and other prominent members of the Guild. Apologies were received from the Archdeacon of Winchester, Canon Braithwaite, Rev. R. Spread and others.

In opening the meeting, the Chairman stated that it had been called to decide the future of the Guild. As most present would know, the members in the new diocese of Guildford had decided to form a separate Guild, which would come into being on January 1st next. The members in the new dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth had passed resolutions at their district meetings in favour of forming a joint Guild for those two dioceses; the Bishops of Winchester and Portsmouth had been approached for their views, and replies received were read, which stated that both Bishops were in favour of a joint Guild, and promised to assist in every way possible.

It was unanimously decided to form a joint Guild for the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth. The question of title caused considerable discussion, particularly as to whether it should be a Guild or an association, also as to whether the word 'Church' should be included. Finally, it was resolved that the title should be 'The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.' The following officers were elected to take office as from January 1st next:—

Joint presidents: The Bishop of Winchester and the Bishop of Portsmouth.

Vice-presidents: The Bishop of Southampton and the Archdeacons of Winchester, Portsmouth, Basingstoke and the Isle of Wight.

Master: Mr. G. Williams. Treasurer: Rev. N. C. Woods. Hon. secretary: Mr. G. Pullinger. Recorder of peals: Mr. F. W. Rogers. Auditor: Mr. G. Smith. Central Council representatives: Mr. G. Williams and Mr. H. Barton.

It was decided to approach the respective Bishops to see if they would allow the Guild to nominate a member to serve and give advice regarding bells on the diocesan faculties' advisory committees. Dr. Williamson was nominated for the diocese of Portsmouth, and Mr. W. Andrews for the diocese of Winchester, as the names to put before the Bishops.

It was decided to form the area into the following eight districts: Alton, Andover, Basingstoke, Christchurch, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, Southampton and Winchester. The number of rings of bells in the two dioceses is: Twelve-bell towers 1, ten-bell towers 1, eight-bell towers 40, six-bell towers 55, five-bell towers 36; total, 133.

It was decided that all incumbents and bands should be circularised, and that an organising meeting should be held in each district early in the new year.

A sub-committee was appointed, consisting of the Master, general secretary and the district secretaries to revise the rules and report to the next annual meeting. In the meantime, the Guild will carry on under the present rules.

It was decided that the next annual meeting be held at Winchester on July 7th, 1928.

The suggested reciprocal arrangement with the Guildford Diocesan Guild, to admit resident members of one Guild as compounding members of the other, upon payment of 1s., if application is made during the year 1928, was adopted, conditionally upon it being also accepted by the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

The question of the present life and compounding members was raised, and it was pointed out that nearly 50 per cent. of the former resided in the diocese of Guildford. Mr. G. Williams thought that there should be no difficulty over this, as both the life and compounding members would become members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, which was merely the same Guild under a new title.

The general secretary gave a report of the meeting held at Milford-on-Sea on the previous Saturday, in connection with a suggested memorial to the late vice-president, Rev. C. E. Matthews. Mr. Andrews also spoke on the matter (a full report of this meeting appears elsewhere), and the meeting endorsed and approved what had been done.

A splendid tea was provided in the Chantry Hall, to which full justice was done.

The bells of both St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches were available for ringing before and after the meeting, and good use was made of this privilege. A variety of methods was practised, ranging from 'Grandsire Doubles to Bristol and London Surprise Major.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

'Minormania's' next article in this series is unavoidably held over this week.

INTERESTING GATHERING AT BURNHAM.

BERKS AND BUCKS BELLRINGERS MEET.

The monthly practice fixed for Saturday last at St. Peter's Parish Church, Burnham, was well attended by some 30 ringers and friends, when a most enjoyable half-day was spent under 'summer-time' conditions, so far as the weather was concerned. The tower bells were set going at 3.45, and at intervals until nine o'clock the four Surprise methods, with Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples, were brought home in the various touches and courses.

A pleasant interlude was arranged for five o'clock in the belfry, when the formal unveiling of a peal tablet, recording the first 'London' on these bells, rung on November 5th, 1921, by the Rev. Percy P. Nott, M.A., took place. He was supported by the churchwardens (Messrs. W. H. Williams and J. Hall). As it happened, the same band who took part in the peal were present, and they rang a touch in the same method, standing in same order with the same Vicar and wardens in office. The tablet has been made to match one recording a peal of Superlative. It is written in gold letters on a black ground, the actual board being the top of a table from Burnham Priory, some 150 years old, and past further service domestically. Time and the hands of man have not very much 'changed' the substance, when a table becomes a tablet.

On removing the cover, the Vicar, in addressing the assembly, referred to the value of such records, to perform which much time, study and patience were essential. They served a valuable purpose in handing down to posterity the names of those church workers who would no longer be with them as the years passed. They often saw and admired the beautiful carved stone in doorway and window of their ancient parish churches throughout England, and wondered about the men who placed them. In that tower they left a token of the voluntary work done by members of that old association of ringers, so that future generations in the art might well remember them.

On behalf of those present, Mr. J. Evans offered a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for so kindly meeting them, and each suitably replied. Mr. Williams, referring to his help in the betterment of the belfry of St. Peter's as a pleasure, briefly mentioned how as a young man many years ago he was able to effect a restoration of the church bells of Bedwas, his home in Glamorgan, where the bells had long been in disuse.

Mr. Hall, who, with his father before him, had carried on business in Burnham for nearly a century, expressed his appreciation of the bellringers' work, and mentioned Mr. Alder's faithful services in keeping the bells going for so many years.

Incidentally, it may here be stated that 'George' has been a ringer in Burnham for 55 years, and steeplekeeper for 43 years, starting to ring on the old peal of five. He hopes to score a jubilee peal for the branch on his 70th birthday in November. He is one of the three or four 'remnants' left from the foundation of the Berks and Bucks Association, started in the autumn of 1876.

Following the unveiling ceremony, an adjournment was made to the Five Bells Inn for an excellent tea, where the knife and fork played havoc in Bucks style with a Berkshire ham. Mr. J. Evans, as Central Council representative, was placed in the chair, supported by Mr. C. C. Mayne (Branch Ringing Master). Handbells were first brought into use for a touch of Treble Eight, the attractions of tea table and tower then proving too much for any further use of them.

After 'Grace' by the chairman, complimentary thanks to the generous hosts were proposed and heartily endorsed by all. It was subsequently ascertained that all expenses had been amply covered by Burnham friends—a family party consisting of Vicar, wardens and towerkeeper, who not only bore the cost of a bountiful tea and a beautiful peal board, but other little items, such as mats for the belfry floor and new ropes. The Parochial Council had been busy, too, since the last meeting at this tower in furnishing electric lighting for the belfry and bell loft, and the partial rehanging of several bells. It will greatly interest Mr. J. Bullock to know that the tenor is now pealable in Treble Bob. Mr. J. E. Davis also will be glad to hear that she is 'permissible,' in case he would wish to repeat his 29 miles' cycle journey in wind and rain on an occasion when permission was refused some 20 years since.

The gathering broke up with reluctance. Buses do not wait any longer than trains. Amongst the visitors may be mentioned Mr. Howard Freeborn, of Rickmansworth, Miss P. Moss, of Uxbridge, Mr. Fletcher and daughter, of Beaconsfield, Mr. Boreham and his son from High Wycombe, the Martin brothers, of Boyne Hill, Mr. Gutteridge, of Stoke, Mr. G. Wilson, of Leiston, and the three Bills.

The Diocesan Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, was prevented from attending owing to prior engagements at Hagbourne. 'Cut him in half' was one remedy hinted at, where two calls clashed on the same date. This idea was, however, discarded by the others in view of the Master wishing to ring a peal another day and to continue his work for the Oxford Guild.

CANON NOLLOTH'S GREAT WORK. YORK MINSTER RINGERS' RECOGNITION.

With a desire to mark their sense of appreciation of the work done by Canon Nolloth in connection with the recasting of the new peal of 12 bells and 'Great Peter' at York Minster, the Minster ringers organised a presentation which took place at the Ebor Hall, on Saturday week, after the re-dedication of 'Great Peter' at the Minster. The presentation took the form of a beautifully framed illuminated address, and was made by the Dean of York after a tea at which some 50 guests were present, including ringers from all parts of the county, Canon Nolloth was for many years Vicar of Beverley Minster, and is now living in retirement at Oxford.

The Very Rev. the Dean of York (Dr. Lionel Ford) presided, and amongst those present were Canon and Mrs. Nolloth, Mr. A. H. Barron, Mr. E. D. Taylor (of the Loughborough Bell Foundry), the Rev. R. G. and Miss Pyne, the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association), the Rev. H. Spence, Mrs. Rigg (Beverley), Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary of Yorkshire Association), Messrs. G. Robinson (Leeds), S. Palmer (Sheffield), G. Grimwood (Leeds), G. McHale (Holbeck), H. Smith (Armley), J. Cotterell (Bradford), H. Horner (York), H. Williams (Leeds), J. Broadley (Bradford), H. Gibson (Scarborough), T. Metcalfe (Middlesbrough), Kendall (Bradford), W. H. Maude (Pudsey), Porter (Darlington), and Broadley (Darlington).

Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, president of the Minster Society, invited the Dean to make the presentation. He said that some three years ago the Minster bells were sadly in need of repair, and the then Dean (Dr. Norris) undertook to see they got something done to them. It was understood it would only be repairs. The matter was taken in hand, and the Dean did the wisest thing possible when he placed the work in the hands of a gentleman whose knowledge of bells and his interest in all matters that appertain to ringing, as well as his enthusiasm for bells and the ringers, was very great. He referred to their friend, Canon Nolloth (applause). They knew when he got hold of the work there would be no patchwork about it, but thorough work, and to-day they had a new peal of 12 bells second to none in the world. 'Great Peter' came on later. The Canon must be a glutton for work, and, not being satisfied with what he had done in regard to the peal, they had now got 'Great Peter' recast. It was a stupendous task for a man so advanced in years to undertake. However, he took 'Great Peter' in hand, and everybody would agree it was musical in tone and of good shape, and blended with the peal, and he should say there was not another bell like it in the world. The Dean could rest assured that the ringers would always use these beautiful bells with due regard for the high purpose for which they were installed. The Minster ringers, seeing the Canon took such a great interest in the bells, and having kept in touch with them all the time, kept them informed of what was proposed, and always ready to accept any suggestions, they could not let the occasion pass without some recognition of what he had done. That had taken the form of an address, which had been beautifully illuminated. He asked the Dean to present this address to Canon Nolloth on behalf of the York Minster bellringers (applause).

CANON NOLLOTH'S DEVOTED LABOURS.

The Dean of York, in making the presentation, said that when he came to York Minster he had a long talk with Dean Foxley Norris, in which the latter mentioned, amongst other great enterprises that were in hand, the recasting and renewing of the Minster bells. Dean Norris told him it was a big thing, but that he need not have any fear or trouble himself at all, as he would find Canon Nolloth knew more about bells than anyone else living, and would do it all for him (laughter). As he knew so little about bells himself he was very much relieved when Dean Norris told him that. The Dean said that all his predecessor had told him about Canon Nolloth was perfectly true, and he simply could not exaggerate his sense of obligation, and their sense of gratitude, to Canon Nolloth for his most devoted labours, which he knew had been a labour of love to the Canon from beginning to end. What Canon Nolloth did before in his old parish at Beverley so completely and so successfully he had done again at York Minster, on an even larger scale, and their thanks went out to him with full hearts, together with an expression of appreciation of the silent generosity that had accompanied his labours. He was glad the address spoke of the Canon's personal interest in the ringers. They knew it was not merely his interest in or love of bells that had stimulated his work, but a desire that the men who rang the bells should do it as an act of offering to Almighty God. He was sure it was their wish and prayer that the bells should be rung in that spirit. The Archbishop had asked to be permitted to couple with that desire, which was his also, a very earnest message of goodwill to all the ringers present, and impressing upon them that it was their business to ensure there would always be a supply of fit and proper young men to serve alike in church and belfry, and that they would train on their sons in order to carry on the work which they were so excellently carrying on at the present time. The Dean thanked Canon Nolloth for the extraordinary consideration he had always shown to him in connection with the work of recasting the bells so happily completed that day with the rededication of 'Great Peter,' to which the present generation and their successors would always listen with admiration (applause).

THE ADDRESS.

The Dean then handed the illuminated address to Canon Nolloth, amid cheers. It ran as follows:—

To the Rev. Henry Edward Nolloth, D.D., Canon of York.

Dear Sir,—We, the ringers at York Minster, desire to express our sincere appreciation of your work and generous help in connection with the peal of 12 bells recast in 1926 and 'Great Peter' recast in 1927.

In addition to your care for the material efficiency of the belfry and its contents, we record with gratitude your warm interest in the welfare of ringers, and earnest wish that the Exercise in all its changes may ever be consecrated to the glory of God.

With heartfelt esteem,

We are, Reverend Sir, yours respectfully,

Then follow the names of the 14 ringers.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, said he felt highly honoured to be associated with that presentation and to have the privilege of being able to speak a word about Canon Nolloth on behalf of the Association. He wanted to assure the Canon that the members and officers of the association had long known how much they owed to him for the tremendous and vital interest he had always taken in bells and bellringers in the county of Yorkshire, and especially the ringers in the Yorkshire Association. He would like to assure the Canon that his interest was something that helped them very much indeed, because they did not always find it among those who had peals of bells under their charge, and they had found that his sympathy and interest had been of the greatest benefit and assistance in the common work which they were undertaking. Apart from that, there were the great gifts which Canon Nolloth had given to the Church in that part of the world—first in the magnificent bells at Beverley Minster; through him, too, that wonderful peal at St. Mary's, Beverley; and now again here in all that he had done to consummate this very great gift of the peal at York Minster and Great Peter. He took it as a great privilege that the York ringers had allowed him to join with them in thanking the Canon for all he had done, and he hoped it would not be lost on the ringers of this great county. They all wished him happiness and Godspeed during the remaining years of his life (applause).

ONE BETTER THAN BEVERLEY.

Mr. Percy Johnson (secretary of the Yorkshire Association) said he felt it a great honour to take part in that rededication ceremony. With regard to the work Canon Nolloth had done, he said it was his privilege a good many years ago to ring a peal at Beverley Minster on the new bells, and when he heard of the new peal for York Minster he told the founders they had something to do to beat their own work at Beverley. He was going to tell the founders, however, that they had gone one better in the new peal at York. The name of Canon Nolloth was known throughout England and throughout the ringing world. They felt that in the Canon they had a very great friend, and they thought the York Minster authorities and ringers were exceptionally fortunate in having had such an authority at their disposal. Canon Nolloth had added the crowning glory to his life's work in the restoration of the bells in the mother church of the North, and had done something which was absolutely unequalled in the ringing world, and the whole universe, as well as the York Minster authorities, were under a great debt of gratitude to him for the unsparing labours he had discharged in this way. His only regret was that Canon Nolloth had never paid a visit to Leeds, where there was an ample field for his energies, if he still felt he had some energy left (laughter). They thanked him from the bottom of their hearts for the great services he had performed in connection with the York Minster bells and other peals throughout the York diocese, and they hoped he would be spared to enjoy the fruits of his labours for many years to come. His name would ever be honoured by the York Minster ringers, whose bells he had been so instrumental in preserving (applause).

CANON NOLLOTH'S REPLY.

Canon Nolloth, who was received with cheers, said he had been entirely taken by surprise at the very kind thought of his friends the ringers. He had never dreamed of anything of the sort. At the same time he thanked them very warmly for the gift, which he very much appreciated, and said the beautifully illuminated address would be placed in his study to keep company with the one presented to him by the clergy in the Beverley deanery when he vacated the office of Rural Dean. He thought the ringers of York Minster had made quite a record in this respect, that when the recasting of the bells was taken in hand they, with the greatest public spirit and generosity, undertook the cost of the recasting of one of the bells. He had never heard of the ringers of any church having shown such a practical interest in their bells, and what they had done must have meant a self-sacrificing act of generosity on their part. Canon Nolloth recalled how he first began to take an interest in bells as a small boy some 76 years ago, and said some twenty years ago he was very anxious to get something done at York. Dean Purey Cust asked him to obtain a specification from Messrs. Taylor for the work to be done both in connection with the old peal and 'Great Peter,' but he was certain that if the work had been carried out then it could not have been done with such great success as the firm of Messrs. Taylor had carried out the work now. When they were out of order some three years ago, it was suggested that as they had to go to Loughborough, it would be a great pity to have them sent back without being recast and returned in accordance with all the latest (Continued in next column.)

THE DEDICATION OF 'GREAT PETER.' MEMORABLE SERVICE AT YORK MINSTER.

As recorded briefly in our last issue, 'Great Peter,' the 10½ ton bell of York Minster, which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have recast and tuned to harmonise with the new ring of twelve, was dedicated at a service which was attended by the Archbishop of York and other notable personages. Among the clergy were the Dean of York (Dr. Lionel Ford), the Archdeacon of York (Canon Cooper), Canon Nolloth, formerly of Beverley, to whose interest and energies the carrying out of the work was largely due, and the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association. There were, among the congregation, many ringers from Yorkshire towers. In the course of the specially arranged evening-song, the Archbishop, the Dean, clergy and choir, singing the hymn 'When morning gilds the skies,' went in procession to the north-west tower, where the Dean, in the name of the Dean and Chapter, greeted the bellringers and the representatives of the bellfounders: 'May the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in and strengthen you to perform the service to which He has called you, now and for evermore. Amen.'

THE BELL HANDED OVER.

Canon Nolloth then placed the rope in the hands of the Dean, saying: 'Very Reverend Sir,—In the name of all who have contributed towards the recasting and renewing of this bell, I beg you, as representing the Dean and Chapter of this cathedral church, to signify your acceptance of the same.' The Dean replied: 'We receive this bell, to be solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses, as a sacred trust committed to the Dean and Chapter of this cathedral church, who do promise and profess that they will give their utmost care that it shall be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.'

At the request of the Canon-in-Residence, the Dean then rededicated the bell in these words: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this bell to the glory of God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.'

Two prayers followed, the one asking Almighty God 'to accept this offering at our hands,' and the other for God's blessing on the ringers.

As the Archbishop, the Dean, clergy and choir returned up the nave to their stalls, 'Great Peter' for the first time boomed out his note—now said to be the deepest note of any church bell in Christendom. It was a thrilling moment. The sound reverberated through the great cathedral, and was heard all over the city and far beyond. The clapper struck the bell about 20 times, and at its conclusion the choir sang Canon Bell's hymn: 'Ad Petrum Magnum' in Latin, of which the following is the translation:

We hail our Peter
Whom reborn we dedicate.
Brethren, let us rejoice together
In hymns and holy songs.
Thou who in the fire hast burned,
As of old Christ's Martyrs burned,
Now hast come forth safe and sound—
Unto God alone be glory!
O Great chieftain of the Bells,
Lo! to the Chapter of thy comrades
Who join their voices with thine
In gladness we restore thee.
Let the City of York,
Bereft of thee for many months,
Happy, with eager ears,
Listen to thy voice.
Let the Chapter here rejoice:
Listen now, the choir begins
Over land and over sea
To chant its praises.
Let us worship God the Father,
Let us also hymn the Son,
Let us give to Holy Spirit,
Glory in the highest.

This hymn was sung to a fine tune by Dr. Bairstow, organist of the Minster.

A YEAR'S TASK.

After further Collects, the Dean gave an address, in the course of which he said the 13th centenary of the Minster had been a year of

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scientific discoveries that had been made. Some of the Canons undertook the cost of recasting some of them; the chapter clerk (Mr. Barron) and Mrs. Barron bore the cost of one; five others were given by the people as memorials; and the ringers also came forward and did a great thing, as he thought, in undertaking the cost of another. He only hoped that for a long time to come both the ringers who rang them and the people who heard them would more and more be reminded of the great realities which lay beyond this world (applause).

Canon Nolloth concluded with a quotation which one of the Beverley ringers, William Plaxton, said to him when on his deathbed, that he always looked upon the service as beginning when they began to raise the bells, and that he always began the bell service with prayer. He would always, he said, regard that gift as one of his most treasured possessions (applause).

new beginnings, of movements set on foot, some great, some small, of which they could not forecast the end. But that day's ceremony, he continued, did seem to introduce an element of completion. Throughout the year Great Peter has been the great absentee—he the chieftain of the sweet-toned sisterhood of bells who have chimed to us so melodiously through the months, but until to-day without him. And now he has returned to us in safety—recast, retuned—his great frame reposing easily on his bed of ball bearings, so that a single sexton can set his 11 tons of metal vibrating, and cause the booming of his deep E flat to be heard within and without the city walls. And if the finished work proves to function according to its plan, our Minster loud speaker, whom we have just rededicated, will speak in exact correspondence and perfect tune with the pitch of the B flat peal, to which he will contribute the Bourdon accompaniment. His refashioning has been a whole year's task—and to those who set it on foot and those who have executed it so thoroughly, our deepest gratitude is due. Others have laboured, and now we enter into their labours. We thank them from our hearts as we welcome our exile home and give God the glory for the finished work—'Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name be the praise.' But ought we to stop short at that? It is good to come together and rejoice that our beloved Minster, which every Yorkshireman regards as the finest of cathedral churches, should now be presented with what he must also regard as the finest and completest of bell peals—a new set of precious jewels in the Minster's crown. But cost is the essential of sacrifice, and the words of King David to Araunah keep sounding uneasily in my ears, 'Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord God of that which doth cost me nothing.' Can we say, most of us, that these bells, this great bell which we dedicate to-day, have cost us, US—YOU and ME—anything? And unless we can say that, is there not something a little hollow about our enthusiasm, our chorus of self-congratulation on other people's generosity and self-sacrifice? So much has been done for us, but by so few people. Only yesterday, in gathering up the results of the Minster Thankoffering Fund, did I become aware that of the tens of thousands who flocked rejoicing to our 1,300th Anniversary Festival, or of the two million people who form the population of Yorkshire, only 524 in all, and those not all Yorkshire people, have so far made any outward and visible response to their Minster's cry for help. Are they, are you, content to leave it at that, while so much still remains to be done for her, for the mother church of the North's preservation and maintenance during her 14th century of life? Carry this thought a stage further. What is the end to which such offerings as to-day's are meant to lead? There is no question as to that. They are meant to strengthen, enhance, and deepen our worship of Almighty God. Not the selfish saving of our own souls, not saving, but giving, the giving of ourselves and our possessions to God, that is the keynote of the religion we profess. The better and higher worship of God, that is the centre and core of it all. When these bells ring in our ears with their summons to join in the Church's sacred liturgy or services, it will be of little profit for those who lie in bed to murmur, 'How beautiful is this peal.' When Peter booms his mid-day call to prayer, or when he tolls the knell on some soul that has passed into the great Beyond, his calling will not be heard with our ears alone. We shall miss his meaning, if at the sound no message of an angel echoes in our hearts: we shall be unworthy of our beautiful peal if Sunday by Sunday we make no response to their summons to the House of God, nor enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Dear people, will you not resolve with me to-night that you will henceforth bear your part more faithfully, and praise and serve God better than before?

The service concluded with the hymn, 'Ye watchers and ye holy ones,' and the Benediction pronounced by the Archbishop.

Immediately after the ceremony a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung, afterwards 'Great Peter' alone for five minutes, and then Grandsire Cinques with 'Great Peter' accompanying.

Later in the evening the bells were kept going by visitors to Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Bob Major.

NEW BAND AT BOCKING.

After several years, a new band has been formed at St. Mary's, Bocking, Essex. The new ringers have now been at it two months, and are making steady progress. They are very fortunate in having Mr. George Wiffen and Mr. L. W. Wiffen to instruct them. These two ringers, with their great knowledge of change ringing, regularly walk three miles each practice night, and under their tuition the local ringers are progressing. The instructors are very popular with the band, and the keenest interest is taken in what they have to say. Mr. Albert Coate, who was responsible for getting the company together, is captain, and is to be congratulated on having got together such a 'jolly good lot of chaps.' The motto is 'Fellowship and forward.'

MR. G. POPNELL'S 50 PEALS.

Doubles 6 (conducted 3), Bob Minor 6, Grandsire Triples 16 (conducted 1), Stedman Triples 6, Bob Major 4 (conducted 1), Kent Treble Bob Major 4, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1, Grandsire Caters 7: total, 50. Rung in seven counties for eight associations, with 152 different ringers in 30 towers.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

POSITION OF WINCHESTER GUILD COMPOUNDING MEMBERS.

The question has been raised in these columns as to the position of Compounding Members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in relation to the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, and we are authorised to say that the Organising Committee propose to recommend to the general meeting on November 19th that these shall be admitted on the same terms as the ordinary members residing in the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth, viz., on payment of a compounding subscription of one shilling at any time before December 31st, 1928. Those who before December 31st, 1927, take advantage of this arrangement, assuming it is approved by the general meeting, will be included among the Foundation Members.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NOISY BELLS.

A quarterly meeting was held at Whitechurch, nr. Cardiff, on Saturday, when a good number from the towers of both dioceses put in an appearance. The bells, a ring of six by Llewellyn and James, were kept busy during the afternoon in the various standard methods. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Mr. W. Bolton was voted to the chair at the business meeting, at which several letters were read by the hon. secretary.

Comment was made on the noise of the bells outside the tower, owing to the louvres being so large, and an offer was made by Mr. Weaver, of Penarth, and Mr. Large, of Cardiff, that if the church authorities would find the material, in either timber or bricks, to close them up, they would do the work free of charge. The hon. secretary was asked to write to the Vicar to this effect.

The selection of a place for the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting was left until the annual meeting. The hon. secretary reported that he had purchased Peal Book No. 2, as No. 1 was filled up.

Several new members were elected, and a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells, brought the meeting to a close.

The bells were afterwards kept busy until late in the evening.

AN ORDSALL JUBILEE.

The Mansfield ringers paid a visit to Ordsall and West Retford on Saturday last to fulfil a long-standing invitation, and to oblige their esteemed and loved tutor, Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, who had, during the time he was curate at Mansfield, taught them the rudiments of the art. The date marked the 50th anniversary of the reopening of All Hallows' Church, after restoration, on October 31st, 1877, and thus celebrated the jubilee. The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson was in readiness to greet the ringers, and subsequently entertained them to tea.

The writer of these lines, who took part in the service 50 years ago, accepted the invitation to be present and take part, and 35 years ago was instrumental with the late Rector in getting the bells rehung, one of them recast, and the peal augmented to six, which gave a rather light musical ring, with tenor 7½ cwt. They were opened as a ring of six on Wednesday, August 4th, 1892.

Good touches of Plain Bob, Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford were rung at both churches, and as a jubilee touch, to wind up, 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by: Rev. R. F. Wilkinson 1, J. Bleby 2, H. Haigh (conductor) 3, H. Alsopp 4, S. Hurdle 5, C. Carr 6. The other ringers taking part were P. Hardsaff, W. Dodd, A. Freeman and C. Randall.

LINCOLN AND LADIES' GUILDS' JOINT MEETING.

A pleasant meeting was held by the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, in conjunction with the Lincoln District of the Ladies' Guild, at Barton-on-Humber, on Saturday, October 22nd. This combined gathering brought together a large number of ringers, including visitors from Hull. The service was held in the fine old Church of St. Mary, which has only four bells, but room enough for twelve. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Legge, the Ladies' Guild service form being used. Mr. H. Rushby, of Grimsby, presided at the organ, and the Rev. G. H. Legge gave a very interesting address. Tea was partaken of in the assembly rooms, 33 members and friends sitting down.

Tea over, the business meeting of the Grimsby district took place, presided over by the president, the Rev. H. T. Parry.

The Rev. G. H. Legge was elected an honorary member, and Mr. J. W. Hobson, of Hull, was elected a non-resident life member of the Guild.

The President moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. G. H. Legge for conducting the service, to Mr. H. Rushby for presiding at the organ, and to Mrs. R. Richardson (secretary to the Ladies' Guild) for the use of their Guild forms, also to the caterers for the excellent tea.—This was seconded by Mr. Baker, of Gainsborough, and concluded the meeting, after which the ladies transacted their business.

Thanks are due to Mr. A. W. Hoodless, of Barton-on-Humber, for making all the arrangements. Towers represented were Grimsby, Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Ulceby, Burton-on-Stather, Gainsborough, Surfleet, Isham, Hull, and during the afternoon and evening a variety of methods was rung on the eight bells.

SAM TILLET.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The passing of my first instructor, 'Old Sam,' as he has been called, brings back to me the memory of early days. It must have been in the late 'fifties that I first became known to him as an aspirant to change ringing. I remember vividly on one occasion he was ringing the old tenor (now the 11th) at St. Mary-le-Tower, when the gudgeon snapped. There was a side entrance to the belfry of the old tower, into which most of us ran for safety. 'Old Sam' was 'Young Sam' then, and was first to examine the nature of the catastrophe. Returning from aloft, with his hands begrimed, and describing the trouble, he smothered my face in grease, which took me days to eradicate. The company then included John Naunton, Robt. Burch, Henry Card, James Allen, Sewell, Adams, etc.

I was surprised by 'The Ringing World's' report that my old instructor Sam only rang his first peal in 1881. The present writer rang his first peal at St. Matthew's, Ipswich, in 1869. How's that, ye old veterans of the magic circle?

I am pleased to think that upon my last visit to Ipswich I found 'Old Sam' at his home in Woodbridge Road. Of course, so many years had elapsed since our last meeting, it was like another resurrection of the dead. Could that be the 'Sam' I once knew so well? It was obvious I remembered him better than he did me. I had wished to meet him again, but it was not to be. 'Tired, he now sleeps, and life's poor play is o'er.' His decease reminds me that soon I must make my bed with him, and lie down to pleasant dreams. His immortality is manifest in that his gallant and clever son, Fred, takes up and continues the good life of his father, one of the greatest enthusiasts of a bygone age.—Yours faithfully,

G. F. MARGETSON.

WEDDING PRESENTATIONS AT GUILDFORD.

In the belfry at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, on Sunday morning, two presentations were made. Mr. George W. Steere, who has been a member of the band for a number of years, and was secretary for some time, was the recipient of a teapot, and Mr. John A. Cole, who, although residing at Godalming, rendered considerable aid to the society, was given a timepiece. Mr. Cole was married in August, and Mr. Steere's wedding takes place on November 12th, and these gifts were made as a token of the members' good wishes for the future happiness of the respective couples. Unfortunately for Holy Trinity Society, the services of both these ringers will be lost to the regular Sunday band, as Mr. Steere is removing to Carshalton, and Mr. Cole is already residing at Teddington.

Each gift was suitably inscribed, and the presentations were made in a felicitous speech by Canon E. C. Kirwan and suitably acknowledged.

LEYTONSTONE'S BROADCAST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I through 'The Ringing World' thank the Leytonstone ringers for their beautiful ringing on Sunday night? It came through on the wireless perfectly; it was like clockwork, it was grand, but it was all too short. To me, who can but seldom go out at night, it was like a gleam of sunshine in an otherwise darkened room. It was, as the late Henry Johnson used to say, 'Whatever we have, let it be good, if the less,' and that certainly was good.—Faithfully yours,

T. RUSSAM.

Birmingham.

YOUNG RINGERS' PROGRESS.

At Elmdon, Essex, on October 25th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.: F. Hammond 1, S. Bard 2, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 3, E. Hayes 4, J. Negus 5, G. Hoy 6. First 720 by all except the conductor. Great credit is due to these young ringers for the way in which they struck their bells. They only started ringing about twelve months ago, with no one to instruct them. This 720 was rung at the third attempt and without any mistakes.

DOUBLE LONDON SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of October 28th, you record a 720 of the above method rung at St. Giles' Church, Sandiacre, believed to be the first 720 ever rung in the method. May I state that the first 720 in this method was rung at St. Giles' Church, Killamarsh, in the year 1913?

May I also state that all the Double Surprise Minor methods that can be obtained have been rung by the Killamarsh company?—Yours faithfully,

C. SEVERN.

26, Budge Street, Killamarsh.

Dear Sir,—A 720 of Double London Surprise was rung on August 14th, at St. Mary's, Lamberhurst, and published in 'The Ringing World' on August 19th.—Yours truly,

A. RELFE.

Windmill Cottage, Lamberhurst,

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 23rd, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, for evensong, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. Bennett 1, E. F. Pike 2, Miss B. M. Mills 3, Miss E. E. Harcastle 4, Miss H. F. Mills 5, Miss F. E. Orr 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, R. Bullen 8, J. E. Davis 9, E. C. Garrard 10. Longest length of Stedman Caters by ringers of 3rd and 5th, and rung for the harvest festival.

BECCELES.—At St. Michael's Church, for evening service on Sunday, October 23rd, 1,003 Stedman Triples: Miss V. Beckett 1, R. Spalding 2, C. Bailey 3, T. Beckett 4, C. F. Sayer 5, J. Spalding 6, E. R. Goate (conductor) 7, C. Rush 8. This is the longest touch in the method yet rung by a local band.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, October 16th, in the evening, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Easter 1, W. Haigh 2, F. Ockwell 3, A. Manktelow 4, H. Poulter 5, E. Friend 6, J. Haigh (conductor) 7, A. Hone 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, October 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 51 mins.: A. G. R. Twinn 1, F. Cork 2, R. Warnett 3, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 4, J. H. Lucas 5, H. J. Wilkinson 6, W. Honor 7, R. Carter 8, F. W. Goodfellow 9, C. Nicholls 10.—Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. G. Baldwin (first quarter-peal) 1, A. G. R. Twinn (first quarter-peal inside and first attempt) 2, R. Warnett 3, H. J. Wilkinson 4, J. J. Pratt 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, W. Honor 8. H. J. Wilkinson is from Hursley, Hants.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, October 9th, at the Church of St. Leonard for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Harcastle 1, G. H. Cross (conductor) 2, W. E. G. Hewson 3, J. L. Watkins 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, J. W. Chapman 6, C. W. Roberts 7, S. Gardner 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, October 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Brockman (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Seager 2, W. Easter 3, W. Rayner 4, C. Belsey 5, W. J. Walker 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, G. Howland 8.

HATFIELD.—On Sunday, October 9th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: L. Lawrence 1, R. Shepherd 2, F. Cull 3, R. E. Richardson 4, J. G. Dunham 5, A. Shepherd 6, A. R. Lawrence (conductor) 7, G. Scott 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor.

APSLEY END.—On Sunday morning, October 9th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: B. Bruce 1, C. Munt 2, F. Birchmore 3, F. Tompkins 4, A. V. Good 5, C. J. Henley (conductor) 6.

MERTHAM.—At St. Katherine's Church, on Sunday evening, October 9th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 43 mins.: A. Wood 1, C. Hilton 2, B. Wells 3, J. Batters 4, H. Wood 5, C. Killick (conductor) 6.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, October 2nd, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Hughes 1, W. Hughes 2, A. Woosnam 3, J. Hughes 4, J. Bresse 5, J. C. E. Simpson (conductor) 6.—After evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Hughes 1, W. Hughes 2, J. Bresse 3, J. Hughes 4, F. Winstanley 5, J. C. E. Simpson (conductor) 6.

WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival evensong service, 720 Grandsire Doubles and 120 Stedman Doubles: C. Briggs 1, A. Ballard 2, C. E. Carr 3, C. H. Webb 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5. This tower possesses a splendid peal of bells, but no local ringers. The above band belong to various towers in the neighbourhood, and they rang for the festival on the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Ingham), who entertained the band and the churchwardens to a sumptuous supper after the service.

DEATH OF AN EXETER RINGER.

By the death of Mr. Frank Murphy, who passed away at Heavitree, Exeter, on October 17th, at the age of 60 years, Exeter Cathedral and St. Sidwell's bands have lost a staunch and reliable member who will be greatly missed. He commenced his ringing career at Heavitree in 1898, on the formation of the company, and there he learnt to ring. In 1902, with several others, he joined St. Sidwell's band, and regularly attended the service and practice ringing until prevented by illness. His record of peals was 30, comprising Grandsire Triples 9, Grandsire Caters 10, Grandsire Cinques 1, Stedman Triples 7, Stedman Caters 1, Bob Major 1, and Kent Treble Bob 1.

He took part in the first peal of Grandsire Caters at Exeter Cathedral on January 14th, 1905, also the first of Grandsire Cinques on January 9th, 1926, the latter being the last peal in which he rang.

Of a fine physique, with an easy and graceful style, he was generally under a heavy bell, and, although somewhat reserved in manner, his good-humoured and unselfish nature endeared him to all his colleagues. His robust constitution was probably undermined by working in the warm moist air of the greenhouse (being a gardener by occupation), and he fell a victim to the all too prevalent cancer scourge. He leaves a widow and one son, another son having died on active service during the war.

At the funeral in Heavitree Churchyard on Saturday, October 22nd, representatives of the Cathedral and St. Sidwell's bands were present, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with bells half-muffled was rung on the Stafford eight at the Cathedral, and the 'whole pull and stand' at St. Sidwell's, Exeter.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 290th anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing: St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 3 to 4.30; Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, 5 o'clock.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry Campanile will be available from 2.30 p.m. onwards. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers and friends invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) newly rehung; available afternoon and evening. Short service 5.15. Tea 5.30 at The Grange. All ringers welcome and please come early.—Geo. T. Croft, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 82, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Nov. 5th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.—G. A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., The Village, Grappenhall, near Warrington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual district meeting at Bocking on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Very Rev. Dean Brownrigg, M.A. Tea in the Hut, Church Street, at 5 p.m., to be followed by meeting. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—Chas. H. Howard, 37, Bank Street, Braintree.

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

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Bourn (8) on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 3 p.m.—F. Warrington, Long Stanton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Cathedral and St. Maurice's bells from 2.30. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting in St. Maurice's Hall 5 p.m. —W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at Beighton (6 bells). Buses from Intake tram terminus.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings during November: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 6th, at 10 a.m. and Mondays, the 7th and the 21st, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 1st, at 8; and St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 28th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at 7.30 p.m. at St. Magnus' on Nov. 10th and 24th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill (elections), on the 15th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th (at 8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Special attention to Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise. St. Nicholas' bells (12) available 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. A good attendance is especially requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The last meeting of the above district will be held at Hawley (Blackwater) on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.30 p.m. I hope a good many members of the district will make an effort to attend. All ringers will be welcome.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Miss May Clayton, Brindle Bar, Hoghton, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 9th. A good attendance is requested.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—A Cinques practice will be held at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. — T. Laver, Gen. Sec., Heavitree, Exeter.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Kenninghall on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 12th. The ring of eight bells of the Parish Church will be available from 2.30 p.m. Members are kindly requested to send in all outstanding subscriptions to the secretary on or before this meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready early. Tea 5.15 p.m. Applications for tickets must be received before Nov. 10th. Address, Mr. W. Robinson, 49, Bournan Street, Agbrigg, Wakefield.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, Nov. 12th, and at Hartfield (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Towers open 2.30. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Will members kindly make an effort to attend?—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Road, Davenport.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, in the Parish Room, 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Nov. 12th. St. Thomas' bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. St. Mary's bells (8) available also. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, the 8th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Saltburn-by-the-Sea on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8—tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at Kimball's Café, Milton Street, at 5 p.m. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend the meeting. Those intending to be at tea please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, Nov. 9th.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A general meeting to approve rules, select officers and transact other important business will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 19th. All ringers residing within the new diocese are specially requested to attend. Service (in conjunction with the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild) at St. Nicolas' Church, 3.45 p.m. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall, Onslow Street, 4.30. Meeting 5.15. Numbers for tea by Nov. 16th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Annual district meeting at Hornchurch on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at King's Head, 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify the undersigned by Tuesday, Nov. 15th.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division meeting at Withyham, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 (about 1s.). Meeting to follow. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Important: Those intending to be present should kindly notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Nov. 16th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at the Rose and Crown. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Nov. 16th? — P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea (usual price) in the Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Nov. 16th?—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at Basingstoke. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church 4 p.m. Tea at Church Cottage 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Reply to Rev. Evan Jones, 5, Church Square, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, Nov. 22nd.

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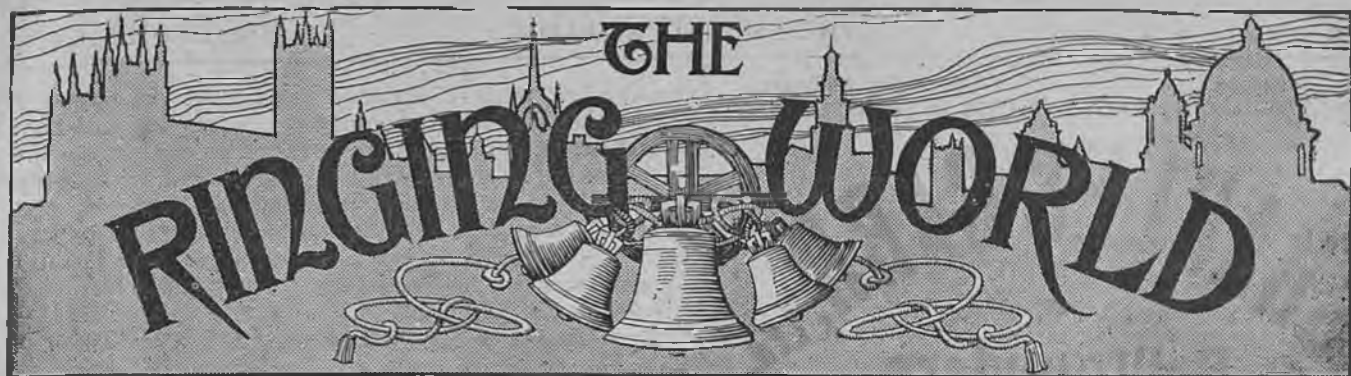
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FREDERICK ROOPE 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	TOWNSEND ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by E. WHITING.

LIFTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On All Saints' Day, Tuesday, November 1, 1927, in Three Hours and
Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With 4-6-8 covering. Forty-two six-scores, with ten different callings.
Tenor 24 cwt.

*JOHN REED Treble	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 5
*WILLIAM BRIMMACOMBE 2	*ERNEST TOULSON 6
ERNEST W. MARSH 3	*WILLIAM E. BALL 7
*HERBERT BOUCHER 4	*WILLIAM E. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. T. B. Bradshaw, of Lifton Park and Millways, Launceston, who was interred at Lifton that day. The band at Lifton only joined the Guild in June, and received their instruction from the Rev. M. Kelly, ex-president of the Guild.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY WARD Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS 5
*PERCY MASSAM 2	*ALBERT WORMALD 6
*HUGH TAYLOR 3	*HAROLD L. JONES 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON 4	GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAYS

* First peal in the method and first in method as conductor.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TEN-PART, NO. 11.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
THOMAS MEREDITH 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
RICHARD C. BELTON 4	THOMAS K. DEACON Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EVERED J. WALSON Treble	EDWARD HARRIS 5
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 2	HORACE BELCHER 6
ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
ROBERT THOMPSON 4	FREDERICK S. PALMER, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS H. CULVER Treble	WILLIAM J. DEAN 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	BERTIE ALDRIDGE 6
ARTHUR CUTMORE 3	HARRY MANCE 7
HARRY H. MANCE 4	CYRIL E. PALMER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

Rung at the time of the opening of Woolwich War Memorial Hospital by the Duke and Duchess of York.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Thursday, October 20th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Walker 1, A. J. Smith 2, T. Blackburn 3, E. Shane (first quarter and first attempt) 4, B. Wilson 5, H. Wood 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. Rookwood 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNEY Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
MISS FRED A. ORR 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CLIFTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*AUBREY L. BENNETT ... Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHTS 5
ALBERT E. PARKER 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	RICHARD CLARK Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD CLARK.

* First peal of Surprise. Arranged for Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, Devon, who was elected a member of Gloucester and Bristol Association before the peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
*WILLIAM BOND 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY 6
*SIDNEY A. STAGG 3	EDWIN BARNETT 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	ALFRED NOY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.'

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

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

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
FRANK BORHAM 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
GEORGE R. FYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4	WILLIAM FYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM FYE.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. Pridmore, late churchwarden at the above church for seven years, and common councillor for the City of London.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*HERMAN NELSON Treble	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY 5
EDWARD CAWSON 2	ARTHUR HARTLEY 6
ADAM BLOGG 3	HERBERT LUCAS 7
EDWARD B. CONHEAD 4	ALFRED BLOGG Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (124). Conducted by H. LUCAS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung by the local company. The composition, which contains 2nd and 6th the extent in 5th's place, and 4-5-6 the extent in 6th's, is now rung for the first time.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on October 13th, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: R. Walker 1, A. V. Good 2, J. Floyd, sen., 3, H. Golding 4, H. Gates 5, J. Stopp (first 720 of Minor as conductor) 6.—Afterwards, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 25 mins., by the same singers, J. Stopp ringing 4th and H. Golding (conductor) tenor.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

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

*ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. ... Treble	FRED COTTON 5
GEORGE A. NEWION 2	T. HARRY WRIGHT 6
E. HARRY STONELEY 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 4	T. KELHAM DRACON Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First attempt at Treble Bob. Ringers of 6th and 8th have now rung each bell in this tower to peals. The composition (one-part) never has 2-8 in 7-8 together.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE 2	*HAROLD KENT 6
CHARLES MASON 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
JOHN HOLMAN 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ARTHUR BAKER 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
WALTER GRIMSSELL 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
SAMUEL POTTS 4	ALBERT E. LAW Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung for the festival of All Saints and in honour of the gift of a lych gate by Mr. R. D. B. Clayton, to the memory of his father and mother, the late Alderman R. Clayton, J.P., and Mrs. Clayton, of Coseley Hall. Also as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SINGLE OXFORD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK J. REEVE ... Treble	HERBERT GATES 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD 6
JACK STOPP 3	HENRY GOLDING 7
WILLIAM C. HUGHES 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

This is believed to be the first peal rung in the method, which is No. 20 in the C.C. Collection of Legitimate Major Methods. The composition is No. 9 in the same collection.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HARRY BARTON ... Treble	*PERCY LONG 5
*ARTHUR P. BRADING 2	BERTRAM J. SNOW 6
WALTER SCOTT, JUN. 3	WILLIAM UPTON 7
WALTER SCOTT, SEN. 4	A. RICHARD WARD Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

* First peal of Major. Rung for the patronal festival.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE HOWLETT Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
CHARLES ROOPE 2	FREDERICK ROOPE 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor

Composed by J. Cox.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

The peal was rung on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the first peal by the Norwich Diocesan Association, which was rung in the above tower, and was the same peal. The only survivor of the first band, Robert Whiting, was too unwell to be present.

GUISELEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY WARD Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY ... 5
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH ... 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 3	GEORGE W. STEEL ... 7
PERCY MASSAM 4	WILLIAM E. O. ASH ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Barraclough.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF BROOKS.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, SEN. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 6
PERCY J. SPICE 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
JOHN S. MORTON 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Cullum, sen., tower-keeper at the above church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GWENNAP, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Weneppa,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS ... Treble	JOHN SEDGELEY 4
HORACE BENNETTS 2	WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... 5
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 3	BERTRAM PASCOE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD.

First peal on the bells. The band were welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Thorold, and were entertained to supper at the Vicarage after the peal.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JAMES PALING Treble	*HORACE L. DAWSON ... 4
*ARTHUR SHARP 2	HENRY S. BREALEY ... 5
HERBERT HURDMAN ... 3	JOHN HOGGH Tenor

Conducted by J. HOGGH.

* First peal. Rung for the enthronement of the first Bishop of Derby.

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BRADWELL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*HARRY V. SEAR Treble	EDWARD WHITLOCK 4
†WILLIAM FRENCH 2	*SYDNEY FOSKETT 5
†ALEXANDER COLEY ... 3	HARRY SEAR Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Conway-Davis, who was inducted to the living of Bradwell on October 26th, by the Bishop of Buckingham.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

JOSEPH SHARP Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 2	HENRY STAPLETON ... 5
WILLIAM SHARP 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK BROWN ... Treble	WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 4
ERNEST RILEY 2	SAMUEL HUNT 5
JACK BAILEY 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. BAILEY.

First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung in commemoration of the hallowing of the diocese of Derby.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALEXANDER CLARK ... Treble	R. THOMAS CLARK 4
JOHN OWEN 2	HAROLD BLACKER 5
GILBERT HASSELL ... 3	*GEORGE COMER Tenor

Conducted by R. T. CLARKE.

* First peal.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

*WILLIAM SIMPKINS ... Treble	RONALD H. DOVE 4
WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 2	ALFRED MOULD 5
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 3	JACK BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal and first attempt, and elected a member of the M.C.A. prior to the peal. Rung to commemorate the hallowing of the cathedral and diocese of Derby.

FARNSFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 120's of Stedman and 40 of grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY F. CLULOW ... Treble	*GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 3
*ERNEST H. CLULOW ... 2	EDWARD FOSTER ... 4
J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	... Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells, which were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1890.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

JOHN T. BARTRAM ... ..	...Treble	*HERBERT ROOKE	4
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL	2	LEONARD PIERREFONT	5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL	3	HARRY MORGAN... ..	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First peal on an inside bell. First peal on the bells. First peal in five methods by all the band.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsires and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt.

AMOS SMART... ..	...Treble	WM. STOCK	3
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	WILLIAM SHARP	4
ALBERT MINNEY	Tenor		

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HORACE BOSWORTH ... ..	...Treble	*JOSEPH CRISSELL... ..	4
ERNEST H. MASTIN	2	JOHN SMART	5
KENNETH SEWARD	3	JOHN T. NEWINGTON... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. NEWINGTON.

* First peal.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Bob Minor.

CHARLES E. WEBB ... ..	...Treble	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON	4
WOODBURN NEVINSON	2	JOHN HOLME... ..	5
EDWIN JENNINGS	3	THOMAS B. NEWTON	Tenor

Conducted by T. B. NEWTON.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Furness Woodend, for many years a ringer at the above church.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST C. PEARSON ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE FINCH	4
WILLIAM SMITH	2	ARTHUR E. SMITH	5
FRANK L. FISHER	3	ALDERMAN LING, JUN... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

First peal on the bells since the tenor was recast and the other bells overhauled by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

AN ANCIENT PEAL.

At the Parish Church, Ampney Crucis, Glos, on Thursday, November 3rd, 1,440 of Doubles, viz., two six-scores each of Stedman, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Canterbury, St. Dunstan's, and Grandsire: W. G. Cook 1, G. J. Winter 2, F. J. Lewis 3, W. C. Cuss 4, J. Hope (conductor) 5. The 5th bell is of the 15th century, with the following inscription (translated): 'Pure Gracious Virgin, take into thy care all those whom I may call together here.'

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At PERSEVERANCE HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*FRANK A. TURNER	1-2	ARTHUR SYMONDS... ..	5-6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	3-4	MAURICE T. SYMONDS... ..	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.

* First double-handed peal of Major. First peal as conductor by M. T. Symonds, and rung as a farewell to him.

PLYMSTOCK, POMPHLETT, DEVON.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Moorings,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 120's of Stedman Doubles, ten 120's of Bob Doubles, and thirty 120's of Grandsire Doubles.

JAMES E. LILLEY... ..	1-2	CHARLES R. LILLEY	3-4
THOMAS G. MYERS	5-6		

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Umpire: E. H. LILLEY.

First handbell peal for the above Guild, also for T. G. Myers, in three methods. The first peal rung in Plymstock.

RESTORATION OF HAGBOURNE BELLS.

DEDICATION OF NEW FRAME.

The new bell frame in East Hagbourne tower was dedicated by Bishop E. D. Shaw, Archdeacon of Oxford, on Saturday, October 29th, in the presence of a large congregation. The interest which Hagbourne people always take in ringing matters was well shown by the crowded state of the church. Evensong was sung, and after the second lesson the Bishop proceeded to the west end of the aisle and, standing under the tower, pronounced the sentences of dedication. In his sermon he referred to past performances recorded by the peal boards in the tower, and called attention to the message of the bells, pointing out that whoever heard that message could not be left as before, but must either be elevated by taking heed or hardened by neglecting it.

After the service, a tea was provided in the school. Unfortunately, the treasurer of the bell fund had been called away on that day, so that no formal meeting was held as had been intended. Also, owing to the large number of people who stayed for tea, although they had not sent in their names or bought tickets, the seating accommodation was insufficient, and the tea had to be taken in two relays. However, while some were having tea, others were able to ring the bells, and, we believe, everybody got tea sooner or later. The evening was spent in ringing numerous methods from rounds to Cambridge, and an attempt was made to see that every visitor had a pull in whatever he wanted to ring. It was agreed by everybody that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have made a thoroughly good job of the rechanging, and the only criticism the Hagbourne ringers can make is that visitors will now be able to ring the bells as well as they can themselves, which they did not consider to be the case in the old frame.

The village people were overjoyed to hear the bells again, and one of the most stalwart supporters of the theory that an iron frame would spoil the tone of the bells was heard to remark in a stentorian voice, 'It sounds nice to hear 'em again, and I can't see that there's much difference.'

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. A. Smith Masters, and the lessons were read by Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Among those present were Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council, Mr. E. T. Hibbert, secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. A. E. Lock, secretary of the North Berks Branch, and Mr. A. A. Hughes, representing Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, as well as ringers, too numerous to mention, from many towers in the diocese.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A FULHAM RINGER.

Mr. Douglas Stevens, one of Fulham's promising ringers and a member of the Middlesex County Association, has died under tragic circumstances at the early age of 23 years. He collapsed and suddenly expired in a bus, while on his way to business on Monday morning, October 31st.

A most devoted and respected member of the Middlesex Association, he recently rang his first peal (Stedman Caters) at Fulham. He had rung several quarter-peals, both 'in hand' and on tower bells, and was ringing as usual on the Sunday prior to his death.

He was buried on Friday in Fulham Cemetery. In the evening, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung, followed by touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect by Messrs. Driver, Judd, Belcher, Skivington, Roberts, Folkard, Page, Norris, Ellis, Fulwell, Cutmore, Arthurton, Smith, Bennett, Edwards, and Hollier.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

A monthly meeting of Devizes Branch was held at the Minster Church, Warminster, on Saturday, November 5th, and, in spite of the wet weather, was largely attended, and the members were pleased to have with them the esteemed Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry, M.A., Rector of Shroton, Dorset).

Ringling commenced at 3 p.m., and the Vicar, the Rev. A. R. Bellars, M.A., visited the belfry, shook hands with those present, and expressed the hope that all would have a good time.

The Guild service was held at 4.40 p.m., and was conducted by the Vicar, the Master reading the lesson. As those present were leaving, the churchwardens stood at the church door and shook hands with the visitors. After tea, the business meeting was presided over by the Master of the Guild, supported by the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, whom all were pleased to see in improved health.

The Secretary (Mr. F. Green) reported the receipt of a cheque for 14s. 6d. from the Parochial Church Council of St. James', Bratton, towards the funds of the branch.

Discussion on matters affecting the branch took place, and on the motion of the Chairman a vote of thanks was passed to the Master for attending.—The Master, in reply, said how pleased he was to be able to attend the meeting. He would attend more often, but he lived in Dorset, and it was difficult to attend meetings on Saturday if they were held at the other end of the branch. He made reference to the good work done by the chairman of the Devizes Branch, and hoped that he would see his way clear to withdraw his resignation. He also expressed his thanks to the branch for the kind enquiries during his illness.

On the motion of the Vice-Chairman, Mr. B. Cook, an invitation was given to the Master to attend the annual meeting of the branch to be held at Devizes in January, 1928.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Holt.

Ringers, including the Master and Mrs. West, of Melksham, were present from Shroton (Dorset), Mere, Buckhorn Weston, Trowbridge, Warminster, Bratton, Holt, Rowde, Devizes, St. John's, and Melksham. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The ringers of Warminster are to be congratulated on having had electric light installed in the ringing chamber, which helps to make it one of the most comfortable in the branch.

Ringling also took place at Corsley.

PRESENTATION TO MR. A. C. FEARNLEY, OF YORK.**FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE WITH ONE FIRM.**

A pleasing ceremony took place recently, when a well-known ringer, in the person of Mr. Albert C. Fearnley, was entertained by the directors of Messrs. J. Terry and Sons (in company with the staff) to dinner, in honour of the completion of fifty years' service with the firm by Mr. Fearnley. The Chairman, Mr. F. W. Terry, in proposing 'The Health of Mr. Fearnley,' commented on the fact that twenty-five of the company present had an average of forty-three years' service with the firm, and stated on behalf of the directors their gratification at the excellent relations existing between the firm and its employees. Mr. Noel Terry in supporting, stated that between them Mr. Fearnley and his father had eighty years' continuous service with the firm, this constituting a record for the firm. Mr. Fearnley was the recipient of a handsome gold watch, suitably inscribed, as a memento of the memorable occasion from the firm, and also a pair of handsome candlesticks from the directors. Joining the Yorkshire Association in 1883, Mr. Fearnley has been instrumental in teaching many young ringers at York, and the writer has many recollections of being steered through the mysteries of York Surprise by some of the pupils at that nursery of York ringers, the historic Church of St. Mary, Bishophill. The good wishes of the Exercise are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Fearnley, and though one misses the many handbell performances in which formerly Mr. Fearnley took part, we trust that he may long be spared to guide the novices with sage advice, and give to the experts the value of his many years as an expert ringer.

BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.

At Bishopwearmouth Parish Church, Sunderland, on October 31st, 672 Grandsire Triples: G. Taylor 1, *N. Mills 2, J. Pickering 3, *J. Sewell 4, *J. Airey 5, *A. Robinson 6, R. Patterson (conductor) 7, R. Langton 8. * First touch in the method. The ringers of the treble and 7th belong to St. Ignatius' band, Sunderland, and the ringers at Bishopwearmouth are very grateful to them and others of their band who kindly give their help at the practices.

At Staveley, Derbyshire, on November 1st, two young ringers scored their first 720's. The extent was rung by a Sunday service band: A. Markwell 1, L. Palmer 2, F. Diable (first 720) 3, A. Steward (first 720) 4, W. Palmer 5, J. Knott (first 720 as conductor) 6. Messrs. Steward and Diable began ringing in February, 1926.

WOOLWICH.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles in 44 mins.: H. G. Marlyn 1, T. H. Culver 2, H. Finch 3, C. E. Palmer 4, B. Aldridge (conductor) 5, C. Fairman 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A band that rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Coscley, Staffs, on Saturday, can boast of a combined record of 250 years as Sunday service ringers, which, it is suggested, may prove to be a record.

There were a number of clergy present at the College Youths' dinner on Saturday night, but not everyone was aware that the company included two Bishops. Both came from Swindon—but they were neither diocesan nor suffragan; just plain Mr.

The 'Tom-tits' were present in considerable numbers, their strength being revealed when their Grand Primo took wine with his fellow-members.

The Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner is to take place at Birmingham on Saturday, February 25th.

The bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, will be broadcast on Sunday, November 20th, at 7.55 p.m.

'Amerryceuss' wishes to know who is the famous family of twelve bellringers in town who are known as the 'Fourteen Thieves,' and is Uncle one of 'em?

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Giles', Camberwell, recorded elsewhere in this issue, was rung at the first attempt and as a final test of the bells after their being rehung in March by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The perfect ease and comfort that is experienced in ringing them is surprising, and has delighted the large numbers of ringers who have rung on them at meetings or in the quarter-peals that have been rung almost each week since their restoration.

Ramsbottom Parish Church steeple was damaged by the recent gales. Some of the upper stonework was loosened, and the weather-vane damaged. For the present, therefore, the bells cannot be rung, and the meeting of the Rossendale Branch of the Lancashire Association, which was to have been held at this church on November 19th, is postponed.

The marriage will shortly take place between Rev. E. S. Powell, Vicar of Holbeton, and president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, and son of the late Rev. J. Powell, Rector of St. Clement's, Ipswich, and Miss Molly Davenport, secretary of the northern branch of the Ladies' Guild, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Davenport, of Dore, near Sheffield.

Miss Dorothy D. Steel, a well-known Bedford ringer, has sailed for Australia on a tour with the English croquet team. Miss Steel has five times won the Open English Ladies' Croquet Championship, and is the present holder of the title.

Next week sees the anniversary of two notable peals on the same bells, St. Andrew's, Norwich, now never rung. On November 17th, 1835, the first peal of London Surprise Major was rung, and on November 16th, 1837, a 7,360 Oxford Treble Bob.

The first peal of 'Real' Double Norwich was rung at Woolwich on November 16th, 1848.

'GREAT PETER' OF YORK.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the account of the dedication of 'Great Peter' which appears in 'The Ringing World' of November 4th there is no mention whatever of the inscription thereon, or any particulars as to diameter, thickness of sound bow, or any other matters beyond the weight and note.

I am sure that your readers would be glad of some information on these points, and also as to whether the arms of see and city of York have been reproduced from the old bell.

I notice in the inscriptions on the new peal of twelve, which appeared some weeks ago, no mention is made of Dr. Stephen Beckwith, who bequeathed the former peal cast in 1844, according to the inscription on the eleventh bell of that peal. Surely, some mention ought to have been made of this, even if the whole inscription had not been reproduced on one of the new bells.

I believe that the eleventh was the only bell that bore any inscription beyond the founders' names and date.—Yours faithfully,

J. R. JERRAM.

Clerical Library, Salisbury,
November 4th, 1927.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the founders, have supplied us with the following information with regard to 'Great Peter':—

The inscription, in Gothic characters, is as follows: 'SANCTI PETRI APOSTOLI CAMPANA MAGNA VOCOR'—'ITERUM FUSA A.D. MCMXXVII,' the English translation of which is, 'I am called the Great Bell of Saint Peter the Apostle.'

In addition to the inscription, the Minster arms appears on the obverse side with the founders' mark on the reverse side.

The diameter of the bell is 8 ft. 8 in., and its weight is 10 tons 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—At St. Katherine's Church, on October 15th, a quarter 'peal' of Bob Minor in 45 mins.: A. Wood 1, C. Hilton 2, D. K. C. Boil 3, R. Wells 4, H. Wood 5, C. Killick (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect for the late Mr. H. F. Ewins, an hon. member of St. Katherine's band and Southern District secretary of the Surrey Association.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the thirteenth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

In the following seven columns, all of the false lead-heads with the 'tenors together' have been filled in; also, under the lines, the false course-heads derived therefrom. These are all of the course-heads that will prove false AGAINST COURSE HEADED 23456, in a peal with the tenors together. The numerals against the false course-heads, '(III.), (II.), (V.), etc.,' denote which lead (in that false course; will be headed by the false lead-head, from which the false course-head has been found.

Columns Nos. 1, 4, and 7 contain no false lead-heads with the tenors in plain course positions:—

Column No.	2.	3.	5.	6.
From plain L.-H.	(5738264)	(8674523)	(3527486)	(7856342)
False lead-heads	8574632 6738452	6728354	7865324	3647286 7865243
False course-heads	32465(III.) 43265(II.)	32465(II.)	43265(VI.)	43265(V.) 32465(VI.)

Duplicate false course-heads must NOT be ignored, when they refer to different columns, nor when they refer to different leads OF THEMSELVES. That is to say, in column No. 2 we might have had 32465 (III.) AND ALSO 32465 (IV.), etc.

One example, showing the finding of the false course-heads. In column 2 we have (8)5(7)4632. Its 'fellow' is the THIRD in the plain course (8)6(7)4523. We can ignore '1-7-8,' because, being in the same places in BOTH rows, they all go back 'home.' Read the pairs 'downwards' as before:—

3rd L.-H. in plain	From course headed
course is	by
So that our row	From course headed
will be 3rd L.-H. 00504632	by
(or) 32465 (III.)	03246500

We are now able to make for ourselves a 'proof scale' for any Treble Bob method, and the proving of plain methods should present no difficulty; but before leaving the subject I should like to touch upon one or two short-cuts which I have purposely omitted to mention in order to avoid confusion.

Given any lead-head, the course-head may be found in this way: The place occupied in the given lead-head by the tenor should properly be occupied (at rounds) by ANOTHER BELL; then, take the plain course lead-head which has that OTHER BELL in tenor's place (i.e., 'eight's-place'), and transpose the given head by the plain one. As an example, we will take the one quoted above. Column No. 2 has a false lead-head 1(8)574632; tenor is in the place which would be occupied (at rounds) by the '2.' The plain course lead-head, which has '2' in the tenor's place (i.e., 'eight's'), is 1785634(2). Then, transpose 18574632 by 17856342, which gives 13246578, or the course-head 32465.

When finding the lead-heads which are false against the first lead, we found that comparison of 'similar rows' sometimes produced duplicate pairs of false heads. This is due to the 'sections' being 'symmetrical.'

The 'sections' consist of the eight rows in which the treble bell is 'working' in adjacent places. There are eight rows where she is in first's and second's places (rows Nos. 1 to 4, and 29 to 32); eight rows when she is in '3/4 places' (rows Nos. 5 to 8, and 25 to 28); similarly there are eight rows in each '5/6' and '7/8' places.

Observe that, starting from Row No. 1, the treble gradually works her way from the front to the back of the rows, and finishes at row No. 16. Starting from row No. 32, and TRAVELLING BACKWARDS, she does exactly the same thing, and while we compare rows 1/30, we do not compare 2/31; row 2 is compared with row 29, etc.

A 'symmetrical' method causes the same pairs to change, when traced BACKWARDS from row 32, as those which change when traced FORWARDS from row No. 1. Therefore, if we compare rows 1/30, we need not compare rows 2/29, provided that the same pairs that change from row 1 to 2, also change from row 30-29. In the following example, rows 29/30 are reversed for comparison purposes:—

Row 1 ... (12)(34)(58)(78)	Row 30 ... (15)(78)(32)(46)
Row 2 ... (21)(43)(65)(87)	Row 29 ... (51)(87)(23)(64)

Symmetry in the sections is easily recognised by the 'places' which are made in the rows. That is, by the bells which retain the same places in the rows. Bells which do not make one of a changing pair are forced to stop in the same place in the rows. Therefore, similar places being made, means similar pairs being changed. So that if no places are made when the treble is passing from one place in the row to another, as in the example above, it means that every pair of bells (in the row) change. In Superlative this happens in every case in which the treble steps from the 'odd place' (1, 3, 5, 7) to the 'even' place (2, 4, 6, 8), in the first half of the lead; bells 'make places' when she

steps from the even to the odd place, as in rows 2 and 3 (where '4' and '5' retain the same places in the rows), and in rows 10 and 11 (places made by '6' and '4').

This latter does not affect our point, because, when comparing rows 10/21, row 11 is compared with row 24. We look for symmetry in the rows from Odd to Even places in the first half of the lead, and in their fellows in the second (or backward) half of the lead, where, of course, the reverse is the case—from EVEN TO ODD places.

If the sections are symmetrical regarding this 'place-making,' in the rows that have to be compared, we need only compare those similar rows which have the treble in the 'odd' places therein (either in 1, 3, 5, or 7), because the 'even' places (2, 4, 6, 8) will produce the same false lead-heads. If they are not symmetrical, all of the rows must be compared, subject, of course, to the condition that + rows need not be compared with — rows, etc.

As Superlative does not show 'place-making' between the rows which have to be compared, two halves of a section of London Surprise Major are given:—

No. First half of lead.	No. Second half of lead.
1. 12 3 4567 8 +	29. 41 8 7652 3 —
2. 21 3 5476 8 —	30. 14 8 6725 3 +
3. 12 5 3748 6 —	31. 41 6 8273 5 +
4. 21 5 7384 6 +	32. 14 6 2837 5 —

It will be seen that, ordinarily, the similar rows for comparison should be: 1/30, 2/29, 3/32, and 4/31; but the places made between 1/2 (made by '3' and '8') are symmetrical with those between rows 29/30 (made by '8' and '3'). Therefore, having compared 1/30, we need not trouble about 2/29, because the false heads will be duplicated. Similarly with rows 3/32 and 4/31.

The places need not necessarily be made by the same bells; it is the changing pairs that have to be symmetrical, and observation of the places is an easy means to deciding if the changing pairs are the same.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NEW NORTHERN DISTRICT OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division was held at Bocking on Saturday last. Forty-three members were present from Rayne, Great Bardfield, Braintree, Black Notley, Witham, Ears Colne, Greenstead Green, Halstead, Sudbury, Dunmow, Stisted, Maldon (All Saints'), Felsted, Stebbing, Feering, Sible Hedingham, and the members of the newly-formed local band. At the service held in the Parish Church, Rev. T. P. R. Clark, senior curate, officiated, and the lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association. The Very Rev. Dean Brownrigg gave an impressive address, based upon the words: 'Their sound is gone out into all lands.' Rev. P. W. Jenkins, assistant curate, and a full choir of men were also present.

According to a resolution passed at the annual meeting of the association, a collection was made for the Association Bell Restoration Fund. The offerings amounted to 13s. 3d.

Tea and meeting followed in the Church Hut. Mr. F. Claydon, District Master, who presided, having expressed his wish to retire in order to give others an opportunity to aspire to office, Mr. A. Saunders, of Greenstead Green, was elected Master, and the retiring Master was thanked for his services.

Mr. W. Arnold, Ears Colne, was elected secretary in place of the late Mr. W. H. Dyson.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. W. Smith, of Dunmow, whose father was buried that afternoon, and the Master of the association was requested to write him a letter of condolence.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Dunmow in February.

A vote of thanks was passed to the aged Dean for the use of the bells and his excellent address, to the organist and to the ladies who managed the tea.—Rev. T. P. R. Clark and Mr. A. W. Tyler, churchwarden, suitably replied.

Mr. Wiffen, a member of the newly-formed Bocking band, who have taken up their duties in a most enthusiastic manner, thanked Messrs. G. and L. W. Wiffen, of Braintree, for their services as instructors, and expressed a wish that ere long the band would become change ringers and members of the association.

It being the Master's 59th birthday, Mr. L. W. Wiffen expressed the feeling of the meeting in wishing him many happy returns of the day.

During the afternoon and evening, touches in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise were rung.

DEATH OF FORMER MASTER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

As a mark of respect to the late Mr. Harold Walton, at one time Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and member of St. Leonard's Society, Streatham, and Mr. William Shepherd, for over fifty years ringer at Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, and one of the founders of the Surrey Association, who both died recently, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted with the bells half-muffled at St. Leonard's Church, on Saturday, November 5th, but, unfortunately, came to grief after ringing one hour and thirty-five minutes: L. Attwater 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, J. W. Chapman 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. Rumley 6, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 7, W. E. G. Hewson 8.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

There was a record gathering of nearly 220 present at the 290th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, at the London Tavern on Saturday, the visitors to the Metropolis including representative ringers from all parts of the country. There was ringing during the afternoon at St. Saviour's Cathedral, St. Magnus' and St. Andrew's, Holborn, Churches, and following recent practice a service was held at the Church of St. Michael, College Hill, from which the society gets its name. The church was filled with the congregation of ringers, and the special form of service, brief but particularly appropriate, was conducted by the Rector, Canon Bullock Webster. The hymns were very heartily sung. The Rev. E. C. Bedford, of St. Andrew's, Holborn, was the preacher, and his subject was 'Hobbies.' He dwelt upon the importance of everyone having a hobby, and enlarged upon the advantages of such a hobby as bellringing, which was not only healthful, but had also the deeper purpose of service to God and His Church. He also urged his hearers to unite with the hobby adopted for pleasure some other hobby which would render social service in the world around them.

The Master (Mr. Thomas Groombridge, sen.) presided over the dinner, and was supported by Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), Prebendary Ponsonby (Rector of Bow), Mr. E. H. Lewis (Glasgow), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer of the Oxford Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse, Major F. A. Yorke, R.A., Rev. H. Fynes-Clinton (St. Magnus'), Mr. C. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. J. D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. J. George (Birmingham), Mr. A. Coppock (Master of the Sherwood Youths, Nottingham), Mr. W. Skinner (Dean's Verger at St. Paul's Cathedral), Rev. E. C. Bedford, Mr. E. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Rev. W. Pennington Beckford (St. Clement Danes), Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn. Among other visitors were Messrs. J. T. Rickman (Master), A. D. Stone (hon. secretary) and K. Hart, of the Sussex Association; A. Walker (Ringing Master), A. Paddon Smith (hon. secretary), and P. Laffin, of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary) and T. King, of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association; C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association); J. W. Jones (hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association); H. Walker (secretary) and G. Clark, of the Doncaster District Society; R. T. Hibbert (secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild); F. A. Smith (president of the Hertford County Association); J. Christopher Mitchell (London), W. Haigh (Rockester), W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), G. Bowen (Ilfracombe), G. Ludd (Pinchbeck), L. Wightman (Norwich), Gillingham and Tillett (Ipswich), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), S. Palmer and J. Thorpe (Sheffield), E. Bishop (Swindon), W. Davies (Liverpool), L. Wilson (Wootton Bassett), J. Evans (Hugghenden), W. D. Smith (Eastbourne), E. C. Goldsmith (Clapham), J. Parker (Edmonton), A. D. Cullum (Caversham), E. F. Poppy (Eye), W. Melville (Guildford), F. Dench (Saffron Walden), W. Hibbert, jun. (now home for a holiday from Nigeria), and ringers from many towers in London and within a big radius of the Metropolis. Mr. H. R. Newton occupied the vice-chair, and among the officers of the College Youths present were Messrs. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), C. F. Winney and W. Prime (trustees), J. Hawkins and J. Bullock (stewards). The oldest member present was Mr. Ted Wallace, who joined the society 57 years ago.

After the toast of 'The King,' the Master proposed 'The Church,' to which Prebendary Ponsonby responded.

Canon Coleridge submitted 'Continued prosperity to the Ancient Society of College Youths,' to which Mr. W. T. Cockerill replied.

'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. C. H. Horton, and acknowledged by the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford.

The Vice-chairman gave 'The London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' nineteen of which, he said, were represented there that night. Mr. P. W. H. Sergesen and Mr. J. T. Dyke replied to the toast.

'The Press' was proposed by Mr. E. A. Young, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor of 'The Ringing World') responded.

Bells figured prominently in the musical programme. A course of Stedman Cinques was rung 'double handed' by Messrs. H. Hodgkiss, A. Peck, C. F. Winney, H. Langdon, J. Thomas and W. T. Cockerill; Mrs. Hughes once more delighted the company with her handbell solos, playing, with her accustomed skill and grace, 'Londonderry Air,' 'The Old Brigade,' and, as an encore, 'Land of Hope and Glory'; and the Brothers Brett-Smith (Jack, Cyril, Percy, David and Tom) roused the audience to a pitch of great enthusiasm by their tune ringing, which included such favourites as 'Drink to me only,' 'The Farmer's Boy,' 'Ring the bell, watchman,' etc. Capt. Freeborn was encored for his delightful rendering of the song 'Danny Boy,' and a similar compliment was paid to Mr. T. Warren, who sang 'Leavin'' in fine style. Mr. F. Groombridge was the accompanist.

The happy evening was concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.' The reports of the speeches will appear in our next issue.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.—On Saturday, Oct. 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandisle Triples in 43 mins.: A. J. Sylvester 1, L. Mannerling 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, W. E. Butler 4, E. Burley 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, W. Brants 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor. Rung after a peal failure for the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE JUBILEE GATHERING.

The 50th annual festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, October 29th, in the city of its birth, Durham. There were over 100 members present from York, Newcastle (three towers), Gosforth, Bishop Auckland, Chester-le-Street, Cramlington, Darlington (three towers), Durham (two towers), Gateshead, Houghton, Hurworth, North Shields, Shildon, Staindrop, Stockton, Sunderland (two towers), Tanfield, West Hartlepool, and Whitley Bay.

Early in the day, ringing was kept going at St. Oswald's, St. Nicholas' bells not being yet available, owing to rehanging work going on in the tower by Mr. Ernest Ferry. The committee met at mid-day,

and got through a lot of business, deciding to send or present an address of welcome to the newly-appointed Bishop of Newcastle, Dr. Bilbrough; and also fixed the general meetings for the ensuing year: Pre-Lent, Cramlington; Whit-Monday, Stockton; and summer meeting, Bamburgh.

At one o'clock the members assembled in the beautiful chancel choir of Durham Cathedral for the service, the Dean of Durham (Bishop J. E. C. Welldon) giving the address.

Bishop Welldon, in his discourse, greeted the ringers as his fellow-workers in the ministry of the Church. It was a strange coincidence, he said, that their meeting that day in the cathedral should be marked by the news that the one professor of campanology in all the universities of the world had passed away. So far as he knew,

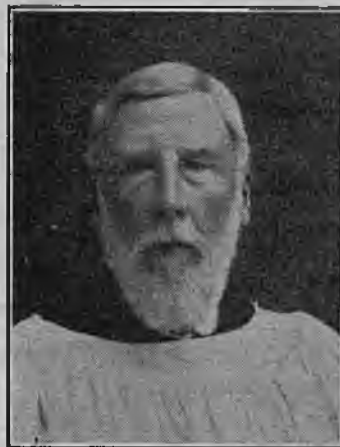
there had been no other professor like Professor Starmer in the University of Birmingham, and it was with sadness, and yet with thankfulness of heart, they remembered before God his services to the art of bell-ringing. Church bells, he continued, were a part of the legacy which the Church inherited from the Middle Ages. 'I like to think,' said Dr. Welldon, 'that the bells have done much for religion in England and in the world. I do not know what the Church would do without her bells; and, as you reflect upon the varying messages of the bells—the happy message of the marriage bells, the tragic message of the passing bell when the soul has departed to God Who made it—you will realise that the ringing of the bells is no more a mechanical business, but a spiritual office.'

The members afterwards gathered round the festive board at the Rose and Crown Hotel, where Mr. C. L. Routledge, president of the association, occupied the chair. He was supported by the president of the Yorkshire Association (Rev. C. C. Marshall), Mr. Joseph Broadley, of Bradford, Bishop Wood, Vicar of St. George's, Newcastle, Canon Stephenson, of Gateshead, the Vicar of South Shields (Canon Hudson Barker), the Vicar of Tynemouth (Rev. R. E. Holmes), Canon Bothomley, Durham, Mr. T. T. Goffton and his wife (Mrs. Councillor Goffton), the Rev. J. Wall (sacristan of Durham Cathedral), Mr. J. W. Parker, and Mr. G. S. Taylor, Sunderland, Mr. W. Story and Mr. E. Ferry (secretary), Newcastle, Mr. A. M. Hall, Gateshead, and Mr. F. Lowe, Tanfield. Mr. R. Patterson, of Sunderland, vice-president, occupied the vice-chair. The Bishops and Durham and Newcastle sent messages of regret for being absent on that auspicious occasion, and a telegram of good wishes and regretting absence was received from Mr. F. E. Dawe (London).

The visitors were formally but cordially welcomed by the Chairman, and, in reply, the Rev. C. C. Marshall expressed his pleasure at being able to represent the neighbouring association of Yorks at that gathering, and to bring with him another staunch supporter of his association in Mr. Broadley.

Mr. William Story, of Newcastle, giving the toast 'The Bishops and the Clergy of the two dioceses,' described the new Bishop of Newcastle as 'a big, hefty chap,' and remarked that if he and the Dean of Durham would take the tenor bell he had no doubt that the ringing would be 'Welldon.' There had been of late a good deal of controversy as to the relations between the clergy and the bellringers, and he was of the opinion that they were all to blame.

Bishop Wood, responding, remarked that many young curates would be only too glad to start ringing when they had health and strength, and life was all a game. He was perfectly certain they would find in the new Bishop of Newcastle a strong friend of that work. They were fortunate at St. George's, Jesmond, in having Mr. Ferry as master of the belfry.



MR. WILLIAM REED.
Elected first President.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

Mr. E. E. Ferry, of Gosforth, presenting the 50th annual report, said the association was formed in 1877, and in 1882 there was a membership of 195, as against 686 at the present time. The old idea of the clergy and ringers looking upon each other as a necessary evil had died out, and now they looked upon each other as fellow-workers in the service of God. They had the support of five bishops and 33 clergy, but there were still 15 Vicars in the Durham diocese and two in Newcastle diocese who had bells in the church towers and were not hon. members. They were glad to have among them that day the only member of the original organisation left, Mr. William Newton, of Stockton. The past year showed an improvement in the number and quality of the Sunday service sheets sent in. Chief returns were: For the 8, 10, 12-bell towers: North Shields, 1, 1596.596; St. Ignatius, Sunderland, 2, 1333.984; Whitley Bay, 3, 868.446; Newcastle Cathedral, 4, 618.97; St. John's, Darlington, 5, 319.97. Six-bell towers: Holy Trinity, Darlington, 1, 1370.08; Hurworth-on-Tees, 2, 775.96; Benfieldside, 3, 353.76; Newburn, 4, 221; Newton Hall, 5, 140.32. North Shields had taken first place for the second year in succession. Durham Cathedral and St. Oswald's, Durham, had sent in ringing sheets for the first time. Holy Trinity, Darlington, had taken first place for the sixth successive year. Mr. Adam Deas headed the list of peals with nine, and Mr. J. W. Parker was at the top of the list of conductors with four.

Mr. G. S. Taylor, treasurer, produced an excellent balance sheet, with an unprecedented balance in hand of £21 15s. 6d., but, as he explained later, though all outstanding debts were paid, 1927-28 was likely to be a heavy year of expense and would swallow it up.—The Chairman proposed the adoption of the balance sheet and report, and they were adopted.

'OUR FOUNDERS.'

The President submitted the jubilee meeting toast 'To the memory of our founders, 1877, and to the continued prosperity of the association.' He referred the audience to 'The Ringing World's' issue of that week for the details of the initiation of the association, which took place in that very city, in the song school of the cathedral. The first annual report, printed and in MS., was on the table for everyone to see, and he quoted from the account of the first annual meeting, published in 'Church Bells' of September 28th, 1878, some details of how the Durham Cathedral ringers themselves hauled the efforts of advancement in those days. After all these years, this obstruction had been overcome by their secretary, Mr. Ferry, with the co-operation of Dean Weldon and his chapter, and not only were the bells being rung now to changes on Sunday, but all the young band of enthusiasts were members of the association. Mr. Routledge mentioned the men of grit and enthusiasm who had carried on the work from the earlier days of the founders, in addition to those mentioned in

'The Ringing World' of October 29th, including such fine exponents of the art as Wm. Newton and Tom Stephenson, of Stockton, Joel Hern and Moffatt, of Shields, Wallis, Denton and Power, of Newcastle, the Gofsons, of Whitley Bay, the Hudsons, of Sunderland, Field and Falconer, of Gosforth, the Ferrys, of Newcastle, Blakiston, of Middlesbrough, Porter, Todd and the Parks, of Darlington. Of the parsons who had been most prominent were the Revs. C. Buxton, sometime secretary, C. C. Cox and H. S. T. Richardson, Bernard Jealous, A. Simpson, and Canon Williams, and last, but not least, their ex-president, Rev. A. W. Lister, of South Shields, formerly of Stockton and Tanfield. Of the non-ringing parsons they delighted in giving honour to were the Rev. Canon



MR. E. E. FERRY.

The present hon. secretary.

Barker, Canon Stephenson, Gateshead, and Rev. H. H. Barff, of Wylam, all of whom have given nearly 30 years' kindly support to this association. The President asked, Has this association influenced and improved the status of the ringer as a Church worker? The spread of voluntary ringing by the love of change ringing for its own beautiful intricacies and worth, and their staunch loyalty to the Church with its Bishop, priests and deacons, proved that up to the hilt. Voluntary work was the platform on which the ringer as a Church worker stood.

As to belfry reform, he continued, I can only refer you to our list of bells of the two dioceses in the final pages of our report to show you there is hardly one of the peals of bells mentioned there that has not been installed, augmented or rebung at the instance of some officer or member of this association, from the cathedrals down to the

five bells at Willington. Over and above these conquests, there is that magnificent feeling of brotherhood which has ever cemented us together as a whole family, free of cliques and factions, large in number though we be. These facts can only bring us to one conclusion—that we have justified our founders' ideas and plans, and that we would have been very much poorer morally, physically and certainly mentally, had we never been banded together as an association. Every effort should be made to gain the confidence and appreciation of the public, of our art and of our work, by propaganda. When a lecture can be given, let it be taken in hand at once and carried through thoroughly, with lantern slides and a handbell demonstration where possible.

In conclusion, the President referred to his 47 years as a ringer, and said he had never regretted one minute of the time spent in the belfry and in the company of the whole-hearted change ringer. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. William Newton, of Stockton-on-Tees, the only living member of the association who was present at the inaugural meeting in Durham 50 years ago, and who was there that day, hale in body and still whole-hearted in his ringing, and one of the straightest and kindest men he had ever known. For fifty years he had never wavered in his loyalty to the association (applause).

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm by all present, and Mr. Newton, in his reply, gave some delightful reminiscences of his experiences of the early days of the association and its meetings, which were listened to with rapt attention by the members and warmly applauded.

After a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, the following were elected officers for the coming year: President, Mr. G. L. Routledge; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. A. Hern, Foster Pattison, R. L. Patterson, and T. Clark; secretary, Mr. Ernest Ferry; treasurer, Mr. G. S. Taylor; editorial secretary, Mr. A. Payne; and auditor, Mr. A. M. Hall. The district secretaries were all re-elected—Messrs. A. Deas (including the Newcastle division of Northern District), G. S. Taylor, J. T. Tiff, H. Tyson, and Chas. Symon, for West Tyne division.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall then graciously presented the winning certificates for the Sunday service ringing, awarded upon what is known as Ferry's List.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Durham, with particular reference to Dr. Weldon's very beautiful address, to Canon Culley for presiding at the organ, and to the Vicars of St. Oswald's and St. Nicolas', Durham, for the use of the bells during the day.

After the election of new members, both honorary (including two Residentiary Canons of Durham) and ringing, of which there were about 25, a vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

The rest of the evening was spent in ringing at the cathedral and, later, at Chester-le-Street, at both of which touches of Treble Bob Major and Stedman were rung.

REOPENING OF BELLS AT GUISBOROUGH.

On Saturday evening, October 29th, the peal of six bells (tenor 9 cwt.) at Guisborough, Yorks, were rededicated by the Rector of the parish after being tuned and rebung in ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

A short service was held, during which the Rector entered the ringing chamber (which is open to the church), and there read the dedicatory prayers. After the singing of the closing hymn, the bells were raised in peal, while the congregation stood as interested spectators. A band of ringers, which included the president and the secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, then rang touches of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Guisborough is to be congratulated on possessing such a fine ring of six, and the bell hangers upon the excellent 'go' of the bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HELP FOR WEST DRAYTON BELL FUND.

A most successful meeting of the South and West District was held at Twickenham on Saturday, October 29th. It was a pleasure to see so many young enthusiasts present, and their company was welcomed by the Ringing Master (Mr. R. Holloway) and Mr. Trollope. Splendid practice was done before service, which was conducted by the Rev. E. P. Cole-Skeane, Vicar, the Rev. R. Jones presiding at the organ. After service, the members were entertained to tea by the Vicar and churchwardens, the meal being served by Mr. and Mrs. J. Lovell. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. Etherington (churchwarden), Mrs. Cole-Skeane, Mr. Bird (vice-president), the Ringing Master, and hon. treasurer, and a company of 52 had an enjoyable time.

The usual business was transacted, with hearty thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kind hospitality, to Mrs. Cole-Skeane, to the organist, to the Ringing Master, the vice-president, the host and hostess, Mrs. G. Bradford, Mr. E. Morris, and Mr. and Mrs. Belcher and family for their several selections on the handbells, which were very much appreciated.

The Hon. Secretary made an appeal for money to help the West Drayton Bell Fund, and two guineas have been sent and duly acknowledged by the Fund Committee.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LEWISHAM DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. John-the-Baptist's, Eltham, on Saturday, October 29th.

The bells were kept going to touches in the standard methods throughout the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Elphinstone Rivers), who gave a very interesting address, in the course of which he welcomed the association to Eltham.

After the service, the members repaired to the Parish Hall, where a splendid tea was attractively served by Mrs. Anderson and a committee of ladies. Some sixty members partook of the repast, which was generously provided by the local ringers and friends.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar occupying the chair. The Secretary read a report of last year's work, and this was adopted.

Three new members were elected, and the officers for the year were chosen. The retiring secretary (Mr. A. G. Hill) was re-elected. Then followed the election of two representatives on the Central Committee of the association. Mr. W. J. Jeffries, having become a trustee of the society, was unable to continue his long and faithful service in this capacity, but his colleague, Mr. I. Emery, was re-elected, and two nominations were made to fill the vacancy. The voting resulted in the appointment of Mr. E. Barnett, jun., of Crayford.

Only one suggestion was made for the place of the next quarterly meeting, i.e., St. Luke's, Brounley Common, and this was agreed to.

A discussion followed on the rule concerning non-resident life members. This resulted in the district representatives being instructed to bring the matter to the attention of the coming committee meeting, and to get the rule revised to avoid the existing ambiguity.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, for his address, and for presiding at the meeting; to the organist for his services, to the donors of the tea for their generous hospitality, and to Capt. Anderson, captain of the local ringers, who was solely responsible for all the excellent arrangements made.—This was carried with applause, as was a similar vote, proposed by Mr. I. Emery, to Mrs. Anderson and her committee, for their able supervision of the social function.

The Vicar and Capt. Anderson responded, the latter gentleman asking for ringers to visit Eltham on Wednesday afternoon, November 2nd, to ring on the occasion of the opening of the Woolwich War Memorial Hospital.

This concluded a successful meeting, the tower being again visited and further ringing taking place.

On Wednesday, November 2nd, on the occasion of the opening of the Woolwich War Memorial Hospital, by their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, touches of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Bob Major by the following: W. J. Jeffries, G. H. Daynes and E. Barnett, sen. (conductors), F. Fraser, E. Mounter, J. Hurrell, H. Wood, W. A. Simmonds, F. Coley, C. A. Bines and E. B. Crowder.

THE CLASHING OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The annual general meeting of the Rochester District was held at Chatham on Saturday, October 29th, nearly 50 members attending, and it is interesting to record that every 'touch,' in methods varying from Grandsire to Superlative, that was attempted 'came home.'

The association service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Wiltshire, Mr. E. A. G. Allen, of Frindsbury, accompanying the singing on the organ.

Tea followed in the schoolroom, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by the Rector.

The district secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell) presented his annual report, which showed a slight falling off in the number of practising members in the district, but an increase in the number of peals rung. In the report, the secretary urged all to try and get new members, as he did not like to see their membership declining.—The report was unanimously adopted, and the secretary thanked.

Mr. Mitchell was unanimously re-elected district hon. secretary, and Messrs. Haigh and W. Spice district representatives on the Association Committee.

A discussion took place on the clashing of dates of the various district meetings, and it was unanimously resolved that the representatives should do their best at the forthcoming general committee meeting to remedy this, not that that district was often privileged to have visits from other district members, but to enable its own members to visit other meetings if they so desired.

Rainham was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, having beaten Gravesend in the ballot.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all for the success of the meeting, and the tower was again visited and ringing indulged in until nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal on another highly successful meeting.

DERBY CATHEDRAL HALLOWING.

At Hartshorne, Derbyshire, on November 3rd, in commemoration of the Derby Cathedral hallowing, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (the longest length on the bells) in 41 mins.: A. Sharp 1, R. H. Dove 2, P. W. Grice 3, F. Boulstridge 4, J. W. Cosson (conductor) 5. A peal on these bells had to be abandoned owing to the bad 'go' of the 4th and tenor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT HITCHIN.**

An exceptionally good meeting of the Northern District of the Herts Association was held at Hitchin on Saturday, when, by the kindness of the Vicar, the bells, a beautiful ring of eight, were available the whole afternoon and evening. Ringers were present from Baldock, Barley, Kempston, St. Neots, Hatfield, Offley, Biggleswade, Graveley, Royston, Trumpington, Kimpton, Sandy, Southill, Roxton, Little Munden, Luton and the local band. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and no time was lost between the various touches, so that all present might have as much ringing as possible. The Vicar conducted a short service, and joined the ringers afterwards at the tea and meeting. One new life member was elected, viz., Mr. E. H. Finch, of Great Shelford.

The Vicar very heartily welcomed all present, and remarked that bellringing must be a very fine art to bring so many men together at one place for it. Reference was made to the sad bereavement of a Royston ringer, Mr. S. C. Roberts, in the sudden death of his son, who was also a ringer, and as a mark of respect the whole company stood in silence for a few moments.

The belfry was visited again for further ringing, and the bells kept going till about nine o'clock. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise. London Surprise was attempted, but did not go too well. The success of the meeting was the subject of general comment, as was also the good 'go' of the bells, the back three of which have just been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AND A PRESENTATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, Oct. 29th, and between 40 and 50 members and friends were present. The well-known captain of the local band (Mr. 'Jack' Jefferies), who, by the way, is the chairman of the Bristol United Guilds for the year, was at the church to welcome the members. The bells, a light peal of eight, were raised in peal, and were rung up till service time at 4.30. The service was a great feature of the meeting, the full choir being augmented by the ladies' choir. The Vicar (the Rev. F. R. H. Crews) officiated, and also gave an address. He welcomed the association to Mangotsfield, and hoped they would come oftener.

After the service, the ringers adjourned to the Crown Hotel for tea, and at the meeting which followed the chairman of the branch (Mr. J. Gould) presided.

Mr. Jefferies undertook the duty of instructing the Absom ringers in change ringing, and was thanked for his kind offer and service.

It was resolved to recommend to the general committee that a grant be made from the funds towards rehanging Marshfield bells.

Abbots Leigh was chosen for the next monthly meeting on Saturday, November 26th, and Brighthelm for the meeting on December 17th.

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. Wm. Knight seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and the choir, also to Mr. J. Jefferies for making such excellent local arrangements, and this was carried by acclamation.—The Vicar, responding, said he would repeat what he said at the service, that a hearty welcome would be always given them at any time, and if they could not arrange a meeting at any chosen place, Mangotsfield would be always open to them as an alternative. He paid a high compliment to their captain and ringers.—Mr. Fussell responded for the choir, and said it was a real pleasure to them all.

This concluded the business meeting. The Vicar and the local ringers took advantage of the meeting to make a presentation to one of their members (Mr. C. R. Harding), who was shortly leaving them to take up his residence at Cheltenham. Mr. Jefferies spoke of Mr. Harding's past service, the help he had always given them, and the good fellowship he had always exhibited, and asked the Vicar to present Mr. Harding with a handsome mounted walking stick. The Vicar spoke of the loss which the local band would sustain by Mr. Harding's departure, and wished him well. Mr. Harding was loudly applauded on receiving the gift from the Vicar.

The Chairman outlined Mr. Harding's career as a ringer, and the Secretary, on behalf of the association, gave him warm wishes for his future health and happiness, and more usefulness to the cause of church bellringing.

Mr. Harding, who was taken by surprise, thanked them all, and said he would do his best to continue to give all assistance he could to the cause of bellringing.

The members then returned to the belfry until 9 p.m., special instruction being given to several learners, who were very pleased with their first success.

ONE HUNDRED 720's THIS YEAR.

At Over, Cambs, on Sunday, October 30th, Mr. F. Warrington rang his one hundredth 720 for 1927. This was before the evening service, and was a 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Robinson 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

DEATH OF MR. F. S. BARNES.**A WELL-KNOWN CHESHIRE RINGER.**

We regret to record the death of a well-known Wirral ringer in the person of Mr. Francis Sydney Barnes, who passed away on October 26th, after a long and painful illness, at the age of 50 years. The deceased commenced his ringing career at St. Albans Abbey, Herts, but removed to Birkenhead, Cheshire, in 1899, and became attached to St. Saviour's Church, Oxton, where he took a keen and active part in the ringing. The peals in which he took part, though not numerous, were invariably of a good quality, and he could always be relied upon as a 'safe' ringer.

His remains were laid to rest at Bebington Cemetery on Saturday, October 29th, in the presence of a large number of ringing and Masonic friends, who had gathered to pay a last tribute of respect to their old colleague. Prior to the interment a service was held at St. Saviour's Church, conducted by the Rev. Canon Sayer, M.A. (Vicar), who also officiated at the cemetery. The bells were rung half-muffled previous to the service, and at the graveside a farewell touch on handbells was rung by Messrs. J. Cooke, W. Dean, C. I. Davies and H. Ludkin.

In addition to the relatives and other friends present at the church and cemetery, there were also present Messrs. E. W. Elwell (hon. secretary, Chester Diocesan Guild), H. S. Brocklebank (Wirral Branch secretary, Chester Diocesan Guild), R. Birchall, J. Evans, W. Hughes, S. Moston, G. Smith and W. Wharton (St. Saviour's Church), Claude I. Davies (Liverpool Branch secretary, Lancashire Association), J. Cooke, W. Dean, R. Fitzsimmons and J. Withers (St. Peter's, Rock Ferry), G. R. Edwards, J. Griffin, H. Ludkin, H. Marsh and H. Martin.

On Sunday, October 30th, for morning service, at St. Saviour's Church, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by the following: R. Birchall (conductor), H. S. Brocklebank, J. Evans, E. J. Glanville, W. Hughes, S. Moston, H. J. Samuel and W. Wharton.

FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT LOSS.**SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. FURNESS WOODEND.**

Members of the Exercise in the Lake District have sustained a severe loss by the death of Mr. F. Woodend, of Brathay, who expired suddenly in the early hours of Wednesday, November 2nd. Mr. Woodend was 57 years of age, and is survived by two sons and two daughters. He had been a ringer at Brathay for 35 years, and had taken part in 35 peals, his last peal being Kent Treble Bob Major on October 22nd of this year.

The funeral took place at Brathay on Saturday, November 5th, there being a large number of ringers and friends present. Ringers from Silverdale, Hawkshead, Brathay and Ambleside carried him to his last resting place near to the tower he loved so well. After the funeral a muffled peal was rung, ringers from Hawkshead, Kendal, Silverdale and Ambleside taking part. Among his peals Mr. Woodend had rung one of 6,120 changes of Minor in five methods, and two 10,080's of Minor in seven methods: Minor in one method 11, in two methods 1, in three methods 10, in four methods 2, in five methods 2, in six methods 1, in seven methods 5, Grandsire Doubles 1, Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1.

FORMER LANCASHIRE SECRETARY'S DEATH.

The death has occurred of Mr. J. Tomlinson, of Blackburn, formerly hon. secretary of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association. Many of his old ringing friends attended the funeral on November 1st, and afterwards, on the bells at Balderstone, Rochdale, a representative band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells fully muffled: J. Griffiths 1, S. K. Taylor 2, J. H. Kershaw (Rochdale Parish Church) 3, W. Staff (Milnrow) 4, T. Fletcher (Whitworth) 5, J. H. Lees (conductor) 6, F. Hartley (Shore) 7, G. Staff (Milnrow) 8.

On Sunday evening, November 6th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) half-muffled: Tom Clegg 1, C. Horsefall (conductor) 2, S. Taylor 3, J. Griffiths 4, F. Leah 5, J. H. Lees 6, J. Jones 7, E. Chadwick 8.

RAISING AND FALLING IN PEAL.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was one of those present at the meeting at Broxbourne, and heartily agreed with the Vicar in his views re the raising and falling of bells in peal. I think that the music which pours forth when they are about halfway up is grand, and far more pleasing to listeners than the lowering of a few at a time, even if they harmonise. It should not be too difficult for a great many bands to raise in peal or lower, if the treble is pulled up steadily and leading off the tenor carefully. I think the great secret is to keep them going up all the time and not to stay in one position. The same thing applies to lowering.

Your leading article of last week is a word in season, and I hope will bear fruit, and many change-ringing bands might copy some of the 'stony' bands in this, for, as you rightly say, they raise and fall perfectly, especially some of the heavy peals in the West Country. I am glad to say that it has been done here for many years.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. LAWRENCE.

Little Munden.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at 7.30 p.m. at St. Magnus' on November 24th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill (elections), on the 15th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th (at 8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Special attention to Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise. St. Nicholas' bells (12) available 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. A good attendance is especially requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The last meeting of the above district will be held at Hawley (Blackwater) on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.30 p.m. I hope a good many members of the district will make an effort to attend. All ringers will be welcome.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head. A good attendance is requested.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—A Cinques practice will be held at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., Heavitree, Exeter.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Kenninghall on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 12th. The ring of eight bells of the Parish Church will be available from 2.30 p.m. Members are kindly requested to send in all outstanding subscriptions to the secretary on or before this meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, Nov. 12th, and at Hartfield (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Towers open 2.30. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready early. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Will members kindly make an effort to attend?—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Road, Daventry.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, in the Parish Room, 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Nov. 12th. St. Thomas' bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. St. Mary's bells (8) available also. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Salthurnby-by-the-Sea on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8—tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at Kimball's Café, Milton Street, at 5 p.m. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend the meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A general meeting to approve rules, select officers and transact other important business will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 19th. All ringers residing within the new diocese are specially requested to attend. Service (in conjunction with the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild) at S. Nicolas' Church, 3.45 p.m. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall, Onslow Street, 4.30. Meeting 5.15. Numbers for tea by Nov. 16th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The final meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, November 19th. Business meeting in St. Saviour's Hall at 3 p.m. sharp. Service at S. Nicolas' Church at 3.45. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall immediately after the service. It is hoped there will be a good attendance of members.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Smarden on Saturday, November 19th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—Chas. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Berkhamsted, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Let me know how many for tea by previous Wednesday.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Annual district meeting at Hornchurch on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at King's Head, 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify the undersigned by Tuesday, Nov. 15th.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division meeting at Withyham, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 (about 1s.). Meeting to follow. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Important: Those intending to be present should kindly notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Nov. 16th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at the Rose and Crown. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Nov. 16th? — P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/- Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please let me know by Wednesday, November 16th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on Saturday, November 19th. The bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 with an address by the Vicar. Tea at 5.30, close to the Church. All will be made welcome, and a good attendance is hoped for.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at Basingstoke. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church 4 p.m. Tea at Church Cottage 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Reply to Rev. Evan Jones, 5, Church Square, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, Nov. 22nd.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Newport, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, 22nd inst.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at St. Andrew's Hall, Wells Street, at 5.30, 1/- each to those who advise me by the 23rd inst. Business meeting to follow.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Prestbury on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. The Association Master (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) hopes to be present. All those intending being present please notify me by the 20th inst.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoneham Aspal on Saturday, December 3rd. The ring of ten (now restored) will be available from 2 p.m., and a good attendance is requested. Tea, to be followed by business meeting, will be provided in the schoolroom at 4.45 (1/- each). Notice of intention to be present will be appreciated by W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

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WORKSOP.—At the Priory Church, for evening service, on Sunday, November 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 48 mins. by the local company: Miss Winrow 1, B. Smith 2, S. Jordan 3, A. Johnson (conductor) 4, S. Walker 5, Miss Taylor 6, G. Hardwick 7, S. Eastland 8. Rung on the occasion of the first official visit of the Archdeacon of Newark since the formation of the new diocese of Southwell.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—For evening service, on Sunday, November 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: F. Chapman 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, O. Waghorn 3, H. Baker 4, J. G. Powell 5, F. A. Rye 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, H. M. Rakebup 8. Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker are from Frittenden, Mr. F. A. Rye from Walmer, and the rest local. Mr. Rye's first attempt for a quarter-peal.

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MALDON.—On Sunday, November 6th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): S. R. Linnett 1, F. Chalk 2, A. South 3, E. G. Ellenger 4, J. H. Waldoock 5, F. White 6, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 7, J. Walden 8.

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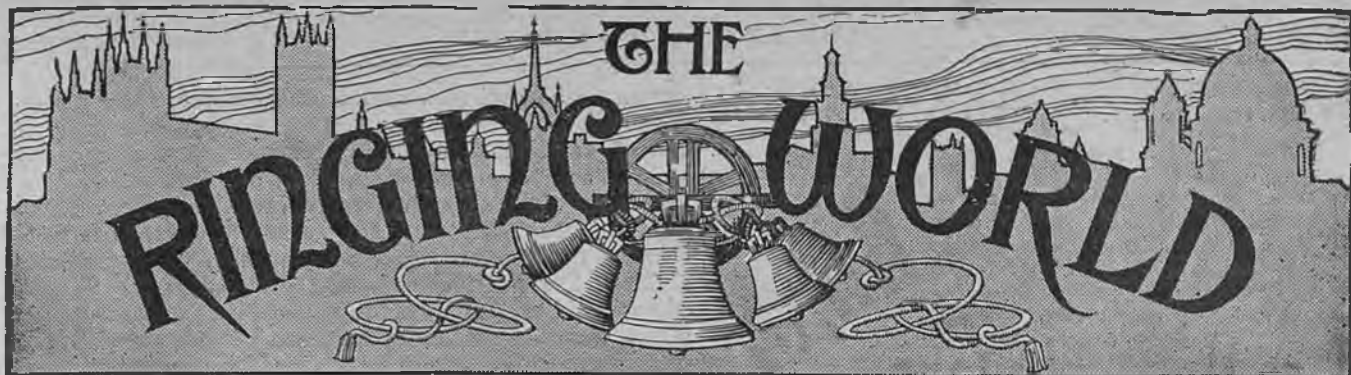
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On slightly different lines perhaps, but very much the same in principle as the suggestion which we put forward some time ago in this column, Mr. J. S. Wilde writes from New Zealand advocating the investigation of method extension. Mr. Wilde, although now living on the other side of the world, where he has had little chance of practising change ringing, is nevertheless no mean composer, and in his detached sphere has been able to watch and to follow the disputation of the 'experts' in this country absolutely without bias. At the present time method extension is in a state of chaos for the ordinary student. And how can it be otherwise when the experts—men to whom the Exercise ought to be able to look for guidance in these matters—are divided on the very bed rock of the question? Each side honestly believes itself to be right, and at present there seems no possibility of their coming to any kind of agreement. Each is also convinced that the other is indubitably wrong, and either will not or cannot appreciate the truth—and so imagines there is nothing more to be said. While this kind of feeling exists we shall get nowhere, and yet the question of method extension is one about which, as the art progresses, the average ringer will want to know more.

For instance, it is absurd to leave the question of the extension of Superlative Surprise where it is, and we do not agree with the view put forward that there are not half a dozen people in the Exercise capable of forming a judgment on the matter. If this is the case it is rather a sorry outlook. As things stand at present two entirely different methods have been rung as the extension of Superlative Surprise Major. Whether the Royal or the Maximus, or either of them, is correctly named does not enter into the argument at the moment. What we want to see is some body which would command the confidence of the Exercise and which could weigh the arguments of both sides, and come to a decision which ringers would, through the Central Council, accept. There are a number of men in the Exercise—not necessarily in the Council, of course—who would be capable of forming a judgment on a matter of this kind, and to say otherwise is a slight to their intelligence. The case of Superlative, however, is that of only one method, but it is the most pressing at the moment, because of the unsatisfactory position in which it has been left, and the fact that the method is being rung on the higher numbers.

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ing up the methods themselves; why should there not be equally well defined principles for making extensions of them? In the old days many methods were constructed which have long since been discarded because they do not come into line with present ideas of method building. In the same way the Central Council has only steadily to encourage method extension on right lines, and the Exercise in due course will accept it. At first there would probably be those who would not agree, but a new generation would doubtless be ready to adopt the principles laid down, assuming that they are correct ones. Mr. Wilde's suggestion is one which would make a start in the desired direction—and somewhere, sometime a beginning has got to be made.

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

HENRY HUTTON Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 4	HARRY HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. STEERE.

First peal as conductor. This peal was arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Steere and also for the purpose of enabling him to call his first peal on the bells of the cathedral, before severing his membership of the society, owing to his removing to Carsbalton. At the conclusion of the peal the band tendered to Mr. Steere their heartiest congratulations and very best wishes for the future.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	HARRY KILBY 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven 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.

ARTHUR PARSONS Treble	WILLIAM C. CUSS 5
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 2	H. CHARLES BOND 6
*HERBERT L. COOK 3	WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... 7
WILFRED G. COOK 4	*H. T. JACK ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

* First peal. Rung for the dedication festival.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*JAMES BILBY Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
*CHARLES F. ANDREWS 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

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

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, November 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALFRED KING Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	CHARLES FREEMAN 6
ABRAM WILKINSON 3	*ARTHUR BEAMISH 7
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 4	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.

* First peal in the method.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SANNANS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With 7-6-8 covering, 42 six-scores.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	*THOMAS WERRETT 5
*GLYN WILLIAMS 2	*STEWART WILLIAMS 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	TIMOTHY POPNELL 7
† WILFRED L. WILLIAMS 4	FRANK MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE POPNELL.

* First peal. † First peal inside. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of all who gave their lives in the Great War. All are members of the local band. The ringer of the 6th was proposed a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—On October 24th, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes from Thurstans') in 45 mins.: S. Cox 1, F. Lloyd 2, E. Soars (longest touch in any method) 3, J. E. Clarke 4, L. J. Willars 5, S. O. Cheney 6, E. J. Jelley (conductor) 7, H. Dexter 8. Longest touch in any method by the ringer of the 3rd.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY RAYNER Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
JOHN BURLS 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 6
FRANK WALKER 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
EDWARD BROWN 4	RICHARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for Armistice Day, and in memory of the glorious dead, incorporating the names of Lieut. T. Burles, Lieut. H. Mitchell and Pte. W. Audsley, killed in action, brothers of the ringers of 2nd, 6th and 7th respectively.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HADFIELD Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5
WILLIAM MILLER 2	FRED CHAMBERS 6
THOMAS CHAMBERS 3	*JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON 7
HERBERT CHAMBERS 4	†WILLIAM HALL Tenor

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERS.

* First peal on an inside bell. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. All Sunday service ringers at above church. Rung with the bells half-muffled in remembrance of those who fell in the war.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET, W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	LESTER L. GRAY 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
CHARLES J. CHOOET 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
HARRY DYAS 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on Armistice Day in honour of the glorious dead.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*EDWARD G. GRINDELL ... Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES 4	WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of fallen comrades.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Treble	†JOHN NOLLER 5
ERNEST F. POPPY 2	WILLIAM J. GROOM 6
*THOMAS MOYES 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
GEORGE PRYKE 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

* First peal of Major, and first attempt. † First on an inside bell. Rung with half-muffled clappers in commemoration of Armistice Day. It was originally intended to ring Double Norwich, but, meeting short, the above two 'firsts' kindly filled the vacancies.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR J. JONES Treble	JOHN H. BUSHNELL 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	*JOHN J. WEBB 6
THOMAS BEVAN 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 4	ROBERT SUMMERS Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal on inside bell. Rung half-muffled in remembrance of the men who lost their lives in the Great War.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in E flat.

DANIEL D. COOPER Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
HERBERT J. SKELT 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
*RONALD H. BULLEN 3	CHARLES H. KIPPEN 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. Mr. D. Cooper has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal, being the first ringer to do so.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

MORRIS J. MORRIS Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2	WILLIAM DAVIES 6
FRED PRICE 3	*WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 7
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 4	JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Conducted by W. C. DOWDING.

First peal as conductor by W. C. Dowding, who desires to express his thanks to the whole of the band, especially Mr. F. Price for the arrangements he made to enable him to call his first peal.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	ARTHUR MARTIN 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
CECIL C. MAYNE 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING

150th peal by Messrs. W. Henley and G. Wilson. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung in ball bearings by Meurs and Stainbank, the 'go' giving every satisfaction.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JAMES CROFT Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
PHILIP THOMPSON 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 7
ALBERT HOBDEN 4	WILLIAM DALE Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal and member of local band. Rung as a silver wedding peal to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hobden, also as birthday compliments to Mrs. Hobden (who was married on her birthday), Mrs. F. J. Lambert and to the conductor. Mr. Wheadon, of Breachley, Kent, was elected a non-resident life member of the association.

OTLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	WILLIAM E. O. ASH ... 5
* HARRY WARD ... 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 3	* GEORGE W. STEEL ... 7
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH ... 4	† WILLIAM HORNER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* FRANK LAWRENCE ... Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... 2	CYRIL TANSSELL ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 7
WILLIAM C. JONES ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Major on the bells.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary of Charity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

* WILLIAM C. STOCKLEY ... Treble	W. E. PITMAN, MRS. BAC. ... 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... 2	* FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 6
† FREDERICK R. WELLER ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
SAM E. TAYLOR ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

JAMES GEORGE ... Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 6
FREDERICK S. PRICE ... 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	PERCY PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

* HENRY C. TAYLOR ... Treble	JOHN MARTIN ... 5
† JAMES F. PARROTT ... 2	FREDERICK SMITH ... 6
JAMES H. PARROTT ... 3	HUGH HILLS ... 7
WALTER W. STEVENS ... 4	SIDNEY PENFOLD ... Tenor

Conducted by F. SMITH.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peak. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM G. CLARK ... Treble	WILLIAM M. J. PEDLEY ... 5
THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 2	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 6
FREDERICK C. CASE ... 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 7
EDWIN YATES ... 4	* WILLIAM NEAL ... Tenor

Conducted by H. C. EDWARDS.

* First peal. First in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in commemoration of the Armistice.

WEM, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

GEORGE COWLEY ... Treble	WALTER LYCETT ... 5
FREDERICK A. BARNETT ... 2	* ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 6
HARRY OVERTON ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
WILLIAM SHORT ... 4	HARRY VICKERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal on eight. † First peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN HAYES ... Treble	GEORGE R. JONES ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	WALTER THOMAS ... 6
* JAMES SWAINSON ... 3	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 7
HENRY W. WILDE ... 4	SAM JONES, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by H. ROSTRON.

Conducted by JOHN HAYES.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 5
WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 2	WILLIAM GIBBS ... 6
WILLIAM POTTER ... 3	* THOMAS HEMMING ... 7
HAROLD V. COOPER ... 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in a Surprise method. Rung with bells half-muffled in commemoration of the men who fell in the Great War.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Priory Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob and 4,320 of Grandsire, A. J. Pitman's calling.	
JOHN GREEN ... Treble	WILLIAM H. JAINE ... 4
CHARLES JAINE ... 2	FREDERICK A. JAINE ... 5
* THOMAS COOKE, JUN. ... 3	* JOHN JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal in two methods. Rung on the front six of the peal of ten, as a birthday compliment to ringer of tenor.

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HOLBETON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(SOUTH-WEST BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*OWEN MILLER Treble	W. T. BOOKLESS BROWNE ... 4
FREDERICK LAPTORN ... 2	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 5
A. C. BOOKLESS BROWNE ... 3	BENJAMIN MILLER Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal and first attempt.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Surfleet and Beverley. Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER MANSFIELD Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the eve of Armistice Day to the memory of those who fell in the Great War.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung on the 60th anniversary of the consecration of this church.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH NORTON Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
NORMAN GEARY 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 5
GEOFFREY GEARY 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

First peal of Minor for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th. Rung half-muffled on the ninth anniversary of Armistice Day.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	*GEORGE R. DILBY 4
ALFRED PRATT 2	*HERBERT SHERMAN 5
WALLACE G. CHURCH ... 3	TOM BARTRAM Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal in three methods.

WENDENS AMBO, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF IMMANUEL SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER MANSFIELD Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	ALBERT E. AUSTIN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN ... Treble	FRANK LEWIN 4
HARRY BAXTER 2	MISS KITTY MOORE 5
FREDERICK J. TITE 3	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by MISS KITTY MOORE.

Rung to commemorate the ninth anniversary of the signing of the armistice.

LONG CLAWSON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores Canterbury Pleasure, 12 Plain Bob, and 18 Grand-sire. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILLIAM SMITH Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 3
*HAROLD WILFORD 2	EDWARD TINSLEY 4

WILLIAM SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on these ancient heavy five, dated 1782, 1831, 1808, 1850, 1782 respectively. The treble ringer belongs to Sydney, Australia, and was on a visit to his native home. Ringers of 2nd and 4th are local, tenor from Hose, and conductor from Leicester.

HANDBELL PEAL.

EALING.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT 52, LAMMAS PARK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5-6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3-4	*WILFRED G. WILSON 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

* First peal of Major. The conductor had not previously called a bob in any eight-bell method.

WEDDING BELLS.

WELL-KNOWN GUILDFORD RINGER MARRIED.

The wedding took place on Saturday last of Mr. George William Steere, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Steere, of Shalford, and Miss Winnifred Mary Howick, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howick, of Cranleigh, at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Cranleigh. Mr. Steere has been for many years an active member of the Holy Trinity Cathedral band, Guildford, and for some time was secretary. The Rector, the Rev. P. Cunningham, officiated, and the service was fully choral, with Miss B. Dodgson presiding at the organ. The hymns, 'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden' and 'Love Divine, all loves excelling,' were sung, and the organist played Mendelssohn's Wedding March as the bridal couple left the church.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. F. Howick, was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss C. Steere, and Mr. C. N. Burdock, the present secretary of Holy Trinity Society, acted as best man.

A reception, attended by about 30 guests, was afterwards held at the bride's home, and the newly-married couple later left for Worthing, where the honeymoon is being spent.

As a compliment to Mr. Steere and his bride, his colleagues from Guildford rang the bells of Cranleigh Parish Church before and after the nuptial ceremony, the chief item being 360 changes of Stedman Triples. Mr. and Mrs. Steere were the recipients of a large number of presents. Their new home will be at Carshalton.

On Sunday, October 30th, at Edenbridge, for the wedding of Mr. E. Jenner, son of Mr. R. Jenner, one of the local ringers, 1,036 Grandsire Triples: E. Leigh, jun., 1, J. Hensman (conductor) 2, W. Leigh, sen., 3, H. Leigh 4, G. Malyan 5, E. Collison 6, E. Leigh 7, W. Leigh, jun., 8.

SURPRISE RINGING IN SOUTH WALES.

At Penre Rhondda, on Saturday, November 5th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: H. Crabb 1, G. Wines 2, H. Davies 3, F. Lasbury 4, J. Cross 5, W. Page 6, H. Page (conductor) 7, T. Page 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band, and first quarter in the method by a local band for the association.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**BRANCH MEETING DISCUSSES DIPLOMAS FOR YOUNG RINGERS.**

The annual meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Aston Bampton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bad weather considerably affected the attendance, but there was a fairly good muster of members. The business meeting was preceded by a service in the church, conducted by the Rector (Rev. W. W. Preedy), who was assisted by the Rev. C. A. Ward-Jackson, the address being given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Master of the Guild. Before the service and after the business meeting the members made good use of permission to ring the peal of six.

The Master of the Guild, in the course of his address, said it needed a Christian man to be a bellringer; a man who was not a Christian could take part in bellringing as a sort of amusement, but that was a different thing to being a real church bellringer. Yet they knew that a weariness did come over them at times. It came to the young lad at his battle with the elementary stages of learning to ring, especially in these days when there were so many attractions, but they must not give way to that weariness, for 'in due season we shall reap if we faint not,' and they would soon get really to appreciate the joy of being a bellringer. He did not think there had been the number of young and dependable change ringers which he had hoped would come forward after the war, but, on the other hand, there had been an extraordinary forward movement in the putting of bells into proper order, and he believed that soon there would be a tremendous revival of bellringing. They, as Christian bellringers, had a great duty to perform in that connection.

In the absence of the chairman (Rev. F. R. Marriott), the Master of the Guild presided at the annual meeting which followed tea in the schoolroom.

The Rev. W. W. Preedy extended a cordial welcome to the members, and especially to the Master.

Mr. W. Evetts, jun., the hon. secretary, reported that the branch was in a very flourishing condition. Membership had been maintained, and one tower had been gained, while there was a substantial balance at the bank.

The Rev. F. R. Marriott was re-elected chairman, and Mr. J. Monk, moving the re-election of Mr. Evetts as hon. secretary and treasurer, paid a glowing tribute to his work. On the motion of Mr. Flanders, seconded by Mr. Smith, Messrs. W. T. Bond, W. Judge and N. Spendlove were reappointed representatives on the Guild Committee, and, on the suggestion of the secretary, seconded by Mr. Brooks, it was decided to hold the spring meeting at Kidlington.

GRANT TO RESTORATION FUND.

The Secretary brought forward the question of a grant to the Guild Restoration Fund. He pointed out that it was quite a voluntary matter, but said it had been stated it was the duty of branches to make a donation.

The General Secretary of the Guild (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) spoke of the inauguration of the fund by the general treasurer, and said that last year seven parishes were given grants so that their bells could be put in order. That number being greater than was anticipated, the fund had become sadly depleted, and the general treasurer would welcome donations from branches with balances in hand, so that next year help would be available without calling on the general funds.

After discussion, it was agreed to grant £5.

The Master said their action was in conformity with the principles of Guild work. Their branch, he thought, was particularly fortunate in their bells, and, therefore, had not the same strain upon their funds as others had. Their action that day would no doubt be an incentive to other branches.

A letter was read from the Master of the Guild stating that at the last meeting of the Central Council he put forward a motion that the Council should issue a diploma with a view to encouraging young ringers. This action, it was explained, was the result of a suggestion dealt with by two young ringers in letters to 'The Ringing World,' but the question had been deferred until the next meeting of the Council. In the meantime, ringers generally were asked to consider the matter and express their opinions to the representatives on the Council.

The Master explained that he was not pressing the question on the Council or on ringers, but, as much had been written as to how the interest of the young ringer could be maintained, and as the suggestion came from young men, he thought it would be well to have the question discussed. At the present time he did not think he would value a certificate saying he was proficient in a certain method, but no doubt in his early bellringing days it would have been a great encouragement.

The General Secretary thought a diploma would be an encouragement to young ringers. In the absence of many of them that day, he thought that was not the proper place to discuss it, and he suggested the views of the young men should be ascertained in the various towers.

After further discussion, it was decided that consideration should be given the question in the manner suggested by the general secretary.

The Master expressed thanks to the Rector of Aston Bampton, to all who had taken part in the service, and to the ladies who served the tea. The Rev. W. W. Preedy having replied, the meeting concluded with thanks to the Master.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Kent County Association members will congratulate Mr. F. G. Brett, of the Canterbury Cathedral company, on ringing his first peal of Bob Major on Saturday last at Faversham. Having rung close on two hundred peals, including Cinques, this is a noteworthy performance. We are informed that he did not slumber once.

On November 27th, Mr. Jas. George will celebrate his 74th birthday, and all his many friends will wish this 'grand young man' of the Exercise 'many happy returns of the day.' A birthday party of personal friends will be entertained by Mr. George at Birmingham on Saturday, the 26th.

A ringer's wedding of much interest to the Exercise is to take place on February 4th next, when Miss Edith K. Parker, hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild, is to be married to Mr. George W. Fletcher.

Congratulations to the two youths who took part in the handbell peal of Bob Major at Ealing last week, and particularly to Ernest Turner, who called it. He and Wilfred Wilson are schoolboys, who belong to a band of lads now being taught ringing at Christ Church, Ealing, by Mr. J. A. Trollope. The youthful conductor began ringing only last spring. The instructor has evidently some promising material, and the pupils are fortunate in having so capable a teacher.

A big gathering of ringers is expected at Guildford to-morrow for the first general meeting of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild. All contentious business is to be disposed of in order to pave the way for the formal inauguration on December 31st, when the Bishop of Guildford will preside and will, it is hoped, be supported not only by leading Churchmen in the diocese, but also by official representatives of all the neighbouring associations.

The first peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was rung on November 19th, 1758. This famous peal of bells has been rung as regularly through the centuries as probably any other ring in the country, but in their present form they have nearly seen their day. A restoration scheme is promised, and it may be on a big scale. 'Many happy returns of the day' to that well-known pillar of the Exercise, Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, who will be 64 years old to-morrow.

Even in these days 'family' peals are a rare occurrence. What was probably the first of these performances took place at Soham on November 20th, 1809, when eight Tebbits rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

An old society, of which we now know little or nothing, the Society of City Scholars, rang a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters at Cripplegate on November 23rd, 1732.

The first peal on the present ring of twelve at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, was rung on November 23rd, 1775.

It was not long after the introduction of peal ringing that devotees of the Exercise began record breaking, and as early as November 25th, 1737, a peal of 15,120 Bob Major was rung at West Ham, by the Eastern Scholars. It took them 8 hrs. 40 mins.

ON EXTENSIONS: A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Many years ago there was lengthy discussion as to correct versions of Double Norwich Caters and Cinques. In recent years, Bristol Surprise has had tacked to it, by publication, no less than four separate extensions, by as many different authors, each of whom advanced the claim that theirs was the only correct version. In Superlative Surprise there are at present two notable versions contending for preference. Further, in this latter instance peals in both versions have been rung, and there is no reason why more peals in each version should not be rung again under the same claims. Not only so, a similar undesirable state of things may happen in the case of Bristol or other methods, leading to a state of chaos from which, as time goes on, it will become increasingly difficult to establish order. All this points to the urgent need of legislation. The fact that such legislation will not please everyone does not, in any way, lessen either its importance or its urgency.

In order to help to bring this about I suggest a patient consideration of the laws governing Mr. George Baker's proof of extensions by means of round blocks and transpositions. His published extensions of the many methods he has dealt with exhibit a uniform regularity of progression which may only be attained by rigid adherence to standard laws supporting the principles of a science.

Other systems, if so they may be called, have so far entirely failed to show such uniform results. Indeed, extensions under such conditions appear to qualify for separate rules for each version, and each progressive version, produced. So long as this want of order obtains, so long, then, will confusion, as to what is or is not correct of extensions, prevail.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES S. WILDE.

Dunedin, N.Z.,
October 10th, 1927.

OXFORD TREBLE BOB IN NEW ZEALAND.

At Opoho, Dunedin, N.Z., on October 5th, on handbells, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Charles Wilde (conductor) 1-2, James S. Wilde 3-4, Joseph Whipp 5-6.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the fourteenth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

PROVING A PEAL.

The first thing to be done, in applying to a peal our 'proof scale' of false course-heads, is to find out what courses, or portions thereof, will be introduced by the composition into each course of the peal.

We know that courses are joined together by means of bobs and singles, and that each time a call is made a fresh course is introduced. This fresh course continues until another call is made, when another new course is brought in. The fresh courses are not necessarily introduced from their commencements; the point (within themselves) where they begin depends upon the 'position' held by the tenor at the 'call.'

If, for instance, in the plain course of Superlative, the tenor is at 'M' (or in sixth's place in the row) at lead-head No. 4, 14263(8)57, and a bob be called, this lead-head will be displaced by 16423(8)57, and a fresh course will be introduced; but the tenor is still at 'M' IN THE FRESH COURSE. Therefore, the new course commences at ITS FOURTH LEAD, cutting out its leads Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

If, in the plain course, the tenor is at 'W' (or in seventh's place in the row) at lead-head No. 5, 135274(8)6, and a bob be called, this row will be displaced by 123574(8)6, we then commence a fresh course from ITS FIFTH LEAD, cutting out its leads Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, and so on.

If a bob at 'M' be followed by one at 'W,' then, into our plain course is introduced a fresh course for its FOURTH LEAD ONLY, and the following bob (at 'W') introduces another course, which starts at its fifth lead. If the bob at 'W' be omitted, then we CONTINUE with the course that was introduced at 'M,' until another call is made.

These calls do not affect the paths of the tenors, and every time they complete the circle (and come 'home') a 'peal course' has been rung, although this 'peal course' may be made up of various portions of differing courses. The peal courses vary in length—there are 'long' courses and 'short' courses; in some methods the calls lengthen or shorten the paths of the tenors, without 'disturbing' their plain-course positions, which has the effect of adding to, or cutting out, whole leads in the peal courses. In Superlative, however, the peal courses here consist of seven leads each, the ordinary number in the plain course.

We proceed, then, to discover what courses are introduced by the given calls, and which portions of these courses will be rung. Our golden rule all along has been 'refer to rounds,' and the first thing we do is to see what effect EACH CALL will have upon rounds. The lead-heads are transposed by the plain first lead-end (15738264), until a bob is called, when we use the bob row for transposition (13578264).

We will presume that our peal is composed of calls at 'M,' 'W' and 'H' only (i.e., when the tenor is due to appear in sixth's place, seventh's place, or in eighth's place in the bob rows). The following three columns show the effects that each call will have upon rounds. The course-heads given are found by comparing each bob row with its fellow in the plain course in the usual way:—

'M.'	'W.'	'H.'
2345678	2345678	2345678
5738264	5738264	5738264
8674523	8674523	8674523
— 6423857	4263857	4263857
Introducing	— 2357486	3527486
course-head	Introducing	7856342
43652	course-head	6482735
	52436	— 4235678
		Introducing
		course-head
		42356

Then, the course-head 23456 is transposed into 43652 by a bob at 'M,' into 52436 by a bob at 'W,' and into 42356 by a bob at 'H.' Therefore, if the peal be started from course-head 23456, and a bob at the first 'M' is introduced, the new course-head will be 43652, which will continue until another bob is called. If the next bob is at 'W,' then 43652 will be transposed by the 'W' formula (52436), giving 54632 as the new course-head. Or, if the 'W' be omitted, and the next bob is at 'H,' then 43652 will be transposed by the 'H' formula (42356), giving 64352 as the new course-head. Or, if BOTH the 'W' and 'H' be omitted, and the next bob is at 'M' again, then 43652 will be transposed by the 'M' formula (43652), giving 63254 as the new course-head; and so on throughout the peal, transposing the previous course-head by the formula which applies to the following call. By this means we can produce all of the course-heads that will be introduced by the composition.

The next step is to tabulate those PORTIONS of the courses which will be rung, as we are not concerned with those that are cut out, and we have to apply our false course-heads ONLY to those portions which they will affect, as we shall see. Notice (in the columns above) that the bob at 'H' occurs at the row where '7-8' have completed their plain-course paths, and are BACK AGAIN in those positions that they occupied at 23456(78); therefore, rounds is a theoretical 'home.'

Examination of the columns will show that between 'H' (2345678 or 4235678) and 'M' (6423857) three full leads are rung; the 'M' position row COMMENCES the fourth lead. We also notice that the 'W' position row (2357486) commences lead No. 5. Therefore, BETWEEN the positions of 'M' and 'W' ONLY lead No. 4 is rung. The 'H' position at 4235678 commences lead No. 1 of the following course (or, if you prefer, 2345678 again). Therefore, between the positions of 'W' and 'H,' leads Nos. 5, 6 and 7 are rung.

This applies to every peal course, whether bobs be called at every position therein, or whether bobs be omitted at some of the positions, because the tenors are undisturbed by the calls, and thus occupy the same positions in every corresponding row of the courses. We can tabulate the result of our investigations as follows:—

Between the positions of H. and M. M. and W. W. and H.	
We ring (in every course) leads	
numbered	1, 2, 3 4 only 5, 6, 7
And course-head 23456 (at a call)	
becomes	(H) 42356 (M) 43652 (W) 52436

DEATH OF MR. W. J. KEMP.

A WELL-KNOWN LONDON RINGER.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. William J. Kemp, of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, who died in the Hackney Hospital on Tuesday, November 8th, after a short illness, the cause of death being pleurisy. As recently as October 29th, he had rung in a peal of Bob Major at St. John-at-Hackney, but a day or two later he became sick with a severe cold, from which he never recovered.

He was buried on Saturday last at Abney Park Cemetery, Stoke Newington, the first part of the service being held at St. Matthew's Church, where the deceased was for some 20 years a ringer. The Rev. H. Wilde (curate-in-charge) officiated, and besides the widow and parents of the deceased, there were present a large congregation, which included several members of the local band and well-known members of the College Youths and the Middlesex Association, amongst whom were Messrs. A. A. Hughes, A. R. Macdonald, H. Pasmore, H. Langdon, C. T. Coles, W. Pye, G. R. Pye, R. Maynard, E. J. King, etc.

After a short, simple, but impressive service, which included the singing of the 23rd Psalm and the hymn 'On the resurrection morning,' a short touch of Stedman Triples, with half-muffled clappers, was rung, whilst the funeral cortege was on its way to the cemetery. After the committal, a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by H. Langdon, G. R. Pye, H. R. Pasmore and E. J. King—a fitting requiem to one who was devoted to the art.

The deceased, who was in his 36th year, was an accomplished ringer and a capable conductor. His ringing career started at St. Matthew's Church, Upper Clapton, about 20 years ago, where he was mainly instrumental in building up an efficient local band, and in August, 1913, had the satisfaction of calling a peal of Grandsire Triples, the first peal ever rung on the bells by a band composed of Sundry service ringers. Two of this band, alas! made the great sacrifice in the war, as did two other members of the same company.

Although no record of William Kemp's peals is at present available, they were of a very varied nature, extending from Grandsire Triples and Bob Major (in which methods he had conducted peals) to Stedman Chimes, Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus, and London and Bristol Surprise Major. He was a very safe ringer and a good striker. He was a member of the Middlesex County Association, the College Youths, the Essex, London County, and Hertford County Associations, and had been for 16 years assistant hon. secretary in the North and East District of the first-named society. For many years he was regular in his attendance at the annual dinner of the College Youths, and would have been at the recent gathering but for his fatal illness.

During the war he served in the A.S.C., attaining the rank of C.Q.M.S., and spent a considerable time in Egypt and Palestine. He was a member of the company that, on the second anniversary of the fall of Jerusalem, rang in a peal of Stedman Triples at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, when the band was composed of ex-Service men who had served in the war in the East. By a strange coincidence, another member of that band, Harold J. Walton, has recently passed away. May they rest in peace!

EX-LORD MAYOR'S THANKS.

Sir Rowland Blades, the late Lord Mayor of London, having so courteously received ringers at the Mansion House on the occasion of the meeting of the Central Council, it was decided by a party of College Youths to show their appreciation of his kindness by ringing handbells from one of the balconies of the Great Hall of the Law Courts, during the passage of the civic party through the hall on November 9th. Unfortunately, Major Hunt, the superintendent of the Law Courts, could not see his way to allow the innovation, but Sir Rowland Blades nevertheless fully appreciated the intended courtesy.

He wrote to Mr. E. Alex Young as follows:—

'Thank you very much for your kind letter of congratulations on my Mayoralty on behalf of the Central Council of Church Bellringers. I must also thank the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths for the compliment they wished to pay me, which, although not permitted, is none the less appreciated by me. Will you kindly convey my warm thanks to all concerned?'

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' FESTIVAL. OLDEST MEMBER DISCOVERED IN AUSTRALIA.

The large and representative gathering of ringers that attended the 290th anniversary festival of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday week spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening at the London Tavern, where they were genially presided over by the Master (Mr. T. Groombridge, sen.). The most interesting feature of the speeches was the announcement that the oldest College Youth, in point of years of membership, had been found in Australia, where Mr. Harry Henden, who was elected in 1867, had been living for many years.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Master proposed 'The Church,' which, as ringers, he said, they were all proud of and loved. In coupling with the toast the name of the Rev. Gordon Ponsonby, he said he hoped the historic bells of Bow would soon be heard again sending forth their melodies over the city (applause).

The Rev. Gordon Ponsonby, in replying, said it was a little difficult for any man to-day to respond on behalf of the Church, because he must have a very wide sympathy and a very large heart. Before he came to Bow Church, famous for its bells, he was in charge of a Cambridge church, famous for its architecture—the Round Church; and when a friend of his was asked by an inquisitive stranger what sort of a Churchman he (the speaker) was, the friend replied that he was 'Round Church' (laughter). He had always tried to live up to that idea, and live in love and fellowship with his neighbours, trying to find out what was good in all of them, and humbly trying to follow what was best in them (hear, hear). He hoped that in the days to come they would have a larger charity among those who professed and called themselves Christians. Greater unity could only come in a better knowledge of the Gospels and a closer life in union with the Lord whom they revealed.

Canon G. F. Coleridge proposed 'Continued prosperity to the Ancient Society of College Youths.' When he was asked, he said, again to propose this toast, he wrote to Mr. Cockerill that he was like a bearing run dry. He had proposed the toast so often that he really had nothing new to say ('Oh' and laughter). Some of them might laugh, but when he told them it was 32 years since he first came to the College Youths' annual dinner they would realise the position. On that first occasion he was put down to reply for 'Queen Victoria and the rest of the Royal Family' (laughter). The toast was joined to 'The Church,' but, nevertheless, he responded for the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family. The next year he was lower down the toast list, but he did not make his speech, because, on account of the long interval after dinner, they did not reach that part of the programme before he had to leave to catch his train (laughter). Canon Coleridge entered a polite but emphatic protest against the waste of valuable time by an extended interval after the loyal toast, which caused many to have to depart before the programme had been got through. Canon Coleridge went on to refer to many of the distinguished names to which ringers owed something—men who had given bells to churches or had interested themselves in the actual ringing. He mentioned the generous gifts of the late Lord Iveagh to St. Patrick's Cathedral, and of Lord Carysfort to Arklow Church. He recollected that the gentleman who afterwards became the Earl of Winchelsea used to ring with the Oxford University Guild in the days when he (the speaker) went up to Oxford. He mentioned the fact that a granddaughter of the Earl of Oxford and Asquith had not only shown her interest in ringing by visiting a tower and watching the operations of the ringers during the recent Somerset tour, but was also actually learning to ring at Oxford. In the Ancient Society of College Youths they had Lord Breton as one of their founders, and he believed he was a practical ringer. They found other noble names in the preface of the College Youths' 'Rule Book,' and in more recent years they had a distinguished baronet, the late Sir Arthur Heywood, who did a tremendous lot for ringing in general and for the College Youths in particular. In the rank and file they had men in all walks of life doing their part in carrying on this great work of service to God in their churches. In conclusion, Canon Coleridge said he was quite sure one hundred per cent. of the ringers of England would join with him that night in wishing success and prosperity to the Ancient Society of College Youths, and tender, through him, their good wishes to their esteemed and excellent secretary, Mr. Cockerill (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

MESSAGE TO THE OLDEST MEMBER.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who replied, said he had received letters regretting absence and wishing success from Canon Haldane, Canon Perkins, Rev. Bullock Webster, Rev. B. F. Simpson, Rev. F. L. Edwards (secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Rev. Prebendary Isaacs, Rev. J. H. Ellison, Hon. and Rev. S. H. Phillimore, Alderman Pritchett, Mr. J. E. Groves and Mr. A. Prince. During the year the society had lost by death Mr. John Carter, Mr. W. Pitfield Chapple, Mr. W. H. Godden, Mr. G. Durling, Mr. Pryce Taylor, Mr. H. F. Ewins, Mr. Sam Tillett, and Mr. Harold Walton, who six years ago presiding at their dinner. The number of new members made was 26, and the peals rung during the year were Stedman Triples 9, on handbells 3, Stedman Caters 3, Stedman Cinques 5, Grandsire Triples 2, on handbells 1, Bob Major 1, Treble Bob Major 1, Treble Bob Royal 2, Treble Bob Maximus 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 1, total 30. The number of practices held at city churches and Southwark during the year was 74, which, on the whole, were very

well attended. Since the last dinner, continued Mr. Cockerill, it had come to their knowledge that they had a member in Mr. Henry Henden, a jeweller, of Summer Street, Orange, New South Wales, who was elected in 1867 at Lewisham. He took it he must be the senior College Youth from a membership point of view. He was over 81 years of age, and he (Mr. Cockerill) thought it would be a very nice thing to send him a message of congratulation from that meeting (applause). Mr. Henden heard nothing about ringing or the College Youths except through 'The Ringing World,' which had been sent to him for about twelve months by Miss E. K. Parker. Proceeding, Mr. Cockerill said that during the last year they had had eight of their books repaired, one of them being the old autograph name book, which contained the names of members back to 1760—something. There were some extraordinary writing and signatures in the book, some of the leaves of which had become loose and were in danger of being lost. The books had now been put into an excellent state of repair at a total cost of about £30, but, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Young, the amount which the society had had to bear was about £20 (applause).

Mr. C. H. Horton, in submitting 'The Visitors,' said November the fifth was a notable date in the annals of that great city. Two episodes which left their mark in the country happened on November 5th. One was the fusing of the gunpowder plot, and the other the founding of that Society of College Youths. Although, doubtless, the College Youths was founded practically for the purpose of change ringing in their wonderful city churches, he was sure that the great men who founded it had other thoughts in their mind, and they thought of the social side of the question. At their dinner, which no doubt they held in that first year of their existence, they most likely felt they would not keep all the good things to themselves, and they probably had a few visitors. That night they were honoured by the presence of a number of visitors, among them the Rev. Gordon Ponsonby, Rector of Bow, and he (the speaker) believed every man in that room would be a Dick Whittington could he but hear the music of those wonderful bells again. They also had with them Canon Hawkins, of St. Paul's, the Rev. Fynes Clinton, of St. Magnus', the Rev. E. C. Bedford, of St. Andrew's, and the Rev. Pennington Bickford, of St. Clement Danes. They owed a great debt of gratitude to the clergy and other visitors who interested themselves in that society. 'They gave them the use of the towers most willingly for practice, and the members appreciated it (applause).

'FOND OF OLD THINGS.'

The Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, who replied, said he was very jealous of them all. He had often wished to ring. He had tried, but had not continued, so he would never be highly skilled enough. All the same, he appreciated and honoured what the ringers did in the ringing chamber. He knew what a high art it was, and what patience it required to ring long peals, and he appreciated what was done in the church towers in ringing for services. The speaker paid a tribute to the services Mr. Young rendered to the Exercise, and said he did not know what he would do at St. Clement's without him. Although there might be some who differed from him, they would all admire him for what he did to save the bells at Coventry (hear, hear). He (the speaker) was very fond of old things, and if he had had anything to do with those bells he would have moved heaven and earth to retain them, despite all the money that was offered. When St. Clement's bells were restored he set his face strongly against the removal of the cannons of the bells, and Mr. Hughes managed to do the job for them without cutting the cannons off. Those old bells might be a few vibrations out, but, generally speaking, he always heard good things said about the bells of St. Clement's (applause). He did not want to be misunderstood, because he knew there were differences of opinion, but he had a great love for old things, and he liked to retain them.

The Vice-Chairman (Mr. H. R. Newton) submitted 'London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' and said no fewer than nineteen societies were represented in that gathering. Whenever he had gone out to represent the College Youths he had met with the greatest kindness and hospitality, and he hoped members of visiting associations that night would take back similar feelings. He urged that the feelings generated at such gatherings as that should be carried into the towers, and every visitor accommodated with a pull, even if it was only rounds.

Mr. F. W. H. Sergison (St. Clement's Youths) first responded for the London Societies, who, he said, appreciated the kindness of the College Youths at their annual feast in always remembering the other societies. They all knew what the College Youths had done for ringing in London. They trained young men to handle a bell and helped them to ring a quarter-peal, and the next thing they saw them at the Coffee Pot (laughter). Sunday ringing at the London churches was dropping off, and one of the reasons was the high fares which the men had to pay to get to the churches. The ringers were fast moving out of the centre of London to the suburbs, and it cost some of them a good deal to perform their duties at the churches.

Mr. J. T. Dyke (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association) replied for the provincial societies in an amusing speech. He compared the differences in the conditions under which ringing could be carried out in London and in country districts such as that in which he lived, instancing, in connection with the enthusiasm which some provincial ringers displayed, that recently one of a band with which he rang cycled 35 miles to practise Cambridge Surprise Minor.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. LAST MEETING OF THE YORKTOWN DISTRICT. PRESENTATION TO THE SECRETARY.

The members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in the new diocese of Guildford are now reaching the parting of the ways. The Guildford Diocesan Guild will come into being on January 1st, and on Saturday the last meeting of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild was held at Hawley. This district has embraced the area from Yateley, in Hants, to Esher, in Surrey, and on account of its poor means of intercommunication has been one of the most difficult to work. Nevertheless, it has been not the least successful of the districts of the old Guild, and a great deal of this success has been due to the quiet but painstaking efforts of Mr. J. B. Hessey, of Chertsey, the hon. secretary.

At Saturday's meeting the members showed their appreciation of his services by presenting Mr. Hessey with a handsome barometer, with a suitable inscription. There were representatives present from Ash, Bagshot, Chertsey, Camberley, Egham, Hawley, Pirbright, Weybridge, Woking, Yateley and Yorktown, and visitors from Finchampstead and Maidenhead.

The presentation was made by the Rev. G. R. M. Ellwood, who was formerly at Chertsey, and who paid a warm tribute to the work which Mr. Hessey had done for the Guild.—Mr. Hessey, who was taken by surprise, suitably acknowledged the gift.

Prior to the presentation, a service, at which the Rev. G. R. M. Ellwood gave an address, and the final business meeting had been held. The latter was presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Armitstead. The year had closed with a membership of 95 in the district, and a balance of nearly £7. Mr. Hessey thanked the members for the support which they had given him, and particularly Mr. Chaffey (Chertsey) and Mr. Armstrong (Weybridge) for their assistance during the time that he was laid aside by sickness.

A vote of sympathy was passed, by the members standing in silence, with the widow of the late Mr. G. Attfield, of Ottershaw, an old member of the Guild, who had died suddenly on the preceding Monday.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and the Rev. G. R. M. Ellwood, and also to the ladies who had provided the tea.

The hope was expressed that, although the towers in that district would now be divided, there would be a frequent interchange of visits in the future.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who is hon. secretary of the Organising Committee of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, gave an outline of the proposals which it was hoped to carry through, and made an appeal to the ringers in all the churches not only to come into the Guild, but to pull their weight in the endeavour to make it a success.

Ringings took place on the bells of the Parish Church, both in the afternoon and evening.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Portsmouth on Saturday last, when over 50 members were present from Alverstoke, Bramshott, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Netley Abbey, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Wickham and Winchester.

Ringings at the cathedral was indulged in until 4.30, when the Guild's form of service was used at the special service, at which the Archdeacon of Portsmouth (Ven. H. N. Rodgers) officiated and preached, assisted by the Vicar of Portsmouth (Rev. Bernard Williams). At the conclusion, the members adjourned to the Parish Rooms, where an excellent tea awaited them.

The business meeting followed, the Archdeacon occupying the chair, supported by the Vicar, the general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), Master (Mr. G. Williams), district secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers), the Central Committee representatives (Messrs. F. A. Burnett and R. J. Stone), and the auditor (Mr. H. G. Reynolds). At the outset the Chairman referred to the keen enthusiasm the new Vicar had taken in the Guild, despite his short time in the city, and also to the eagerness and thoroughness the members took in performing their duties.

The balance sheet for the past year showed that the membership of the district was now 17 hon. members, 124 full members, 14 probationers, 3 unattached and one compounding member. The receipts amounted to £18 2s. 6d., and expenditure to £5 2s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £11 19s. 10d., and to the treasurer of £11.

It was decided to hold the inaugural meeting of the district in the new Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on January 28th next, when it is hoped that representatives of all towers in the district, affiliated and unaffiliated, will attend. The present district officers were re-elected en bloc, to serve until that meeting.

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Mr. E. Alex Young submitted 'The Press,' and remarked upon the fact that the Exercise was fortunate in having a journal of its own. Without it, they would be badly handicapped, and such gatherings as that would be almost impossible. He spoke in complimentary terms of the service which 'The Ringing World' rendered to the Exercise, and of the importance of giving the paper wholehearted support.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor of 'The Ringing World') responded. This concluded the speech-making, and the evening was brought to a conclusion with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

The Vicar of Portsmouth was elected an honorary member, and D. Halliday (Gosport) a probationer.

A complete peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), written in full and executed by Mr. J. D. Harris (Portsmouth), was presented to the district, and the Vicar readily acceded to the request that it should be framed and hung in the cathedral tower. The cost of the frame was guaranteed by the members present.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Archdeacon, Vicar, organist and caterers for their various services. The Vicar, in reply, thanked the members for the warm welcome they had given him that day, especially in electing him an honorary member. As the late Dean of Grahams-town, South Africa, he had greatly missed the beautiful bells of the motherland, and it was a source of delight to him to hear them ringing again. He added that he would always be willing to do what he could for the Guild, and promised to be present at the inaugural meeting in January.

After the close of the meeting the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing, which during the day ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major. A few made the journey across to Gosport to try the rehung bells at Holy Trinity, and it was arranged with the Vicar to have a Guild opening on Monday, December 5th, when a service will be held in the evening and the bells rung afterwards.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Winchester on Saturday, November 5th. The bells at the cathedral (12) and St. Maurice's (6) were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, and the members attended the ordinary evening service at the cathedral at 4 p.m., at which special prayers were offered for the work of the Guild. Tea was served and the business meeting took place at St. Maurice's Hall. Rev. Canon Braithwaite, district chairman, being in the chair, supported by the Lord Bishop of Southampton, Rev. N. C. Woods, hon. treasurer of the Guild, Mr. Geo. Williams, Master, Mr. Geo. Pullinger, general secretary, Mr. W. Andrews, Central Committee, Mr. F. W. Rogers, secretary, Portsmouth District, and Mr. W. T. Tucker, district secretary of the Winchester District. The district secretary gave a brief report of the work in the district during the year. This was considered very satisfactory and was accepted with thanks to Mr. Tucker. The secretary also presented the balance sheet for the year, which showed total receipts £21 9s. 5d., payments £8 3s. 0d. The sum of £9 was handed over to the hon. treasurer of the Guild, leaving a balance in hands of secretary of £4 6d. 5d. This was approved and passed, on the motion of Mr. Loveland, seconded by Mr. Brown.

In view of the rearranging of the various districts to take effect early in the new year, it was proposed by Mr. Pullinger, seconded by Mr. Fray, that the officers be asked to carry on until the new districts were brought into being.

It was proposed to hold inaugural meetings in three districts, the first at Southampton on January 7th for the Southampton District, at Winchester on January 14th for the Winchester District, and at Alton on January 21st for the Alton District.

It was proposed by the District Secretary, and seconded by Mr. Andrews, that the Bishop of Southampton be elected a life member of the Guild.

On the proposition of Mr. Loveland, seconded by Mr. Brown, a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. and Mrs. Pullinger, of Guildford, on the accident recently sustained by Mr. Pullinger, and the Rev. Canon Braithwaite consented to convey this to them.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean and Chapter for the cathedral bells, and Rev. T. M. Watson for St. Maurice's bells. Mr. Watson was unable to be present at the meeting.

The towers represented were Hursley, Southampton, Fareham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), King's Somborne, Oakley, North Stoneham, Upham, Winchester, Twyford, Stockbridge, Salisbury (St. Edmund's and St. Martin's), and Bishopstoke.

LECTURE ON BELLS AND BELLRINGING.

On Wednesday, November 2nd, a lecture on bells and bellringing was given at the Church Room, Northenden, under the auspices of the Northenden Literary Society. The lecturer was the Rev. F. P. Cheetham, M.A., principal of Egerton Hall, Manchester, a former member of the Cambridge University Guild, and the lecture was illustrated by demonstrations of change-ringing on handbells by the following well-known Manchester ringers: A. Barnes, H. Jackson, F. Page, P. Ladin, M. J. Morris and A. F. Bailey.

After referring briefly to the origin of bells and their use in worship, the lecturer proceeded to explain the various ways of ringing bells now practised, and expressed his own decided preference for change ringing. The method of hanging tower bells was illustrated with the help of a model bell kindly lent by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. A short explanation of the fundamental principles of change ringing followed, illustrated by leads of Bob Minor, Major and Royal and Grandsire Triples on the handbells. The ringers afterwards rang plain courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Grandsire Cinques, all of which were given with admirable striking and rhythm.

The lecture was followed attentively by a large audience consisting almost entirely of non-ringers. The handbell ringing was particularly appreciated by all those present, most of whom had never heard anything of the kind before.

NEW BELLS AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—After 30 years of silence (not having heard chime or ring in this inland of Canada), the music of the bells was again borne on the air to me (this time in Regina, Canada, instead of England), the occasion being the chiming on a ring of 12 bells, installed in the Metropolitan United Church. The bells were given as a memorial by a Mr. Darke of the city.

The bells are a splendid ring by Mears and Stainbank, of London, and the chimes as given by Mr. Jesse B. Tyler, the representative of that firm, brought out many of their beautiful properties. As the tunes and courses of Grandsire Treble and Bob Major rang out again, old times were recalled. Unfortunately, this ring has only been fixed for chiming, and so the full beauty of change ringing will not be heard. However, I am content at having once more heard a course on the air again.—Yours faithfully,

G. H. DEAN,
(once a Cumberland).

October 27th, 1927.

THE PEAL AT LONG CLAWSON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MEN'S BELLS.

As reported elsewhere, another Leicestershire tower has 'fallen' for a peal to Mr. Ernest Morris, this time one of those heavy-weight fives with a long draught of rope which tend to make the critics say 'impossible.' After ringing a peal on the light five of its sister church of Rose, with the Framland Society, Mr. Morris expressed a wish for one at Long Clawson, and Mr. W. Smith at once responded with assistance and men. It so happened that his namesake, of Australia, was over in the 'old country' on a visit to his native home, and being very keen for a peal at the church where he learnt to ring before going 'back under,' he was included in the band, which was made up of two of the best local worthies who 'knew the ropes.' These bells are rung from the ground floor in the centre of the church between the chancel, nave and transepts, being open on all sides, and without a single guide to the roof 40ft. above (even higher than the similar lot at Asfordby), but much heavier bells. They are consequently a 'hefty' lot to handle, and are aptly described as 'men's bells.' With so long a draught of rope, they require more than ordinary skill in handling. Before starting, Mr. E. Morris very reluctantly climbed the thin iron ladder which is let down for the purpose from the roof to the floor of the church, nowhere near a wall, to visit the bells and verify the ancient inscriptions which are in Roman, Gothic and black letter. Returning was even a greater ordeal, happily performed without anything worse than a bad scare at the thoughts of such a perilous descent. The Vicar (Rev. Jordon) said a prayer before the ringing commenced, and, happily, all went well, and a well-struck peal scored, verified by Mr. R. Mount, of Waltham, who came specially to listen, and who timed many of the six-scores. The band, with the Vicar, were entertained to a most welcome tea by Mrs. Wilford, which was much appreciated, and, needless to say, all were very pleased with themselves, especially the 'first pealers,' but none so much as our friend of the treble, who returns to Australia during the week. This was the 104th Leicestershire tower in which Mr. E. Morris has rung a peal.

LADIES' PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Saturday, November 12th, in memory of the fallen, there was rung at Christ Church, Dore, with half-muffled clappers, the first quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) ever rung by a band of ladies in the North of England. The band was composed of the following: Mrs. C. Ryder (Rotherham) 1, Miss Elsie Smith (Norton) 2, Miss Dorothy Tarlton (N. Wingfield) 3, Miss Eva Hopkins (Handsworth) 4, Miss Molly Davenport (conductor) (Dore) 5, Miss Noel Cawthorne (Handsworth) 6, Miss Amy Taylor (Worksop) 7, Miss Elizabeth Foulk (Duffield) 8. This was rung subsequent to the failure of a peal attempt, but the band hope for success in the near future.

THE PEAL AT TRING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A peal of Single Oxford Bob Major (Oxford Bob Major) was rung at St. Mary's, Pulford, by the Chester Diocesan Guild on Wednesday, October 20th, 1909. It was not claimed as the first in the method. The composition is appended.—Yours faithfully,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

5,184 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

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S. at * in 3rd and 6th parts.

BRAVERY REWARDED.

Police-Sergeant W. J. Dowding, of 10, Goldsmith Road, King's Heath, Birmingham, a well-known member of St. Martin's Guild, has just received, at the hands of the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, the certificate of the Royal Humane Society for courageous conduct. Last July Sergeant Dowding rescued a boy of twelve, named Edward Morgan, of 5, Lower Darwin Street, Highgate, from the River Cole. Fully dressed in uniform, he jumped into water 8ft. deep and brought the boy to the bank.

BISHOP'S VISIT TO HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.

A date touch of Minor (1,927 changes) was rung at Husborne Crawley, Bedfordshire, before the dedication of stained glass windows erected to the memory of the late Rev. Alfred Sasse, by the Bishop of St. Albans on Sunday, October 23rd. The touch consisted of 1,207 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Bob Minor, and was rung in 1 hr. 10 mins.: H. Fleet 1, A. Fleet 2, C. Sinfield 3, W. Peacock 4, E. J. Hobbs 5, H. H. Smith (conductor) 6.

'SILVER BELLS.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—The following quotation is taken from the 'Scotsman' of November 5th:—

'H.M.S. "Nelson," the world's largest battleship, built by Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth, and Company, on the Tyne, is to be presented with the largest solid silver ship's bell ever made, to commemorate the fact that she was built on the Tyne. The making of the bell has been entrusted to Messrs. Reid and Sons, silversmiths, of Newcastle. It will weigh, when finished, nearly 2,500 ounces, that is, about 1½ cwt. The difference in tone between bells of the ordinary metal and those of pure silver of the same size is remarkable. A bell of solid silver gives an exceptionally clear, ringing, and "silvery" note.'

The Rev. G. S. Tyack, in his book about Bells (p. 26), states that 'silver, if used at all, in the casting of bells, was in almost inappreciable quantities. It is, in fact, alleged by experts that the employment of that metal would have precisely the contrary effect upon the tone of the bell to that which tradition assigns to it, silver being in its nature too closely allied to lead to permit of its use in this case.'

Again, Lord Grimthorpe tells us in his book on 'Clocks, Watches and Bells' (eighth edition, 1903, p. 364): 'The most inveterate of all popular delusions about bells is the notion that old bells had silver in them, and that all bells would be improved by it. There is not the slightest foundation for that belief. Nevertheless we had some experiments made for the purpose of being quite sure that silver was of no use, either with reference to sound or strength of the metal; several different proportions were tried, beginning with sixpence in a bell of nearly a pound weight, and it was clear that the silver rather did harm than good in both respects.'

The observations of any of your readers on these apparently conflicting statements would be interesting.—Yours faithfully,

C. CLEVELAND ELLIS.

PRESENTATION AT TILEHURST, BERKS.

On Tuesday, October 18th, the ringers at Tilehurst, Berks, with Messrs. F. W. Hopgood and R. T. Hibbert, of Reading, met in St. Michael's tower, and, after several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, adjourned to the Church Room, and there found the table laid with sandwiches, cakes, etc., and various kinds of liquid refreshments. The venerable Rector, Dr. Cooper Smith, took the chair, and in a short speech said they were met together to show their regard and appreciation of one who was leaving them after many years of faithful devotion to his many duties in the parish, viz., the Rev. W. F. Lane. The ringers would miss him more than most people, as he had always been keenly interested in their work, and had always enjoyed ringing with them on every occasion that he could get to the tower. To show that the ringers had really appreciated his work, and his ringing with them, the Chairman asked Mr. Lane to accept a silver inkstand, suitably inscribed, and he hoped he would use it often with happy memories of Tilehurst.

The Rev. W. F. Lane, who was greatly surprised, said how pleased and touched he was by the beautiful present, and assured one and all that it should be used and valued, both by Mrs. Lane and himself. Messrs. Goodger, Hopgood and Hibbert expressed their regret at losing the Rev. W. F. Lane from the neighbourhood, but wished him and Mrs. Lane all happiness and prosperity in their new home at Bishop's Stortford.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Cooper Smith for providing the refreshments, and a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. E. G. Foster, who was prevented by illness from being present.

BRISTOL.—On Monday, November 7th, at Clifton, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Price 1, A. Parker 2, Mrs. Wilkins 3, C. Andrews 4, E. Parker 5, S. J. Hector 6, W. H. Parker 7, Richard Clarke (conductor) 8. Arranged for the ringers of 4th and 6th, who hail from Trowbridge. This was their first quarter-peal in the method.

ARMISTICE.

PORTMADOC.—At St. John's Church, on Armistice Day, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, half-muffled: R. McMillan 1, H. Roberts 2, H. McMillan 3, P. Roberts 4, F. Williams 5, John Owen (conductor) 6, Edmund Humphreys 8.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.—On November 11th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor, by the local band: G. R. Edwards 1, J. Owens 2, J. F. Smith 3, W. J. Jones 4, R. G. Edwards 5, S. Woods (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate Armistice Day.

OVERSEAL.—At St. Matthew's Church, with the bells half-muffled for the Armistice, on Sunday, November 13th, 720 Bob Minor for evening service: W. Bosworth 1, L. Freeman 2, C. Jewsbury 3, W. Brooker 4, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 5, W. E. Clayfield 6.

KNIGHTON, RAD8.—At St. Edward's Church, on Remembrance Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) with bells half-muffled in 45 mins.: W. Watkins 1, J. Price 2, A. Jones 3, J. Evans 4, G. Abley 5, F. Evans (conductor) 6, R. Wellings 7.

LEEDS.—At St. Peter's Church, Bramley, on Sunday, November 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major in 48 mins.: W. Waterhouse 1, S. Helliwell 2, F. Blackith 3, Fred Blackith 4, J. W. T. Holgate 5, F. Jackson 6, H. Blackith 7, J. S. Eastwood (conductor) 8. Rung with the bells fully muffled in connection with the Armistice services of this parish.

BROUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, November 13th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, 240 of St. Simon's, 480 of Plain Bob, and 540 of Grandsire: H. D. Baxter 1, F. W. Randall 2, P. J. Lenton 3, A. Stapleton 4, H. Baxter (conductor) 5. Rung half-muffled for a remembrance service for those who fell in the war.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—Prior to a united memorial service held at St. Mary's church, on November 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung, the bells being fully muffled: B. Douglas 1, J. Hutchinson 2, W. Norman 3, A. Ellbeck 4, J. H. Rothery 5, W. H. Cook (conductor) 6, G. W. Tembey 7, J. E. Whittam 8. First quarter in the method by all except the ringer of the 7th, and first as conductor.—On Saturday, November 12th, an attempt was made for Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples in memory of the fallen. This was successful, and is duly recorded in our columns. The churchwardens generously entertained the ringers at the close of the peal to a 'potato pot' supper, to which full justice was done, and thanks were accorded to the churchwardens for their kindness.—On Sunday for morning service 640 Kent Major was rung.

DORE.—At Christ Church for evensong on November 13th, with half-muffled clappers, in memory of the fallen, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: Miss M. Holmes 1, Miss M. Davenport 2, Miss J. Davenport 3, A. S. Robinson 4, W. Bingham 5, M. Short (conductor) 6, J. E. Lewis Cockey 7, R. E. Johnson 8. Ringers of treble age 14, 3rd age 15, tenor age 16.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Friday, November 11th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1,260 changes): W. Spice 1, A. Manktelow 2, W. Seager 3, S. Taylor 4, C. Belsey 5, W. J. Walker 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, R. Moore 8. Rung half-muffled after meeting short for a peal.

EALING.—On November 11th, at Christ Church, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 56 mins.: J. H. Burton 1, E. J. Walsom 2, W. H. Hollier 3, R. Thompson 4, E. C. Turner (first quarter-peal) 5, J. A. Trollope 6, W. G. Wilson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. A. D. Webb (first quarter-peal) 8.

GREAT STAUGHTON.—At the Parish Church, after the evening service on Armistice Day, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 53 mins.: G. Franklin 1, F. W. Lack 2, J. Cresell 3, H. Bosworth 4, T. H. Loursend (conductor) 5, J. Leasley 6.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—At St. Peter's Church, on Armistice Day for remembrance service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled: Miss B. Stadden 1, Miss Alice Stokes (conductor) 2, Mrs. W. Edwards 3, E. J. Goldstone 4, J. Nisbet 5, A. E. Colburn 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. Berg (first quarter-peal) 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, November 13th, for evening service at Great St. Mary's Church, 719 Grandsire Caters by members of the Ely Diocesan Association and the Cambridge University Guild: Miss V. Shorter 1, T. R. Cheney 2, B. D. Buttress 3, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 4, W. Duffield 5, T. R. Dennis 6, F. E. Haynes 7, S. H. Wood 8, A. G. Rivers 9, P. Taylor 10.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, November 13th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Miss Annie Brown 1, E. J. Brown (conductor) 2, F. W. Wade 3, I. Long 4, P. C. Williams 5, W. Hunter 6, F. E. Tyler 7, E. Tyler (first quarter) 8.

NOTICE.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Coddington (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 26th.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at 7.30 p.m. at St. Magnus' on November 24th. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A general meeting to approve rules, select officers and transact other important business will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 19th. All ringers residing within the new diocese are specially requested to attend. Service (in conjunction with the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild) at St. Nicolas' Church, 3.45 p.m. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall, Onslow Street, 4.30. Meeting 5.15.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The final meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, November 19th. Business meeting in St. Saviour's Hall at 3 p.m. sharp. Service at St. Nicolas' Church at 3.45. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall immediately after the service. It is hoped there will be a good attendance of members.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Berkhamsted, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Annual district meeting at Hornchurch on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at King's Head, 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division meeting at Withyham, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 (about 1s.). Meeting to follow. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Important.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/-. Business meeting afterwards.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at the Rose and Crown.—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on Saturday, November 19th. The bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 with an address by the Vicar. Tea at 5.30, close to the Church. All will be made welcome, and a good attendance is hoped for.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at Basingstoke. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church 4 p.m. Tea at Church Cottage 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Reply to Rev. Evan Jones, 5, Church Square, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, Nov. 22nd.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Newport, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, 22nd inst.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at St. Andrew's Hall, Wells Street, at 5.30, 1/- each to those who advise me by the 23rd inst. Business meeting to follow.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Abbots Leigh on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.—W. Stapleton, 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — A bye-meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Maidstone, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Members intending to be present please notify as soon as possible Mr. J. Day, 92, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Ringing from 2.45 till 5; after tea, St. Mary's. Bus No. 65 from Ealing Broadway and Station runs near church. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells ready at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Old Duston on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 22nd? —T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at moderate charge. Members requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, Nov. 24th.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heene on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea will be kindly provided by the Rector at the Church Rooms, Heene Road, at 5 o'clock. All those intending being present kindly advise me four days before the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Ham Road, Broadwater, Worthing.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Tower open 6 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Quedgeley on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, Nov. 26th. The recently restored ring of 5 bells will be available from 6 to 9 p.m.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Usual arrangements. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Lane End on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) available at 5.30 p.m. Buses run from High Wycombe.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Charles Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Manchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Faversham on Dec. 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m., followed by tea. Will all those intending being present kindly notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 30th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. It is hoped to have the memorial peal board to the late Mr. William Rock Small unveiled on this date.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Prestbury on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. The Association Master (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) hopes to be present. All those intending being present please notify me by the 29th inst.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoneham Aspal on Saturday, December 3rd. The ring of ten (now restored) will be available from 2 p.m., and a good attendance is requested. Tea, to be followed by business meeting, will be provided in the schoolroom at 4.45 (1/- each). Notice of intention to be present will be appreciated by W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's on Dec. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea, free to members of the Guild, at 5.15. Will those intending to be present please inform the secretary by Nov. 29th?—T. J. Stokes, 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch, Hants.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Meeting at 3.45. Tea 4.45. Service at 5.30. — G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business important. — J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

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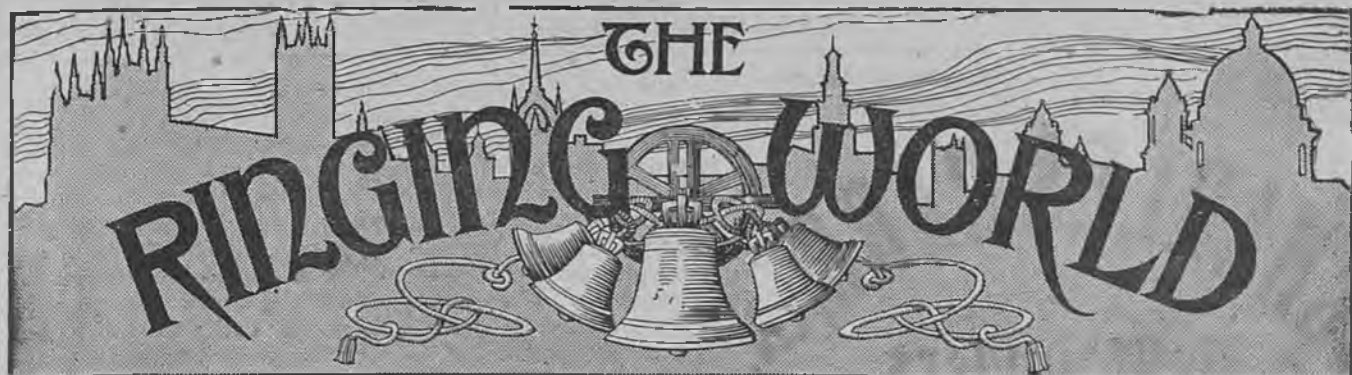
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This new spirit emphasises the point that, although the ringers in the Guildford Diocese are parting from their old colleagues of the Winchester Diocesan Guild on the most friendly terms, the Guildford Guild is in no sense merely a portion of the old Guild under another name. It is an entirely new organisation. The scheme was launched without any definite knowledge as to how the Winchester Guild would receive it, and even in the face of opposition of a considerable section of the members of the old Guild in the area. The facts that the whole of the towers and ringers in the Guildford Diocese which were formerly associated with Winchester are joining the new Guild and that the Winchester Guild has willingly ceded the territory are a tribute to the tact with which the Organising Committee have handled their task. That the Committee have done some excellent and effective propaganda work is proved by last Saturday's gathering, at which nearly two hundred ringers, clergy and churchwardens were present. A gathering equally large, if not larger, is expected when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese formerly inaugurates the Guild on the last day of this year.

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JOHN THORPE	... Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON	... 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY	... 2	WILLIAM BARTON	... 7
MRS. JAMES COTTERELL	... 3	FRANCIS BARKER	... 8
JOHN HOLMAN	... 4	SIDNEY F. PALMER	... 9
JAMES COTTERELL	... 5	THOMAS B. KENDALL	... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Salmons, Miss Kendall, and J. Cotterell.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS	... Treble	JOHN H. ROTHERY	... 5
JOHN HUTCHINSON	... 2	WILLIAM H. COOK	... 6
WILLIAM NORMAN	... 3	GEORGE W. TENBEY	... 7
ALFRED EILBECK	... 4	JAMES G. WHITMAN	... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. COOK.

* First peal. † First peal for the above association, and elected a member previous to starting. First peal in the method by all. First peal as conductor, and rung at the first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells, which were fully muffled. All the above are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Wednesday, November 16th, in 13 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. P. Roe 1, J. G. Nash 2, W. J. Ellis 3, H. W. H. Strickland 4, C. A. Botton 5, H. Ellis 6, M. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, E. A. Hull 8.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.	
W. EWART MINORS	Treble	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS	5
HORACE BENNETTS	2	FREDERICK G. VILES	6
PHILIP J. HITCHENS	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY	7
WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ...	4	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. GULVAL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.				Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.			
*ALFRED TRIGGS ... ..Treble				WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD... 5			
WILLIAM WOOD... .. 2				CHARLES R. LILLEY 6			
JOHN WOOD... .. 3				PHILIP J. HITCHINS 7			
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS... .. 4				*JACK CORRELL ... ..Tenor			

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal. First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Gulval. Those who took part in the above two peals wish to thank Mr. Lilley, at Plymouth, for spending the week-end at Truro, in order to conduct the same. A peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at Ladoek on Sunday, November 13th, but this had to be terminated after 2 hrs. 40 mins. ringing, with about 300 changes to go, owing to a memorial service which commenced at 3 o'clock, a false start having reduced the time available.

ESCRICK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. HELEN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THORSTANS'.		Tenor 13 cwt. in F.	
*CHARLES W. FOUNTAIN ...	Treble	ARTHUR WALKER ...	5
*HENRY A. IMESON ...	2	*SEDMAN H. STEEL ...	6
*ARTHUR H. HORNER ...	3	HARRY C. WALTERS ...	7
*JOHN K. DOUGLAS ...	4	EDWARD RICKITT ...	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in the method on the bells and first attempt.

WORKSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Priory Church of SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.			
*SYDNEY JORDON	Treble	JOHN T. BARTRAM	5
HARRY MORGAN... ..	2	ERNEST CLARKE	6
†HERBERT ROOKE	3	GEORGE HARDWICK	7
TOM CLARKE	4	EDWARD DALINGWATER ...	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by E. DALINGWATER.

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

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes
At the Church of St. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER-WASHBROOK VARIATION.				Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.		
THOMAS ABBOTT	...	Treble		HARRY RICHARDSON	...	5
JOHN R. MAIN	...	2		GEORGE BASFORD	...	6
*GEORGE EITE	...	3		THOMAS R. HENSHER	...	7
JOHN KING	...	4		ARTHUR TOMPKINS	...	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

* First peal in the method.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Tuesday, November 8th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 changes of Grandsire Triples in 47 minutes: Jesse Beams 1, W. Massey 2, A. L. Brown 3, J. E. Beams 4, H. Barber 5, J. Beams (conductor) 6, C. E. Read 7, W. Poplett 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2nd and 5th.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. TURNER Treble	FREDERICK CRIPPS 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
JACK CRIPPS 3	KEITH HART 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	EDWARD C. MERRITT Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt, 1 qr. in E flat.

*STANLEY R. COCKELL Treble	ARTHUR J. WEST 5
WALTER S. BURBIDGE 2	HARRY MOCKRIDGE 6
GEORGE H. ARCHARD 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
ROBERT H. LEGGE 4	WILFRED G. WATERS Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band, and rung as a compliment to Mr. R. H. Legge on his completing 50 years' service as a ringer.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 9 cwt, 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	JOHN W. FAITHFULL 5
*HARRY BADGER 2	WILLIAM T. TOCKER 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
CHARLES J. FRAY 4	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Cambridge.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
JOHN G. NASH 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	WILLIAM J. NODDS 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	ALBERT W. COLES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of respect to the late William J. Kemp, for 18 years a member and 16 years assistant district honorary secretary to the above association.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB MAJOR & GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. 5096 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

BERT LUCK Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

This composition consists of 2,572 Bob Major and 2,524 Grandsire Triples, and is the first spliced peal of these two methods for the association. Birthday peal for Charles T. G. Sone, grandson of the ringer of the 2nd and son of the conductor.

WILTON, TAUNTON.—On Wednesday, November 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Reed 1, A. L. Bennett 2, A. W. Hayward 3, D. F. Sheldon 4, A. J. Wyatt (conductor) 5, G. S. Coles 6.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Six Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 10032 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RONALD G. BECK Treble	JESSE FRANCIS 5
WILLIAM LOUD 2	GILBERT H. HARDING 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung on the 86th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

ASH, NEAR CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

SAM E. TAYLOR Treble	FREDERICK R. WELLER 5
CHARLES W. BRETT 2	*FREDERICK FAIRBEARD 6
FREDERICK G. BRETT 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	EDWIN G. BOESDEN Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by EDWIN G. BOESDEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	EDWARD J. BEER 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, SEN. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN BEAMS Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
GEORGE H. CROSS 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
RONALD H. BULLEN 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
MISS FRED A. ORR 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Miss P. E. Orr's 50th peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*LEONARD E. TOWERS Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	†JOHN THOMPSON 6
REV. R. P. FARROW 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 7
†ALFRED BALLARD 4	†THOMAS W. BARWELL Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	THOMAS WALLWORK 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
ROBERT WALLWORK 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

A birthday compliment to E. Cutsforth. First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

*FRANK CANTER Treble	*FRANK SIMMONDS 4
GEORGE ORCHARD 2	HARRY BARRETT 5
FRANK PONTING... .. 3	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARRETT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
This is the first peal on the bells since they have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. SMITH Treble	H. SMITH 4
W. BLAND 2	R. SHIMMANS 5
W. WHITLOCK 3	J. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. SMITH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

ELMLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's and 10 of Grandsire.

SAM MOORE Treble	RALPH HARRIS 4
WILLIAM BENNETT 2	EDWARD MOORE 5
CHARLES HOLFORD 3	FREDERICK ROLLS Tenor

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen. First peal on the bells by the local band.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY WALLACE Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 4
SIDNEY CARTER 2	GEORGE H. CARTER 5
ARTHUR WOOLSTON 3	BARNARD PATMORE Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

IXWORTH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

H. LOTT Treble	A. LANDYMORE 4
H. KING 2	W. DURRANT 5
J. STIFF... .. 3	H. W. FOULGER Tenor

Conducted by H. W. FOULGER.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 240's of Pitman's, 8 of Morris', and 1 of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY MALE Treble	*GEORGE J. PRICE 4
ALFRED GOODING 2	*JAMES RANDLE 5
JAMES P. HYETT 3	†WILLIAM H. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

With different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES H. BRIGGS Treble	JOSEPH TAYLOR 4
CECIL E. CARR 2	*HENRY BIRD 5
CHARLES H. WEBB 3	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by G. A. NEWTON.

* First peal of Minor. Rung half-muffled to commemorate the 9th anniversary of the Armistice of the Great War. First peal of Minor on the bells, the treble having been added a few weeks ago by J. Taylor and Co. It was the gift of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Poulter, to his church.

EAST CROMPTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6060 CHANGES;

Being 300 of Plain Bob, and 720 each of Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*C. THORPE Treble	*J. R. BUCKLEY 4
S. HEYWOOD 2	C. HOWARTH 5
*R. H. BYROM 3	J. BUTTERWORTH Tenor

Conducted by J. BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal. First peal in nine methods by all the band, and longest length. Rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the opening of the bells, which took place in November, 1867. All the above are Sunday Service ringers at the above church. J. R. Buckley was proposed a member of the Lancashire Association.

STONEHOUSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYR,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

LEONARD FERRAR Treble	ARTHUR HARMER... .. 4
THOMAS PRICE 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
EDWARD PREEDY 3	ALBERT ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

Arranged for the ringer of the treble, who hails from Ashbourne, Derbyshire, and who was made a life member of the association.

ALDERTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Grandsire, and two each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

PETER BANKS Treble	EDWARD COLE 4
ALFRED G. PULLEY 2	WALTER YEEND 5
FREDERICK G. NURDEN 3	GEORGE BANNER Tenor

Conducted by F. G. NURDEN.

First peal by ringers of treble and tenor, who belong to the local band. First peal in four methods for all.

SHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CYRIL M. MITCHELL Treble	GEORGE MORRAD... .. 4
HARRY ARGENT 2	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 5
JOHN BURLES 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th (aged 60), it being 40 years ago that he started ringing at the above church. All the band are from Milton-next-Gravesend. Quickest peal on the bells.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

*THOMAS SNELL Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	REGINALD F. BECK 5
HERBERT W. PEARCE 3	RONALD G. BECK Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK CAVILL Treble	JAMES HUNT 4
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	HARRY POCOCK 5
WILLIAM UNDERHILL 3	PERCY MERSON Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POCOCK.

First peal as conductor.

KILLMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Killamarsh, Treble Bob, Annable's London, Norwich, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
*ALFRED PARR 2	W. H. TURTON 5
HARRY GREAVES 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

* First peal. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising Pitman's and Morris' arrangement and spliced and ordinary six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... Treble	*PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... 4
FRANK R. BOULSTRIDGE ... 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 5
RONALD H. DOVE 3	†WILLIAM CURSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. COTTON.

* First inside. † First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

ALCONBURY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 11 lb.

GEORGE PRATT Treble	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 4
KENNETH SEWARD 2	JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... 5
JOHN SMART 3	*JACK POTTLE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. NEWINGTON.

* First peal, and elected member of the association. First peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the tenor ringer, who is the local captain, for standing in at short notice after meeting short for Minor, and the Vicar for his hospitality after the peal. First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor.

METHOD EXTENSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The confusion which at present exists is due to the fact that different people have different theories about what an extension ought to be, and when they use the word extension they attach to it some meaning which is not contained in the word itself, and expect everybody to accept what is really only their arbitrary selection of one system of extending methods to the exclusion of all other possible extensions.

The first thing to do is to lay aside all their theories and study the facts, and this is exactly the thing which most people who have looked into the matter have failed to do.

How have methods been extended in the past? That is the important question, and when that is answered, and not till then, will the majority of ringers be able to approach the question intelligently.

I propose to answer that question, and I begin with the 'Campanologia' by J. D. C. M. On page 22 we get the four and twenty doubles and singles which we call Bob Minimus. On page 24 we read, 'This peal on five bells is thirty . . .,' and then we are given what we call a plain course of Grandsire Doubles.

Now, this is obtained by adding an extra bell in the hunt to Bob Minimus. Shipway adopted this system of extension in his 'Campanologia,' and, speaking of Oxford Bob on page 49, 'On four and five bells it is the same as the Bob and Grandsire systems, and requires on odd numbers—the same as Grandsire ringing—a bell in the hunt along with the treble.' He gives us, page 50, Oxford Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques; on page 52, Reverse Triples, Caters and Cinques; on page 53 Double Triples and Caters. He treats Court Bob in the same way on pages 58, 59 and 60, London Court Bob on pages 63, 64, and 65, and Norwich Court Bob on pages 68, 70 and 71.

In each of these cases he gets Triples from Minor, Caters from Major, and Cinques from Royal by adding a bell in the hunt along with the treble in exactly the same way as J. D. C. M. showed us that Grandsire Doubles was obtained from Bob Minimus.

I conclude that the first system of extension we have found is to add a bell in the hunt along with the treble.

H. LAW JAMES.

INSUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE FOR FINAL DECISION.

Dear Sir,—Most ringers, I think, will agree with your leading article of this week. The question of the extension of methods is, at the moment, the most important of the outstanding problems of theoretic ringing, and it is most desirable that the Exercise should know all there is to be known about it. But there are one or two things I should like to point out. The matter is not nearly so easy as it looks. You could, no doubt, find without difficulty a number of men who could weigh the available evidence in the Superlative controversy and give a judgment approximately correct. But it is doubtful if any such judgment would do any good. It might even do harm. For what we want to do is not so much to settle these things by authority as to induce ringers to take an interest, so far as they are able, in these more abstruse branches of our science. We don't want to say to young intelligent ringers, 'It is no use your bothering yourself about Shipway's Superlative Royal; it has already been decided by authority that it is not Superlative at all.' We want them to understand exactly what idea a great master like Shipway had in his mind when he produced his Royal, and how it is really related to the Major. My experience is that the more you know about these things the less willing you will be to give dogmatic opinion as to whether Shipway was right or wrong. But, as you say, this is only part of the wider question of the general laws of extension of methods.

Now, I am quite sure that at present there is not sufficient knowledge of that question in the Exercise for any final decision to be given. If, as you suggest, a number of competent persons were to consider the matter and publish their opinions, it would be all to the good. But such opinions could not be final, nor could or should they be binding on anybody. Finality can only come when the whole question is thoroughly understood. Then it will settle itself without any final pronouncement. You point to the fact that 'we have settled rules for building methods.' Yes; but that question was not settled by the adoption of the method report by the Central Council. It was settled, so far as it has really been settled, by the spread of the knowledge and recognition of the mathematical laws on which methods are based. It was the controversies and the discussions which centred round the report and which grew out of the report which really did good. If the report had merely been issued by authority, I am quite sure it would have had no effect whatever. In the same way the present divergence of opinion about extension is not an evil. It is a sign of the interest that is being taken in the matter, and a necessary step in the process of arriving at the truth. Of course, when a man takes up the position that he alone has the truth and refuses to consider any other views, he is hopeless. No doubt there are such men, and there are certainly many others who are quite honestly trying to find the truth, but whose mental equipment is not suited for the investigation of such problems as this. That cannot be helped. It will right itself in time.

Finally, let me point out briefly what the problem really is. It is this: Ringing is based on an exact mathematical science. It is controlled by exact mathematical laws. It is these laws which settle what is and what is not an extension, and if you want to understand what

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SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On November 14th, at the Church of St. Denys, 742 Grandsire Triples: Flt. Sgt. F. A. Holden (conductor) 1, C. Virden 2, A. Blackburn 3, H. S. Hinkins 4, H. Mussen 5, D. Haystaff 6, J. Watton 7, R. Waddingham 8. Longest touch inside by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 6th.

THE CHARM OF SANDAL.

HAPPY RELATIONS UNBROKEN FOR 100 YEARS.

A meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Sandal on Saturday, November 12th, when members were present from Horbury, Hoylandswaine, Wath, Crofton, Felkirk, Shelley, Armley and Barnsley. The bells were ringing early in the afternoon. About thirty sat down to tea in the Church Room, and, needless to say, brightness reigned over this happy gathering.

The Vicar (Rev. A. A. Parry) presided, and, before the business meeting which followed tea, gave a hearty welcome to the association to his tower, and, further, in praise of his own ringers, declared that they by their 'service before self' had gained his profound respect.

The Vicar then took the chair for the business meeting. As the year is drawing to its close, new members were not elected, and the usual routine was mostly deferred to the annual meeting in January. Horbury was selected for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, December 10th.

In a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, to the churchwardens for use of the bells, to the ladies for tea, and to the ringers for other arrangements made, Mr. R. Thickills (Horbury) declared that Sandal had given a warm welcome to ringers that extended far away into the past.—Mr. L. Wilkinson (Hoylandswaine) said that there was such a charm in the bells, the prettiness of the place and the goodness of its people, that was irresistible to-day.—The Vicar, in replying, stated that the people were enamoured of the bells. The ringers and the Church had always been united in harmony.

Mr. W. Reynier, a local ringer with over 50 years' ringing attachment to the tower and over 70 years with the Church, said it was just over one hundred years since the bells were placed in the tower, and never had there been a break in the happy relations between Sandal ringers and its clergy.—The vote was carried with acclamation. Further ringing followed to complete the meeting.

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extension is you must understand these laws. Obviously it is not a thing that anybody can settle, nor anyone who has not given it much time and study. It might, perhaps, be possible to draw up a set of rule of thumb directions which the ordinary ringer could understand, though he did not understand the reasons for them. But I doubt if even that is possible. It would be possible for simply constructed methods, where such directions are not needed. It would almost certainly fail where it was most needed. However, no harm would be done if someone tried it.—Yours sincerely,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE LATE MR. W. WOODING STARMER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There has recently appeared in your 'Belfry Gossip' the statement that Mr. W. W. Starmer was the chief witness for the recasting of the Coventry bells, whilst in another column the services of the deceased were referred to in eulogistic terms as regards the Ringing Exercise. The report was that of the annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and the speaker was a distinguished prelate. There has also appeared a long obituary notice in the 'Times' newspaper.

I observe that these statements partly conflict, and that they are partly erroneous. I would therefore ask you to allow me either to modify or restrict them, as may be deemed fair.

Mr. Starmer, who was a member of the Royal College of Music, was an organist and composer of some note; and, as a carillonneur and examiner at Mechlin, he was an authority upon carillons. As the latter generally exemplify 'Simpson' tuning, he was naturally a follower of the late Canon of that name. As far as we ringers are concerned, there he stops, for though, as a boy, he appears to have learnt to handle a bell, he had but an indifferent love for ringing as we know it. For instance, it will be remembered that at Coventry, when asked if he had ever rung a peal, he replied, 'No, and added the significant remark, 'I am glad to say.'

Mr. Starmer enjoyed what is called 'a good Press.' He was frequently referred to as doctor and professor, and it is remarkable that in the obituary notice which appeared in the 'Times' he is stated to have been Professor of Campanology at Birmingham University, when no such chair exists. Those who, like myself, attended the Coventry bells' hearing will remember the great play that was made with 'Dr. this and Professor the other,' little knowing at the time the actual facts. From a recent letter in the 'Times,' I see that there never has been a professorship of campanology at Birmingham, and it is fair to assume that the other title is equally apocryphal.

If Mr. Starmer's efforts helped to introduce the carillon into England or America, we are both interested and gratified. Beyond this, however, I cannot see that we have much cause to congratulate ourselves upon the deceased gentleman's connection with the Ringing Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

HASTINGS.—At St. Clement's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Parkin 1, A. Easton 2, S. Driver 3, C. Payne (first quarter) 4, T. Baker 5, G. Martin (first quarter) 6, J. Downing (conductor) 7, G. Piper 8. First quarter in the method on the bells. Rung with 4-6-8 covering.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Some gay young sparks from Wilts and Somerset spent 6 hours and 20 minutes ringing Bob Major at Bradford-on-Avon last Saturday, at the end of which time they brought round a peal, 10,032 changes in length.

We mentioned in this column last week how, quite early in the history of peal ringing, long lengths were rung, and on November 27th, 1729, a peal of 6,204 Grandsire Cinques was achieved at St. Michael's, Cornhill, by the London Scholars.

William Doubleday Crofts, solicitor, of Nottingham, one of the ablest ringers and conductors of his day, died on November 29th, 1809, and was buried at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on December 2nd, when 'a mourning peal' of 1,494 Grandsire Caters was rung.

Two well-known Lancashire ringers—Messrs. Titus Barlow and T. B. Worsley—last Saturday rang their 150th peal together.

The conductor of the peal of Oxford Bob Major at Tring withdraws the claim to this being the first peal in the method. In addition to the peal mentioned last week as having been rung at Pulford on October 20th, 1909, a peal in the same method was rung by the Kent County Association at Sittingbourne on May 7th, 1909.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal of Stedman Caters at Leicester Cathedral (the report of which was published in our issue of November 4th) was C. Ferguson Howitt.

It must be almost a record to be a member of one band for over 70 years. This was the long space of time during which Mr. H. Porter, who has recently passed away, was associated with the tower at Easton-in-Gordano, Somerset. He was made a member at the age of 13 years, having been taught to ring some time previous to this by his father.

'GREAT PETER' OF YORK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the excellent report of the dedication in your issue of the 4th instant, I read that Great Peter's note is 'now said to be the deepest note of any church bell in Christendom.'

I should like to point out that this statement requires some qualification. It is certainly the deepest note of any bell in the British Isles and Belgium—an E flat of a lower pitch than the only other bell of that note in those countries, 'Great Paul' of London. But there are several larger bells in Russia, and one or two in French churches.

It is probable that the recast peal of 12 (to which a half-tone has been added) may be the deepest-toned ringing peal anywhere, for its B flat tenor is of a lower pitch than those of St. Paul's, and, I think, of Exeter.

I alluded at York to the critical condition of the late Mr. W. W. Starmer. He is a great loss to campanology. 'Oh! how he loved his bells!' his widow wrote to me a few days ago; and she added that she and her children placed on his coffin a large bell of flowers.—Yours faithfully,

H. E. NOLLOTH.

Oxford,

November 14th, 1927.

'CLAPPERLESS' PEAL TO COUNT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is with interest that I write you regarding the recent peal of Treble Bob Royal rung at Canterbury Cathedral, which has raised some doubt owing to the clapper of the 8th falling out near the end of the peal.

At the committee meeting of the Kent County Association held at Tonbridge on November 12th last, it was decided, without opposition, to record the same as a peal.

It would appear now that we may publish any peal that meets with the same calamity, but I really think the committee should not contravene the existing rule of the Central Council.

T. E. SONE.

Warrington Bungalow,
Paddock Wood.

AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS' SILENCE.

The bells at the ancient church of Stowey, Somerset, a nice ring of five, cast in 1730 by Bilbie, of Chew Stoke, have been lying idle for twenty-six years, it being thought the frame was unsafe. At the request of the new parish warden, Mr. W. T. Young, an inspection was made by two ringers from local towers, with a view to ringing for the harvest festival. It was found that with a few minor repairs everything would at least be safe for a trial 'spin.' This proving successful, the parishioners were once again rung to church by ringers from Chewton Mendip, Clutton, and Stanton Drew. Permission was given for a peal attempt to be made, and this was successful, as recorded elsewhere. A very promising young band has now been formed, and they are being taught by ringers from Clutton and Stanton Drew.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the fifteenth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

We now trace the courses, as they are introduced by the calls, throughout the peal, placing under its respective heading that portion of the course which is rung. Below is given an example of six courses, tabulated as shown above. The dash in a calling position denotes the omission of a call there, and necessitates the continuance of the previous course-head, in the column that applies to the position of the omitted call. The first course, pricked out in full by the lead-heads, is given merely to emphasise those portions of the courses which are rung.

Composition.	Positions of	H-M	M-W	W-H
M W H	Leads rung ...	(1, 2, 3).	(4).	(5, 6, 7).
M — H		23456	43652	43652
— W H		64352	64352	56342
M W —		35642	65243	46253
M W H		46253	26354	52364
— W —		35264	35264	63254
M — —		63254	23456	23456

LEAD-HEADS.

Nos. of leads rung
from course headed:

	2345678		
	5738264	...	1, 2, 3 from 23456
	8674523		
'M' —	6423857	...	4 from 43652
	3547682		
	7852364	...	5, 6, 7 also
	2684735		from 43652
'H' —	6435278	...	1, 2, 3, etc.
	etc.		from 64352

The peal starts from 23456 course-head, which, transposed by 'M' (43652), gives 43652 for the M-W column; omit call at 'W,' still 43652 for the W-H. Transpose 43652 by 'H' formula (42356) gives 64352 for the H-M; omit call at 'M,' still 64352 for the M-W. Transpose 64352 by the 'W' formula (52436), gives 56342 for the W-H. Transpose 56342 by the 'H' formula, gives 35642 for the H-M, etc.

We now have, in tabulated form, all of the course-heads introduced into the peal, showing which leads of the courses will be rung, and before we apply our false course-heads, we must see that none of the proper course-heads repeats itself in the SAME COLUMN. Notice that 23456 appears in each of the three columns; leads Nos. 1, 2 and 3 from 23456 are rung in the first course, and leads Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7 from 23456 are rung in the last course. The 23456 under the line in the H-M column is, of course, the beginning of the peal over again. The introduction of a bob at the last 'H' would alter this to 42356, and we could then repeat the whole twice, making eighteen courses of it; but apart from this particular 23456 no course-head appears twice in the same column, and therefore each portion is true TO ITSELF.

Reference to our table of false course-heads will show that we have none for leads Nos. 1, 4 and 7, two for lead No. 2, one each for Nos. 3 and 5, and two for lead No. 6. Therefore, for the H-M column we must apply those false heads which refer to leads Nos. 2 and 3 (lead No. 1 having none); for the M-W we have none at all; and for the W-H we must apply those that refer to leads Nos. 5 and 6 (lead No. 7 having none).

Then, for the 'H-M' column apply the false course-heads 32465 and 43265 (the third one being a duplicate); for the 'W-H' apply 43265 and 32465 (the third one being a duplicate). We can ignore the numerals against the false course-heads here, because they happen to refer to the same leads as those in the blocks to which the false course-heads will be applied, and we are not able to cut out any particular lead of the blocks under consideration ('H-M,' 'M-W,' etc.).

We prepare two columns for the 'H-M'—one for the false course-head 32465, and one for 43265; also two columns for the 'W-H' similarly. We then transpose all of the course-heads in the 'H-M' peal-course column by our false course-head 32465, placing the results in its column; the same peal-course heads are transposed by the other false course-head which applies (43265), and the results placed in its column. The false heads in these two columns must not appear in the 'H-M' peal-course column.

Treat the 'W-H' in exactly the same way; and, if there is no corresponding row in the peal-course column, the peal is true. If any of the false heads appear in the peal-course column to which they refer, then the peal is false. The false heads, produced upon the above lines, are given below:—

Positions	...	H-M.	W-H.
Leads rung	...	(1, 2, 3).	(5, 6, 7).
Heads false against 23456	...	32465 43265	32465 43265
Transpositions of peal-course		32465 43265	34625 63425
heads	...	46325 34625	65324 38524
		53624 65324	64235 26435
		64235 26435	25346 32546
		53246 25346	36245 23645
		36245 23645	32465 43265

A course-head showing in the 'H-M' false columns may not appear in the 'H-M' peal-course column, because it is false against the leads of that column (Nos. 1, 2 and 3). But this does not debar it from appearing in the other peal-course columns, 'M-W' (lead No. 4) or 'W-H' (leads 5, 6 and 7), because it is not false against THOSE LEADS. This is shown in our table of false course-heads, wherein the numerals against the false course-heads, (II.) and (III.), refer only to columns (or leads) Nos. 2 and 3. Vice versa with the false heads under the 'W-H.' Our table shows that numerals (V.) and (VI.) refer only to columns (or leads) 5 and 6. If the numerals had NOT been particular to their own columns, as shown above, a different case would arise.

In our column No. 3 we have a false course-lead 32465(II.), signifying that lead NUMBER TWO of course headed 32465 will be false against lead NUMBER THREE of course headed 23456.

Then, if one of our calling positions in the peal happened to isolate leads No. 3 (in the same way as the 'M-W' isolates leads No. 4), we should have to transpose all the peal-course heads in that column by our false head 32465(II.), in the usual way, but with this difference: The false heads obtained by this transposition would not apply to THAT column, and may appear there, but they may not appear in the peal-course column which covers lead NUMBER TWO. Because lead No. 2 of the false heads—(II.)—will be false against leads No. 3 in the peal-course heads.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

At the meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Tuesday of last week Mr. Joseph S. Hawkins was elected Master for the ensuing year. Mr. A. A. Hughes was re-elected hon. treasurer, and Messrs. C. F. Winney and Walter Prime trustees. Mr. James Bullock was appointed senior steward, and Mr. Wilson Rushton junior steward. Mr. W. T. Cockerill was again re-elected hon. secretary.

RING OF TEN AT HASLEMERE.

USEFUL ADDITION TO SURREY BELLS.

One of the lightest rings of ten bells in the country was completed on Wednesday of last week, when two treble bells, added to the peal of eight at St. Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere, Surrey, were dedicated. They are the gift of an anonymous donor, and have been cast and hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The older octave, with a tenor of 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F, came from the same foundry three or four years ago, and are a magnificent ring for their weight. There was some curiosity as to whether the smaller trebles would be a good match for such excellent bells, but they are a perfect 'splice,' and make up a delightful ring of ten. The bells are all hung on ball bearings, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. have completed the work with their accustomed skill.

The dedication service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. la F. McNally), who offered the dedicatory prayers. The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council) and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) also took part in the service, and Canon Coleridge preached an appropriate sermon from the words, 'Sing we merrily unto God our strength.' Among the visiting ringers was Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild).

At the dedication a few rounds were rung by J. H. B. Hesse, R. Overy, F. Bowden, Miss Collard, B. Elliott, H. Mullah, H. Furlonger, J. McDermott, F. White and W. Eldridge. After the service, the first touch of Grandsire Caters was rung by Canon Coleridge 1, R. Overy 2, F. Bowden 3, G. Steere 4, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 5, W. Melville 6, G. Williams 7, J. McDermott 8, F. White 9, W. Eldridge 10. A touch of Stedman Caters was then brought round by J. H. B. Hesse 1, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 2, Miss I. Hastie 3, F. Bayley 4, R. Overy 5, W. Melville 6, G. Williams 7, Canon Coleridge 8, A. Dean 9, W. Eldridge 10. Three leads of Treble Ten and more Grandsire Caters followed.

A HALF PEAL.

At Radyr, Glamorganshire, on Saturday, November 19th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes) in 1 hr. 33 mins., at the Parish Church: S. Dawe 1, J. W. Jones 2, W. Heath 3, J. Davies 4, J. Phillips 5, E. Coorbes 6, G. Large (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8. An attempt was made for Groves' transposition of Parker's 12-part, to give Mr. G. Large his first peal as conductor, but just before half-way the Vicar put in an appearance, requesting the bells to be stopped, in consequence of a case of illness near the church, hence the reason for bringing the bells home at half-way.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. PUTTING THE NEW ORGANISATION ON ITS FEET. AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

A happy augury of the future success of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild was forthcoming in the general meeting held at Guildford on Saturday, when nearly 200 prospective members were present from no fewer than 42 towers in the diocese. When it is remembered that there are only 56 towers with rings of bells in the area, and that in a few cases there are no bands of ringers, the response to the invitation to the meeting was truly magnificent. The towers represented were Albury, Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Banstead, Capel, Chertsey, Cobham, Cranleigh, Dunsfold, Egham, Epsom (St. Martin's), Esher, Ewell, Farnham, Farnham, Frensham, Godalming, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Hersham, Horsell, Leatherhead, Newdigate, Oatlands, Ockham, Ockley, Ottershaw, Pirbright, Puttenham, Seale, Shalford, Shere, Thames Ditton, Walton, West Clendon, Witley, Woking, Wokingham, Worplesdon and Yorktown.

The ringers first attended the service held at St. Nicolas' Church, in connection with the final meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and afterwards sat down to tea in St. Saviour's Church Hall. It was here, also, that the business meeting was held, and the necessarily long agenda took about two hours to dispose of, it being desired to get rid of all contentious business so that at the inaugural meeting on December 31st the formal resolutions can be carried without discussion. Mr. Walter Harrison, churchwarden of St. Nicolas' Church, and a warm supporter of the old Winchester Guild, was voted to the chair, and among those present were Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), Canon Kirwan (Rector of Holy Trinity, Guildford), Canon Irwin (Bishop's chaplain), Revs. Sir John Herschel (West Clendon), G. M. Wheeler (St. Nicolas', Guildford), H. Hamilton Jackson (Shalford), J. M. la F. McNally (Haslemere), C. F. Carver (Capel), J. W. Ward (Newdigate), P. Cunningham (Cranleigh), H. C. Martin (Ockley), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (Woking), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere). Among the visitors were the churchwardens of a number of churches, and Mr. C. E. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), etc.

The Organising Committee, in a report read by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary pro tem.), referred to the approval which the new Guild had received from the Lord Bishop of the diocese, who has promised to become president, and to the friendly spirit with which the Winchester Diocesan Guild had met the new Guild. In the diocese, the report continued, there are 56 towers containing rings of five bells and upwards, viz., five bells 2, six bells 25, eight bells 25, ten bells 4. The committee had devoted their attention during the year to preparing the ground, and, in addition to circularising the clergy, Parochial Church Councils and ringers at the churches with rings of bells, held a successful propaganda meeting at Capel in September, and preliminary district meetings in October at Guildford, Leatherhead, Chertsey and Farnham respectively to discuss rules and promote the organisation of the Guild. Each meeting was well attended, and a great deal of interest shown in the steps which it is proposed to take. The total attendance at these district meetings was 170, and 32 towers in the diocese were represented. The most gratifying feature was the interest displayed by ringers belonging to towers which had not previously, or had not for a considerable time, been attached to the Winchester Guild. The committee welcomed this indication that the new Guild will have the support of nearly all the towers in the diocese.

THE SEVERANCE FROM WINCHESTER.

Canon Kirwan proposed: 'That this meeting approves of the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, to come into being on January 1st, 1928, that the Lord Bishop of the diocese be ex-officio president, and that those persons who signify in writing by December 31st next their intention of becoming members of the Guild be enrolled (subject to the approval of the executive committee) as "Foundation Members," and be so distinguished in the records of the Guild.' He supposed most of them in that room would feel something of the wrench which followed the separation from the mother diocese, but he was quite sure of this, there was no department of Church life where the need for the division was so palpable as in this matter of bellringing. They all knew how impossible it was for those living in East Surrey, and for some of those in West Surrey, to get to Winchester, and they had now come to the position, he thought, when the bellringers, with the rest of the Church workers, in the new diocese of Guildford, must 'paddle their own canoe,' or, in other words, run their own show. He was perfectly certain the result would be, in a degree there had never been before, a healthy rivalry between the different towers, and a great manifestation of that friendly spirit without which they could do nothing at all. The Guild would have the very best wishes of all churchmen for a future of prosperity and splendid usefulness in the diocese (applause).

Mr. J. J. Jones, one of the oldest members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and formerly for many years hon. secretary of the Guildford District, seconded the motion. He spoke of the relations which had existed between the old Guild and the Bishops of Winchester, and humorously remarked that the ignorance of many Bishops with regard to bellringing was amazing (laughter). They could not expect them to know much about Double Norwich or Minor methods, but one did think they ought to know how many bells they had in their cathedral. He had had to enlighten more than one Bishop of Winchester on that point. Mr. Jones referred to the interest which the late Bishop Kyle

took in bells as a result of a visit of the Winchester Guild to Farnham Castle, and said as the outcome of this, when he became Dean of Westminster, he was instrumental in getting the old five bells augmented to the splendid ring of eight which was now at the Abbey. In parting with the old Winchester Guild, he added, they tendered it a loving farewell (hear, hear). They were fully convinced that the new Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers would afford to larger numbers the opportunity for more work, more zeal, and more enthusiasm for the glory of God, the good of His Church, and the safety, honour and welfare of bells and bellringing (applause).

The motion, on being put, was carried with applause.

The meeting next considered the draft rules drawn up by the Organising Committee. The rule that caused most controversy was the first, relating to the name, 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.'—Admiral Walker moved the omission of the word 'Church.' He argued that, with the use of the word Diocesan, it was tautology, and its omission would make the title more euphonious.—The Bishop of Guildford, in a letter to the hon. secretary, which was read, expressed the opinion that it would be better to retain the word 'Church.'—The amendment was defeated, and the title, as recommended, will stand.

One or two amendments in regard to detail were made, but the draft went through virtually unscathed.

OFFICERS SELECTED.

The following general officers were selected, their election to take place at the inaugural meeting: Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; hon. auditor, Mr. C. N. Burdock.

Under the rules, the Guild is to be affiliated to the Central Council, and the following were nominated for the two places to which the Guild will be entitled: Messrs. R. Whittington, A. H. Pulling, W. Shepherd, C. Hazelden, F. G. Woodiss, F. Nye, A. Harman, S. Pelter and W. Denyer.

The Bishop having intimated that he would be quite ready to accept a member nominated by the Guild to serve on the Diocesan Advisory Committee in regard to all matters in connection with bells and ringing, Major J. H. B. Hesse was selected for nomination.

The division of the diocesan area into four districts for administrative purposes was agreed to, and the towers allocated to each, it being the recommendation of the committee that the arrangement should be tried for a year.

Various recommendations of the committee were agreed to, including the admission during 1928 of members of the Winchester Guild residing on December 31st, 1927, in the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth, as compounding members on payment of one shilling, and the admission of compounding members of the Winchester Guild on similar terms.

On the question of the admission of life members of the Winchester Guild without further payment, a letter, containing reasoned arguments in favour of this step, was read from the Rev. N. C. Woods, hon. treasurer of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.—In the course of discussion it was pointed out that the concession to ordinary members of the Winchester Guild was entered into because it was to be reciprocal, but that, as the Guild was an entirely new organisation and not merely a part of the old Winchester Guild under a new name, there was no obligation on the part of the Guild to take over the life members free of charge.

The life members of the Winchester Guild present expressed the opinion that they were not entitled to free life membership of the Guildford Guild, and the meeting resolved not to entertain the suggestion.

Other minor recommendations of the committee were agreed to, and it having been decided, in approving of the rules, that there should be both an annual festival and an annual business meeting, it was decided that the first annual meeting should be held at Guildford in 1929, before April 30th, and the first festival on the last Saturday in June, 1928. Three places, viz., Epsom, Haslemere and Farnham, were proposed for the festival, and, on being put to the vote, Epsom was decided upon.

THE FUTURE.

On the subject of the future conduct of the Guild, the Hon. Secretary said the committee, in addition to having dealt with the formation of the Guild, had considered something of what the future policy of the Guild ought to be, and they laid emphasis, in the first place, on devoting attention to the organisation at every church of a Sunday service band (applause). Then, having organised the band, they should do their best to give, wherever needed, instruction in change ringing. It was also hoped that in each of the four districts there would be at least six meetings a year, which would provide them with a meeting somewhere in the diocese once a fortnight. A co-ordinated effort would be made to avoid the clashing of meetings, and it was hoped there would be joint district meetings as a regular feature of the programme, so that the members would have the opportunity of fraternising more often than at just the annual meeting. It was felt that this would lead to an extension of the spirit of brotherhood which it should be one of the great desires of the Guild to foster. The committee had received an extremely valuable proposal from Mr. A. H. Winch, of Leatherhead, for a scheme of combined practices, and it was hoped that it would be possible to work this out in each district. The

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

In spite of the inclement weather, the South-Western Division annual meeting at Hornchurch was fairly well attended on Saturday last, over 40 members representing the following towers being present: Leytonstone, Woodford, Waustead, Romford, Loughton, Prittlewell, Hornchurch, Brentwood, Streatham, Shenfield, Westminster, and West Tilbury.

A start was made at 3 p.m. with a touch of Grandsire, followed by touches in various methods till 4.30 p.m., when those present attended the association service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Strong, who gave a hearty welcome to the members to Hornchurch, remarking that it was the first meeting to be held there since his appointment as Vicar, and trusting the association would pay him another visit in the near future.

After tea, the business meeting was held, at which the Vicar of Hornchurch was elected an hon. member, and four new ringing members were also elected. Messrs. A. Prior and E. J. Butler were unanimously re-elected Master and hon. secretary respectively, and acknowledged their election.

Prittlewell, Woodford and West Ham were proposed for the next meeting, and on being put to the vote West Ham was selected by 13 votes to 3 and 10 respectively for the other towers. A question was raised as to whether it would be possible to give preference to a particular method or methods to be practised at future meetings, but after a long discussion it was ultimately decided that no alteration be made from the usual procedure now observed at the meetings, i.e., that the methods rung be left to the discretion of those present, under the supervision of the Master.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for use of tower and bells and for his able address, to the organist for accompanying the hymns, and to the steeplekeeper, Mr. Dale, for having everything in readiness. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Vicar from the meeting, Mr. Dale suitably replied, and mentioned that Hornchurch tower was open every Tuesday evening for practice from 7.30 to 9 p.m., and a hearty welcome would be given to ringers who could see their way to attend, especially to practise Double Norwich.

The bells were kept going till 9 p.m., and touches in practically all standard methods from Grandsire to Bristol Surprise were rung.

The collection in aid of the association bell restoration fund amounted to 12s. 7½d. The next meeting will be held at West Ham early in the New Year.

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Hon. Secretary also referred to the desirability of ringers being represented on Parochial Church Councils, not only because of the duties which they rendered, but also because of the valuable church property which was in their care, and the desirability of having on the Councils, just as the Guild would have on the Diocesan Advisory Committee, a representative who could give practical advice when matters affecting the bells and belfry had to be considered. In conclusion, he appealed for the whole-hearted support of bands and individual ringers, pointing out how ineffective would be the best efforts of the officers without the backing and interest of the rank and file.

Canon Coleridge, called upon by the chairman for 'a few words of wisdom,' said he could hardly tell them how delighted he was to be there that evening. He hoped to be there again on December 31st (applause). He had been filled with profound delight at many things. First of all at the fellowship and friendship displayed all through the meeting, which had been carried through in a magnificent way, and, he trusted, to the satisfaction of everyone. He could say a good deal about a great many things that had been said that night which pointed to an era of very great prosperity before this Guildford Diocesan Guild. He was sure it would be a great success and a great pattern and example to many other Guilds much older than themselves. There was one rule that he would like to mention, and that was about their representatives on the Central Council. He hoped their numbers would increase, and that they would be entitled shortly to three representatives instead of two. He was delighted to see nine nominations for two places. Whoever was elected, the Central Council would be delighted to welcome, but he would tell them this quite plainly, that it would be very little use sending representatives unless the Guild supplied them with matters for discussion. It was a very common thing for people to say, 'Oh, the Central Council does nothing.' It was for the ringing organisations to supply the Council with resolutions and motions. Would they, then, bear this in mind: if they wanted anything discussed and any ruling given by the Central Council they should let their representatives know, so that they might put it on the agenda, and have a full discussion in the Council. It had been known in past years that the secretary had had to make an agenda paper simply out of his own head, because the different Guilds and associations had not sent up matters for discussion. He thought from the fertile brains in that new Guild they could provide the Council with many matters to discuss. Canon Coleridge concluded: 'God bless you all in your work, and may this new Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers flourish and prosper, and be a great shining light in the ringing Exercise as a whole' (applause).

The meeting, which throughout been full of interest and enthusiasm, terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman, moved by Canon Kirwan.

PASSING COMMENTS ON CURRENT TOPICS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You will be delighted to hear that I have been translated to the 'Sea of Aarhus.' I say advisedly the 'sea,' because 'Gasvaerket' lies sandwiched in between Aarhus and the battleground (?) of Jutland. If Aarhus sideslips—well, exit Vikong Joseph den eigen (in brown tights and swash bucklings complete). But I trust it won't come to that, because I am a member of a select little coterie which meets in the Tabernacle (no, Sir, NOT Spurgeon's), which lies in the neighbourhood of Turn-again Lane, E.C. The said coterie is yeleft, 'The Fourteen Thieves.' Qualification for membership? Yes, Sir, to qualify you must have been expelled from Frothblowers and the Coffee Pot Counter Meeting set. Now, I don't want to put the members of my hereinafteraforesaid coterie to the expense of black ties, as they can't afford even a stamp just at present! So perhaps Aarhus won't slip. Should it do so, I have the consolation of knowing that l'ilie 'Renious did dub me a Knight Fluke of ye Ancient Anchorites, and that should ensure me a welcome from Father Neptune and his wheelks. Oh, succulent courtesans!

I note your leader on the rise and fall in peal question. I think, Sir, that stage fright has a lot to do with good men not practising this beautiful (when well done) method of producing bell music. I have known really good method men refuse to stand in a 'lower,' even when the other seven were expert lowerers. I always found a good way to teach novices was to make one of them follow me up and down, and then two of them do it alone until perfect. Then get two to follow me up and down till perfect, and so on, but never attempt to rise or fall six with all novices to start with.

I note that the old East Derbyshire Association have rung a peal in honour of the hallowing of the new diocese. I hope that this is a sign of a future step in the right direction. The O.E.D. is a good old society, and should they see fit to change their title to that of Derby Diocesan Guild, they would be within their rights, and a diocesan title is more fitting to church workers.

As to whether the aforesaid church workers should always attend services for which they ring is a matter of opinion. First we hear one cry, then another. Not long since we could not get men enough to man the ropes. Now we can't get 'em to service. I suppose we must all have a grumble of some sort. I would beg to suggest that if the ringers and parsons vie with one another to see who could make their end of the church most interesting, we might have less complaints from both parties. A parson is only human, and all parsons are not born pewfillers. I have heard truly magnificent Stedman Cinques rung to call the faithful to hear rapid utterances, badly delivered, and a service certainly not 'Simpson's' intoned. On the other hand, I have heard Deans, whom one could listen to for hours, welcomed to their preaching by rotten Grandsire Triples, with no pretence at striking, and rung by men who had been Grandsire ringers for years. People will neither come to ring nor stay to service, unless the whole ensemble is of the highest standard. Duty alone will neither fill pulpit, belfry nor the pews in these days.

The parson and the ringers should command the respect of their audiences by their abilities, high characters, and the great worth of what they offer their hearers every Sunday. The fact that the one wears a 'halo' of broadcloth and the others are his bellpullers is not sufficient to place them above criticism. 'By your good works shall ye be known' should be their slogan. There are such men, for I know some, but alas! they are too few.

May I, Sir, in passing, offer my congratulations to my very good friends at Wath? That was a grand performance of theirs. But then, they are real six-bell ringers. It has been said—yes, and has been published in your journal—that 'Wath' was an awkward topographical place name. Perhaps this peal will prove that Wath is neither topographically awkward nor campanologically backward.

Ye men of Wath, please tell me,

Why is Wath an awkward place name?

It's the Queen of Yorkshire villages I've been told.

Is it true they grease Wath bells with Burton?

Is 'Burton' topographically 'best' when 'old'?

Yours sincerely,

JOE E. SYKES.

The Gasvaerk.
Aarhus, Jutland,
Denmark.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.

A successful meeting was held at Ashby Parish Church on Saturday, November 12th, when nearly thirty ringers were present from about ten towers, including St. Margaret's and the cathedral, Leicester.

The bells were well utilised between the hours of three and eight, the methods being chiefly Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major being also brought round in the evening.

By the kind hospitality of the Vicar, a splendid tea was provided in the Parish Room, after which the usual business was transacted. This was followed by handbell selections, and further ringing in the tower.

The next meeting (the annual district meeting) will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on January 15th, 1928.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**WINDING UP THE GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

The last meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday prior to the general meeting of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild. Mr. W. R. Melville, chairman of the district, presided, and pointed out that they had now come to the parting of the ways. The Guildford District had always endeavoured to do its best in the interest of the Guild and of ringing, and the officers were thankful for the support they had received. There had been much to encourage them, and while they had some disappointments, they had spent some very happy times.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. Raddon) presented the balance sheet, which showed that £13 16s. was received from ringing members' subscriptions, £3 5s. from hon. members, and 3s. 6d. from one compound member. The year began with a balance in hand of £3 8s. 8d., and, after paying the expenses amounting to £10 13s. 9d., including £1 10s. for instruction to a band, there remained a balance to date of £9 19s. 5d., from which certain small expenses would have to be paid in connection with that day's meeting. At the close of the year there were 144 ringing members, 16 probationers, and 2 unattached members in the district.—The balance sheet was adopted.

Mr. C. Hazelden presented his report as District Ringing Master. He said the work of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in that area had, in that its last year, been somewhat clouded and overshadowed by the preparations for the advent of the new Guild. The six-bell combined practices were held at the beginning of the year, and were well attended until they were interrupted by the number of organisation meetings held in connection with the new diocesan Guild. An attempt made in the spring to attract members to combined practices at ten-bell towers was a complete failure, and was therefore given up. A total of 14 peals have been rung in the district, as against 18 for the previous year. This reduction is a continuation of the progressive decline of interest in peal ringing which set in about four years ago. In conclusion, the report said that while perhaps casting lingering, wistful glances on their past connection with the old See and city of Winchester, might they not hold out glad hands of welcome to the new See, the new city and the new Guild?

The report was accepted, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the officers of the district and the representatives of the district on the Central Committee for their ungrudging services to the interests of the Guild. This was ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

Mr. E. Raddon was appointed to represent the district at the meeting of the Winchester Guild Committee, when the affairs of the Guild as at present constituted are wound up.

A service afterwards held at St. Nicolas' Church was largely attended. The Rector (the Rev. G. M. Wheeler) officiated, and, in the absence of the Archdeacon of Surrey, the address was given by Canon Irwin (Bishop's chaplain).

NORFOLK GUILD.

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Kenninghall on Saturday, November 12th. The ring of eight bells of St. Mary's Church were, by the kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. G. Wyche), at the disposal of the members throughout the afternoon and evening.

Mr. G. P. Burton was voted to the chair, and was supported by the general secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) and representatives from Norwich, North Lopham, New Buckenham and Banham.

The Secretary moved the ratification of the belfry elections (prior to peals) of Mr. Arthur S. Roberts, of Truro, Mr. John C. Dicken, of Great Yarmouth, and Mr. Ernest J. Trimmer, of Bermondsey. This was agreed to.

On the motion of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. G. H. Claxton, Messrs. Thomas Baker, Eric George Bennett, Frank Stanley Clarke, Raymond Grant, Charles Frederick Keeble, and George Land, all of North Lopham, were elected members of the Guild.

It was agreed to transfer Banham and New Buckenham from Wymondham District to the Diss District, with North Lopham also to come into the latter district.

This concluded a small but very useful meeting, which was enjoyed by those present. During the afternoon and evening some good touches in the standard methods were rung.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.**

The autumn meeting was held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, November 6th, when a fair number of members put in an appearance for a little ringing during the afternoon. A service was held in the Parish Church. The Rev. J. D. Payne, R.D., preached. Tea was next served in the Town Hall, and a short business meeting was presided over by the chairman of the board (the Rev. E. G. Freeman).

A resolution was put forward supporting a proposition of the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin) with regard to a diploma to encourage ringers ringing their first peals.

Kingham (eight bells) was chosen for the spring meeting.

Further ringing brought the day to a close.

ARMISTICE RINGING.

NEWMARKET.—On Armistice Day, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, with half-muffled bells, in 29 mins.: C. Moody 1, L. Moon 2, L. Warner 3, W. H. Paget 4, S. Forwood (conductor) 5, R. C. Sharpe 6.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Armistice Day, for remembrance service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: A. G. Twinn 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, R. Warnett 3, J. J. Pratt 4, J. H. Lucas 5, H. H. Chandler 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, C. Nicholls 8.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN.—On Armistice eve, Thursday, November 10th, at the Church of St. Paul, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Rev. R. Marle 1, J. Mackriel 2, Miss R. A. Bell 3, J. Cryer 4, Miss H. Bell 5, H. Hutchinson 6, H. Davenport 7, W. Horan (conductor) 8. Longest length of Bob Major by ringers of the treble, 2nd and 6th.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, November 13th, for evening service, on the occasion of Armistice services, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 minutes: J. Yerrold (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 1, F. R. Blewitt 2, J. W. Perry 3, A. G. Hunt 4, H. E. Booth 5, G. Warner 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, T. Whitehouse 8.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—At SS. Cosmas and Damian's Church, on Sunday, November 13th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 42 mins. by the local band, with the bells half-muffled: L. Cragg 1, A. J. Backshall 2, A. J. Feist 3, J. Backshall 4, J. Feist (conductor) 5, J. Parsons 6.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.—A quarter-peal with the bells half-muffled in 46 mins.: J. House 1, J. Bath 2, E. Newman 3, J. Tossell 4, W. F. Webb (conductor) 5, W. Crocker 6.

REDBOURN.—At St. Mary's Church, on November 11th, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 55 mins.: W. Taylor 1, W. Lee 2, A. Archer 3, J. Hobbs 4, G. Daniells (conductor) 5, C. Draper 6. First quarter-peal as conductor, and first by ringer of tenor. Also first quarter-peal by an entirely local band.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, November 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: H. Gash 1, F. G. Goddard 2, F. E. Hawthorne 3, S. Worsfold (Staines) 4, W. F. Ellingham 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, November 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: W. Blake (first quarter-peal) 1, F. C. Exon 2, W. Brigham 3, J. R. Chaundy 4, A. Dubber 5, H. Miles 6, V. Bennett (conductor) 7, W. Stone 8.

SOUTHWELL.—At the cathedral, on Sunday, November 20th, for parish evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Foster 1, E. Foster 2, G. E. Padgett 3, F. Pickard 4, E. H. Clulow 5, J. F. Milner (conductor) 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, H. F. Clulow 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, November 20th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 47 mins.: C. Moody 1, W. H. Worsley 2, S. Brown 3, C. E. Collis 4, W. F. Ellingham (first in method inside) 5, Robt. Bullen 6, W. T. Elson 7, J. Herbert (conductor) 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the wife of Wilfred W. Bailey, one of the local band, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

BRADWELL.—On Sunday, November 13th, for evening service at St. Lawrence's Church, 720 Bob Doubles: T. Walters 1, E. Whitlock (conductor) 2, W. French 3, A. Coley 4, C. Alderman 5, R. Chapman 6.

LYMINGE, KENT.—On Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor, 7-8 covering: A. Reeves 1, A. Webb 2, J. Skeer 3, G. Webb 4, A. Tanton (conductor) 5, J. Reeves 6, W. Rains 7, R. Webb 8.—On Sunday, November 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. Tanton 1, A. Webb 2, J. Skeer 3, W. Nye 4, G. Webb 5, J. Reeves 6, L. Head (conductor) 7, R. Webb 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: E. Hobden 1, A. Webb 2, J. Skeer 3, G. Webb 4, A. Tanton 5, J. Reeves 6, L. Head (conductor) 7, W. Rains 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, November 6th, with the bells half-muffled for the solemn memorial evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Cox 1, A. H. Webb 2, W. J. Napper 3, K. White 4, T. East (conductor) 5, W. V. Webb 6, F. H. Abbott 7, W. Goodenough 8.—Also on Sunday, November 20th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Cox 1, A. H. Webb (conductor) 2, W. J. Napper 3, J. Butler 4, W. V. Webb 5, T. East 6, F. H. Abbott 7, W. Goodenough 8.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO LT.-COL. G. H. STILWELL.

It is with deep regret that we are asked to record the death by accident of Lt.-Col. G. H. Stilwell, of Hillfield, Yateley, Hants. While cycling home from Yorktown on Saturday last a collision occurred between deceased and a motor-car, as a result of which he passed away on Sunday evening.

Like his esteemed father, the late Mr. J. P. Stilwell, who was for many years the president of the Winchester Guild, deceased always took a kindly interest in the Guild and the local band. He was a life member of the Guild, and the sympathy of all will go out to Mrs. Stilwell and her family, two of whom are members of the Yateley Company, and to the deceased officer's brothers and sisters, all of whom are life members of the Guild.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at Basingstoke. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church 4 p.m. Tea at Church Cottage 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Rev. Evan Jones, 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Newport, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., and business meeting.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at St. Andrew's Hall, Wells Street, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.—W. Stapleton, 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — A bye-meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Maidstone, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. — Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Members intending to be present please notify as soon as possible Mr. J. Day, 92, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Ringing from 2.45 till 5; after tea, St. Mary's. Bus No. 65 from Ealing Broadway and Station runs near church. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heene on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea will be kindly provided by the Rector at the Church Rooms, Heene Road, at 5 o'clock. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Ham Road, Broadwater, Worthing.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Tower open 6 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Charles Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Quedgeley on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Lane End on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) available at 5.30 p.m. Buses run from High Wycombe.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Caythorpe (8) Saturday, Nov. 26th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to: Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—There will be a practice at St. John's, Wilton Road, on Monday, Nov. 28th, at 8 p.m. Meetings during December: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 4th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 5th and the 19th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended 20 times in previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 29th and Dec. 27th, Southwark Cathedral on Dec. 1st and 29th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 13th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th, at 8 p.m. All the others at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Manchester.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch, Hants.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Meeting at 3.45. Tea 4.45. Service at 5.30. — G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business important. — J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m., at which an offering will be taken; proceeds to Bells Restoration Fund. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting follows. A good attendance is hoped for. — C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Faversham on Dec. 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m., followed by tea. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 30th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. It is hoped to have the memorial peal board to the late Mr. William Rock Small unveiled on this date.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Prestbury on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. The Association Master (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) hopes to be present. All those intending to be present please notify me by the 29th inst.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoneham Aspal on Saturday, December 3rd. The ring of ten (now restored) will be available from 2 p.m., and a good attendance is requested. Tea, to be followed by business meeting, will be provided in the schoolroom at 4.45 (1/- each). Notice of intention to be present will be appreciated by W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's on Dec. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea, free to members of the Guild, at 5.15. Will those intending to be present please inform the secretary by Nov. 29th?—T. J. Stokes, 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 4 to 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all who require tea please inform Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Nov. 30th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Nov. 30th? All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Tea in the Rectory at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Grandsire and Stedman will be specially practised, although other methods will be rung.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) ready at 2.15 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. The peal of ten bells at the Cathedral will be available from 2 p.m.; also the peal of eight bells at St. John's (10 minutes' walk from the Cathedral) will be available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. J. Hardcastle, 72, St. Margaret's Road, Bradford, not later than first post Tuesday, Nov. 29th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Pychley on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, Nov. 29th?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at St. Stephen's, Eastwood (8 bells). Members desiring tea are particularly asked to advise Mr. F. A. Smith, 23, Selborne Street, Rotherham, by Dec. 1st.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Minster bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Minster Parish Room at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea (1s. 6d. each) are requested to advise Mr. W. Gibson, Long Lane, Beverley, on or before Wednesday, Dec. 7th.—A. Bernard Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Meeting to follow. Special attention: Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich. Those intending to be present please notify me before Thursday, Dec. 8th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Association will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, Dec. 10th. A combined practice, in conjunction with a committee meeting, will be held at Mitcham on Dec. 17th. Further details of both meetings next week.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The seventh annual social will be held in the Preston Parish Church Schools on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tickets: Adults 2s. 6d., children half-price. An early application for tickets to Mr. E. R. Martin, 96, Victoria Road,

Walton-le-Dale, will be much appreciated. The bells of the Parish Church and Penwortham Church will be available during the day.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carvington Road, Chorley.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.15, followed by general business meeting. Numbers for tea to reach me by Tuesday, Dec. 6th. — M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD'S Seventh Annual Dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 21st, 1928, at 6 p.m. Most of the City church bells available from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Conversation of friends and tea at St. Thomas' Parish Room, Victoria Street, at 4.15 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, from all Bristol towers, Mr. F. Rich, 32, Belvedere, Bath, or direct from hon. sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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We imagine that no little surprise has been created by the announcement made last week in these columns that the Kent County Association are to recognise and officially record as a peal the performance at Canterbury Cathedral on August Bank Holiday, when the clapper of one of the bells came out a little time before the end of the ringing. It is a strange decision. It has not been stated officially exactly at what stage of the peal the clapper left the bell—it was rumoured that it was four leads from the end—but if it was only in the last lead the performance ought not, in these days, to be counted as a peal. We can only suppose that there must have been some strong ground put before the committee of the Kent Association to have influenced them to the decision which they made, but on the face of it and without knowing what led them to accept such a performance, there is nothing which justifies its inclusion in the peal records.

These are not days when peals are rareties, and there is no excuse that we can see for claiming that the 'Treble Bob at Canterbury should rank in the category of properly completed 5,000's. All the band were old hands at peal ringing, and several have rung many hundreds, so that there was not even the mitigating circumstance of a first peal to support the claim. The report of the performance was published without any reference to its having been finished without one of the bells sounding, but that, perhaps, may be excused if the whole band thought that they had rung a legitimate peal. Many ringers, of course, would not have let it go to a finish, but would have 'set up' as soon as they realised that the sound of one bell had disappeared for good; and that is, frankly, the best thing that can be done under such circumstances. After all, of what importance is a peal to the ringers, unless it is the satisfaction of a performance well and truly accomplished? And can it be said to be well and truly accomplished if one of the bells suddenly ceases to make itself heard, and in every change from that point onward there is a gap, which breaks the rhythm and must obviously spoil the ringing.

In addition, there is the further consideration of what ought legitimately to be recognised. The Central Council in 1902 laid down some very sensible rules for practical ringing, and among them they gave, as one of the conditions required for a peal, the following: 'That every bell must, during the peal, sound at every change.' When attention was first drawn by a correspondent in these columns to what had happened at Canterbury, this rule was pointed out, and it is not a little surprising that, with a full knowledge of this, the committee of the Kent

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County Association should fly directly in the face of it. The Kent Association may, of course, do whatever they please in the matter of perpetuating the record, but it is obvious that the Council must ignore the performance, assuming the facts stated and still indisputed to be true. The peal in itself is a small thing, but there is a principle at stake. Peals are cheap enough in these days in all conscience, and it is essential that only those which comply with certain elementary standards should be recognised. Unless this is done the whole value attached to a peal vanishes. The original report may have been published under a misapprehension as to what is admitted as a peal under the present code; the silence of the band when the performance was challenged and the plain rule on the matter pointed out can also, perhaps, be understood; but the action of the Kent Association's Committee is, in the absence of some further explanation, inexplicable.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*HAROLD EDWARDS Treble	HARRY OVERTON 6
ROBERT SPERRING 2	†GEORGE R. JONES 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 3	SAM JONES, JUN. 8
EDWARD JENKINS 4	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 9
HARRY F. HOLDING 5	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

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At THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... 6
*ALEC TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 7
THOMAS H. TAYSON 3	WALTER TAYLOR 8
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 4	†ALBERT E. HURCOMBE ... 9
ARTHUR W. DAVIS 5	*FRANK DAWNES Tenor

Composed by W. MOORHOUSE.

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* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters on a working bell. Believed to be the first peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells.

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Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

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*REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... 2	*GEORGE E. CRISP 6
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*ALAN BISHOP ... ..	...Treble	†SIDNEY T. JARRETT	5
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN	2	†WALTER S. BEAUMONT	6
CHARLES A. WINNER... ..	3	THOMAS BEAUMONT	7
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	4	†PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM	Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM.
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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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HENRY STAPLETON	3	AMOS SMART... ..	7
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HECTOR G. BIRD... ..	3	ALFRED HACKETT	7
C. WILLIAM COOPER	4	*ALBERT WRIGHT... ..	Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal.

PENTRE RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

HARRY PAGE... ..	...Treble	JAMES CRASS... ..	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	A. J. PITMAN	6
FREDERICK LASBURY	3	TOM PAGE	7
WILLIAM PAGE	4	HENRY CRABB	Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

This peal was arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and 6th, who hail from Aberavon.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

CHARLES EDWARDS ... ..	...Treble	*FRED ARROWSMITH	5
ALEC TAYLOR	2	CHARLES WEBLEY	6
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS	3	WALTER TAYLOR	7
THOMAS H. TAYSON	4	*EDMUND BROOKES	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

* First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since they were re-hung, retuned and augmented to eight.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. GROOM ... ..	...Treble	A. GEORGE RIVERS	5
LESLIE G. BRETT	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS	6
ERNEST E. GRIMES	3	*FRANK WARRINGTON... ..	7
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. J. GROOM.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th hail from Cambridgeshire, and wish to thank the local band, and Mr. W. G. Rumsey for so kindly arranging the peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, STRATFORD, BOW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARK ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
*ALFRED PRIOR	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
GEORGE R. PYE... ..	4	REUBEN SANDERS... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES ROOPE... ..	5
ERNEST WHITING	2	*RICHARD BALDRY	6
CHARLES CUTTING	3	GEORGE POYNITZ	7
CHARLES BAKER	4	FREDERICK ROOPE	Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First in method.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*LEONARD FERRAR ... ..	...Treble	FRANK PONTING	5
THOMAS PRICE	2	TREVOR PRITCHARD	6
*FRANK SIMMONDS	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
THOMAS WITTS	4	HARRY PHELPS	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Triples.

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THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*TOM CLARK... ..Treble	†LEONARD PIERREPONT ... 5
EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 2	*HERBERT ROOKE ... 6
†MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	HARRY MORGAN... .. 7
†MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL 4	C. ALLEN HEWITT ... ..Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as an induction peal for the new Vicar, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

PENDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... ..Treble	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5
HAROLD JONES 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
*THOMAS JONES 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 7
FREDERICK J. STEELE ... 4	HERBERT GREENHALGH ...Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Stedman inside. Rung on the occasion of the coming-of-age of Miss E. J. Steele, eldest daughter of the ringer of the 4th, also on the occasion of her engagement to Mr. E. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Williams, of Hawkthirst, Ermine Road, Chester.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE, PRESTON & BLACKBURN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

ARTHUR HAGUE... ..Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
*WILLIAM H. RATCLIFFE ... 2	FREDERICK HINDLE ... 6
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... 7
JOHN BROWN 4	JAMES HARRISON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILSON.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor. The ringers of treble and 3rd belong to Blackpool, 2nd to St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, 4th and tenor to Hoghton, the rest to Blackburn.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

MISS VIOLET SHORTER ...Treble	MISS KITTY WILLERS... .. 5
*MISS DORIS CLARKE ... 2	GEORGE CRISP 6
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS... 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
†REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 4	HERBERT FIELDS... ..Tenor

Composed by FREDK. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Major on an inside bell.

CHORLEY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the R.C. Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*EDWARD LAWSON ... ..Treble	FRED HARWOOD 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2	E. ROGER MARTIN 6
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 3	ALFRED BLOGG 7
FRED RIGBY 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal of Double Norwich, also the first in the method on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor man. The composer's peal No. 99, now rung for the first time.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Wycliffe Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD J. LAWMAN ...Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 5
JOSEPH B. FENTON 2	WALTER [MALINS... .. 6
ALFRED G. GRANT 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
ERNEST W. TIPLER 4	A. JOHN TIMSON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. A. FENTON.

Rung to welcome the new curate, the Rev. Colwyn Wale.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

FRANK BLONDELL ... ..Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 2	*FREDERICK W. BURNETT... 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

* First peal.

RISHTON, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...Treble	FRED HEAD 5
ALBERT YATES 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
ARTHUR FORD 3	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... 7
ARTHUR INGHAM 4	JOHN HIRST ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by F. READ.

Ringers of treble, 4th and 6th from Churchkirk, the rest belong to the local band.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

STOWEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of SS. NICHOLAS AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 240's of A. J. Pitman's arrangement, and 36 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.)

ERNEST BROWN ... ..Treble	WILLIAM SHORE 3
R. THOMAS CLARK 2	HERBERT BABER 4
	HAROLD BLACKER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

First peal on the bells.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*S. DELVE ... ..Treble	H. KNIGHT 4
*F. NEATE 2	L. MOORE 5
*D. GALE 3	*R. PORTER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal, and elected members of the association before the peal Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. Porter, who for over 70 years was a member of the Easton band. The ringer of the tenor is a grandson of the deceased.

ICKLETON.—On Thursday, November 10th, at Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, 960 and 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Webb 1, R. Clements 2, G. Lilley 3, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 4, H. Hutley 5, T. R. Dennis 6, W. Flitton 7, E. Lilley 8. Longest length on eight bells by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 8th, who are members of the local band.

WALTHAM, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of St. Clement's Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT I. MINGAY Treble	GEORGE HOBBS 4
ARTHUR T. SWAIN 2	CHARLES W. TAYLOR 5
STEPHEN BROOMFIELD 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in four methods by all except ringers of 3rd and tenor.
First in four methods as conductor. First in four methods on the bells.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and four 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES MILLER, JUN. Treble	*JOHN NELSON 4
JAMES MILLER, SEN. 2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 5
HARRY FRANCE 3	JOHN T. MILLER Tenor

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Richard Bowling, who for many years was a ringer at the above church.

CALVERTON, Bucks.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH Bucks BRANCH.)

AND THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALBERT J. GREEN Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 4
LZONARD A. SMITH 2	*THOMAS E. READ 5
*FREDERICK C. CASE 3	*THOMAS E. ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Westminster, Norfolk, Ipswich, Cuneacastle, King Edward, Netherseal and Annable's London. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR GILL Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
WILLIAM ASHWORTH 2	ROBERT J. RICKETTS 5
*HERBERT S. B. CHAMBERLIN 3	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First Surprise peal and first attempt.

GROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with five different callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

HERBERT COLLINS Treble	WILLIAM GULLY 4
FREDERICK TALBOT 2	*WILLIAM DAVIS 5
FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS 3	WILLIAM BAKER Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal away from tenor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. J. Webb, one of the local ringers, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

MISS KITTY WILLIERS Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES 4
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

This peal was arranged for Miss C. Fields, of St. Neots, Hunts, and was her first in the method.

SPREYTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, November 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALBERT WEBBER Treble	WILLIAM LETHBRIDGE 4
FRANK J. DAVEY 2	GEORGE LUTON 5
SAMUEL J. HOPKINS 3	†WILLIAM BEWES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First peal on the bells, recently made six by the addition of a new treble by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ALBERT WRIGHT Treble	LESLIE BARRY 4
WILLIAM JONES 2	P. S. C. HASTINGS 5
EDWARD EDGINGTON 3	HAROLD BIRT Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

RANGEMORE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(BORTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 240's of Pitman's and Morris' arrangement, and spliced and ordinary 120's. Tenor 8 cwt.

ARTHUR SHARP Treble	PERCIVAL W. GRICE 3
HORACE L. DAWSON 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
RONALD H. DOVE Tenor	

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

The ringers desire to thank the local band for having everything in readiness for the peal, and the Vicar for his splendid entertainment afterwards.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

With different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH NORTON Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
NORMAN GEARY 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 5
GEOFFREY GEARY 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

The band wish to thank Mr. J. H. Hopkins for having done all he could to enable the visitors thoroughly to enjoy their visit to Ibstock, and for providing such an excellent tea afterwards.

WALTON-LE-WOLDS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of four six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, four Plain Bob, eight St. Dunstan's, ten ordinary Grandsire, and four 240's each of Morris' and Pitman's Spliced. Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

JOHN A. PAYNE Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 3
ERNEST F. PAYNE 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 4
ALBAN DISNEY Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Second peal on these bells, the previous one having been rung in 1896. The 105th Leicestershire tower in which the conductor has rung peals. The Rector (Rev. M. B. Bird) kindly entertained the ringers to tea at the conclusion.

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ANSTEEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF NETHERSEAL SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM BYSOUTH Treble	EDWARD H. FINCH 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	FRANK E. HAYNES 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal of Minor, also first attempt for a peal for 14½ years. First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal in the method for the association.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford

and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and College Single, Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM RAMFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ERNEST JONES Treble	THOMAS HAMMOND 4
THOMAS JENNION 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
JOHN ALLEN 3	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal on six bells. This peal was arranged and rung to mark the completion of 28 years of unbroken service as Vicar's warden of Mr. Theodore Garnett, M.A., 27 years' service as towerkeeper by Mr. J. Allen, and 50 years as clerk and vergier by Mr. Edward Evans. Also a birthday compliment to Messrs. Jennion and Hammond.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, November 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 62, ELM GROVE ROAD, BARNES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

S. C. REEVE-FLAXMAN ... 1-2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3-4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7-8

Conducted by W. E. JUDD.

Umpire: WILLIAM E. GARRARD.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT 3, CRESSING WAY.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6
GEORGE WIFFEN 3-4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7-8
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... 9-10	

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal of Royal on handbells by all except the conductor.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Thursday, November 24th, in 46 mins. a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Fright 1, W. Bidnell, sen., 2, S. Baker 3, A. R. Manning 4, S. Mowl 5, A. G. Wratten 6, S. A. Gower (conductor) 7, W. J. Prebble 8. Rung as a compliment to Alderman and Mrs. J. B. Tunbridge of Hythe, who celebrated their golden wedding that day. Alderman Tunbridge was for some years chief commissioner of police in New Zealand.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A NEW DIVISIONAL SECRETARY.

The annual district meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Writtle on Saturday, November 19th, and was well attended in spite of the bad weather. Thirty-six members were present, representing Braintree, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Galleywood, Maldon, Springfield, Danbury, Rettendon, and the local company. Several touches were rung during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Upton), the lesson being read by Dr. Spencer Phillips.

The collection, which is devoted to the bell restoration fund of the association, amounted to 11s. 10d.

Tea was afterwards served at the Rose and Crown, and was followed by the business meeting. Mr. G. Green was re-elected Master, and Mr. R. Clark was elected hon. district secretary in place of Mr. P. Timson, who wished to retire.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Timson for the way in which he had carried out his duties for the past eight years, and this was cordially adopted.

The Rev. J. H. Upton was elected an honorary member, and Mr. F. Warrington, of Long Stanton, was elected a non-resident life member.

Miss Chapman and Mr. C. Roberts were confirmed as non-resident life members. Four new ringing members and nine probationary members were also elected.

Springfield and Fryerning were proposed for the next place of meeting, and, on being put to the vote, Springfield was selected by 26 votes to 6.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his helpful address, also to the organist and choir for assisting at the service.

Touches were afterwards rung on the handbells, and the tower visited for further ringing.

Mr. R. Clark's address is 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

MUFFLED RINGING.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT BEREAVED.

On Monday, November 21st, at St. John's, Chipping Barnet, Herts, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: S. Casley 1, G. Herbert 2, W. Taring 3, F. Chandler 4, H. J. Eldred 5, R. Roffey 6, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, W. Langley 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. F. A. Milne, wife of the president of the Middlesex Association and a church worker in Barnet for many years, who was interred on that day.

At Debenham, Suffolk, on Friday evening, November 25th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,344 changes) at St. Mary's Church: C. Tyler (longest length in any method) 1, E. G. Grindell 2, F. Ruffles 3, L. C. Wightman 4, W. J. Groom 5, W. C. Runsey (conductor) 6, L. G. Brett 7, E. E. Grimes 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of George Rowe, sen., for over 47 years vergier at the above church, whose funeral took place the same afternoon. After the quarter-peal, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung, followed by the age of the deceased (74 years) tolled on the tenor bell.

At the Parish Church, Thames Ditton, on Friday, November 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, in ten callings): G. F. Adley (conductor) 1, H. Halt (Molesey) 2, H. Barber (Esher) 3, W. Massey 4, G. Higgs 5, R. Coles 6. Rung with the bells fully muffled, except the tenor, which was open at back stroke, in memory of Mr. S. Sharpus Jones, churchwarden at the above church, who was interred earlier the same day. Mr. Jones was a great friend of the ringers, being largely responsible for the bells being relunged some time ago, and also for the belfry being kept clean. In many ways he will be greatly missed.

MR. L. C. WIGHTMAN'S 200 PEALS.

By ringing a peal of Norfolk Surprise of St. John's, Erith, on Wednesday, October 10th, Mr. Leslie C. Wightman completed his two-hundredth peal: Minor in 7 methods 5, Grandsire Triples 6, St. Clement's Triples 1, Erin Triples 1, Stedman Triples 11, Stedman Caters 2, Stedman Cinques 2, Bob Major 6, Little Bob Major 1, Double Oxford Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Major 56, Oxford Treble Bob Major 19, Kent Treble Bob Major 12, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Superlative Surprise Major 21, Yorkshire Surprise Major 2, Norfolk Surprise Major 3, Bristol Surprise Major 2, London Surprise Major 6, Cambridge Surprise Major 32, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, New Cambridge Surprise Major 6. Conducted one each of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

MR. R. PICKERING'S 150 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles 1, Triples 34* (conducted 18), Caters 16† (conducted 4), Cinques 1; Bob Minor 1, Triples 1 (conducted 1), Major 16 (conducted 4), Royal 2, Maximus 1; Stedman Triples 47, Caters 11, Cinques 3; Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Royal 1, Maximus 1; Oxford Bob Triples 1, Forward Major 1, Double Norwich Major 5, Double Oxford Bob Royal 1†, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, London Surprise Major (treble) 1; total 150 (conducted 27).

* One on handbells and one (Holt's Original) non-conducted. † Includes 7,019 and 11,563. ‡ The first ever rung.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19th, a meeting of the Central Division was held at Withyham. There was not a large number present, the total reaching twenty by the end of the day. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Double Norwich, and several were enabled to ring their first or longest touch in the method. The tower was opened for ringing from 2.30 till 5, and after the meeting. Owing to various reasons the service which had been arranged did not take place, and at 5 o'clock tea was served in the local inn, followed by the usual business meeting, the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Layng) presiding.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. A. Steele and A. Coote (Balcombe), R. Dival (Coleman's Hatch).

The meeting confirmed the election as non-resident members: Messrs. H. C. Edwards, Stony Stratford, Bucks; H. W. Gayton, Harrold, Beds; F. C. Beuges, Dorchester, Dorset; E. Collison, Edenbridge, Kent.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, presiding at the meeting, and for making all local arrangements.

The hon. secretary announced Southover, Lewes, for the next meeting in January, 1928.

The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), East Grinstead, Hartfield, Henfield, Withyham, and non-resident members.

WESTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Heene on Saturday, when 24 members attended from the following towers: Brighton, Shoreham, Steyning, Chichester, Kirdford, Angmering and several members of the local band. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Minor and Major, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major. A substantial tea was served in the Church Room, kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. J. P. Fal-lows, who, owing to illness, was unable to be present.

At the business meeting, with the Master of the association, Mr. J. T. Rickman, presiding, it was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Lyminster.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Master for presiding, who, after responding, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Heene, for granting the use of the bells, also for providing the excellent tea, and wished that gentleman a speedy recovery.

A move was then again made to the belfry for further ringing.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEWBURY BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Newbury on Saturday, November 19th. Despite a very wet day, there was a good company present. Service was held in the Parish Church conducted by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who also gave a very interesting address. The Rector (the Rev. L. R. Majendie) presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. H. W. Curtis, assisted by Mrs. Crocker, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Owen, when 50 sat down to tea.

At the business meeting, the chairman (the Rev. L. R. Majendie) presided, and was supported by the Master of the Guild, the general secretary, the hon. treasurer, and the hon. branch secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis). Among those present were the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (Shaw), Rev. H. Wardley King (Hungerford), the Rev. C. B. Clayton (Newbury), Miss Vera Robinson (Wokingham), Mr. and Mrs. Taylor (Maidenhead), Miss Phyllis Moss (Beaconsfield), Mr. C. Mayne (Beaconsfield), Mr. D. Cooper (Croydon), and Mr. J. Abery, Englefield.

The chairman offered a hearty welcome to the members and visitors. —Mr. H. W. Curtis gave details of meetings and practices held during the year, which had been well attended. They had to welcome our more eight-bell tower into the Guild, namely, Hungerford, and had to record a happy and prosperous year.

The Rev. L. R. Majendie was re-elected chairman, and Mr. H. W. Curtis was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer.

Miss S. Davis, Messrs. S. Quintin, T. Curtis and F. Owen were elected as representatives on the general committee of the Guild.

The foremen of towers gave satisfactory reports.

The next meetings were proposed for Hampstead Norris in February and Bucklebury in April, the exact date to be left to the secretary to arrange.

The Master congratulated the foremen on their reports, and said they would always like to hear something about towers which were represented. —Mr. A. J. Wright (the Guild treasurer) said that the Master had told them that they were well on the way to bell restoration all over the diocese, and he called for some suggestions for a scheme to raise additional money for the restoration fund.

Four hon. members were elected, and several ringing members.

The Hon. Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Master for his address and to the chairman for presiding at the new organ, and thus giving the visitors the opportunity to hear the organ, which has recently been dedicated, and which cost £3,500 to build.

Touces of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal at Barley on November 10th is claimed as the first in seven Surprise Minor methods for the Herts County Association.

There was a 'Johnson' dinner in miniature at Birmingham on Saturday, when Mr. James George, 'of England,' celebrated his 74th birthday.

Except for the Norwich peal, rung in 1718, the earliest peal of Grand-sire Triples of which any record is still left appears to have been one at Stroud, in Gloucestershire, where, on December 4th, 1722, 'in this place was rung the whole peal of Grand-sire Triples containing 5,040 changes.'

The College Youths' first peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on December 4th, 1803. This was nearly a hundred and fifty years after Fabian Stedman had dedicated his work to them. It is not surprising, however, when one remembers the difficulty in those days of getting a true peal of Triples. Caters and Cinques had, of course, been rung long before.

At Norwich, of course, peals had been rung eighty years earlier, and the performance at Coslany, which caused such excitement in the city, was rung on December 6th, 1731.

The feeling which was aroused over this performance may be gauged by the following extract from the 'Norwich Daily Press' just afterwards:—

'That ingenious peal, called Stedman Triples, which contains 5,040 changes (being the first time that ever it was rung), notwithstanding some of the St. Peter's company did employ a bellman to cry about the street the following scandalous verses just before we began to ring, viz:—

This is to give notice to all sorts of people,
That the ringers that practise at St. Michael's steeple
Have crazed their brains by setting forth false pretences,
That it is to be feared they have quite lost their senses.
Therefore, let 'em repair to John Foster's, and 'tis plain,
There's those that can help them to their senses again.

And a little before the peal was ended they had the impudence to swear we should not ring it out, and so did fling stones up the church leads and against the doors, and did cause the boys in the streets to cry buzzas; nay, one of them was so impertinent as to open the window of the church to have got in, but was prevented by the people that stood to hear the peal, and were sent home to their shame with bloody noses.'

'CLAPPERLESS' PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If it has been decided, as Mr. T. E. Sone's letter indicates, to allow a peal to stand in which a clapper was missing from one of the bells, what, I wonder, would be the best course to pursue when bells fail to sound from other causes? I have recently taken part in two peal attempts in which one of the bells failed to 'speak,' in the first case for two or three leads, in the second case for a complete course of Stedman Caters. In each case the conductor honourably (in my opinion) called 'stand' as soon as it was certain that the particular bell had definitely failed to sound, and subsequent examination of the clapper, both by experts and ringers, has failed to reveal any defect, but it is assumed that it must be due to the modern device known as the 'clapper control.' I have heard of other cases of the same kind. The question is, Shall we observe the Central Council's ruling or go on, in such cases?—Yours faithfully,

PETER LAFLIN.

Manchester.

'SOME RING PEALS, OTHERS—'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It appears that some men ring peals, others just ring. Many ring badly and call them peals, which is what this is about.

We were ringing Bob Major 'the morning after,' and three bells made fourth's place at the same time. We called it bad striking and finished the peal—which shows that some men are ringers of genius. I know a man who conducted Very Double Norwich, after calling one over the eight in the Seven Bells. Others have rung spliced methods. Which reminds me that I heard of a band which rang for the wedding of a local celebrity and called it a 'spliced' peal. I refer this to the Nomenclature experts, for, compared to some, it would seem an important problem. And so we progress.—Yours faithfully,

SURPRISED MAJOR.

MR. G. W. STEEL'S 100 PEALS FOR YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. G. W. Steel (Rothwell, Yorks) created a record for Rothwell ringers on Saturday, November 12th, at Otley, by completing 100 peals rung for the Yorkshire Association. The list is as follows: Bob Minor 1, Treble Bob Minor 22 (conducted 5), Grand-sire Triples 4, Stedman Triples 6, Bob Major 7, Oxford Treble Bob Major 34 (conducted 2), Kent Treble Bob Major 24 (conducted 6), Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, College Exercise Major 1; total, 100 (conducted 13). Included in this list is the 8,448 Oxford Treble Bob Major record peal for the Yorkshire Association, rung at Holy Trinity, Rothwell, on February 21st, 1903.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the sixteenth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

COURSING ORDER.

'Coursing Order' is a term which is applied to the order in which bells follow one another down to the lead. In another way, it is the sequence in which they appear at the leading position in the successive rows. I propose to deal with that phase which affects the lead-heads, and which is based upon the coursing order of a 'plain hunting course,' wherein every bell does the same work—the plain hunt, or the path pursued by the treble in Bob Minor.

Take 12345678 and change four pairs (21436587); then change the three 'inside pairs,' causing the first and last bells to retain the same positions (24163857). Repeat this procedure, first four and then three pairs, until a 'four-pair' change causes the treble to lead at 13254768. Complete the operation, and rounds will turn up, having caused 'eighth's place' to be made at the 'lead-end.' We have now produced a 'plain hunting lead' on eight bells; or, properly put, a plain hunting course (the bells having run round).

Examine the sequence in which the bells appear at the lead; it is 2-4-6-8-7-5-3, which will be repeated so long as this 'method' prevails; that is, so long as eighth's place is made at the 'lead-end,' and we can look upon 'coursing order' as being of a continuous nature, a circle, as it were—2468753, 2468 again, etc.

Instead of eighth's place at the lead-end, cause second's place to be made (by the '3'), and the next row to 13254768 will be 13527486. We have now completed the first lead of Plain Bob Major, and we know that from this lead we can produce all the rows in the plain course.

If we write out these plain course leads in full, we shall find that the bells appear at the leading position in the same SEQUENCE as given in the coursing order above, except that at each succeeding lead the sequence is commenced at a different place in our coursing order 'circle'; each lead commences the 'circle,' at the bell which immediately precedes the one which began the sequence in the lead before.

The first lead commences the coursing order at the '2,' the second lead at the '3' (3246875), the third lead at the '5' (5324687), and so on. So that the actual ORDER, given in the continuous coursing order above, remains unaltered throughout the whole of the plain course, and we may know that the coursing order will remain the same while second's or eighth's places are made at the lead-ends. Bobs and singles will cause alteration in the coursing order, as we shall see later on.

Now, if the bells come down to the first place in regular order in all of the leads, our knowledge of transposition would indicate that there is corresponding regularity at the LEAD-HEADS. At the 'rounds lead-head' the coursing order picks up, as it were, the 'even-place bells,' 2, 4, 6, 8, and then works backwards on the 'odd-place' bells, 7, 5, 3, and we should find that this pertains to any other lead-head, bearing in mind that we look upon the coursing order as being a 'continuous circle' of figures.

In lead-head No. 2 (13527486), the 'even' bells are 3-2-4-6, and the 'odd' ones, backwards, are 8-7-5; and so it goes on, the coursing order positions being preserved at every lead-head.

Before proceeding we will agree:—

(1) That the bell immediately in front of another in the coursing order is COURSING BEFORE the other. The '8' is before the '7,' the '7' before the '5,' etc.

(2) That the bell which immediately follows another in the coursing order is COURSING AFTER the other. The '7' is after the '8,' the '8' after the '6,' etc.

(3) That 'COURSING PAIRS' are those bells which are NEXT EACH OTHER IN the coursing order; and that, in Major, there are seven such pairs—24, 46, 68, 87, 75, 53, 32.

Ignore the treble, and examine the positions held at 2345678 by the COURSING PAIRS. The 32 and 87 are adjacent, in the first two and last two positions in the row, being REVERSED there; that is to say, the '32' in coursing order becomes '23' at rounds, etc. The 24, 46, and 68 pairs are in the even places, with another bell between the pair. The 75 and 53 pairs are reversed in the odd places in the row, with another bell between the two paired bells.

Now, if the arrangement of the bells in the row at each lead-head is different, and yet the regularity of the coursing order positions is maintained, it follows, that when a position at any lead-head is occupied by one of a coursing pair, the other of the coursing pair is compelled to occupy a position that is relative, the relationship corresponding to the two positions at rounds which are occupied by ANOTHER COURSING PAIR.

In other words, the adjacent, even, and odd places, which we examined at rounds (above), will be occupied, in other lead-heads, ONLY BY COURSING PAIRS, and those pairs will be reversed in the 2/3 and 7/8 places, etc., etc., in exactly the same way as at rounds.

In the examples which follow, coursing pairs are shown in various

positions at the lead-heads; the heads are given in the sequence in which they appear in Bob Major:—

Lead-head No.:	(1) 12345678	(2) 12346678	(3) 12346678	Lead-heads in full.
1.	23...78	2.4.6.8	..3.5.7	12345678
2.	..35...86	..3.2.4.6	..5.7.8	13527486
3.	..57...64	..5.3.2.4	..7.8.6	15738264
4.	..78...42	..7.5.8.2	..8.6.4	17856342
	etc.	etc.	etc.	etc.

(1) Second's place is occupied by '2' at lead-head No. 1 (or rounds), and (third's place by the '3,' which, in the coursing order, is COURSING BEFORE the '2.' In lead-head No. 2 the '2' is replaced by the '3,' and the relative position (third's place) is occupied by '5,' and by NO OTHER, because '5' is COURSING BEFORE '3' in the coursing order, and so on. Similarly with the pair in the 7/8 places.

(2) Here we see the even places (2/4, 4/6, 6/8), and because fourth's place at lead-head No. 1 is occupied by the '4,' which is COURSING AFTER the '2,' when the '7' replaces the '2' in second's place at lead-head No. 4, the relative position (fourth's place) must be occupied by the bell which is COURSING AFTER the '7,' which is the '5,' and so on. Similarly with the 4/6 and 6/8 places.

(3) Because fifth's place at rounds is occupied by the bell which is COURSING BEFORE the '3,' which is in third's place, then fifth's place will be occupied by the bell which is 'before' ANY OTHER ONE that happens to take third's place at a lead-head. Similarly with the 5/7 places.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

The thick fog which hung over North London on Saturday last undoubtedly affected the attendance at a meeting of the North and East District of the above association, held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, but happily it did not pervade the belfry, and all the touches attempted were brought round. Most of the standard methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise were rung, prior to the service being held at 5 p.m. At the latter, a very interesting discourse was given by the Rector (Rev. G. T. McLean) on the new Prayer Book, which was listened to very attentively.

An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, and afterwards the business meeting was held. Four new members were elected, including the Rev. G. T. McLean as an honorary member.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) proposed a vote of condolence with the president (Mr. F. A. Milne), who had suffered bereavement by the death of his wife. This was carried by the members standing in silence for a few moments, and was briefly acknowledged by the president.

The action of the hon. secretary in writing a sympathetic letter to Mrs. Kemp, widow of the late Mr. W. J. Kemp, for 16 years assist. hon. secretary of the district, was endorsed, and many regrets were expressed at the loss of so valuable a member.

A vote of thanks, proposed by the president, was unanimously passed, and was acknowledged by the Rector, who stated his pleasure at once again meeting the association, and also thanked the members for electing him as an honorary member.

Mr. Riley, the towerkeeper, to whose invaluable activities the members were much indebted, also responded, and the meeting terminated. Ringing was again indulged in until nearly 9 p.m.

DOUBLE n COURT BOB MAXIMUS.

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etc.

Contains: (a) First, full and last work in front and behind; (b) places—near, first far, second far, last far; associated with three-pull dodging; (c) four-pull dodging work internally in two adjoining dodging files. Less skinny than Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus, and not so stodgy as Double Oxford Bob Maximus. Nine-pull dodging in 11-12 can be largely avoided by the use of singles in 10-11-12.

BELLITIS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 6th, at the Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. V. H. Sinkins 1, J. A. Dart 2, A. Cutmore 3, E. G. Garrard 4, C. F. Winney (conductor) 5, H. G. Miles 6, G. C. Rice 7, C. W. Roberts 8.

THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

It is most desirable that the Exercise should consider and, if possible, settle the question of the extension of methods, but it is essential that we should first of all thoroughly understand the nature of the problem and the difficulties which confront us. If there is to be anything like finality in the conclusions arrived at, we must have rules which are applicable to all methods alike; such that, given any previously unknown method, we could tell definitely whether it will extend and what the correct extension is. It would be comparatively easy to select a number of men who could give a sound judgment on the extension of any particular method; it is quite another thing to lay down rules for the extension of methods in general. This is only what we should expect when we realise that the almost universal custom of composers is to deal with each method separately and without reference to other methods.

In extending a method like, say, Superlative or London, a man will allow deviation from the original, which he would not tolerate in simpler methods like Plain Bob or Kent. He will be prepared with arguments for his deviations, and he may be fully justified in making them; but it shows that he consciously or unconsciously has a different standard for different methods, and so long as that happens any general rules of extension are impossible. The difficulty arises from the fact that the Exercise has not begun to consider whether there are any general laws that apply or not.

A man takes an eight-bell method, studies it, notes what he considers its important features, and tries to reproduce them on ten or twelve bells. Obviously, since the features of different methods differ from one another, and because what may appear important to one man, often appears less important to another, you are bound to get contrary results. Much good work has been done, and will be done, in this way, but it does not begin to help that solution of our problem, for which the Editor of 'The Ringing World' has been pressing.

It will no doubt appear to many people that there should be no really great difficulty in drawing up a set of clear-cut rules which would enable a competent person to decide whether an extension is valid or not; that there is no lack of men in the Exercise who, if they really tackle the task, have sufficient ability to perform it; but I am not at all sure that any fully satisfactory solution is possible. It is possible to understand the mathematical laws which govern the construction of methods, and the mathematical laws which govern the expansion of methods; and when these laws are understood it is possible to write out all the extensions of any given methods, extensions which will be so accurate that you can write out any row you choose on any number of bells by merely studying the original. Such extensions will satisfy every list from a theoretical point of view, but they will not necessarily give you what practical ringing is asking for. You are faced with a difficulty which is, I believe, insurmountable. I can, I think, best explain this by a simple illustration.

Double Court Minor is one of the simplest of six-bell methods—except for Plain Bob, it is the simplest of all six-bell methods. Its constructional shunt (which consists of fourth's and third's places round the treble, with their attendant dodging), is one of the movements which are most frequently used in the construction of methods of all sorts and on all numbers of bells. It adapts itself readily to any number. If there is one method more than another which is capable of extension it is Double Court Minor. But when we come to apply it to eight bells we find that, while there is on six bells only one position in which this shunt can be made, on eight bells there are two. Either is equally entitled to be called the equivalent of the one position on six bells, and equally so are the two positions taken together. We get, therefore, three eight-bell methods, all of them with an equal right to be considered the proper Major version of Double Court Minor:—

A.	B.	C.
12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587	21436587
24135678	24163857	24135678
42316587	42618375	42316587
24361857	46281357	24361578
42638175	64823175	42635187
46283715	46283715	24365817
64827351	64827351	42638571
68472531	68472531	46283751

From no point of view, neither from the theoretical nor from the practical, can we say that any one of these is to be preferred to the others. Each is a valid extension. But note that no one alone does or can reproduce all the features of the Minor method. It takes all three to do that. Nor do they together wholly exhaust the possibilities of extension of the Minor. The larger the number of bells to which you extend the method the greater the number of available extensions. What is true of Double Court Minor is true, to a greater or less degree, of every method, and this partly explains why there is usually so much difference of opinion as to what is the correct extension of any given method.

No set of rules which you can draw up will help you over this difficulty. The only way out that I can see is to recognise that in theory these are all equally valid extensions, but for practical purposes to treat them as separate, independent methods distinct from the original six-bell method. That is not to face the difficulty, but to shirk it, and it is not a solution which is at all likely to commend itself to people in cases where, as in Superlative, there is acute controversy.

I proposed something of this sort at the Central Council meeting with regard to that method. I suggested that the method rung at Ipswich should be called Ipswich Superlative Maximus, and Shipway's extension Shipway's Superlative Royal, but I was not surprised to find that the adherents of those methods were not prepared to accept the suggestion. If people always approached these questions with an open mind and judged them as matters of cold mathematical law, it would be different. But that is what they seldom do. The question is nearly always complicated by feelings and prejudices which really have nothing to do with the matter, but which are perfectly natural and human, and which will never be done away with. If I had rung in the Ipswich peal, or if I, like Mr. Wilde, had been the first to produce the method, possibly I should have been prejudiced in its favour. I might not have liked to give up the title of Superlative Maximus without a struggle. But all this adds immensely to the difficulty of settling the question of extension.

There is one other difficulty which I should like to point out. Although practically every method is capable of a mathematical extension, the expansion which takes place is always unequal. This is so in even the simplest methods with traditional extensions which have never seriously been disputed. In Stedman Doubles, for instance, the three-bell work comprises three-fifths of the whole of the method, in Triples it is three-sevenths, in Caters three-ninths, and so on in decreasing proportion as the number of bells increases. In Stedman, the practical ringer finds no difficulty in this unequal expansion, but when you come to more complex methods it does seriously upset the balance of the different work. In London Surprise Major a large proportion of the work is plain hunting backwards. When people have tried to extend the method to Royal, they, without exception, have tried to expand this backward hunting, but the laws—the mathematical laws—of extension forbid any such thing. When you extend hunting on any number of bells you require a space which bears an exact proportion to the space occupied by the original hunting; and when you extend a method from eight bells to ten bells you have an increased space which bears an exact proportion to the original space. But the expansions of space are not the same in the two cases. The extended backward hunting of the Major requires more space than the Royal supplies, and, therefore, cannot be expanded. While, if you follow the precedent of Stedman and keep the backward hunting of the Royal the same size of as in Major, you do, indeed, get an extension which is mathematically correct, but in the eyes of the practical ringer you have destroyed what he considers the proper balance of the work, and offered him a method which is not what he is looking for, and which he does not want.

You must also face the fact that there are many methods, especially among the more complex, which are excellent on one number of bells, but whose good qualities are practically confined to that number. They will extend, but in their extension they lose almost all those qualities which make the original attractive. Superlative is an example of this. It is quite safe to say that none of the extensions of that method either to ten or to twelve bells would be considered worthy of practice on its own merits. The sole attraction they have in the eyes of ringers is that they claim the title of Superlative.

MR. BAKER'S QUESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me briefly to reply to Messrs. James and Trollope. Of the first gentleman, let me ask: Has the Exercise, as a whole, advanced since the Campanologia by J. D. C. M. was written? If Mr. James agrees that it has, why does he bring in the dead hand and intellect to-day?

Mr. Trollope, I notice, is not nearly so certain of things as he was in June, 1924, and I would suggest that he, and any of your readers who keep a file of 'The Ringing World,' should read up what he wrote then and compare it with what he has written in your last issue.

In conclusion, let me point out the following: When the Methods Committee have learned how to find the round blocks of any method, principle or system, they will then be able to say whether an extension is the SAME METHOD or merely an extension—reciprocal or otherwise.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

On November 17th, at St. Leonard's Church, Hythe, Kent, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Fright 1, W. Bidnell 2, S. Baker 3, A. R. Manning 4, S. Mowl 5, A. Wratten 6, S. A. Gower (conductor) 7, W. J. Prebble 8. This was rung as a compliment to Alderman and Mrs. J. B. Tunbridge, it being the alderman's 77th birthday, his wife's 74th, and also their golden wedding day—a three-fold anniversary.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Arksey, Doncaster, on Saturday, November 19th, at the Parish Church, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Garner 1, H. Arrand 2, J. McCluskey (conductor) 3, C. Otter 4, E. Cooper 5, A. Hall 6, T. Revil 7, T. Bysouth 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Bramham and Miss Sadie McCluskey, who were married at the church during the afternoon.

MR. JAMES GEORGE.

A BIRMINGHAM BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

The 74th birthday of Mr. James George, who, as one of the best-known figures in the Exercise, needs no introduction to our readers, was celebrated in Birmingham on Saturday (the eve of his natal day), when he entertained the members of St. Nicolas' Guild, King's Norton, and a number of other intimate friends. 'Hale and hearty' is only one of the descriptions which can be applied to this Peter Pan of the Exercise. Not only is he hale and hearty, he preserves the bloom of youth to a remarkable degree, and the physical fitness and buoyant spirits of a man in the prime of life. Indeed, Mr. George will tell you that he is in the prime of life. On Saturday, he was the soul of the party, and after some ringing in the afternoon at King's Norton, on the glorious ring of ten bells, welcomed his guests at the Crown Hotel, Corporation Street. The party, which numbered about 40, was presided over by Mr. Frank B. Yates, Ringing Master of St. Nicolas' Guild, and among those present to do honour to Mr. George were Mrs. Yates, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, and Mrs. Pritchett, Mr. A. Paddon Smith, hon. secretary of the Guild, and Mrs. Paddon Smith, Mr. Albert Walker, Deputy Ringing Master, and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Smallwood (Derby), Mr. and Mrs. P. Laffin (King's Norton), Mr. and Mrs. F. Perrens (Coventry), Mr. and Mrs. T. Reeves, Mr. G. F. Swann, Mr. J. Neal, Mr. H. Withers, Mr. J. Pemberton, and the members of the King's Norton Guild.

After enjoying an excellent dinner, the company honoured the toast of 'The King,' on the call of the chairman, and Alderman Pritchett then proposed the toast of 'Our Host.' He said England had been described as the 'Ringing Isle,' and in that respect it was the most wonderful country in the world, and one of the most wonderful men in that most wonderful country was their host, Mr. James George (applause). The few ringing friends whom he saw before him were but a sample of those hundreds of friends whom Mr. George possessed all over the country in every town, in almost every village. Mr. George rang his first peal at St. George's, Camberwell, on February 16th, 1889. They would observe that that was only 38 years ago. Nowadays ringers began to ring peals at 12 or 13 years of age. Had Mr. George begun at that period of his life and had rung peals at the rate he had been ringing them, he would have no doubt created a record. As it was, he had now rung 960 peals. To ring a thousand peals was a legitimate ambition, and it was hardly necessary to remind them that very few people had achieved that ambition. Mr. George had got very near to it, and they hoped before he celebrated another birthday after the one which was to take place on the morrow, he would have achieved that great ambition. When they considered it, to ring 960 peals was a very great achievement. Looked at from the point of view of time alone, those 960 peals, at an average of three hours per peal, represented 120 days and nights spent in peal ringing. He had rung those peals in 334 towers, and that in itself must be nearly, if not quite, a record; and these towers were in 42 different counties. Fortunately for Mr. George, he entered the service of the London and North Western Railway Company, and that had given him unusual facilities for travelling. He (the speaker) had often envied Mr. George, when he had been ringing at a distance from home, to notice the ease with which he got past the ticket collector (laughter). Unfortunately, although Mr. George could pass himself through all the while he was a servant of the railway company, he was unable to pass his friends through (laughter). Among the many interesting peals in which Mr. George had taken part was the record peal of 12,240 Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne, on April 17th, 1911, and that record, so far as one could judge, was likely to continue to be a record. The marvellous thing about it was that, although Mr. George was then about 60 years of age, he rang the tenor bell—a bell which weighed about 28 cwt.—for 8 hrs. 39 mins. That was a great physical feat as well as a great intellectual feat. Then, on November 28th, 1925, the day after Mr. George was 72 years of age, he rang a tenor weighing 53 cwt. 22 lb. in a peal of Treble Bob Maximus which lasted 4 hrs. 7 mins. (applause). On that occasion he was the senior of all the ringers present by 16 years. A great feature of Mr. George's ringing, especially in recent years, since he had got into the prime of his manhood, had been that he usually rang the heaviest bell—he claimed that as a privilege. He had rung a bell weighing well over 2½ tons for four hours, which would seem incredible if they did not know that it were true, but he liked occasionally to show that he could also ring a light one, and among other feats of which he was very proud was the fact that he on one occasion rang the treble at Lye Church, which weighed only 60lb., and he (the speaker) had heard Mr. George say that he felt far more exhausted after that peal than after ringing the tenor to the Treble Bob Maximus peal at Bow Church. Alderman Pritchett went on to say that the first peal he had the pleasure of ringing with Mr. George was on October 14th, 1893, and on June 20th, 1903, he had the honour and privilege of conducting Mr. George's 250th peal—a peal of Stedman Triples at King's Norton (applause). Mr. George's had been a wonderful career. It showed what enthusiasm and perseverance could do in a man of determined character. Naturally, he was very proud of it, but there was one thing of which he could feel prouder still, and that was that he had attained the age of 73 years and 364 days in such an excellent state of health and preservation (applause). He could only hope that all of them present would follow Mr. George's example. His life showed that strenuous exertion did no harm to a

man; it showed that steady, temperate habits and good living conduce to longevity. Mr. George had always been a man of temperate habits, and he had always been a man of good humour, and that was a great thing towards getting to be an old man—to be cheerful always, to take an interest in the things around you, and to cultivate friendships among those of similar tastes. On behalf of all those present, he tendered to Mr. George their warmest thanks, as well as their congratulations. They appreciated the hospitality he had shown them, and it was with the utmost sincerity that they tendered to him their warmest congratulations, not only upon his wonderful career as a ringer, but upon his having attained the eve of his 74th birthday. 'May he long continue to live and ring,' concluded the alderman, 'and may this not be the last occasion we shall have the pleasure of enjoying his hospitality and showing our appreciation of his friendship' (applause).

The toast was enthusiastically drunk with musical honours.

Mr. George was greeted with applause on rising to respond. He assured the company that he would far rather be ringing a peal than to have the task which was put upon him at that moment of acknowledging the hearty congratulations of his friends. First of all he wished to congratulate Alderman Pritchett upon the peal for the Masonic Order which had been rung on the previous Saturday. It was one of which he might feel very proud (hear, hear). There was only one thing which he would have liked to see added to the performance, and perhaps that could be done when a peal of Maximus was rung; it was that the composer of the peal, as well as all the members of the band, should be a member of the craft. Proceeding, Mr. George referred to the ambition which he had to ring a peal upon every one of the 366 dates of the year. Mr. Pye had only one date left to fill in, while he had 13. Mr. Pye, however, had rung peals on a number of dates on handbells, but he found from his own list that handbell peals accounted, by themselves, for only six of the dates in his list, so that when he had rung peals on the 19 remaining dates he would be the first to ring a tower bell peal on every date in the year (applause). Continuing, he said when he first thought of that little gathering it was out of recognition of the kindness which he had received from the King's Norton band, from Mr. Yates, Mr. Laffin, and the other ringers, and he felt he would like to show his appreciation. Then he thought he would like to include a few of his other friends in Birmingham, and he was delighted to see them present. He had been going to King's Norton for some months, and he had always received a cordial welcome. It had been a great help to him, for he realised that he had a lot to learn yet, and he hoped by the end of the next fifty years he would be something like he ought to be (laughter and applause). He thanked God for the health and strength given to him, and he could only say that whatever he had done had been with the help of the Supreme Father (hear, hear). It had been a real joy to him to go to King's Norton, where, as in so many other bellries, he had been made very welcome indeed. He had recently been made an honorary member of the King's Norton band, and he thought it was a very nice thing that they should have done it. There were four couples present who had come a long distance to pay him honour that night, and he deeply appreciated their kindness. They were Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith, who had come all the way from Woking, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons from Old Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Perrens from Coventry, and Mr. and Mrs. Smallwood from Derby. He thanked them very much for their kindness, and also all the other numerous friends who had joined them, and particularly Mr. and Mrs. Yates and Alderman and Mrs. Pritchett. He hoped that they would all long be spared to ring peals together. At one time he thought he should stop at 1,000 (A Voice: 'Never!'), but if his health continued he might go on again (applause). He thanked Alderman Pritchett for the way he had spoken of him, and the company for the manner in which they drank his health (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed the toast of 'St. Martin's Guild.' He referred to the great traditions of the past of this, the third oldest ringing organisation in the country, spoke of the proud position which it held in the Exercise to-day, and of the admirable way in which it was managed by its efficient officers, and went on in humorous vein to take a peep into the future.

Mr. Albert Walker responded, and remarked that while they tried, as the proposer had said, to uphold the traditions of the past, he believed that, with such good and enthusiastic members as they now had, the future would be equally as brilliant as the past (applause). There had been but a few peals rung at St. Martin's recently, and the practices had not been quite so well attended, but the main reason for that was that the bells were not really ringable. They were glad to know, however, that they were going to get the bells put in order, and reports had been received from three firms of founders. They hoped a scheme would now go forward which would provide them with a really splendid peal of 12 bells, the best at their weight in the world, worthy of the church and worthy of the ancient Guild (applause).

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in felicitous terms proposed 'The Ringing World,' to which Mr. Goldsmith responded, and a lady present then handed to Mr. George a pretty little gift, in the form of a bell inkstand, engraved with his initials and the date, which Mr. George suitably acknowledged.

In the absence of Mr. Tom Russam, who was prevented by illness from attending, Mr. Walker submitted the toast of 'St. Nicolas' Guild.' He referred to the association which had long existed between:

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT TO BE DIVIDED.

The annual meeting of the Basingstoke District was held at Basingstoke on Saturday, and was a great success, over ninety members and visitors attending from Basingstoke (All Saints' and St. Michael's), Bramley, Oakley, Overton, Whitchurch, Andover, Highclere, Woolton Hill, Silchester, Yateley, Ellisfield, St. Mary Bourne, Sherfield, Dummer, Odiham, Stevenon, North Stoneham, Winchester and Newbury.

The Guild's service was held at St. Michael's Church, and the address given by Rev. H. W. Boustead, D.D. Afterwards, the members sat down to a splendid tea in the Church Cottage, which was provided by the generosity of the Basingstoke ringers.

At the business meeting, which followed the tea, the Rev. H. W. Boustead, D.D., was voted to the chair, and among those present were Rev. E. Jones (district secretary), Rev. T. S. Adams (Silchester), Rev. G. H. Jaudwine (Oakley), Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary), Mr. Curtis (secretary, Newbury District, Oxford Guild), and others.

Following the usual routine business, the general secretary gave a report of the special meeting which was held at Southampton on October 22nd, at which a joint Guild for the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth had been formed.

Following the decision to rearrange the districts, the present Basingstoke District is to be divided into the two new districts of Andover and Basingstoke, and it was decided to hold the inaugural meeting for the new Andover District at Whitchurch on February 4th, and that for the new Basingstoke District at Basingstoke on February 13th.

The present district officers consented to carry on until the new districts are brought into being.

Mr. G. Williams spoke on the question of getting the clergy generally interested in the Guild and ringing, and urged the clergy present to do all they could in this direction.

The bells of St. Michael's and All Saints' Churches were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and a variety of methods practised.

WEST DRAYTON TOWER AND BELLS. A CRUMBLING THIRTEENTH-CENTURY RELIC.

An appeal has been issued on behalf of the fund that is being raised for the preservation of the tower and rehanging of the bells at St. Martin's Church, West Drayton, Middlesex. The tower is over 700 years old, and is now in a state of crumbling decay, and, having been pronounced a danger to the public, its door has been closed, it has been fenced off, the bellcote that used to surmount the roof has been removed, and a detailed examination has been made. It has been found that the work of preservation must be taken in hand at once, lest it prove too late to save this ancient, historic building.

The bells were cast 216 years ago, from an earlier peal, but they have not been rung for over 30 years. They are a peal of six. The fifth is badly cracked and must be recast, but the other five will be tuned and quarter turned. It is proposed to rehang the bells in wood frame, using as much as possible of the present timber, the bulk of which is quite sound.

Contributions towards the scheme will be welcomed, and should be sent to Mr. T. A. Dymes, Carthana, 5, De Burgh Crescent, West Drayton, Middlesex. Donations intended for the bells can be earmarked accordingly.

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King's Norton and St. Martin's Guild, and to the high efficiency of the King's Norton band through many years. There were not even to-day many Sunday bands with whom one could go and ring London Surprise or Cambridge Royal for service, but this they could do at King's Norton. They looked upon King's Norton as a stepping stone to St. Martin's, and he hoped when they got the new bells in the Bull Ring that they would see more of the King's Norton men at the practices and helping in the good work they were trying to do at St. Martin's.

The Chairman, who responded, spoke of the pleasure which it gave the St. Nicolas' Guild to welcome any members of St. Martin's Guild at King's Norton, and said they were sorry they did not see more of them. St. Nicolas' Guild was formed three years ago, not with the idea of competition with St. Martin's Guild, but with the idea, if possible, of helping them. They were looking forward to the time when St. Martin's bells would be recast, and they could visit St. Martin's and ring with the Guild (applause).

Mr. George thanked Mr. Yates and Mr. Laffin for their work in arranging that gathering, and the toast list concluded with 'The Chairman,' submitted in complimentary terms by Mr. Frank Smallwood, and acknowledged by Mr. Yates.

An excellent musical entertainment had been arranged by Mr. Tom Davies, and included songs by Mr. W. Avery, and duets by Mr. Davies and Mr. Dai Thomas, Mrs. Davies being the accompanist. Professor 'Gazeeka' amused and mystified the company with his sleight of hand, and entertained them with a ventriloquial sketch. Tunes were rung by Messrs. Walker, Laffin and Withers, and a topping course of Stedman Cinques by Messrs. Laffin, Perrens, Swann, Smallwood, Walker and George.

A highly enjoyable evening came to an end at 11 p.m. with the National Anthem.

Mr. George wishes, through these columns, to thank his many friends for their congratulations and good wishes on his 74th birthday, as they are too numerous to reply to separately.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FELKIRK, YORKS.—At St. Peter's Church on Sunday, November 13th, four different extents of Treble Bob. For matins: 720 Kent: H. Cooper 1, A. Kelsall (first 720 of Treble Bob) 2, A. Cole 3, H. Chant 4, D. Smith 5, J. F. White (conductor) 6.—For Armistice service at 3 p.m., with the bells half-muffled, 720 Duke of York: A. Kelsall 1, A. Cole 2, M. Perry 3, H. Chant 4, D. Smith 5, J. T. White (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 720 Violet: H. Cooper 1, A. Cole 2, M. Perry 3, H. Chant 4, D. Smith 5, J. T. White (conductor) 6.—Also 720 Oxford: A. Cole 1, A. Kelsall 2, M. Perry 3, H. Chant 4, D. Smith 5, J. T. White (conductor) 6. First 720 of Kent, Violet and Duke of York by all the band.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, Lincs.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: R. Bennett 1, E. A. Sneath 2, W. Clark 3, W. V. Bennett 4, J. H. Oldham 5, R. S. Oldham 6. Conducted by J. O. Sanders.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—At St. Swithun's Church, on Sunday afternoon, November 13th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled, in 50 mins.: H. D. White (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, E. J. Ladd 2, G. Lambert 3, W. Mills 4, G. Tizzard 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

FULHAM.—For evening service on Sunday, November 13th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. C. Page 1, H. A. Folkard 2, A. Cutmore 3, H. Ellis 4, H. Belcher 5, R. Congreve-Pridgeon 6, W. H. Hollier 7, A. Harding 8, J. W. Driver (conductor) 9, G. H. Block 10.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, November 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,275 changes) in 53 mins., by the local company: W. T. Holding 1, H. F. Holding 2, G. H. Crawley 3, J. H. Riding (conductor) 4, H. Edwards 5, H. Overton 6, R. T. Holding 7, J. W. Edge 8, R. D. Langford 9, W. Chadwick 10. Arranged and rung as a farewell touch to the Rev. S. T. Stevens, M.C., who is leaving for Chester.

EXETER.—For a railwaymen's service, at St. David's Church, on Sunday, November 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. S. Harris 1, R. Davey 2, J. Hosgood 3, F. M. Rogers 4, T. G. Bartlett 5, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 6, T. J. Stokes 7, L. G. Wherry 8. All, except the ringers of 2nd and 7th, are railwaymen.

ROYSTON, YORKS.—On Sunday, November 6th, by Felkirk ringers, for a memorial service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Kelsall 1, A. Cole 2, M. Perry 3, H. Chant 4, D. Smith 5, J. T. White (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. Eskeridge, a much respected medical officer of this place. Afterwards a lych gate was dedicated to his memory.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Sunday evening, November 6th, a quarter-peal (1,311 changes) of Stedman Cinques in 58 mins.: W. H. Rickett 1, Walter Fisher 2, G. R. Newton 3, J. Wilkinson 4, T. C. Larkey 5, T. Hammond 6, E. Bompfrey 7, P. W. Cave (conductor) 8, J. Martin 9, C. I. Davies 10, R. F. Deal (London) 11, E. Caunce 12.

MONOWDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday evening, October 9th, for harvest festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Miller 1, L. Wightman 2, D. Wightman 3, A. S. Wightman 4, C. Button 5, F. Warren 6.—After service, 720 Plain Bob: J. Arbon (first 720 on tower bells) 1, J. Tarrant 2, D. Wightman (conductor) 3, W. Miller 4, S. A. Wightman 5, G. Wightman 6.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of the Holy Saviour, on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Briggs 1, H. Bell 2, J. S. Needham 3, *S. Wilfred Chapman 4, *W. Turner 5, E. H. Bagworth 6, N. S. Bagworth 7, J. W. Udale 8. *Longest touch in the method. Longest length of Triples in the method as conductor. Rung by entirely St. Saviour's ringers.

CANTERBURY.—At St. Alphege's Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, 1,000 changes of Doubles, consisting of Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob: G. Brett 1, Miss E. M. Chambers 2, Miss D. M. Sanders 3, W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac., 4, F. R. Weller 5, E. Cook 6. Rung to mark the coming of age of the secretary, Miss Edith May Chambers, also as a farewell to Miss Olive Muriel Sanders, who is leaving the district.

NOTICES.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.15 in St. Michael's Hall. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, December 7th.—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Bath.

DERBY CATHEDRAL.—Sunday Service Ringing 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m., 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Practice night, 7.30 p.m. prompt, to 9 p.m. (Monday). Experienced ringers require practice; your opportunity is at the cathedral. Learners invited. Ringers and friends welcome.—James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 27th, Southwark Cathedral on Dec. 29th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 13th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th, at 8 p.m. All the others at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Manchester.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch, Hants.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Meeting at 3.45. Tea 4.45. Service at 5.30. — G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business important. — J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m., at which an offering will be taken; proceeds to Bells Restoration Fund. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting follows. A good attendance is hoped for. — C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Faversham on Dec. 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m., followed by tea.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Prestbury on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. The Association Master (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) hopes to be present. — Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. It is hoped to have the memorial peal board to the late Mr. William Rock Small unveiled on this date.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stonham Aspal on Saturday, December 3rd. The ring of ten (now restored) will be available from 2 p.m., and a good attendance is requested. Tea, to be followed by business meeting, will be provided in the schoolroom at 4.45 (1/- each). Notice of intention to be present will be appreciated by W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's on Dec. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea, free to members of the Guild, at 5.15. Will those intending to be present please inform the secretary by Nov. 29th?—T. J. Stokes, 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 4 to 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Nov. 30th? All ringers welcome. —Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Tea in the Rectory at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) ready at 2.15 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. (The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Jan. 7th, 1928.)—F. Green, Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. The peal of ten bells at the Cathedral will be available from 2 p.m.; also the peal of eight bells at St. John's (10 minutes' walk from the Cathedral) will be available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Grandsire and Stedman will be specially practised, although other methods will be rung.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at St. Stephen's, Eastwood (8 bells). Tea will be served in the Schoolroom, Frederick Street.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Tuesday, December 6th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. Members are urged to attend.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Minster bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Minster Parish Room at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea (1s. 6d. each) are requested to advise Mr. W. Gibson, Long Lane, Beverley, on or before Wednesday, Dec. 7th.—A. Bernard Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Meeting to follow. Special attention: Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich. Those intending to be present please notify me before Thursday, Dec. 8th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at the Dolphin at 5.30, followed by business meeting. A new district secretary pro tem. will be elected at this meeting. Will members requiring tea please notify me by Dec. 7th?—Chas. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The seventh annual social will be held in the Preston Parish Church Schools on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tickets: Adults 2s. 6d., children half-price. An early application for tickets to Mr. E. R. Martin, 96, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale, will be much appreciated. The bells of the Parish Church and Penwortham Church will be available during the day.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS. — North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.15, followed by general business meeting. Numbers for tea to reach me by Tuesday, Dec. 6th. — M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Cathedral.—The Cinques practice on Saturday, Dec. 10th, is postponed in consequence of a choral rehearsal. — T. Laver, Gen. Sec., Heavitree, Exeter.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting at Luton on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All are welcome. — W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the two 6-bell towers in Lytham (St. John's and St. Peter's R.C.) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Willingham on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Dec. 8th?—F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready early. Tea can be provided if members write to Mr. R. Thickett, Station Lane, Horbury, before Dec. 7th. Business meeting in belfry after tea.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent (Crow Park Station, L.N.E. Railway) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea will be provided at a reasonable price for those who notify Leonard Pierrepont, 8, Church Street, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, not later than Dec. 7th. A hearty welcome given to members of kindred associations. Cheap return railway tickets from Sheffield and intermediate stations, and also good bus service run.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secretaries.

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FAIRFORD, GLOS. — The peal of 8 bells at St. Mary's Church will be rededicated on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Service at 2.30. All ringers welcome. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by the 8th? The bells have been recast and hung in ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.—J. Hope, London Street, Fairford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherborne on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, in the Abbey, with an address from Canon Wingfield-Digby. Tea at 5 (6d. for members), to be followed by a business meeting, at which the balance sheet will be presented and the officers elected for next year. Towers available: Sherborne (8), Lillington (5), Lydlinch (5) and Bishop's Caundle (5). Will all ringers who wish to be present at the tea, and all will be welcome, please let me know without fail by Dec. 6th?—Rev. R. E. P. Goringe, Hon. Sec., Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A combined practice will be held in conjunction with a committee meeting at Mitcham on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at Parish Church 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Dec. 14th? — Chas. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH. — Dedication on Saturday, Dec. 17th, of a memorial plaque of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, sen., erected in the tower by his son, Mr. E. Denison Taylor. All visiting ringers welcome. Ringing will take place on the peal of ten bells of All Saints' Parish Church, and also on the Bell Foundry peal of ten. The Bell Foundry will be open to visitors. Tea provided at the Fearon Hall for those who send in their names to Mr. J. Saddington, Swingbridge Road, Loughborough, before Thursday, Dec. 15th. All welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea can be arranged if a sufficient number notify me by the 14th.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

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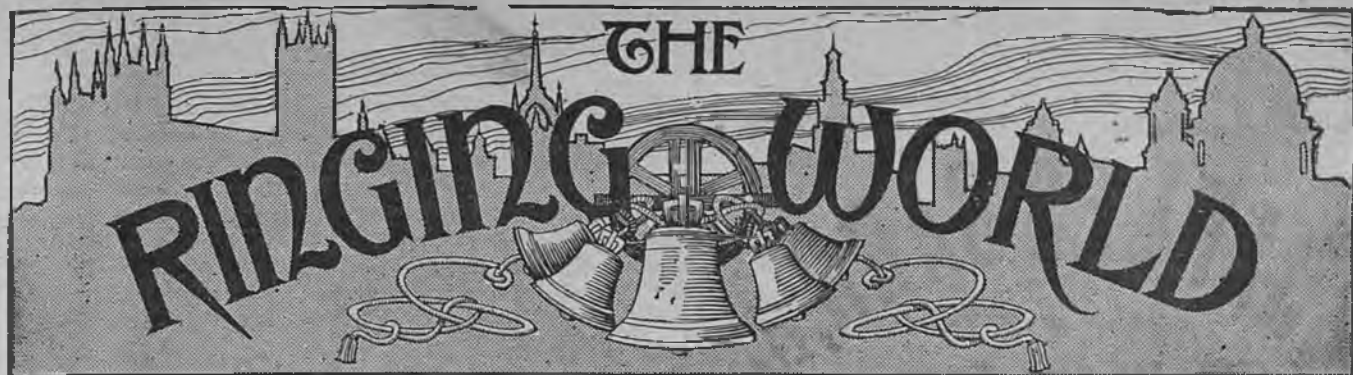
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The informative article by Mr. J. A. Trollope, which appeared in our last issue and which is followed up by another this week, is a useful contribution to the vexed problem of method extension. Whether our readers will be in full agreement or not with all that Mr. Trollope has to say on the subject does not at the moment matter, at any rate from our own point of view. Hitherto the question has been so much obscured by controversy over individual method extensions that the general principles involved have been lost—even if there has ever been an attempt to expound them—to the general body of the Exercise. What we have from time to time sought to impress upon the experts has been the need for arriving at the principles which can be recognised as governing method extension. Mr. Trollope, in his two articles, has set forth some of the difficulties which would have to be faced by any body of men who tried to get down to the task. There may be those who will say that the difficulties are to some extent mythical, and that there are already formulæ upon which all methods can be extended. Be that as it may, if it is possible to get those who take these divergent views to set down their rival opinions and to discuss their respective merits with others who could give a sound judgment, we might go a long way to reducing order out of what is, to the ordinary ringer, apparent chaos.

We readily admit that whoever enter upon this task, if they are to produce something of real value to the Exercise, have to face a thorny problem, and it may be that many of the points at issue will take long to settle. Mr. Trollope has already pointed out that the construction of methods was not settled by the Methods Committee's report, but settled, as far as it has been settled, by the controversies and discussions which grew out of the report. If method extension can be settled in the same way, a great gain will be achieved, and it is because we believe that a solution of the problem can be found if the matter is approached in the right way that we have so constantly urged that it should be taken in hand. If those who at present advance definite views on the subject have the courage of their convictions, they ought not to object to submitting them to an impartial body who could weigh the material before them and come to some conclusion that would give a definite lead to the Exercise at large.

If the discussion which has now reopened in our columns takes the matter nearer to settlement it will have served a useful purpose. We realise that a debate on abstruse points, with masses of technicalities, cannot be

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followed by the majority of our readers, and this should be reserved for a committee, who should be asked to consider the problem. But broad principles can well be understood and some of the difficulties which confront the Exercise can be appreciated by all, from articles such as Mr. Trollope has written. All sides have got to be heard if an acceptable decision is to be arrived at, and while the figures of proof must be left for the consideration of those competent to deal with them, the Exercise will profit by simply stated facts.

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HARRY ROBINSON 2	LESLIE W. C. MORRIS 6
WILLIAM CLARK 3	FRED HODGSON 7
* HARRY MARSDEN 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by F. HODGSON.

* First peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 21, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

* ARTHUR J. JONES Treble	ALFRED T. POSTON 5
JOHN CLARK 2	WILLIAM T. POSTON 6
THOMAS BEVAN 3	JOHN G. JEFFERIES 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Major. 100th peal as conductor.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 24, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	WILLIAM E. PITMAN 5
HARRY BAKER 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHRY 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4	* FREDERICK W. HIXSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

* First peal, and elected a member of the above previous to starting.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

* ALFRED W. WRIGHT Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 5
† JOHN PHILLIPS 2	* WILLIAM HEATH 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
* FRANK ROWSELL 4	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major inside. First peal of Major as conductor, and rung at the second attempt. Before the first attempt a few weeks ago, which came to grief through a change course, he had never called a bob in the method. Business kept Mr. O. H. Perry from standing in the peal.

GREAT TEW, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

* FRANK BALDWIN Treble	DANIEL COOPER 5
RONALD H. BOLLEN 2	FRANK E. DARBY 6
MADRICE SMITH 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on these beautiful bells. The conductor's 150th peal.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.—On Wednesday, November 30th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 480 Plain Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, and 240 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: W. Smith 1, E. H. Mastin 2, T. Bartram 3, F. W. Lack 4, T. Townsend 5, J. T. Newington (conductor) 6. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 5
ERNEST E. GRIMES 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
PERCIVAL WOODS 3	WILLIAM J. GROOM 7
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 4	WILLIAM T. LAST Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WM. J. GROOM.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 30, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD Treble	JAMES FLOYD 5
REGINALD S. COOK 2	* JACK STOPP 6
J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3	HENRY GOLDING 7
HERBERT GATES 4	† WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Bob Major. † 50th peal for the association. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th, who has been a ringer at this church for 45 years.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 1, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* ROBERT HARRISON Treble	* HAYDN THORPE 5
* COLIN HARRISON 2	* A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6
* RALPH S. LONG 3	* HAROLD NAYLOR 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 4	JOHN THORPE Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of London on the bells.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
SAMUEL WARD 2	* GEORGE AMBLER 6
* J. ERNEST PROCTER 3	† JOSEPH E. WATERHOUSE 7
* ROWLAND MYERS 4	JOHN AMBLER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. All are members of the local company.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT Treble	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 5
JOHN W. UNWIN 2	* LUTHER HONESS 6
REV. FRED J. O. HELMORE 3	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD 7
CHARLES W. BRETT 4	HARRISON SMITH Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

* First peal in the method. Birthday peal for Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (aged 76).

RYDE, I.O.W.—On November 1st (All Saints' Day), at All Saints' Church, Ryde, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 1,260 changes, in 48 mins.: H. Dowden (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Brading 2, A. R. Ward (conductor) 3, B. J. Snow 4, P. Long 5, A. White 6, E. Hatcher 7, W. Kemp 8.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr.

J. GOULD Treble	H. KNIGHT 5
*N. COOMBS 2	H. WINDSOR 6
S. BUTCHERS 3	J. T. DYKE 7
J. EVERED 4	†A. GOULD Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Gould, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, December 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 2	*DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	E. HARRY STONELEY... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

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

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS Treble	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 5
*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 2	RICHARD J. STONE 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 7
*FREDERICK W. BURNETT 4	FRANK BLONDELL... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Major.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GILBERT R. GOODSHIP Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	WILLIAM J. NODDS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
WILLIAM PYE 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Rung in honour of J. George's 74th birthday.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 E.

*WILLIAM R. G. SEAGER Treble	CHARLES A. WINNER 5
*HERBERT A. HOLDEN 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
FRED A. MITCHELL 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung after meeting short for Superlative.

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HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HERBERT W. LIDBETTER (Central Committee and Auditor) Treble
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER (Hon. Secretary) 2
ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY (Ringing Master) 3
CHARLES S. BIRD (Vice-president) 4
JAMES H. HUNNISETT (Central Committee) 5
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW (Auditor) 6
FRANK CORKE (Central Committee) 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE (Hon. Treasurer) Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. The Vicar wished the band success before the peal, and congratulated them after on their performance. All the above are officers of the South and West District of the Association.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	*RONALD BECK 5
*SYDNEY WYATT 2	PERCY MERSON 6
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	ALEXANDRA EVANS 7
WILLIAM H. COLES 4	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

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

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

SIDNEY WILTSHIRE Treble	CHARLIE LOVELOCK 5
ERNEST TRUMAN 2	WILLIAM BOLWELL 6
THOMAS DAVISON 3	FRED LAMBETH 7
*HAROLD E. FLEWELLING... .. 4	†JOHN TROUT Tenor

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES PAYNE Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON 5
SAMUEL WHITE 2	BERT RIDGWAY 6
*ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 3	THOMAS K. DEACON 7
*LANCE PERRIN 4	FRED COTTON Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 6th.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

RICHARD CLARK Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
HENRY PRING 2	WALTER FARLEY 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE 3	ALFRED E. REEVES 7
ALBERT STOWELL 4	*HARRY BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

* First peal on eight bells, and elected a member of the association before starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles H. Jennings, John W. Jones, and the conductor's son and daughter.

LONG EATON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. TURNER ... Treble	*GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 5
RICHARD A. HICKTON ... 2	EDWARD FOSTER ... 6
HENRY F. CLULOW ... 3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 7
ERNEST H. CLULOW ... 4	*ERIC W. VARLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Ringers of treble and 2nd from Sawley. The tenor belongs to the local band, the rest are from Southwell Cathedral.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Latimer Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... Treble	JOHN THOMPSON ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 6
MISS D. EVA LEWIS ... 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* 50th peal. This is the 100th peal that E. R. and W. P. Whitehead have rung together.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

PERCY GLEDSTONE ... Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY ... 5
GEORGE CLARE ... 2	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 3	STANLEY SHEPPARD ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 4	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HAYWOOD. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the association.

BODELWYDDAN, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Marble Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS ... Treble	*GEORGE WILSON ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 6
JAMES H. MIDWINTER ... 3	HENRY W. WILDE ... 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal. First peal on the bells after being rebung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Believed to be the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Hallows,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT W. STRICKLAND Treble	CHARLES A. BUTTON ... 5
HENRY A. BARNETT ... 2	JOHN G. NASH ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 4	*HENRY BLER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to William J. Ellis, a member of the local band, who was unfortunately unable to ring in the peal; also in honour of the 74th birthday of Mr. James George.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN FLINT ... Treble	THOMAS RILEY ... 5
*ARTHUR ROBBINS ... 2	*HAROLD KENT ... 6
†STANLEY SLANEY ... 3	EDWARD ROBBINS ... 7
*ERNEST WAGSTAFF ... 4	CHARLES MASON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

ARTHUR MAXIM ... Treble	PERCY GRIDLEY ... 5
THEODORE E. SLATER ... 2	SAMUEL EVANS ... 6
PERCY L. JOHNSON ... 3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... 7
GRANVILLE C. BIXBY ... 4	THOMAS CHINERY ... Tenor

Composed by A. E. DURRANT.

Conducted by W. BURGESS.

This was the conductor's 100th peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

SAMUEL WOOD ... Treble	SYDNEY MARSHALL ... 5
JAMES CARTER ... 2	FRED ALTHORP ... 6
HARRY HEAP ... 3	ALBERT GORRINGE ... 7
ALBERT GORRING ... 4	BENJAMIN THORP ... Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD.

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER ... Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 3	WALTER CHARMAN ... 7
BERNARD WELLS ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Elli,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALAC A RACKHAM ... Treble	*WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... 4
*HAWTHORN L. MORRIS ... 2	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 5
ALFRED A. RACKHAM ... 3	*WILLIAM T. WEAVER ... Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

* First peal in two methods. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. B. Jones, a local ringer, to Miss S. E. C. Rackham, daughter of Mr. A. A. Rackham, captain of the local band. Both the contracting parties are choristers at the above church.

GAINSBOROUGH.—At All Saints' Church, for harvest festival, on Wednesday, October 5th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss E. Marshall (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss P. Baker 2, F. S. W. Butler 3, J. Dixon 4, T. Clarke 5, C. H. Baker 6, H. Torr 7, H. Morgan (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 2nd and 5th.—On handbells, on Sunday, October 2nd, 2,080 Bob Major in 1 hr. 12 mins.: Charles A. Hewitt 1-2, Frederick S. W. Butler 3-4, Harry Morgan (conductor) 5-6, Edward Dalingwater 7-8. Longest length in 'in hand' by ringers of 1-2 and 7-8.

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Grand-sire, Canterbury Pleasure, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN MILES Treble	JAMES ATTWOOD 4
WILLIAM RIMELL 2	FRANCIS MILES 5
CHARLES TRAPP 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER ATTWOOD.

Quarterly peal. First peal in six methods by all except the conductor, and rung entirely by the local band.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising Pitman's and Morris' arrangement. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN MALYAN Treble	GEORGE PRATT 4
ERNEST CHAPMAN 2	RUDD SMITH 5
ROBERT BEDFORD 3	HARRY BEDFORD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal in the method and as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at this church, and were all taught to ring by the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Malyan.

WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 27, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt. (approx.).

*EDWARD SOARS Treble	†LEONARD E. TOWERS 3
*ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE 2	*FRANK BODYCOTE 4

ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD, JUN.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Miss Winifred Ballard, sister of the conductor.

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lb.

*ELI TOUT Treble	WALTER JOHN SMITH 4
GILBERT JONES 2	ALBERT TOUT 5
*JESSIE TOUT 3	*WALTER PARSONS Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

* First peal, and members of the local band.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 1, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 120's of Grandsire and 12 120's Bob Doubles. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*THOMAS C. WALTERS ... Treble	*CHARLES G. ALDERMAN ... 4
EDWARD J. WHITLOCK ... 2	ALEXANDER COLEY ... 5
WILLIAM FRENCH ... 3	*THOMAS H. BIRD ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. WHITLOCK.

* First peal. First peal in two methods by all the band. First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Miss A. J. Wylie on the occasion of her marriage. She was a member of the Church Council, and a willing worker for all charities in the parish.

GT. WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for harvest-festival service, on Thursday evening, October 13th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Cherry 1, F. C. Webb 2, F. Gardner 3, G. Wolfe 4, R. E. Croft 5, R. T. Newman 6. Conducted by Geo. T. Croft. First 720 in the method by ringers of 3rd and 6th.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT RELFE Treble	GEORGE FULLER 4
*JAMES BASSETT 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
WALTER MARSHALL 3	BERTRAM LUCK Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. BANKES. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal inside. Birthday peal for the conductor.

ANTONY, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JACOB,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*CHARLES HOLMES ... Treble	†GEORGE GODDARD ... 4
HERBERT I. BALDRY ... 2	WILLIAM HAMBLYN ... 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor away from treble. First peal of Minor on the bells. Ringers of 1st, 5th and 6th from St. Andrew's, 2nd, 3rd and 4th from Emmanuel's, Plymouth.

ABBOTS LANGLEY.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One 720 each of Double Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY L. LONG ... Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 4
*STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 2	†WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 5
JOHN MALYAN ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Richardson (Surfleet) and the conductor.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, seven different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE MILES ... Treble	WILLIAM LEGGETT ... 4
*LEWIS CAMP ... 2	EDWARD SITCH ... 5
CHARLES HARRINGTON ... 3	HARRY TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal inside. First peal on the bells. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th hail from Fryerning, treble from Brentwood, and 4th and tenor from Shenfield.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 6th, at St. Giles', Camberwell, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. Hales (first quarter of Stedman Caters) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. N. Hardy 3, W. Rogers 4, J. Milner 5, R. G. Chappell 6, R. Bullen 7, L. Baybutt 8, J. R. Gammon 9, H. H. Peters 10.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, November 6th, for morning service, 720 changes of Norfolk Surprise Minor: J. Spencer 1, W. C. Bunn (conductor) 2, E. Bailey 3, G. Lee 4, A. J. L. Naunton 5, F. W. Naunton 6.—For evening service, touches of Treble Bob and Double Court were brought round with E. Chatten taking part.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—At the Priory Church, on Remembrance Sunday, for matins, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): C. Matthews (first quarter of Major) 1, G. H. Sentance 2, A. V. Good 3, G. W. Harris 4, B. Calcott 5, C. Rollings 6, G. Heley 7, A. E. Sharnam (conductor) 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled and in the 4-6-8 position.

MERE, WILTS.—On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering: G. Bunce 1, H. Keates 2, J. Gray 3, C. Phillips 4, E. Coward 5, C. Bunce 6, F. A. Coward (conductor) 7, B. Sheppard 8.—After service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: G. Bunce 1, H. Keates 2, J. Gray 3, E. Coward 4, E. J. Rowe 5, W. Keates 6, F. A. Coward (conductor) 7, B. Sheppard 8. First quarter-peal by all the band with the exception of ringers of 4th and 7th, and first quarter-peal and longest length by local band. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. F. E. Trotman) on his leaving the parish.

A CHESHIRE TOUR.**MOTORING ON A TYPICAL 'SUMMER' DAY.**

On a typical English summer day—like most of those we have enjoyed (P) this year—a day when the makers of umbrellas and 'macks' rub their hands with satisfaction—six members of the Chester Diocesan Guild (Chester Branch), Messrs. H. W. Wilde, J. Morgan, G. Jones, W. Thomas, A. E. Richards, and J. W. Clarke, set off early in the morning to endeavour to raise a few blisters. They met in the ancient city of Chester, complete with Austin car and Rudge motor-cycle—two trusty vehicles which have had previous 'honourable mentions' in these columns.

On the command, 'Prepare to mount,' the five gentlemen for the car placed themselves in position—i.e., fat ones in front, thin ones behind. Failing to persuade any of the car people to take a turn on the motor-cycle, Mr. Clarke had to ride it himself.

After a good swim, Great Budworth, the first place of call, was reached at 9.45, and after a look round the beautiful church, the Vicar led the ascent to the lofty tower. The bells, delightfully old-fashioned and mellow, were soon ringing out Oxford Treble Bob, a good 720 being brought round on the back six. Mr. Richards set a noble example of early morning energy by turning in the 23 cwt. tenor. After 120 Stedman Doubles, the 'swim' was again continued as far as Mobberley. The exquisite carving in this ancient church is worthy of mention, and the beauty of the building was enhanced by harvest decorations. The ringing chamber, evidently once a west gallery, could scarcely be called ideal. The floor is in two tiers, one about a yard above the other, three ropes falling on the upper floor and three on the lower. Although this is somewhat out of the ordinary, ringers on holiday don't worry much, and a 720 of Double Oxford was completed before the bells were lowered. A move was then made towards lunch, and a cosy restaurant was chosen in Alderley Edge.

The water had somewhat subsided in the afternoon, and travelling was a little more pleasant. Rubber tyres, however, did not quite like the cobbled lane leading to the quaint old church at Alderley, which was reached about 2.30 p.m. An extent of Kent Minor was accomplished on the pleasing ring of six before the journey was continued to the little brick church at Chelford. Chelford bells are a light six, and ringers are tempted to run them along at a speed which sometimes spells disaster. The mishap came when nearly half-way through a 720 of Double Bob, but, fortunately, time allowed of an extent being obtained before leaving for Holmes Chapel.

Tea was now the order of the day, and, as no cafe was visible, the party walked into a hostelry conveniently situated near the church. There was an awkward moment just after they entered—a maid dropped a laden tray with a terrible crash. It appears that she

imagined herself to be dreaming on hearing ringers asking for 'tea'!

The bells of Holmes Chapel, although of considerable age, have been rehung during recent years, and 'go' excellently. The day's ringing was concluded here with an enjoyable 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor, after which wheels revolved towards Chester again. After safely negotiating the narrow streets of Middlewich and the market crowds of Winsford, Chester was safely reached. Mr. Richards and Mr. Thomas were put down to look for their bus; the other four, at any rate, arrived home at the highly respectable hour of 9.30.

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

A successful meeting was held at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on Saturday, November 26th, where, in spite, of the inclement weather, over 40 attended.

Ringings started at 3 p.m., and good practice was put in by the probationers, as well as the more advanced members, till 4.50, when the Rev. H. M. Maynard (Vicar) visited the tower to unveil a tablet, recording the first peal of Bob Major rung on the bells by the Ancient Society of College Youths. Service followed, conducted by the Vicar, with Miss Fry at the organ. Afterwards, tea was served in the Church Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Hudson. At the request of the Vicar, who presided, Mr. and Mrs. Belcher and family, assisted by Mr. A. H. Fulwell, rendered some fine selections on the handbells, which were much appreciated by all the company.

The Vicar gave a hearty welcome to the association, and expressed the hope that they would pay another visit in the near future.

The Vicar vacated the chair after tea, and his place was ably filled by Mr. A. F. Gunning (churchwarden) for the business meeting.

Three new members were elected.—St. John's, Hillingdon, and St. Mary's, Acton, were proposed for the January meeting. Acton secured 16 votes and Hillingdon 14. Further selections were given on the handbells, and Grandsire Caters, etc., were also rung.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, churchwarden, organist, host and hostess, Messrs. P. E. Clark, E. J. Walsom and C. Edwards, of St. Stephen's band, Mr. and Mrs. Belcher and family, and A. H. Fulwell for their entertainment, and all who helped to make the meeting a success.

St. Mary's was visited after tea, when the company was added to, and Double Norwich, Cambridge, and Superlative Surprise were practised.

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. Sharp (Vicar) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. H. Hunnisett for the welcome he gave to the members.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A record which stood for 80 years was made at Painswick on December 9th, 1833, when a peal of 10,224 Treble Bob Maximus was rung in 6 hrs. 50 mins.

One hundred and forty years ago to-morrow '5,040 Holt's Grandsire Trebles' was rung at Kingston-on-Thames, 'call'd by Robert Porter, age 17 years.' This must have been a unique performance for so young a ringer at that time. Do any of our readers know what was the future career of this youthful conductor?

A peal of 'Real Double Caters' was composed and conducted by George Gross, and rung at St. Magnus', London Bridge, on December 10th, 1770. The composition is preserved, and is to be found in the 'Clavis.'

On December 15th, 1735, 8,008 Grandsire Cinques was rung by the College Youths at Southwark. When one remembers that it was only a bare twenty years earlier that the first peal of any kind had been rung, the progress which was made in those early days of peal ringing must have been considerable, for there were not the means of inter-communication of ideas then that there are now.

The first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Clement Dances was rung 80 years ago next Thursday.

December 15th is also the anniversary of the first peal rung in South Africa—a peal of Grandsire Triples at Woodstock, in the year 1904.

It is proposed to attempt a peal of Stedman at Dartford on Saturday, January 6th, 1928, at 2.30 p.m., by members of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows. Any ringers belonging to the Unity who would like to ring should write to Bro. R. A. Jenkins, Dartford Lodge, 84, Priory Road, Dartford. For the event a dinner and concert are being arranged at the Co-operative Hall, it being the 89th anniversary of the lodge in Dartford. The conductor of the peal will be Bro. J. H. Cheesman, Greenhithe Lodge.

SILVER BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to this subject brought up by your correspondent in these columns a short time ago, I am sending this extract from an old book, 'Popular Errors Explained,' by John Timbs, F.S.A., which may interest ringers generally:—

'Silver in bells. A prejudice has long existed that the old church bells contained a smaller or larger portion of silver, and the large bell of Rouen Cathedral was, from its beautiful sounds, called the silver bell. It was broken up, and melted into cannon, in the first French Revolution; and M. Girardin has, by a careful analysis, ascertained that this Rouen bell had not a trace of silver in it. One hundred parts of it by weight contained: Copper 71, brass 26, zinc 1.80, iron 1.20. Modern French bells differ little from the above, being composed of: Copper 78, brass 22.'

Mr. E. Beckett Denison, in his account of the great bell of Westminster, says that silver is 'a purely poetical and not a chemical ingredient of any known bell metal; and that there is no foundation whatever for the vulgar notion that it was used in old bells, nor the least reason to believe that it would do any good. I happened to hear,' adds Mr. Denison, 'of an instance where it had been tried by a gentleman who had put his own silver into the pot at the bell foundry some years ago. I wrote to him to inquire about it, and he could not say that he remembered any particular effect. This seemed to me to be quite enough to settle that question. You may easily see for yourselves that a silver cup makes a rather worse bell than a cast-iron saucepan.'

One thing, however, seems certain, and that is that church bells made of solid silver would be very expensive.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD GEORGE ELLENGER.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. PRESENTATIONS.

The final meeting of the Organising Committee of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, when arrangements were completed for the inaugural meeting, which is to be held on Saturday, December 31st, at Guildford.

The Bishop of Guildford will preside at this meeting, and it is hoped the initiation of the new Guild will be attended by the president and hon. secretary of the Central Council and by officers of all the neighbouring Guilds and associations.

The inaugural meeting will be followed by a special service in the cathedral. After tea, there will be facilities for ringing.

Indisposition prevented the hon. secretary from attending the meeting on Saturday, but he received a pleasant surprise on Monday, when one of the members visited him and handed him an attaché case, the gift of the committee in appreciation of the work which he had done in connection with organising the new Guild. There was a kindly thought also for Mrs. Goldsmith, who received a silver-mounted walking stick. As the secretary did not have the opportunity of thanking the committee personally for their great kindness, he desires to do so through these columns.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

MORE ABOUT COURSING ORDER.

All legitimate Major methods being compelled to produce Bob Major lead-heads, it follows that these coursing order positions will apply to the lead-heads of any Major method. Notice the words 'lead-heads.' In other methods the coursing order may be broken **WITHIN** the leads, but it is put right again before the end of the leads, being maintained in the lead-heads until a 'call' introduces a new course, as will be shown; but, for the moment, we will only consider the fact that in our peal the calls do not disturb the plain coursing positions of our tenors—that they are not 'parted' from one another in the coursing order; and that, at every lead-head throughout the peal, they will occupy positions which correspond to one of the plain course lead-heads, thus:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Notice that the '87' coursing pair are adjacent only in the 2/3 and 7/8 places, and that it is '78' there; it will never be '87.' That in the odd places (3/5 and 5/7) it is '703,' and that in the even places (2/4, 4/6 and 6/8) it is '807.'

Now let ANY OTHER COURSING PAIR replace the '87' pair, say the '46.' Then in the odd places we may expect to find '604,' and in the even places '406,' and so on. It will never be '603,' etc., etc., because '63' are not a coursing pair. Similarly with any pair chosen from the coursing order.

There are seven coursing pairs in the coursing order, and during their progress through the seven leads of the plain course each pair will, in turn, occupy each position taken by '87' above. In another way, when '87' do NOT occupy a certain pair of the places given, another coursing pair will do so.

When finding the lead-heads that were false against the PLAIN COURSE, we had seven columns, each containing fourteen false heads, from which we abstracted those which had the tenors in plain coursing positions, and we were left with only six that mattered. These six could have been produced straight from column No. 1, in the following manner.

Given our fourteen false heads that are false against lead-head 2345678, if any of them has a COURSING PAIR of bells in a pair of the seven plain coursing positions, it follows that we can substitute (for 2345678) a PLAIN COURSE LEAD-HEAD that will bring the 87 pair into those plain coursing positions, which are held by that other coursing pair in the false head, the false head being relative to 2345678.

No. 3 false head in column No. 1 is 5238746, and '53' are a coursing pair which occupy therein a pair of plain course positions (5030000). Now the false head (5)2(3)8746 is false against (2)3(4)5(6)78, wherein '53' occupy the THIRD AND FIFTH places in the row. Then: Find a plain course lead-head which has the 87 pair (the tenors) in the THIRD AND FIFTH places, and—

If lead-head 2(3)4(5)678 has a false head (5)2(3)8746, then lead-head 0(7)0(8)000 will have a false head (8)0(7)0000.

First examine the 14 heads in column No. 1 that are false against 2345678, and note any coursing pair that occupy EXACTLY the same positions as they do in ANY PLAIN COURSE LEAD-HEAD. The false head No. 1 is the first (57)83246, wherein the 75 pair correspond in positions to No. 2 lead-head (57)38264. (Note.—This lead-head does not enter into the question, and may immediately be forgotten. It is merely the means of enabling us easily to recognise a coursing pair in plain course positions.) Then look for the plain-course lead-head which has the 87 pair IN THE 5/7 PLACES. It is the lead-head at the top of your column No. 5—352(7)4(8)6. Then, lead-head 3527456, transposed by the false head 5783246, gives 7865324, which is a 'tenors together' false head belonging to COLUMN NO. FIVE.

No. 2 false head is another—657(2)8(3)4, the 32 pair corresponding in positions to lead-head No. 7—648(2)7(3)5. Here we want the lead-head with the 87 pair in the 2/3 places, the 2/3 places corresponding to the '23' bells. It is that lead-head which heads our column No. 6—(78)56342. Then, lead-head 7865342, transposed by the false head 6572834, gives 3647285, which is a 'tenors together' false head belonging to THAT COLUMN—No. 6.

And so on, the tenors having to be in those PLACES in the lead-heads that correspond to the NUMBERS of the coursing pair picked out in the false head, the result of the transposition belonging to the column which is headed by the lead-head that has the tenors in the necessary places. The whole of them are given below:—

(1) Shows the heads that are false against 2345678, denoting the coursing pairs in plain course positions.

(2) Lead-heads with the tenors in corresponding places.

(3) Transpositions of (2) by (1), being false heads with 'tenors together,' denoting their respective columns.

F.H. No.	(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	(57)83246	352(7)4(8)6	7865324—column 5.
2.	657(2)8(3)4	(78)56342	3647285—column 6.
3.	(5)2(3)8746	5(7)3(8)264	8574632—column 2.
4.	3(4)7(2)865	(8)16(7)4523	6728354—column 3.
13.	7(3)4(5)826	5(7)3(8)264	6738452—column 2.
14.	(23)54976	(78)56342	7865243—column 6.

It so happens that Superlative Surprise Major has given false heads which contain only one pair of coursing bells in the plain course positions, but it is possible for more than two bells to be in plain course places in a false head. These must be carefully searched for, if this short cut is going to be used.

For instance, a head that is false against 2345678 might be 4327586. Here we have two combinations—432(7)5(8)6, wherein the positions of the 87 pair correspond to lead-head No. 5; AND ALSO 43275(8)6, wherein the 68 pair correspond also to lead-head No. 5. In this instance it is necessary to transpose TWO plain course lead-heads with the tenors in corresponding places, by the ONE false head; that is, BOTH 23456(78) and 4263(8)5(7) will be transposed by the false head 4327586, giving 4327586 and 6245378 respectively.

Again, the false-head might be 26(7)8(5)4(3), wherein '75' and '53' are coursing pairs in plain course positions. Here it is necessary to transpose the two lead-heads 352(7)4(8)6 and 5(7)3(8)264 by this one false head, giving 3486725 and 5264837 as the respective false heads with the 'tenors together.' And so on, taking care to pick out, in the false head, EVERY COMBINATION of coursing bells in plain course positions, and applying each combination to the plain course lead-head, with the tenors in the necessary places.

We have found that if we cause second's or eight's places to be made at the lead-ends, our coursing order remains unaltered; but, if a 'place' other than these is made, a different case will arise.

In Major methods, bobs are made in two ways—either by fourth's place or by sixth's place being made at the lead-ends, instead of the usual second's or eighth's places, as the case may be. We can discover how coursing order will be affected by both of these bobs by turning our 'plain hunting lead' into a bobbed lead, first by causing fourth's place to be made (by the '5'), and then by causing sixth's place to be made (by the '7'):—

132(5)4768 13254(7)68

123(5)7486 12345(7)86

Now 'pick up' the even-place bells and work backwards on the odd ones, as before, and we have coursing order 2546873254, etc., for the first, and coursing order 247685324, etc., for the second. Comparison of these new orders with our original will show that a FOURTH'S-PLACE BOB causes the bell which makes the bob place (the '5' in this particular instance) to take two steps BACKWARDS in the coursing order, now appearing between '2-4' instead of between '7-3,' as in the original. The SIXTH'S-PLACE BOB causes the bell which makes the bob place (the '7' here) to take two steps FORWARDS in the coursing order.

Different bells will, of course, make the bob places at other lead-heads, and those bells will then be the ones to take the steps forwards or backwards in the coursing order then prevailing, but the EFFECT will always be the same.

When bobs are used, only the one place is made in the rows, as in the Minor, but when singles are introduced in Major, TWO PLACES are made IN ADDITION to the usual second's or eighth's place—again as in the Minor. A single in a second's-place method causes THIRD'S AND FOURTH'S places to be made IN ADDITION, and in an eighth's-place method SIXTH'S AND SEVENTH'S places are made in addition to the eighth's place. We shall find that the single, applied in either way will have the same effect upon coursing order.

Turn the plain lead into a singled lead, first by making second's, third's and fourth's places, and then by making sixth's, seventh's, and eighth's places, thus:—

1(325)4768 13254(768)

1(325)7486 12345(768)

and we find that the coursing order is 354687235, etc., and 247865324, etc., respectively, and, when compared with the original, we see that the TWO BELLS which make the EXTRA PLACES change positions with EACH OTHER in the coursing order, the 25 in the first and the 76 in the second case.

In this connection it may be noted that a single in a Major method does not mean a 'single change,' as in the Minor; in fact, it is a misnomer here, TWO pairs changing in the row, instead of the three pairs as at the plain lead. Similarly with the higher numbers.

Each call will alter the prevailing coursing order in the manner shown above, and the conductor is enabled to carry the coursing order of the bells in mind by transposing them as each call is made. He is immediately in a position to know if his bells are not in their proper places.

This is the seventeenth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

LONDON.—For the fish harvest festival at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, on Sunday evening, October 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Ayles (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, W. H. Fussell 2, T. H. Taffender 3, S. C. Moye 4, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 5, W. Rogers 6, J. R. Gammon 7, W. Bayliss 8.

THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

PLAIN BOB.

To understand the extension of Plain Bob we must first understand the structure of the method. There are six changes on three bells. Let us ring them with a covering tenor, and divide them into three sections of two rows each. Now hunt the tenor down to lead, let her lead a whole pull, and hunt her up behind again between each section, and we get Reverse Bob Minimus. (Write it out in full.) Add a bell to the working bells thus, and do the same, and we get Bob Doubles. Add another thus, and do the same, and we get the Bob Minor. I have given the reverse variation in each case as this best shows the nature of the method. It consists of a plain hunting course with a tenor behind, but the tenor is turned in at every cross section, hunted down to lead, and then up again, and when she is behind the working bells continue their independent hunting course just as if the tenor had not been turned in. The row above the line becomes the lead-end, and the row below the line the lead-head of the method. In practice, we discard Bob Doubles, Triples, etc., not because they are not a true extension, but because they cause a bell to strike four consecutive rows behind.

We have now seen that Bob Minimus can be extended to five bells in two different ways—by adding a bell in the hunt, which gives us Grandsire Doubles, the other by adding a bell in the work, which gives us Bob Doubles.

H. LAW JAMES.

WHAT IS A METHOD?

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The first thing to do is to settle clearly and definitely exactly what it is you are going to extend. That sounds like a truism, but it is not. A very large part of the difficulty in these matters arises from the fact that men take foundations and fundamentals too much for granted. You will probably say, 'Methods are what we want to extend, and every ringer knows what a method is.' Yes; every ringer does know what a method is up to a certain point, and to a point which includes everything which ordinarily concerns him. But we are dealing with a much disputed part of the science of ringing, and we want a much clearer and more definite idea and definition of a method than will suffice for all ordinary purposes. Here is a test. Take a piece of paper and write down exactly what you understand by the term method when you are dealing with this question of extension. Test it by every means you can think of. See that it satisfies, not only your own strong criticism, but also any fair criticism others can bring against it. In a word, start your arguments on clear, definite ideas. When you have done this, you can go on to ask yourself the next important question, What exactly do we mean by extension?

What is a method? At the outset let us thoroughly realise what it is not. It is not a collection of figures. There is no more subtle trap that a man can fall into in this matter than to think that a lead of, say, Superlative Major is a collection of figures, and to extend the method to Superlative Royal is to make as near a copy as possible with ten figures of the original eight. The figures we use are a more or less imperfect means of representing the method, but they are not the method. If you treat them as if they were the method (and the temptation is exceedingly strong), you are bound to fall into many fallacies and mistakes. A man may know (and many men do know) a vast deal about methods who never bothers himself about figures at all. If you want to know what a method really is, put your figures on one side and go into the tower and ring.

Now when we attempt a peal of Bob Major or London Surprise, or anything else, we do not start with the intention of ringing so many particular rows. Not one of the band, not even the conductor or the composer, could tell you what rows you actually have rung unless he makes elaborate calculations. What we do attempt to do, and we do know, everyone of us, whether we have done or not, is so much hunting, so much dodging, and so much place making. Everything, in fact, that we call 'work.' But all this work is only so much movement. It is this movement of the bells among each other which is the essential thing in ringing, which, indeed, is ringing itself. I hope no one will think I am writing platitudes or what everybody knows; for I am quite certain that until you realise that ringing is neither a collection of figures nor a succession of rows, nor even a succession of changes, but an amount of movement, you will never realise what an extension really is. A method is so much movement.

This is a fact, the proofs of which are abundant directly you enter the tower, but which you are extremely likely to overlook when you sit down at home with pencil and paper to work out theoretic problems in ringing. It was the idea of movement which first started ringing more than three hundred years ago, and which sharply conditions and controls what ringing is. Notice how almost every term we use implies movement and practically nothing else—hunting, dodging, place making, bob, course, lead and the rest—they all bear witness to the fact that we are concerned primarily with movement, and that all other things are subordinate.

Fabian Stedman knew and realised this. He does not give you figures and then leave you to find out what to do from them. He first of all describes how the bells are to move, which ones you have to hunt up or down; and afterwards, as an illustration, he gives you figures. But it is always as an illustration. It would be a good thing if we could work out this problem of extension without the aid of figures at all. That, perhaps, is not possible. But it is possible to free ourselves from the tyranny of the figures and treat the method as it really is—a thing which belongs to practical ringing and to the tower.

That brings us to an important general truth. No extension is a true and valid extension unless it can be rung by the same rules as the original. This is the only sure test in the matter, and all arguments and all proofs which you can produce are only of use so far as they recognise this. Of course, like all general statements, this is a test which has to be applied with care and knowledge. It does not mean that every rule by which you ring Double Norwich Major must apply to any method calling itself Double Norwich Royal. It might even be that no rule by which you personally ring the Major will apply to the Royal. It does mean that there must be a set of rules which, applied to eight bells, will enable you to ring Double Norwich Major, and, applied to ten bells, will enable you to ring Double Norwich Royal.

Here, then, is our problem broadly stated. A method is so much movement with certain definite rules. How can we extend that movement, using exactly the same rules?

CHESHIRE AND STAFFORDSHIRE RINGERS UNITE.

UNVEILING CEREMONY AT WISTASTON.

On Saturday, November 26th, in the cosy little belfry of Wistaston, a very interesting ceremony took place, the Rector (Rev. W. Mayne) unveiling a tablet recording a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. This was preceded by a short service, at which about twenty ringers were present from Norton, Lawton, Barthomley, Crewe and Wistaston.

The Rector said it gave him very great pleasure to unveil the tablet, which would show to future generations the splendid activities in change ringing which had been accomplished in the past.

Both churchwardens were present, and Mr. C. Hartley, on behalf of the parishioners, thanked Mr. J. E. Wheeldon and Mr. H. G. Smith for their kindness in presenting to Wistaston such a beautiful adornment to the belfry, especially as the work was executed by these two gentlemen who formed two of the band who rang the peal. He could assure them that they all appreciated the gift very much.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, in response, said it always gave him pleasure to do anything he possibly could to further the art of change ringing. He had often wished to conduct Cambridge Surprise Minor in seven different extents, and he thanked Mr. A. Crawley very much for having given him the opportunity to do so. He also added that the composition of the band was a mixture of Cheshire and Staffordshire men, and that it was really a happy combination which resulted in a good peal. He thanked the Rector and churchwardens for the way they had received them that afternoon, and although this was his 60th peal he would always remember Wistaston because the peal was his first one outside his native county of Staffordshire.

Mr. T. Billington (warden) said he remembered not many years ago they possessed a 'stick-in-the-mud band,' who were content with 'stony' ringing, but since the advent of Mr. A. Crawley as conductor he had changed all that, and now they had a good change-ringing band.

By the generosity of Mr. C. Hartley, tea was partaken of in the large choir vestry. Mr. W. P. Deane proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hartley for his kindness, and said that if the Wistaston ringers would come to Norton they would be only too pleased to return the compliment.—This was seconded by Mr. Geo. Crawley.

London, Chester and Cambridge Surprise, etc., were rung during the afternoon and evening, the ringing terminating a very happy gathering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A by-meeting was held at Faversham on Saturday, December 3rd, where eleven towers were represented: Ashford, Canterbury, Ospringe, Littlebourne, Wickhambreaux, Sittingbourne, Herne, Faversham, Headcorn, Dover and Wingham.

A short service was held in the church, the Rev. Canon Clarke officiating. After the service, about 25 members sat down to tea at the Central Cafe, Faversham. The Rev. Canon Clarke presided over the business meeting which followed.

A letter from Mrs. Wilcox, St. Lawrence Vicarage, Thanet, expressing appreciation of condolences sent from a previous meeting, was read by the district secretary.

The next by-meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux, by the kind invitation of the Rev. W. Horne (Rector), the probable date being January 14th.

Before the meeting closed, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the chairman for the use of the church bells, and also for presiding over the meeting.—This was carried by acclamation.

During the afternoon and evening the methods rung included Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, Bob Major, and Stedman.

GLoucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. MEETING AT ABBOTS LEIGH.

Considering the fine afternoon, it was rather disappointing on Saturday week that such a small number of members attended the Bristol Branch meeting, which was held at the charming village of Abbots Leigh, but those who did put in an appearance had a very enjoyable time. Mr. G. Bennett (the local secretary) was at the church to welcome the members. The bells were raised in peal, and good touches of Minor were rung. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. R. Raymer), who also gave an excellent address, which was listened to with the deepest interest. Mr. T. H. Osgood presided at the organ, and at the conclusion, as a voluntary, he played the 'Hallelujah Chorus,' which was much appreciated.

Tea was served in the old schoolroom, and was followed by a short business meeting presided over by the chairman (Mr. J. Gould), who was supported by the Vicar. The hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) read a letter from the general secretary, saying he would recommend a grant be made for the rehanging of Marshfield bells, and Mr. F. C. Williams asked if the branch could not also make a grant. This was left for decision at the annual meeting to be held in January next.

Mr. E. S. Machin was elected an honorary member.

The Secretary reported that the arrangements were well in hand for the next meeting at Brislington on Saturday, December 17th, and that the Vicar was giving them his usual hearty welcome.

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. Williams seconded, a comprehensive vote to the Vicar, organist and local band.—The Vicar, responding, said it was his last opportunity to say 'Good-bye' to them all and to the dioceses, as he was shortly leaving for Sheldon, near Birmingham. He was glad of the opportunity of welcoming the association, and he hoped they would get all the towers into the association, which was serving the Church so well, and which pointed to a great brotherhood. He would like to see all the choirs have such an association.

The organist also replied, and said he would be at their service at any time he was required.

The Chairman, in conclusion, wished the Vicar every success in his new sphere.

Another visit was then paid to the belfry, and some were pleased with their first touch of Surprise Minor.

It may be of interest to all ringers to know that Abbots Leigh bells have a lightning conductor attached and connected with the tower conductor outside. The tower, being on a hill, is exposed, and no doubt this is an excellent 'safety first' idea for the bells and tower.

GLoucester BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held at Quedgeley on Saturday, November 26th, and was well attended, the Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who had motored over from Hemerton, being among those present. Service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Hadow, who extended a very hearty welcome to the members, and gave an address.

Tea was afterwards partaken of, the Vicar presiding. The usual business meeting followed, Mr. A. Wright (in the absence of the Vicar, who had to leave to fulfill another engagement) presiding.

The Secretary gave his report, which showed that during the past year eight meetings had been held, with an attendance of 153 members, showing an average of 19 members per meeting. The membership now is 119 performing members, against 107 last year, 24 honorary members (the same as last year), including three lady honorary members, showing an increase of 12 in the total membership.

The report, which was considered very satisfactory, was adopted.

The Rev. H. G. Hadow was unanimously elected chairman of the branch; vice-chairman, the Rev. F. H. O. Paton, who has removed from the city. Mr. W. H. Harrison was re-elected branch secretary, and Mr. T. Baldwin as representative on the Branch Management Committee.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar was proposed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and seconded by Mr. J. Austen, and carried unanimously.—The Vicar, in replying, said he would carry out the duties of chairman to the best of his ability, and he wished the association every success.

This terminated the business meeting, and the members returned to the tower, where further ringing was indulged in.

MR. W. BURGESS' 100 PEALS.

On five bells in seven methods 2, on six bells in one method 2 (conducted 2), in three methods 3 (conducted 2), in four methods 3 (conducted 2), in five methods 3, in seven methods 4, in seven Surprise methods 1, Oxford Bob Triples 1, St. Clement's 1, Grandsire 7, Stedman 2, Bob Major 9, Kent Treble Bob 19 (conducted 7), Oxford Treble Bob 13 (conducted 1), Double Norwich 9, Cambridge Surprise 2, Superlative Surprise 6, London Surprise 4, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, Stedman Cinques 5, Oxford Treble Bob Maximus 1, Double Norwich Maximus 1, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 1. Mr. Burgess has also rung in 100 different towers in three counties.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, October 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Atkins 1, H. Withers 2, E. Rose 3, W. Mumford 4, G. Pigott (conductor) 5, E. Boylin 6, T. Russell 7, W. Cartwright 8.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, CLUN.

PRESENTATIONS.

The thirtieth annual meeting of St. George's Society, Clun, was held at Trinity Hospital on Monday evening, November 28th, when the Rev. H. J. Scott presided. Reference was made to the death of Mr. J. S. Buchanan, which had occurred during the year (he was the originator of half-pull ringing in Clun when the diocesan Guild was founded in 1886), and to the departure of Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, late Vicar of Hopesay, who had removed to Hereford.

The Hon. Secretary stated that the funds were in a good condition, as they had increased their balance in hand during the year.

The chairman was elected a life member of the society, and Mr. Wm. Mead was re-elected hon. secretary and conductor, and Mr. F. A. Watkins was reappointed captain.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Mr. Watkins called upon Mr. Mead (churchwarden and hon. secretary) to present their chairman with a silver inkstand in the model of a bell, suitably inscribed, as a token of their esteem. In asking Mr. Scott to accept the gift, Mr. Mead said, on behalf of the bellringers of St. George's Church, Clun, he was privileged to ask him to accept that little gift as a slight token of their sincere esteem and appreciation of his valuable help in the belfry, and also the warm interest he had always taken in bellringers and bellringing in particular. They wished to express their grateful thanks for the valuable time the chairman had freely given in teaching young ringers the art of bellringing. It was a great disappointment to them that they were losing their tutor, but they must see to it that the good progress made was continued, so that the seed sown might bring forth lasting fruit. The older members would remember the condition of bells and bellringing when he (Mr. Scott) came to Clun nearly 28 years ago, then a cracked and dilapidated tower, six bells of poor tone in a rickety frame, and dangerous to ring, a ringing room more or less full of the sexton's tools and barrow and the church cleaner's bucket and brooms. Now they had a restored tower, a new clock, a complete octave of well-tuned bells, and a ringing room equal to any in the country, or which they were justly proud. They were grateful that he had been able to take his share in the great work of the restoration of the noble old church tower and bells. It was with a certain amount of feeling that they made their little presentation, as it meant the leave taking of one with whom it had been delightful to work, and who had never failed in practice or service ringing. They all united in wishing him every happiness in his new sphere of work, and trusted he would be spared to stand with them in the belfry when he paid them a visit.

Mr. Scott, in reply, said he was delighted with the gift—a most appropriate one, which he should treasure most of all. He was particularly interested in bellringing, which was a branch of church work of great importance.

The inkstand was inscribed, 'Presented to the Rev. H. J. Scott, M.A., by the bellringers of Clun, as a token of their esteem, November, 1927.'

After the presentation, the ringers were entertained to light refreshments.

On the previous Thursday, Mr. Scott was the recipient of an illuminated address, a cheque for £42, and an album containing about 400 names of subscribers. The presentation took place in the Town Hall before a crowded audience. The Rev. S. Dugdale, R.D., presided, and was supported by Sir George and Lady Cuyler, Rev. J. Harrison, Vicar, and Messrs. W. Mead and Jas. Humphrey (churchwardens). The presentation was made by Sir George Cuyler, and Mr. Scott suitably replied. Another presentation was a silver-mounted umbrella from the inmates and staff of the hospital, of which Mr. Scott was subwarden.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held on Saturday last at St. Katherine's Church, Holt. Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m., and at 4.40 p.m. the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. Roberts, Mr. Wicks, of Devizes, kindly taking the duty of organist.

Tea followed in the Church Room, after which a short business meeting was held, the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, presiding. The Chairman referred to the peals rung since the last meeting, viz., the peal of Double Norwich at Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, the long peal rung at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, and the peal of Grandsire Triples rung by local men at Melksham. He also made reference to the deaths of the Right Rev. R. C. Abbott, Bishop of Sherborne, who dedicated the bells at Holt on November 25th, 1925, and the Very Rev. A. E. Burn, Dean of Salisbury, who, he said, he knew personally, and whose death was a loss to the diocese.

All present stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Mr. H. Cockell, of Melksham, was elected a member of the Guild.

Ringers were present from Bratton, Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church), Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Rowde, Holt, Trowbridge, Melksham and Mere, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Ringings also took place during the evening at Melksham, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung.

'CLAPPERLESS' PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—No doubt many ringers, like myself, have been waiting for the facts about the peal recorded as having been rung at Canterbury Cathedral in August. May I appeal to the conductor to give the exact particulars to the Exercise, for, judging from the names appearing in the peal record, surely the rumour that one bell did not strike for four leads cannot be true? If it is, then I am far more surprised than I can express in words that it was ever published as a peal, and still more surprised that the Kent County or any other association should recognise such a performance.

If the rumour be true, and it be recognised as a peal, I can imagine that all the present records of the Exercise will be beaten in the near future by peals rung (?) with tied clappers. What a job for the umpires outside the tower? Or, perhaps, we shall find that in a peal of Cinques at Clappertown the tenor man set his bell for twelve minutes while he had some refreshment (not liquid, of course), and then continued his task with renewed vigour. Or, perhaps—but no, Sir. I must not encroach too much upon your space, for there are no limits to the unique performances that might be published.

All this, of course, is only based on rumour, and no one will be more pleased to hear that such a rumour is not true than

Yours faithfully,

FRANK W. PERRENS.

45, Engleton Road, Coventry.

[Will 'Kentish Bob' please send his name and address (not for publication)? His letter will then be published.—Ed. 'R.W.']

LADIES' ATTEMPT FOR A SURPRISE PEAL.

Members of the Ladies' Guild attempted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Crayford on Saturday, and, although they were unsuccessful, they had some perfect ringing for an hour. The ringing, indeed, was almost too good, and the first trip—as it is wont to do in such cases—sent the peal to join the great majority.

We understand another attempt is to be made in February.

DEATH OF A NEATH RINGER.

AN APPEAL.

By the death of Mr. A. Hatton, who passed away at Llansamlet on November 17th, at the age of 68 years, Neath tower has lost one of its most faithful ringers. He was always to be found there to time, whether for practice or service ringing. He had rung a few peals, consisting of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, and Bob Minor, on treble and tenor. Although not confined to bed, he had not been able to work for the last six months.

He was buried at Newham. A wreath was sent by his fellow-ringers, by whom he will be greatly missed, and a half-peal of Bob Minor, half-muffled, was rung at Neath. The deceased leaves a widow to mourn his loss, and on her behalf an appeal for help is being made among members of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, of which he was a life member. Any ringer wishing to help towards this fund should send his contribution to E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

ADMIRAL RINGS HIS FIRST 720.

Admiral T. P. Walker, who is to be hon. secretary of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, rang his first 720 on December 1st at St. Peter's Church, Old Woking, where he is churchwarden. The 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 28 mins., as a birthday compliment to the conductor: Admiral T. P. Walker (first 720) 1, W. H. Edwards 2, Mrs. W. H. Edwards 3, A. P. Osborne 4, J. Brackley (conductor) 5, T. Strudwick 6.

DEATH OF A LEISTON RINGER.

The death of Albert J. Lincoln, which took place at Leiston on Friday, November 25th, at the age of 58 years, removes one of the first hand formed at Leiston after the augmentation of the bells to a peal of eight in 1884. He started ringing at an early age, taking part in a peal of 10,304 Bob Major, at the age of 18 years. He was the leading conductor of the company until 1907, when he retired. He conducted the first peal of Double Norwich by the local band, and helped several ringers through their first peal. He had taken part in all in 86 peals, comprising Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Major and Double Norwich, several of which he had conducted. He was a member of the Suffolk, Norfolk and Lincoln Guilds, the Kent County Association, and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

He was laid to rest on Tuesday, November 29th, and in the evening eight members of St. Margaret's Society, Leiston, attempted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to their old colleague, but after ringing seven courses a 'shift' occurred: A. Keeble 1, R. C. Kerry 2, H. C. Bails 3, J. M. Bailey 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, G. Wilson 6, E. S. Bailey 7, F. J. Smith 8.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A very successful meeting of the above society took place on Saturday last, at Eastwood, near Rotherham, when about 30 members turned up from Chesterfield, Dore, Ecclesfield, Handsworth, Killamarsh, North Wingfield, Arksey, Staveley, Treton, Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints, and St. Marie's and Rotherham Parish Church. With a very handy little peal of eight, it is to be regretted that the tenor bell 'goes' heavily, but as there is no regular band of Sunday service ringers there appears to be little encouragement for the authorities to have matters put in order. However, some very good ringing was heard, the standard methods, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative being successfully brought round.

A splendid tea was served in the local schoolroom, after which the Vicar presided at the business meeting.

The usual formalities were carried out, and it was decided that the annual meeting be held at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, jointly, on the second Saturday in March, 1928. This will be in lieu of the fixture at All Saints' where the bells are undergoing improvements at the bell foundry.

A suggestion from the hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild, northern section, that they join the Sheffield District Society in their meeting at Rotherham on Easter Monday, was welcomed, and it was left to the secretary to make the necessary arrangements with Miss Davenport.

One new member in Mr. E. Cooper, of Arksey, was accepted, after which a return was made to the belfry. The bells of Rotherham Parish Church were also available during the evening, being rung half-muffled, this special concession being granted through the death of a local prominent citizen.

As the financial year closes on December 31st, it is respectfully asked that all members who have not paid their subscription will do so at the earliest opportunity.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Wilby on Saturday, October 15th, over 50 ringers being present from Ipswich, Sproughton, Leiston, Ufford, Eye, Fressingfield, Thorndon, Earl Soham, Framlingham, Worlingworth, Creetingham, etc. Some good touches in various methods were rung upon the bells.

A feature of the afternoon's proceedings was a bowls match, arranged specially for the ringers.

After the match, over 50 had tea in the schoolroom, and a business meeting followed.

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Marriott for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for arranging the bowls match, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, December 3rd, at St. Mary's Church in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes): C. Hendry 1, W. Hull 2, G. Lines 3, J. Lines 4, J. Mitchell 5, H. Meadows 6, F. Payne 7, J. Saddington (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by C. Hendry and W. Hull. All are Sunday service ringers at the above tower. Rung as a welcome to Captain Harris, of the Church Army.

HILLINGDON WEST.—At St. Andrew's Church, for evening service on Wednesday, November 30th (St. Andrew's Day), 720 of Bob Minor in 23 mins.: A. G. Twinn (first 720) 1, J. H. Lucas 2, R. Warnett (first 720) 3, F. Corke (conductor) 4, C. Nicholls (first 720) 5, R. Carter 6, W. Honor covering. Rung after meeting short for Triples.

HOLMER, HEREFORD.—On Tuesday evening, November 29th, 720 Oxford Single Bob: A. Downes 1, C. Edwards (conductor) 2, A. Colcombe 3, W. Downes 4, W. Duggan 5, W. Evans 6. First attempt by all except the conductor.

GREAT BADDOW.—On November 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. Windley 1, W. Lincoln 2, P. Green 3, Miss W. Linn (first quarter-peal inside) 4, H. Allen 5, J. N. Franklin 6, Dr. Spencer-Phillips (conductor) 7, F. Payne 8.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On Saturday, November 19th, for practice, 1,780 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Richardson 1, H. W. Smith 2, A. T. Smith 3, A. T. Perry 4, A. Ribbans 5, E. Townsend 6, E. Richardson 7, J. Jennings (conductor) 8. Longest touch of Major by all except ringer of the 2nd.

FARWICH.—On Nov. 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins. at St. Nicholas' Church, also 1,008 in the same method: C. Ellis 1, F. Ramplin 2, C. Ramplin 3, E. Scarfe 4, G. Thompson (conductor) 5, J. Scarfe 6, A. Alderton 7, F. Watling 8. Rung on the occasion of Lord Mayor's Day, when Mr. A. Baxter was installed Mayor of the borough.

COWDEN, KENT.—At St. Mary Magdalene's, for harvest festival morning service, a 720 Grandsire Double, each called differently: C. Baker, sen., 1, G. Baker, jun., 2, W. J. Ladd 3, E. J. Ladd 4, J. Wren (conductor) 5, G. F. Diplock (first 720), 6. Messrs. W. J. Ladd, E. J. Ladd, J. Wren, and G. F. Diplock are East Grinstead ringers, the Bakers are local men.

WATFORD.—At the Parish Church, on October 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 52 mins.: R. Bell 1, S. Hoare (conductor) 2, H. Milton 3, H. Long 4, S. Edwards 5, G. Seaman 6, E. Elliott 7, F. Edwards 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, December 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Hughes 1, F. E. Stone 2, C. Mathers (first quarter-peal inside) 3, G. W. Hollis 4, W. Nulton 5, E. Stitch 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8.

READING BERKS.—On Sunday, December 14th, at St. Giles' Church for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Pound (first quarter-peal) 1, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 2, L. Osborne 3, E. Humfrey 4, A. Bailey 5, J. Goodenough 6, H. Osborne 7, A. Jeffrey 8.

CARDIFF.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, December 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: P. Heath 1, F. Hannington 2, W. Evans 3, L. Strong 4, R. Smith 5, J. Phillips 6, E. Coombes (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—In 46 mins., on Sunday, December 4th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): C. W. Woolley 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, B. Wayman 3, F. J. Cook 4, F. C. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6, A. J. Ginn 7, G. E. Crisp 8. Rung for the evening service and a wedding compliment to C. Crisp, brother of tenor ringer.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—At the church for morning service, on Sunday, December 4th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Harding, sen., 1, N. Harding 2, W. Stone 3, J. Goacher 4, G. Grover 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6. First extent Surprise Minor for ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Sunday, December 4th, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. W. Cole 1, C. T. Coles (conductor) 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Belcher 4, *R. Wilkinson 5, *C. Dyke 6, W. J. Nudds 7, J. Bennett 8, C. W. Roberts 9, F. W. H. Sergison 10. * First touch on ten bells.

WALTHAM ABBEY.—At the Abbey Church of St. Lawrence, for morning service on December 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: J. C. Bird 1, G. Peace 2, W. Ellis 3, G. Thurgood (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, E. A. Hull 6, G. Radley 7, H. Ellis 8. Rung to celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the induction of the present Vicar.

MALDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, December 4th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): F. White 1, S. R. Linnet (first quarter on an inside bell) 2, H. J. Mansfield 3, A. South 4, J. H. Waldoock 5, J. Amos 6, E. G. Ellenger 7, F. Chalk (conductor) 8. Longest length of Major by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Michael, on December 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Ewens 1, B. Hawkins 2, F. Marchant 3, E. C. Haynes 4, P. Nye (conductor) 5, B. Gould 6, H. Hunt 7, H. J. Hunt, sen., 8. Rung for evening service, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Prime on his 68th birthday. He has been a regular Sunday service ringer since the bells were installed about 34 years ago.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—For evening service, on December 4th, 720 Carlisle Surprise: V. Turrell 1, W. Denman 2, G. Waruett 3, V. Goacher 4, H. Turrell 5, R. Stredwick (conductor) 6.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 4th, for evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major, strictly 'silent', in 49 mins.: G. Faulkner 1, T. Faulkner 2, G. L. Joyce 3, W. Miller 4, A. Prior 5, C. Fenn 6, R. Fenn 7, E. D. Smith 8.

TOTTENHAM.—On Sunday, December 4th, at All Hallows' Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Ellis 1, S. W. Crabb 2, Miss P. Upsher 3, W. Dickinson 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, N. Tomlinson (conductor) 6, G. A. Button 7, E. A. Hull 8.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 27th, for morning service, 720 Double Court: C. Bottomley 1, S. Smith 2, E. Green 3, G. Mills, jun., 4, G. Mills, sen., 5, A. Holmes (conductor) 6. First 720 Double Court by all except the conductor.—Also 720 Single Court: C. Bottomley 1, A. Holmes, sen. (conductor) 2, A. Holmes, jun. (first 720) 3, A. Neal (first 720) 4, G. Mills, jun., 5, G. Mills, sen., 6.

SOUTH WEALD.—On Sunday evening, November 27th, in 25 mins., 720 Doubles, consisting of 120 New Doubles, 240 St. Simon's, 240 Grandsire, 120 Bob Doubles: W. H. Poole 1, J. C. Furlong 2, H. Turner (conductor) 3, J. W. Leggett 4, W. D. Leggett 5, E. W. Palmer 6.

LOWER STAUGHTON.—On Sunday, November 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: B. Warren 1, W. Wright 2, F. Clements 3, G. Ayres 4, B. Phillips (conductor) 5, A. Hobbs 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—For evening service, on Sunday, November 20th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 45 mins.: F. B. Yates 1, P. O. Laffin (conductor) 2, H. Williams 3, W. Ball 4, J. Eaton 5, C. Webb 6, A. Chambers 7, J. George 8.

WALLASEY.—At St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, October 30th, 720 Carlisle Surprise Minor: S. Howard 1, J. Greasley 2, F. E. Parry 3, Harry Rogers 4, T. A. Rogers 5, T. Rogers, jun. (conductor) 6.—Also on Wednesday, November 2nd, 720 Carlisle Surprise Minor: J. Greasley (conductor) 1, S. Howard 2, H. Rogers 3, A. W. Howard 4, T. Rogers, jun., 5, E. A. Lloyd 6. First 720 Carlisle Surprise in the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild by a local band, all being Sunday service ringers.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service at St. Andrew's, Holborn, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 48 mins.: W. J. Norton 1, C. J. Chooet 2, John Lee 3, J. S. Hawkins 4, R. Green 5, J. Bullock (conductor) 6, A. E. Darnell 7, S. Penfold 8.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On Sunday, October 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. H. Thorne 1, F. Tuffrey 2, J. Franklin 3, C. Bennett 4, J. Judge 5, F. Appleton 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, W. Franklin 8. Longest touch of Triples by ringers of 6th and 8th, who belong to the local band, the remainder belonging to Kidlington.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sunday, October 30th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise (21 bobs by H. Reader): T. R. Flint 1, H. Reader 2, F. Keech 3, O. Gilbey (conductor) 4, H. Brown 5, J. Brown 6.

SALEHURST.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, October 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, T. Booth 2, F. Morgan 3, G. King 4, T. Hoad 5, C. Creasey 6, G. Mills (conductor) 7, L. Booth 8.

WOOD GREEN.—On October 30th, for morning service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob: F. E. Ringrose 1, G. Hibble 2, A. Deal 3, F. Fenson 4, M. Fenson 5, C. Ross (conductor) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, October 16th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: P. A. Coard 1, F. Bennett (conductor) 2, *F. N. Smeaton 3, H. Rann 4, G. Ades 5, H. Stallham 6, G. Smart 7, *N. C. Cragg 8. * First attempt for a quarter-peal.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 9th, for evening service, 720 of York Surprise Minor in 23 mins.: C. Aylett 1, D. J. Hunt 2, H. Summers 3, J. Taylor 4, F. W. Perrins (conductor) 5, J. H. W. White 6. This is the first 720 in the method upon the bells and by all the band.

EXETER.—At St. Thomas' Church, for morning service on October 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: *J. Hosgood 1, *R. Davey 2, A. Monkley 3, *E. W. Biffin 4, *C. Routley 5, T. J. Stokes 6, E. Shepherd (conductor) 7, A. H. Goad 8. * First quarter of Stedman.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival, 720 Cambridge Surprise: S. Bevan 1, N. Scott 2, R. Rex 3, E. Knapp 4, J. Scott 5, H. Balaam (conductor) 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for evening service, at St. Iltyd's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. Evans 1, R. Evans 2, B. J. Toby 3, J. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, W. James 8.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—For evensong for the dedication festival on Sunday, October 2nd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) from Holt's Original: Miss K. E. Collard 1, R. Hayes 2, F. Bowden (conductor) 3, B. Elliott 4, F. White 5, R. Overy 6, J. H. B. Hesse 7, W. Eldridge 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—For hospital service, on Sunday evening, October 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. Robinson 1, F. C. Ginn 2, A. W. T. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

SUTTON, ISLE OF FLY.—On Hospital Sunday, October 2nd, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Faux (Sutton) 1, F. G. Gleaves (Willingham) 2, A. Abrams 3, J. Grainger (Chatteris) 4, A. J. Ginn (Over) 5, F. Warrington (Long Stanton) (conductor) 6.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for evening service at the Church of the Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. W. Watts 1, W. Watts 2, G. Woodman 3, C. Starley 4, F. Hindes 5, T. Gasson (conductor) 6, R. Langridge 7, G. Feist 8. C. Starley and T. Gasson belong to Bolney.

BANSTEAD.—At All Saints' Church, for evensong on Sunday, October 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: D. Wright 1, W. H. Joiner 2, C. Austin 3, C. Dean 4, H. N. Pistow 5, A. J. Trappitt 6, W. S. Smith (conductor) 7, R. I. George 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, October 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. W. Crabb 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, W. P. Roe 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, E. A. Hull 6, C. A. Button 7, H. Ellis 8.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, October 2nd, for parish evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. F. Clulow 1, E. Foster 2, G. E. Foster 3, F. Pickard 4, E. H. Clulow 5, A. J. Chamberlain 6, J. F. Milner (conductor) 7, W. D. Shorthose 8. Birthday greetings to wife and daughter of ringer of treble, also to the daughter of ringer of fourth.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Hector 1, W. Kerrison (Suffolk) 2, R. March 3, J. C. Chester 4, W. Wallington 5, Fd. Wallington 6, Fk. Wallington 7, Arthur Manning (conductor) 8. Arranged for W. Kerrison.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, October 2nd, at St. James', a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 41 mins.: E. Fleet 1, T. Griffiths 2, R. Sporting (conductor) 3, N. Collins 4, Wm. Astle 5, Walter Thomas 6, Wm. Griffiths 7, F. Postoms (first quarter peal and longest length) 8.

NOTICE.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—A practice for Bristol will be held at the Parish Church on Saturday, December 17th. Bells available 6.30 to 9 p.m.—Cecil C. Mayne, Beaconsfield.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 27th, Southwark Cathedral on Dec. 29th, St. Magnus' on the 22nd, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 13th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th, at 8 p.m. All the others at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Minster bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Minster Parish Room at 5 p.m.—A. Bernard Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Meeting to follow. Special attention: Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at the Dolphin at 5.30, followed by business meeting. A new district secretary pro tem. will be elected at this meeting.—Chas. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The seventh annual social will be held in the Preston Parish Church Schools on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tickets: Adults 2s. 6d., children half-price. An early application for tickets to Mr. E. R. Martin, 96, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale, will be much appreciated. The bells of the Parish Church and Penwortham Church will be available during the day.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS. — North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.15, followed by general business meeting.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the two 6-bell towers in Lytham (St. John's and St. Peter's R.C.) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Willingham on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting at Luton on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All are welcome. — W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready early. Business meeting in belfry after tea.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent (Crow Park Station, L.N.E. Railway) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) ready early. A hearty welcome given to members of kindred associations. Cheap return railway tickets from Sheffield and intermediate stations, and also good bus service run.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secretaries.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Exhall on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherborne on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, in the Abbey, with an address from Canon Wingfield-Digby. Tea at 5 (6d. for members), to be followed by a business meeting, at which the balance sheet will be presented and the officers elected for next year. Towers available: Sherborne (8), Lillington (5), Lydlinch (5) and Bishop's Caundle (5).—Rev. R. E. P. Gorrington, Hon. Sec., Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.15 in St. Michael's Hall. — N. G. Williams, Weston House, Bath.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—The peal of 8 bells at St. Mary's Church will be rededicated on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Service 2.30. All ringers welcome. The Association Master (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) has promised to be present.—J. Hope, London Street, Fairford.

OPENING OF NEW BELLS (10), Dalton-in-Furness Parish Church, Friday, Dec. 16th, 7.30 p.m. Dedication by the Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness. Preacher, Rev. Canon Bell, York Minster.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A combined practice will be held in conjunction with a committee meeting at Mitcham on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at Parish Church 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Dec. 14th? — Chas. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Tower open from 4 to 8. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business after. Will those coming to tea kindly inform me before the 14th? Everyone welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklyn, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Isham (6) on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, Dec. 13th? — S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH. — Dedication on Saturday, Dec. 17th, of a memorial plaque of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, sen., erected in the tower by his son, Mr. E. Denison Taylor. All visiting ringers welcome. Ringing will take place on the peal of ten bells of All Saints' Parish Church, and also on the Bell Foundry peal of ten. The Bell Foundry will be open to visitors. Tea provided at the Fearon Hall for those who send in their names to Mr. J. Saddington, Swingbridge Road, Loughborough, before Thursday, Dec. 15th. All welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea can be arranged if a sufficient number notify me by the 14th.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

AN INVITATION.—A peal in a method of distinction is wanted at the Derby Cathedral on Boxing Day, 1927, and experienced ringers who must be good strikers are invited to attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the Cathedral bells. The first ten names received will be given preference. Any ringer wishing to conduct same please mention. Time of starting arranged later. Sunday Service ringing 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Practice night Monday, 7.30 p.m. prompt to 9 p.m. Learners invited. Ringers and friends welcome.—James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby.

WHADDON, Near BLETCHLEY, BUCKS. — The peal of six (recast by Gillett and Johnston) will be dedicated by the Bishop of Buckingham on Monday, Dec. 19th, at 6.30 p.m. There will be ringing after the service, at which all ringers will be welcomed. — E. A. Selby Lowndes, Vicar.

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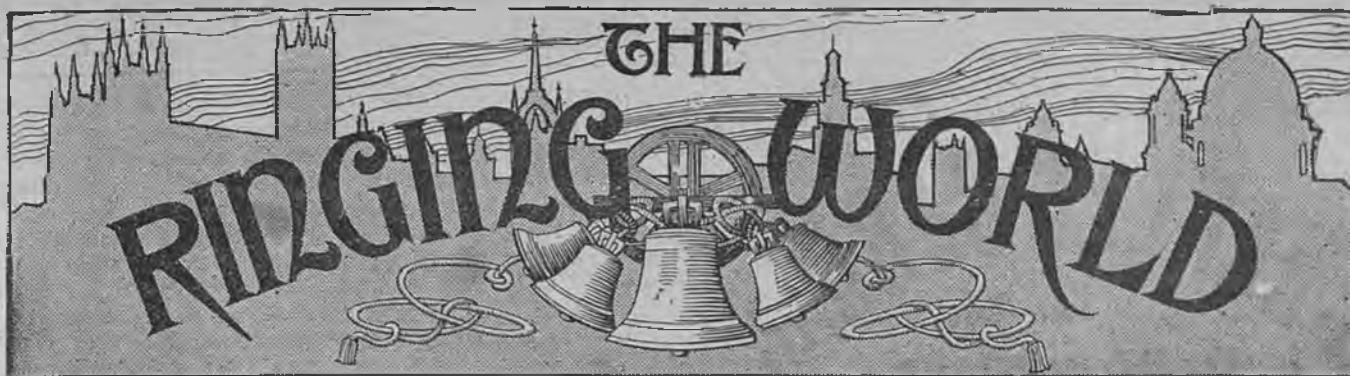
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SOME THOUGHTS ON 'SPLICING.'

The peal records this week include another departure in 'splicing,' Bob Major and Stedman Triples having been joined together in one true five thousand. Since this form of introducing two methods into one peal was first practised there have been a variety of compositions of this character, largely from the fertile brain of Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot. Various methods have been linked together more or less in half peals, and are interesting productions, although in this form they probably require more ingenuity in composition than in ringing. Nevertheless, they do add to the novelty of practice and come within the range of any company that can ring the two methods which are thus treated. As we have said before, however, what we should like to see composers direct their attention to and ringers their energies, are peals with a constant change from one method to the other. Such peals may be difficult to get, and, as between some methods, perhaps impossible, but there is no question as to which form really deserves the application of the term 'splicing.' So far as we recollect by far the best thing of this kind in Triples was the spliced Grandsire and Union, which was rung in South Wales, and in which the method was constantly changed according to which bell was in the hunt. In Major the best thing so far performed is the four Surprise methods, for which the Rev. H. Law James produced a composition, and in which there are 119 changes of method in the peal.

At present, however, it is six bell ringing which offers the widest scope for 'spliced' ringing. In Minor the whole scheme has been put upon a definite and established footing, but the lead which was given by the band at Norbury, Cheshire, does not seem to have been very generally followed, despite the existence of a text book which deals fully and explicitly with the principles and practice of this phase of ringing. Here and there are bands who have taken to this new style, and they find a greater interest in their ringing as a result. Why is it, then, that 'spliced' ringing is not more generally taken up? Is it the innate conservatism of the average ringer, or is it that he is, perhaps, a little lazy when it comes to applying himself to learning something new?

For that matter, why are there not more bands ringing Surprise Minor peals, instead of contenting themselves with seven methods of the simpler kind? Minor ringers have always had the pull over the men who confine their attention to the higher numbers, inasmuch as they have always had the opportunity of changing their method at least seven times in a peal, but the ambitious among the six bell men do not appear to be as plentiful as their num-

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bers would seem to justify. We are not for one moment belittling the performances of those bands who, from force of circumstances, have to content themselves with peals in the simpler methods, any more than we would decry the band who, perforce, have to content themselves with Grandsire Triples. But there are companies whose past records seem to warrant practice in higher methods, and who ought to be able to emulate in some degree the performances of the Cheshire band to which we have referred. In the same way there are eight-bell ringers about the country who seem very content to ring the simple stuff, when a little study and application would enable them to practise much more advanced methods. With the progress of the science, which has carried us now into the splicing of Surprise methods both on six and eight bells, the scope for ringers has been materially enlarged in the last few years, and we should like to see more bands taking advantage of it.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

HERBERT SHEMMING... ..	Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	HARRY R. ROPER	8
WILLIAM F. TILLET	3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	9
H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM	4	WILLIAM F. GARRETT... ..	10
GEORGE A. FLEMING	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	11
ALBERT A. FLEMING... ..	6	FREDERICK J. TILLET	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal of Surprise on an inside bell.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. in B.

JOHN HOLMAN	Treble	HAYDN THORPE	7
COLIN HARRISON... ..	2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	8
EDWARD JENKINS... ..	3	MAURICE WILSON	9
JOHN WILKINSON	4	JOHN THORPE	10
TOM WILDE	5	JAMES H. RIDING	11
ARTHUR KNIGHTS... ..	6	ERNEST COTSFORTH	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.)

On Thursday, December 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6001 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

RAYMOND C. SEAGER (SS. Philip and Jacob)	Treble		
ALBERT E. STOWELL (St. Luke's, Brislington)	2		
MRS. R. J. WILKINS (Clifton Parish Church)	3		
ALBERT E. PARKER (St. Matthew's, Kingsdown)... ..	4		
JACK CARMAN (St. Thomas')	5		
WILLIAM A. CAVE (St. Stephen's)	6		
WALTER FARLEY (St. Stephen's)	7		
* JOHN G. JEFFERIES (Mangotsfield)	8		
JOSEPH GOULD (Henbury)	9		
ERNEST A. ABRAHAM (St. Thomas')	Tenor		

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal. Mr. Farley kindly filled a gap at the last moment.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*JACK M. CRIPPS Treble	*REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 6
*C. ERNEST SMITH 2	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS ... 7
ALFRED J. BULL 3	KEITH HART 8
*CECIL NICE 4	JOHN DEARLOVE 9
*NELSON ELLIOTT 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal on ten bells.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
At St. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

GABRIEL G. LINDOFF, JUN. Treble	JOSEPH A. ATKINSON ... 6
THOMAS McMORRAN 2	WILLIAM H. WILSON ... 7
HARRY E. WILLS 3	P. C. & ROBERT F. S. MURPHY 8
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	GEORGE F. WILMOT ... 9
ROBERT TAIL 5	HERBERT P. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Murphy, mother of the
ringer of the 8th, on her attaining the ripe age of 94 years.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

*FRED HANNINGTON Treble	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 6
GEORGE LARGE 2	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
ERNEST STITCH 3	EVAN COLES 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	ERNEST COOMBS 9
SIDNEY DAWE 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

* First peal of Caters and first attempt. The ringer of the 8th was
elected a member before starting.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM H. THROBALD ... 7
WILLIAM MILLER 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 9
FRANK I. HAIRS 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*WALTER WILSON Treble	*HARRY CARTER 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	*CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 7
†JOHN T. BARTRAM 3	HAROLD MARCON 8
†EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 4	HARRY MORGAN 9
†JOSEPH DIXON 5	†TOM CLARK Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal of Caters. First peal of
Caters as conductor.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On December 1st, a quarter-
peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 52 mins.: W. R. Curtis 1,
L. Pullin 2, H. Baber 3, A. Webber 4, H. Blacker (first attempt for a
quarter-peal) 5, R. Middle 6, S. T. Withey (conductor) 7, A. Pearce 8.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr.

*WILLIAM H. FLETCHER ... Treble	JAMES BLACKMORE ... 5
CECIL C. MAYNE 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 6
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	*WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

* First in the method. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding
of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bagley. Mr. Bagley has been a ringer at the
above church for 45 years.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

F. COOK Treble	J. LORD 5
W. POYSER 2	W. A. PARSONS 6
C. J. JENNINGS 3	W. LANCASTER 7
W. H. BUXTON 4	*J. WATERS Tenor

Conducted by W. A. PARSONS.

* First peal.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 30, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR W. COX Treble	WALTER V. WEBB ... 5
THOMAS EAST 2	FREDERICK H. ABBOTT ... 6
WILLIAM J. NAPPER 3	RICHARD G. KICE ... 7
ALFRED H. WEBB 4	WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS EAST.

Rung on the patronal festival. First peal on the bells since rehanging
by Mears and Stainbank.

STREATHAM COMMON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN LEE Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... 5
MISS ELLEN E. HARDCASTLE 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
MISS FRED A. ORR 3	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 7
RONALD BULLEN 4	WALTER J. ANSCOMB ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge, Mr. W. J. Ansccomb kindly
taking the vacant rope.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	HENRY SIMMONS ... 6
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... 7
*HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 4	WILLIAM BOND Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. ADDSLEY.

* 300th peal.

CHICHESTER.—At the Cathedral Campanile, on December 7th, a
quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: T. A. Doick 1, W. Fal-
coner 2, W. Bolwell 3, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 4, W.
E. Ticehurst 5, E. R. Warner 6, J. H. Blake 7, G. Marshall 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ISAAC EMERY Treble	*EDWARD MOUNTER 5
OSCAR GILBY 2	GEORGE HUXLEY 6
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 7
THOMAS R. FLINT 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by R. BRETT SMITH.

* First peal in the method. It is 17 years since T. R. Flint rang his last peal.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

HARRY W. MARTIN Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
*ALBAN DISNEY 2	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	ERNEST F. PAYNE 7
*W. ARTHUR SKINNER 4	ROWLAND BARROW Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major. The conductor's 60th peal this year.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD, NEWCASTLE,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK ROWSELL Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
RICHARD EVANS 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	DAVID R. JAMES 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	BERT WEAVER Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the association, also the first peal in the method rung in Wales. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John W. Jones, the highly esteemed hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB MAJOR AND STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	EDWARD J. BEER 6
JOHN BURLS 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	GEORGE MORRARD Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

This peal contains 3,038 changes of Bob Major and 2,017 changes of Stedman Triples. The composition will appear later.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

VINCENT TIPTON Treble	GEORGE DENT 5
HARRY SMALR 2	STANLEY CLARK 6
WILLIAM MORRIS 3	JOHN CORDELL 7
LEWIS A. CORDELL 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by G. DENT.

First peal in the method in the county, for the Essex Association and by all the band.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 8, 1927, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

FRANK BLONDELL Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	*FREDERICK G. COLE 6
HARRY BADGER 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	FRANK BOREHAM 5
CECIL C. MAYNE 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND 6
MISS PHYLLIS MOSS 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The thanks of the Guild are due to the Vicar for kind permission to ring and to the steeplekeeper for belfry attention on arrival of the band. The 5th bell was cast by Carter at Reading, 1581, and is inscribed: 'Blessed be the name of the Lord.'

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

*EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	*WILLIAM E. CHEATER 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 3	FRANK BLONDELL 7
*D. CECIL WILLIAMS 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. Also first peal of Bristol on the bells, and first by a resident band in the county. Rung at the third attempt. The band were afterwards kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Pullinger.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. T. C. RYDER Treble	JOE GARTH 5
MISS EVA HOPKINS 2	*I. COLIN RYDER 6
*MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 3	FREDERICK CARDWELL 7
†ARTHUR PASHLEY 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. F. Cardwell has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*RONALD H. DOVE Treble	CHARLES SMITH 5
*JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	ERNEST W. BRADSMORE 6
HERBERT HURDMAN 3	JOHN HUGHES 7
GEORGE FREEBRY 4	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. FREEBRY.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Cotton, an esteemed member of the local company.

LONDON.—On Wednesday evening, November 30th, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: T. Benney 1, E. G. Fenn 2, E. G. Garrard 3, Harry Dyas 4, C. F. Winney 5, Edgar G. Russell 6, J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 7, E. J. Sampson 8. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day.

BLACKBURN.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

SYDNEY BROWN Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM 5
JOHN BEATTIE 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... 3	JOHN HIRST 7
ARTHUR BROWN 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Brown.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT W. JENNISON, SEN. Treble	ALBERT PICKLES 5
THOMAS SENIOR 2	† ROBERT W. JENNISON, JUN. 6
VERNEY BAIRSTOW 3	JOE GREENWOOD 7
* ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

* First peal inside. † First peal in the method.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* ERIC B. ALLMAN Treble	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON 2	† ARTHUR ALLMAN 6
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
WALTER LONGMAN 4	ALBERT ASTBURY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Triples. † 50th peal.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIX-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT HARRIS Treble	JOSEPH PIGOTT 5
ALBERT HACKETT 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6
VICTOR WHITE 3	HECTOR BIRD 7
JOSEPH H. COX 4	WILLIAM BROWN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER STAPLES Treble	SYDNEY E. ANDREW 5
JOHN T. BROWN 2	CHARLES S. H. STILES ... 6
RICHARD SMITH 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
ARTHUR J. FAER 4	* LEONARD H. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. T. Brown, captain of the above tower. The whole of the band are service ringers.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

E. HAWKINS Treble	R. HAZELL 4
R. GUY 2	S. GREENWAY 5
T. MARTIN 3	F. GARDNER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS MARTIN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brinkworth on their diamond wedding day.

ORSTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double and Single Oxford, Double and Single Court, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

* ARTHUR W. WARD Treble	HARRY HAYNES 4
ALBERT B. COPPOCK 2	HARRY SQUIRES 5
REV C. J. STORTON 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods. Rung to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the dedication of the bells by the Dean of Lincoln after rehanging and augmentation by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOSEPH SHARP Treble	AMOS SMART 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
WM. SHARP 3	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 4 cwt. 5 qr. 7 lb.

ERNEST DEAKEN Treble	* BERNARD WHEELER 4
WILLIAM SWAIN 2	THOMAS DENT 5
* JOHN MARRIOTT 3	FRED KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by FRED KNOWLES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

THOMAS PRATT	Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT	4
GERALD FINCHER... ..	2	DAVID HORNE	5
WILLIAM RANFORD	3	GEORGE JORDAN	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eleven 240's of Pitman's and twenty ordinary six-scores.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALFRED PREECE... ..	Treble	HERBERT COLCOMBE... ..	4
†WILLIAM E. BREWER	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
GEORGE J. PRICE	3	*HERBERT PIKES	Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for evening service.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, two 720's of Oxford Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

JOSEPH WALLIS	Treble	*HARRY HOOPER	4
*JAMES JUDD... ..	2	FRANCIS J. SANDERS	5
ARTHUR HOLMAN	3	HUGH R. THORPE	Tenor

Conducted by HUGH R. THORPE.

* First peal in four methods. Quarterly peal for the branch. Also a birthday compliment for ringers of treble and tenor.

NORTH KILWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Clement,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 ordinary 120's, and eight each Morris' and Pitman's spliced 240's, each called differently.
Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.).

RONALD RUSSELL	Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY	3
JOSEPH NORTON	2	A. NORMAN GEARY	4
ERNEST MORRIS	enor		

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, which are a 'minor' set—i.e., first five of six. The band were cordially welcomed by many 'locals' and the Rector, and entertained to tea and refreshments afterwards. The 106th Leicestershire tower for the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
At 25, KIRKMANSHULME LANE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*HAROLD JACKSON	1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY	5-6
*FREDERICK PAGE	3-4	*ALFRED BARNES	7-8

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal. Witnesses: H. Chapman and T. Jones.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, December 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At 4, CRANMER ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

REV. A. H. BOUGHY (Trin.)	1-2	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's.)	5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)	3-4	S. H. WOOD (Magd.)	7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

The composition is a 24-part, with the 6th extent in 6th's place.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO MR. WALTER HUGHES.

A highly successful meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at Garston on Saturday. Over fifty members were present.

The main feature of the meeting was the presentation of a canteen of cutlery to the late branch secretary, Mr. Walter Hughes, of Garston, who had held office for twenty-seven years.

Among those present were Archdeacon Howson, who presided, Canon Rowe, Vicar of Garston, Mr. W. H. Shuker, general secretary of the Lancashire Association, and Mr. R. F. Deal.

The Chairman, in a few well-chosen words, referred to the service the late branch secretary had rendered to the branch, and asked Mr. Hughes to come forward to receive this mark of appreciation and esteem from his brother ringers.

Canon Rowe and Mr. W. H. Shuker also spoke of the work done by Mr. Hughes.

Canon Rowe also extended a hearty welcome to the new branch secretary, and wished him success in his new office.

Mr. Hughes suitably acknowledged the gift.

It was pleasing to note that eight new members were elected.

There was a sad note introduced when the members stood in silence to pass a vote of condolence with Mr. H. Ludkin and his family in their recent bereavement.

Appreciation of the hearty welcome to Garston and the usual sumptuous tea was accorded with acclamation.

Canon Rowe, in responding, said how gratifying it was to him to meet the branch annually at Garston, and wished them continued prosperity.

BLACKBURN BRANCH SECRETARY RETIRES.

A meeting of the Blackburn Branch was held at Colne Parish Church on December 3rd, a good number of members being present from Colne, Nelson, Burnley, Blackburn, and Clitheroe, representing seven towers.

The main business was the election of a new secretary through the retirement of the veteran, Mr. J. Watson, after 21 years' service, on account of ill-health.

There were four nominations for the position. A vote by ballot was taken, with the result that Mr. F. Hindle was elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. Watson for services rendered.

PRESTON BRANCH SOCIAL.

The seventh annual social in connection with the Preston Branch was held at Preston on Saturday, December 10th, when over 90 ringers and friends were present. The proceedings commenced with ringing during the afternoon, when the standard methods were indulged in. An adjournment was then made to the Parish Church Schools, where Mr. E. R. Martin, in introducing the Vicar of Preston (the Rev. Canon Morris) to the company, said he wished the relations between the visiting ringers and their clergy were all as cordial as between Canon Morris and the local ringers.

The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the company to Preston. The ringers, he said, did a good work for the church, and he thought a bond of sympathy existed between the clergy and ringers. He added that he thought it was not the time to make a speech, as it would be like putting something between the lion and his food.

After tea, a short whist drive took place, whilst some of the keener ringers went to have another pull on the bells. Afterwards, a splendid dance programme, interspersed with songs, was gone through. The singers were Miss Armstrong, Miss Heald, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Knowles. The accompanist was Miss Heald. The different items were well rendered, and were much appreciated by all present. Mr. S. Bleasdale acted as M.C.

During an interval in the programme, the whist prizes were presented to the lucky winners by the oldest ringer, Mr. R. Rigbye, of Eccleston, who, although eighty years old, is still an active service ringer, and during the evening vied with some of the younger people present in participating in the old-fashioned barn dance.

The writer left before the proceedings terminated, but would like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to congratulate those who were responsible for the splendid arrangements made for the comfort and enjoyment of the visitors, and also to thank the artists for their services.

DEDDINGTON BELLS FUND.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION FORBIDDEN.

The following, we are informed, appeared in the issues of the 'Oxford Times' and 'Banbury Guardian' for December 2nd:—

'The organisers regretfully announce that the police have forbidden the draw for prizes in connection with the above fund. They are most grateful to subscribers for their support, and should any desire to have their contributions returned will they please send their numbered receipts, together with a stamped addressed envelope, to the Vicar, Deddington, before December 10th.'

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'CLAPPERLESS' PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—A great deal has been, and will continue to be, said with regard to the 'clapperless peal' at Canterbury. I have read your article of the 2nd inst., and think I voice the opinion of the majority when I say that the main factors are indisputable. It certainly seems strange that those who took part, in view of their standing, did not stop when they became aware of the fault of the bell. One peal more or less would have made but little difference to the records of the Kent County Association, and, in consideration of the opinions of most ringers, I think there is still the opportunity to withdraw the peal and save the reputations of the band and of the association, as I, for one, being a member of the K.C.A., should not like to think that its records may probably be viewed with suspicion by others.

And that brings me to a theory I have long contended—that the terms 'rang' or 'struck,' appertaining to touches and peals, are not wide enough to cover the range by which these extraordinary peals are achieved. From a mathematical point of view, it is my firm opinion that a peal was achieved, and that that fact can be proved by various means. Therefore, I consider that it may be worth while to use, say, such terms as 'acquired,' 'achieved,' or 'accomplished,' or even 'brought round.'

There is no doubt that the bells were in their true positions the whole time, so where does the objection arise? That they rang a peal is ridiculous; that they completed a peal is indisputable.—Yours faithfully,

KENTISH BOB.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Willingham on Saturday, December 10th, about 34 ringers being present from Bourn, Chatteris, Dry Draiton, Fulbourn, Hemingford Abbots, Long Stanton, Over, Stapleford, Trumpington, Barley (Herts), and local band.

The service was taken by the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Hair), who gave an interesting address based on the words 'To the glory of God.'

Mr. A. G. Rivers, at the subsequent meeting, spoke supporting the remarks of the Rector, which had left much 'food for thought.'

During the day Surprise ringing was to the fore, London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley and Cambridge being successful. Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Court were also rung, several visitors ringing their first courses in the method.

PEALS AT BODDELLWYDDAN.

In the record of the peal, rung at 'the Marble Church,' Boddellwyddan, Flintshire, on December 3rd, it was stated that it was believed to be the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

Mr. Francis E. Dawe writes to say that the first peal of Grandsire on the bells (which he conducted) was rung on May 31st, 1896. The other seven members of the band were Wrexham men. This was the third peal on the bells, the two previous having been Treble Bob rung by Liverpool bands.

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES.

BY ALBERT J. PITMAN, PORT TALBOT.

234567 235476 Continued.

462375 . 2 .	762543 . 3 .	457326 . 5 .
754236 . 3 .	567324 . 5 .	574326 . 1 .
547236 . 1 .	675324 . 1 .	375642 . 5 .
245673 . 5 .	376452 . 5 .	753642 . 1 .
452673 . 1 .	473265 . 5 .	267453 . 4 .
274536 . 2 .	654327 . 3 .	672453 . 1 .
362457 . 3 .	276435 . 3 .	256734 . 2 .
623457 . 1 .	472563 . 5 .	562734 . 1 .
356274 . 2 .	724563 . 1 .	785423 . 5 .
253467 . 5 .	357624 . 4 .	657423 . 1 .
452736 . 5 .	573624 . 1 .	236745 . 3 .
P.L. 423567 . 1 .	465273 . 4 .	362745 . 1 .
Twice repeated, ending with Holt's Plain-lead Single, produces 235476	654273 . 1 .	P.L. 345276 . 2 .
	256347 . 5 .	Twice repeated, ending with Holt's Plain-lead Single, produces 263547 . 2 .
	352764 . 5 .	752463 . 4 .

First rung at Bridgend, Glamorgan, on December 7th, 1927, for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, conducted by Charles H. Perry.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—On Saturday, November 23th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: H. Gillett 1, J. Collett 2, S. Pethrick 3, W. Wright 4, B. Phillips 5, E. Pardon (conductor) 6, T. Banning 7, H. James 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.—On Sunday, November 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. Collett 1, B. Phillips 2, H. Packer 3, W. Wright 4, F. Clements 5, H. Gillett 6, T. Banning (conductor) 7, C. Pratley 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A correspondent writes: 'In the face of the recent controversy on extensions, "Bellitis" has enormous pluck in daring to differ from Shipway's extension of Double n Court Bob. One wonders what your pro Shipway correspondents will have to say on the matter.'

Will all ringers with the surname of Morris write to Mr. E. Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester, with a view to fixing up a Morris peal?

The peal at Pinner, reported in last week's paper, did not mention, as it ought to have done, that the tenor man was born in the parish, almost upon the threshold of the back door of the church.

Mr. G. Alder's birthday peal attempt at Burnham was lost through the second clapper coming out of the bell, but he kept it up in the Five Bells afterwards, without losing his 'clapper.'

A company of fathers and sons is, we learn, to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques at Shoreditch to-morrow. It will be made up, we understand, of Senior and Junior Matthews, Hibbert, Bevan, Tillett, Groombridge, and Barnett.

The peal at Spreyton, Devon, published in our issue of December 2nd, consisted of Grandsire Doubles, and not Minor, as printed.

Frederick M., and not Frederick A. Mitchell, was the ringer of the 4th in the peal of Oxford Treble Bob at Rainham on December 3rd. That comes of people having names so nearly alike.

A letter from Mr. Walter Charman this week makes a claim to the first peal of Oxford Bob Triples for Warnham tower. It was here, also, on December 17th, 1888, that the first peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major was rung.

That famous old ringer, William Banister, called the first peal in Exeter on December 18th, 1875. It was Grandsire Triples at St. Sidwell's.

On the ring of twelve bells, which fire long since destroyed, at Christ Church, Spitalfields, a peal of 6,334 Stedman Cinques was rung on December 20th, 1806.

Exactly fifty years ago next Thursday, the first peal for the Lancashire Association was rung. It was Grandsire Triples at Bolton, and we hope the jubilee will be fittingly celebrated.

A STRICKEN BROTHER.

AN APPEAL TO THE EXERCISE.

One of the greatest afflictions that can overtake a man has befallen a well-known contributor to our columns—'Ireneus Pistor,' who from time to time has enlivened our columns with humorous or caustic comment. 'Ireneus' has lost his sight! Some years ago one eye was irretrievably damaged by an accident, and since then the other has given him trouble. About nine months ago he was stricken with illness which has ended in blindness. This, following on a long period of short time in his employment, has left him in straitened circumstances.

The old traits are still there, despite the distressing nature of his trouble—a brave heart, a cheery spirit and a pride which revolts against making known his troubles to the world.

'Nemo' writes to us as follows:—

'No doubt you and other friends, too, along with myself have wondered what has become of our old friend 'Ireneus,' so I thought I would find his lair and rouse the old lion up. But no, Sir, I was not altogether successful. I found his lair and I found 'Ireneus,' but he was suffering under grievous affliction. After several years of short time at work, nine months ago he was again stricken with illness, which has left him in darkness, as he has lost the sight of the only eye he had left, having lost the other some years ago. He is now trying to exist upon the few shillings allowed from his sick fund with the loving assistance of his only child, a young girl. After doing what little I could to cheer him and his, it was with a sore heart that I left him, still having his "Ringing World" read to him.'

Cannot we, in the Exercise, do something to cheer the heart of this stricken brother? This is a season of giving, when with hearts full of goodwill we do our best to bring joy to those around us. A quick response would brighten the Christmas of this little family, whose breadwinner is bereft of the blessing of sight and is hard put to it. He gives twice who gives quickly.'

We should be pleased to forward and acknowledge any gifts if sent to this office and marked 'Ireneus.'

THE KENT ASSOCIATION'S HON. SECRETARY.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Minor Canon and Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral, who is well known as honorary secretary of the Kent County Association, is resigning the benefice of Stodmarsh, which he has held since 1913.

Mr. Helmore was ordained in 1875, and went to Hereford Cathedral. In 1877 he went to Stratford-on-Avon Parish Church as Precentor, and since 1878—that is, for the long period of 49 years—he has been associated with Canterbury Cathedral. During that time he has served under four Archbishops and four Deans. He had also served as Sunday evening lecturer at St. Mildred's Church, 1874-96, and as Chaplain of Canterbury Poor Law Institution 1882-1916. Stodmarsh, which has a population of 105, is in the gift of the Archdeacon of Canterbury, and the income of the benefice is £150 gross.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

A 'method,' in the practical sense of the term, is a collection of rows which are produced by the **SYSTEMATIC** changing of pairs. Actually, the system which is used is the method; a different method means a different system of changing the pairs.

A bell which does not make one of a changing pair is forced to retain the same position in the row, or to 'make places'; certain bells **NOT** being changed cause certain places to be made. Alternatively, bells making certain places cause certain particular pairs to change. Therefore, the changing of pairs and the making of places are synonymous, and for the sake of ease we refer to the places in the rows, rather than to the pairs which change. 'First's and second's' (places) signifies that only the last three pairs (in Major) will change. 'First's and eighth's' means that only the three 'inside' pairs will change.

For the purpose of this article we call first's and eighth's in Major 'places,' but strictly they are not places in the sense that 2nd's and 4th's are places. The former are made because the bell that makes them can go no further in the direction in which it is hunting, and has to turn about. In themselves they have no effect on the coursing order, as 'interior' places have. But for convenience we will call them 'places.'

In dealing with an **EVEN NUMBER** of bells, it is impossible for one place alone to be made in a row; one place being made will cause at least one other. Certain of the places will cause another place to be made in a **DEFINITE POSITION**. For instance, when speaking of '2nd's place' being made, first's place also is understood, because the bell in the first position can do nothing else. Similarly, if 7th's place is made, 8th's place also is understood.

For the moment, we will accept as a fact that it is undesirable that more than two places be made in any one row, other than in a 'call row.' Then 3rd's place being made, it is understood that the bells in the 1/2 places will change to avoid this. Similarly, with the bells in the 7/8 places, if '6th's place' is made. Also, it is usual to change the pairs immediately next the place which is made, leaving the unavoidable place to be made by the bell which **CANNOT CHANGE**—either 1st's or 8th's places, as the case may be, unless otherwise stated.

The most elementary of 'systems' is the changing of **EVERY PAIR** each time, which, of course, will produce two rows only—12345678 and 21436587.

The next system is the one which changes first four, and then three pairs; in other words, which alternately makes no place, and '1st's and 8th's.' This produces our 'plain hunting course' of 16 rows, and is called the 'Plain Hunt Principle'—'principle' because **EVERY BELL** does the same work in the course; 'plain hunt' because this work is a straightforward path from the lead to behind, and vice versa. Notice therein, that no row contains more than two places.

If we make a new method by altering our principle at one row only, transferring the places to 1st's and 2nd's when the treble leads, we find that our new system will produce seven leads of 16 rows each, being 112 rows to the course. This we name Plain Bob Major, and the lead-end produced is 13527486 (instead of 12345678 in the principle).

We have steadfastly ignored the treble in our 'coursing order,' in the endeavour to point attention to the coursing pairs, but we will now examine the position it holds in the coursing order of our principle. The bells actually appear at the leading position in this order: 24687531-24, etc., and we agree that this will be repeated so long as we do not alter our system. Then, in the principle, the treble is between the '32' coursing pair. Immediately we disturb the plain hunting of the bells by transferring the places when the treble leads, the coursing order in the following lead becomes 32468751-32, etc., the treble having 'moved up one,' now being between the 53 coursing pair; and, every lead being a replica of the first, in each succeeding lead of this method the same thing will occur—the treble 'moving up one' and the remaining bells preserving the same order:—

Lead No: Coursing Order:—

1. 246875312
2. 324687513
3. 532468715
4. 753246817

etc., etc.

The proper way to view this 'moving up' is, that the treble **EXCHANGES PLACES** in the coursing order with the bell that is **COURSING BEFORE** it, in every successive lead of the plain course until it reaches its original position at the end.

We have already found one very good reason why the coursing order should be maintained as much as possible; also, we know that if the **EXACT** coursing order of the principle is preserved we can only produce 16 rows. So we produce a new system (or method) which is based upon the other, and which has the effect of moving the treble **SYSTEMATICALLY** through the seven possible places in the coursing order, thus producing the seven different leads without disturbing the coursing order of the remaining bells.

We can now produce only 112 rows, and are compelled to **EXTEND** our method by the introduction of calls, which, as we have already found, disturb the coursing order of the other bells and introduce fresh leads. Once the call is made, we revert to the steady progression of the treble through the seven places of the new coursing order.

When the treble changes places with the bell which is coursing before her, the rounds lead-head is transposed into 13527486 at the lead-

end. Therefore, each time the coursing order is altered in this way, the lead-head will be transposed by 13527486; in fact, this is how we produce the lead-ends of Bob Major—by using the first lead-end as the transposition row.

Then we may assume, within limits, if a method produces 13527486 as its first lead-end, that similar action has taken place **WITHIN** that lead.

Now each of the seven plain course lead-ends of Bob Major is a transposition of the previous one by 13527486. It follows that each successive one is 'so many times' removed from rounds **BY THIS TRANSPOSITION**. In other words, the second lead-end 1573826, actually, is rounds transposed by 13527486 **TWICE**; the fifth lead-end 16482735 is rounds transposed by 13527486 **FIVE TIMES**; and so on.

Presumably, therefore, a method which produces 15738264 as its **FIRST** lead-end has, within its first lead, **DOUBLE THE ACTION** that takes place in the first lead of Bob Major, and when we use the first lead-end (15738264) for the transposition row, in producing the lead-ends in the plain course of this method, we really transpose each one by 13527486 **TWICE** to produce the lead-end **NEXT FOLLOWING**.

In another way, **ONE** lead of this method is equal (in transposition) to **TWO** leads of Bob Major. Similarly, a method which has 16482735 for its first lead-end is equal to **FIVE LEADS** of Bob Major transposition. Then, in the latter case, for instance, we should assume that the treble has 'moved up' five places in the coursing order in the one lead of this method.

Then every plain course lead-end of **ANY** 'regular' method is really the transposition of rounds by 13527486 'so many times,' bearing in mind that it might be possible for rounds to be transposed by 13527486 **EIGHT TIMES**, which would bring us back to 13527486 again, etc., etc.

With the foregoing firmly in mind, we can turn attention to the **CAUSE** of the treble's exchange of places in the coursing order. First notice, in the principle, that 1st's and 8th's places in the rows do not disturb the coursing order in any way. Then observe the bell which is **COURSING BEFORE** the treble (the 3). She is always preceding the treble, whether travelling from the front to the back of the rows, or vice versa; she always gets there first. Examine the action which takes place when she crosses the treble's path at 86745231. She makes a place (8th's), crosses the path, and immediately hunts **AWAY FROM** the treble, or 'before' the treble, which courses **AFTER** her. This happens throughout the system, and, all bells doing the same work, the other coursing pairs are acting similarly.

In our new method we cause 2nd's place to be made (when the treble leads) by the bell which is coursing before her. The 3 makes a place (1st's) and crosses the treble's path as usual, and then, instead of hunting away, she makes **ANOTHER PLACE IMMEDIATELY**, which causes her to become the bell that is now coursing **AFTER** the treble, having taken the place in the row that would have been occupied by the 2 in the ordinary way, and the 2 was coursing after the treble. Thus are '31' reversed in the coursing order while the other bells retain the same relationship. Notice that the 'dodge' performed by '254768' here does not disturb their ultimate positions in the row, and that '13' has become '31':—

135254768

130000000

31254768

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

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etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

etc.

Then the action is: The bell 'before' the treble makes a place, crosses the treble's path, makes another place immediately, and hunts **AFTER** the treble, producing 13527486 as the lead-end.

Now, instead of doing this when the treble leads, transfer this action to the two rows when she is behind, by causing the 3 to make 7th's place there, taking care to make not more than the usual two places in the row, after which carry on with the principle (first 4, and then 3 pairs):—

We produce 13527486 as the lead-end, and action similar to that of the Bob Major has taken place. The bell before the treble (the 3) makes a place (8th's), crosses the path and makes another place immediately (7th's), and then, theoretically, hunts after the treble by recrossing her path, which the bell that is coursing after her would do in the ordinary way. This method is called **Reverse Bob Major**—'reverse' for a very obvious reason.

This is the eighteenth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol) writes: 'On September 9th you published five peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal by Mr. G. E. Symonds. I wish to point out that No. 2 was composed many years ago by Mr. John Carter. I had it by me for some years, but did not call it until February 11th, 1926, and it will be found in the Gloucester and Bristol Report.'

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Thursday, September 29th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: G. Cain 1, A. Gillings (conductor) 2, D. Luck 3, J. Wells 4, H. Fellows 5, T. Cann 6. Rung at the close of the harvest service. First 720 by ringer of the treble, who is 14 years of age.

THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In his letter of a few weeks ago, Mr. Law James tells us that 'the first thing to do is to lay aside all theories and to study facts.' In the sense in which I believe he meant it, this is sound and necessary advice, and I should like to expand and explain his meaning.

We all of us (all of us, that is, who have experience as practical ringers) know quite well what we mean by a true extension, so far as actual ringing is concerned. We know definitely and beyond all question of contradiction that Bob Major is the correct extension of Bob Minor, Kent Major of Kent Minor, Duffield Royal of Duffield Major, and so on. And when we talk of an extension of any method we do quite definitely mean that so far as practical ringing is concerned it must be related to its original as these are. And this view is a thoroughly sound one. It has behind it not only the actual experience of the individual ringer, but also the inherited experience of the whole Exercise for more than two centuries. During that time there has grown up an instinct on this question among ringers, and the one final test is that this instinct must be satisfied. The Exercise itself, consisting of practical ringers who ring, is the final judge, not any body of 'experts,' however eminent, who only, or mainly, theorise. Mr. J. W. Parker, at the Central Council, was using a sound argument when he said that if Shipway's Superlative Royal is really a true extension of Superlative Major, we should not have had to wait for a hundred years for the second peal of it to be rung—except that he forgot that it takes time for the Exercise to assimilate these higher methods. It took about a hundred years before the Exercise was ready for Cambridge Royal, but, when it was ready, it at once accepted it as the correct extension of Cambridge Major. In the same way, if Shipway's Royal is really Superlative, the Exercise will in due course adopt it. And if not, not.

But we must realise that the capacity of the practical ringer to judge on this matter, this instinct, as I have called it, depends entirely on his actual and inherited experience. It does not depend a little bit on any conscious reasons or any definite thinking which he has done for himself. On the contrary, directly he begins to think about it and to try and find reasons, he is sure to go wrong, or at any rate to see but a small part of the question. It is a paradox, but it is perfectly true, that if a band of competent Surprise ringers, who had not previously concerned themselves with questions of extensions, were to practice Shipway's Royal, they could give an approximately correct answer to the question, 'Is it Superlative?' But directly they began to think, and to try and find reasons, they would certainly go wrong. And the reason is that though this instinct is real and in its sphere definite, it is far too elusive to be put down readily into words. Men turn to the figures to find their reasons, and they are immediately faced with a number of details. One or more of these attracts them, and is given an importance not really warranted. The temptation is to force everything to agree with the ideas thus suggested. These are the 'theories' against which Mr. James warns us.

But there is a way in which we may form theories and use them to find out the truth. It is not a method of working which I personally think is the best in this matter, but I am not writing to express my own views so much as to try and help others to think out things for themselves. And this method of working will suit some men and runy do good.

For more than two hundred years the Exercise has been ringing and extending methods. During that time there has been evolved a number of extensions of methods which perfectly satisfy all requirements. These extensions are universally recognised, and they constitute a standard for all possible extensions. There is not a large number of them. They differ in many ways one from another: some are simple, some are complex. But in every case the extensions appeal to the ringer in the same way. We know, as I have already said, beyond all fear of contradiction, that Bob Major is the correct extension of Bob Minor, and for exactly the same reason we know that Cambridge Royal is the correct extension of Cambridge Major. Well then, let us try and find out what that reason is. Let us take all these methods, examine and study them thoroughly, and, having done so, let us see by experiment if we can find a theory which will perfectly cover all the ground. Having got that theory then (and this is the most important thing of all), test it thoroughly. Do not seek for reasons to support it; they will come readily enough. Seek for anything which will upset it.

I will illustrate what I mean by an example. You may be tempted to lay down as a general law that, if the original is a double method, then any extension of it must be double also. I suppose most people would on first thoughts take this as almost obvious. I suppose that everybody who has tried to extend Superlative to Royal or Maximus has at the outset ruled out any extensions which were not double. Now it is extremely probable that any true extension of Superlative will be double. But supposing you could get an extension not double which in other respects satisfied your requirements, would that be a true extension? Most of our 'experts' would, I fancy, answer 'No.' But here comes the value of testing from a knowledge of all the accepted extensions. Duffield Major is perfectly double. Duffield Royal is not. But Duffield Royal, by the consent of the Exercise, is a true extension. Therefore it is a fallacy to say that because the original is double the extension must be so also.

Or, to take another instance. Some time ago (I forget exactly when and where) a theory was put forth dealing with the position of places. It was pointed out that in the second change of Superlative you have two places made—third's and sixth's. Now third's is third's from the front and sixth's is third's from the back, therefore there is a certain symmetrical relation between these two places. Hence it was argued that in Superlative Royal this relation must be preserved, and the places must be third's and eighth's. Shipway makes third's and sixth's (as in the Major), and therefore his extension was condemned. Is there any truth in this theory? Test it and see. Turn to Oxford Treble Bob Minor. In the second change you have two places made—third's and fourth's. Third's is third's from the front, fourth's is third's from behind. Hence, if this theory be sound, the Major should have third's and sixth's made, which any practical ringer can see is absurd.

One more example. Shipway gave implicitly, if not explicitly, a general rule that the nine bell extension of any eight-bell method (treble a plain hunt) can be had by adding a bell in the hunt, and that the extension so got is fully entitled to be considered the same method and to have the same name as the original. Test the theory and see if it is sound. There are over eight hundred plain Major methods in the Central Council's complete collection. If these are not immediately available, there are sixty-six in the published collection. You will find there is not one to which this rule does not apply. If you can, ring the Cater variations and see if they are the same method as the Major. If you cannot, draw out a skeleton course. You will find that Shipway is abundantly justified, and, since this theory stands the one vital test, you can put aside as irrelevant any objections that can be raised.

COURT METHODS.

STRUCTURE AND EXTENSION.

The structure of all Court methods is contained in the three following four-and-twenties:—

1234	4321	1234
2134	4312	2134
2314	4132	2314
3241	1423	2341
3421	1243	2431
4312	2134	2413
4132	2314	2143
1432	2341	1243

These three can all be extended either by adding a bell in the hunt or a bell in the work, all the way up to Maximus and beyond. We can get three five-bell methods with a bell in the hunt, and three more with four working bells.

1342	2431	1423
The double method bell added in the hunt.		
12345		

The single method, adding a bell in the work.

12345	12345
21435	21354
24135	23145
42315	32415
43251	34251
43521	43521
45312	45312
45132	54132
41523	51432
14253	15342
12453	

13524

Single and Double Court Bob Minor appeared in the 'Campanologia' in 1677. The figures are so well known that there is no need to print them here, but the three following variations are important:—

Single.	Double.	Double Norwich.
123456	123456	123456
213546	213546	213546
231456	231456	231456
324165	234165	234156
342615	243615	243516
436251	426351	234561
463521	462531	
645312	645213	243651
654132	654123	etc.
561432	651432	
516342	615342	
153624	165432	
135264	156342	
etc.	etc.	

Now Minimus, Doubles, and these three variations are of no practical value in the tower, but they are all useful in extending Court methods.

Take the 'Collection of Major Methods' published by the Central Council, and you will find Nos. 4, 8, and 12 all come from Double Court Minor, Nos. 19, 31 and 35 from Single Court, No. 23 comes from Double and Single Court, and all the pure Major methods in the book come from Plain, Reverse and Double Bob, Single, Reverse and Double Court Minimus, and most of the mixed methods from these with the three variations of the Minor which I have given.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch took place at Prestbury on Saturday, December 3rd. Owing to serious illness adjoining the tower the bells could not be rung, to the great disappointment of the large number present, not a few hoping to get their first pull on a peal of eight. However, the Vicar (the Rev. Baghot de la Bere) had a huge fire in the Church Room, where handbell ringing was indulged in until service time. The service held in the church was conducted by the Vicar, the association Master (Rev. C. D. P. Davies) reading the lesson. After service, all adjourned to the Church Room, where they were the guests of the Vicar to a substantial and well served tea.

Owing to the Vicar having to take evensong, the Master was voted to the chair, and had the support of some 50 members from the following towers: Leckhampton, Cheltenham, Swindon, Dumbleton, Alderton, Elkstone, Winchcombe, Twenning, Kemerton, Badgeworth, Witcombe and Prestbury.

The Secretary said he received valuable assistance from all members, especially G. H. Walters (Prestbury), F. Nurden (Dumbleton), and W. Oakley (Badgeworth).

A letter regretting absence was received from the esteemed chairman of the district (Rev. A. D. Pennington).

The following new members were elected: Mr. G. A. Nock (Elkstone), hon. member, Messrs. W. Grubb (Winchcombe), G. W. Kilminster, T. Davies, T. W. Parsons, R. Townsend, T. Parsons (Badgeworth), R. Lloyd and F. Beecham (Swindon). The following officers were elected for 1928: Chairman, Rev. A. D. Pennington (Alderton); representative, G. H. Walters (Prestbury); hon. secretary, W. Yeend (Swindon).

St. Mark's (Cheltenham) was selected for the next meeting (in March). The chairman and secretary urged all to do their best to attend the jubilee meeting at Bristol on Whit Monday. Mr. Hale suggested that a charabanc party be arranged, and this was agreed to, and a small committee formed.

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. W. Devereux seconded, a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for all that he had done to make the meeting so successful, despite the silent bells.—This was acknowledged by the Vicar, who said how pleased he was to have the association in his parish once again.—This concluded a very happy meeting.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Christchurch District was held at Christchurch, Hants, on Saturday, December 3rd, and was attended by about 50 members, those present including Rev. W. H. Gay (Christchurch), Rev. Larner (Milford), Mr. G. Preston (district secretary), Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary), and members from Bournemouth, Brockenhurst, Christchurch, Lymington, Lyndhurst, Milford-on-Sea, Ringwood, Sopley, Poole, Fareham and North Stoneham, and a visitor from Luton, Beds.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by Mr. E. E. Elliott, the retiring officers were re-elected, and it was decided to hold district meetings at Bournemouth, Lymington, Fordingbridge and Christchurch.

The Master gave a report of the special general meeting which was held at Southampton on October 22nd last.

The bells at the Priory Church were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, the methods practised ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Kent Treble Bob Royal.

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Finally, take Double Court Minimus, which we have seen, and extend it step by step up to Maximus, ignoring all extensions from six bells upwards which cause a bell to strike more than two blows behind; we have seen Doubles and Minor.

In Major, the 3rd can make 4th's and 3rd's or 6th's and 5th's, and also the 3rd can make 4th's and 3rd's, and the 5th 6th's and 5th's (this is Double Norwich)—three methods.

In Royal, the 3rd can make 4th's and 3rd's, 6th's and 5th's (this is Double Court), or 8th's and 7th's. The 3rd can make 4th's and 3rd's, and the 5th can make 6th's and 5th's or 8th's and 7th's (this is Double Norwich). Or the 3rd can make 6th's and 5th's, and the 5th 8th's and 7th's. Or the 3rd can make 4th's and 3rd's, the 5th 6th's and 5th's, and the 7th 8th's and 7th's—seven methods.

In Maximus, in the same way the 3rd can make her places in 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, or 9-0. The 3rd in 3-4 and the 5th in 5-6, 7-8, or 9-0. (The last of these is Double Norwich.)

The 3rd in 5-6, and the 5th in 7-8 or 9-0.

The 3rd in 3-4, the 5th in 5-6, and the 7th in 7-8 or 9-0.

The 3rd in 3-4, the 5th in 7-8, and the 7th in 9-0.

Finally, 3, 5, 7 and 9 can all make places—thirteen methods.

This makes twenty-four extensions from the four-and-twenty on four bells, all of which are practical methods, and all of which are of equal value as extensions.

Surely this shows how futile it is to say that Double Norwich Royal and Maximus are not Double Norwich. They received that name a hundred years ago, and other extensions must have other names.

Now look at the Maximus with places in 5-6 and 7-8. It is much more like the Major from a practical point of view than Double Norwich Maximus. It is quite as much, and no more, an extension of the Major. It is well worth ringing, but it must have another name.

Finally, we can get Triples from Minor, Caters from Major, and Cinques from Royal by adding a bell in hunt. H. LAW JAMES.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A SILVER CUP FOR COMPETITION.

The last meeting of the year was held at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday last, where one of the most beautiful peals of six bells is installed in the tower of All Saints' Church. They are tuned on Taylor's latest harmonic principle, and their sweetness and purity of tone is the admiration of all ringers. A good attendance was naturally expected at this meeting, but only 20 turned up, the inclement weather of the early morning, perhaps, having something to do with it. The ringers hailed from Newark, Southwell Cathedral, Warsop, Worksop, Ordsall, Barlborough, East Retford and Shireoaks, and there was also a good number of the local company, including the Misses Burchnall.

The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent, Violet, Duke of York, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Stedman, and Cambridge Surprise. A good course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. H. Revill, Rev. R. F. Wilkinson and two ringers from Southwell.

The association's silver cup, presented by Mr. Arthur Rawford, of Rampton, adorned the tea table. It was given in memory of his late father by Charles Rawford, of East Markham, who was a ringer and member of the association for 36 years.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) moved that the best thanks of the association be accorded to Mr. Arthur Crawford, of Rampton, for presenting the cup, and said he was sorry overpressure of business prevented his attendance at the meeting.—This was carried with acclamation.

The cup will be competed for next year, and will be held for twelve months by the winners. Probably the best regular attendance for Sunday service ringing, combined with the smallest number of faults in a test piece for ringing, will decide its destination for the year.

Tea was provided in the Church Institute by Mrs. Scott and others, and the general meeting followed.

A discussion took place on 'open' and 'closed' leads, in which the general secretary, Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Mr. F. Hargreaves and Mr. P. Hibbard took part, and it is hoped some good may result therefrom.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Sutton for the use of the bells and Church Institute and for presiding over the tea and meeting, also to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.—The Rev. B. M. Hawes briefly responded.

Further ringing was indulged in up to 9 p.m.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Horbury on Saturday. Although the weather was damp, dull and dispiriting, members attended from Sandal, Shelley, Felkirk, Royston, Wath, Barnsley, Arncliffe, and a good muster of the local company. There was also a very welcome mixture of kindred spirits from neighbouring towns who are not in the association, but all agreed to be ringers first and members after.

Tea was served in a local cafe, about 30 sitting down to attractive fare.

The business meeting was gone through at the tea table, the president being in the chair.

The secretary was asked to make the possible arrangements at the coming annual meeting at headquarters, Barnsley, regarding service in church, the business meeting, etc., also to give notice of committee meeting—all on Saturday, January 14th, 1928.

The bells were freely rung, both before and after tea, in standard methods. Taking the meeting as a whole, it was interesting and much enjoyed by all.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Bradford on Saturday, December 3rd, when over sixty members were present from Lightcliffe, Pudsey, Keighley, Denholme, Shipley, Guiseley, Arncliffe, Bingley, Idle, Earlsheaton, Calverley, Silsden, Kibburton, Huddersfield, Almondbury, Sowerby, Headingley, Far Headingley, Leeds, Queensbury, Liversedge, Rothwell, Drighlington, Horbury, Ilkley, and the local company. The peal of ten bells at the cathedral and the peal of eight at St. John's were rung during the afternoon.

Tea was served in the Captain Street Schools at five o'clock, and the business meeting was held immediately after, Mr. J. Cotterell being in the chair.

Four new members were elected, viz., B. Kendall, L. W. Parry (Ilkley), J. Windle (Denholme), and J. Waterhouse (Pudsey).

It was proposed that the next meeting should be held at Earlsheaton.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the respective Vicars and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables, and to the local company for the arrangements made. Mr. H. Bland suitably replied, and the meeting then terminated.

The towers were again visited, and further ringing took place.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, December 11th, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,264 Bob Major: W. E. G. Hewson 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, Miss E. E. Harcastle 3, E. E. Bish 4, C. W. Roberts 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, J. L. Watkins 7, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 8.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, December 11th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 44 mins.: A. Starley 1, F. R. Hounsell 2, G. Apps 3, T. Mitchell 4, J. Feist 5, A. Absalom 6, G. Wood 7, E. Davey (conductor) 8.

A BELLFOUNDER'S BILL OF THE YEAR 1510.

In the year 1510, when Henry VIII. was king, the wardens of the Church of St. Mary-at-Hill, near London Bridge, decided to put the bells of their church in order. To do this, says 'The Foundry Journal,' they called in no less than three bellfounders, Mr. William Smyth, Mr. Bullesdon and Mr. Coulverton.

The first thing to be done seems to have been to have a supper and consultation at a Mr. Sidborough's, who probably kept the Salutation Inn. At the meal, the food consisted of a shoulder of mutton, six rabbits and five chickens, with bread, ale, wine and beer. The bill for all this amounted to 4s. 2d. In spite of all these delicacies, the parties do not appear to have parted amicably, for the next stage of the business is the arrest of Mr. Smyth, and an action at law against him, which seems, however, to have been dropped.

The next difficulty to be disposed of, was to discover whether Mr. Smyth's bell was tuneable or not, and to decide this, four of the parishioners, with the clerks of a neighbouring church, were invited to meet and to give their opinion. Wine and pears were provided to fortify them for their task. Apparently their report was in favour of Mr. Smyth, for his bell was found to be wholly satisfactory, and despite the late action taken against him a 'skryvener' or professional writer was called in to make an indenture between Mr. Smyth and the wardens for the furnishing of new bells. On this occasion wine was forthcoming, probably to celebrate the readmission of Mr. Smyth to the parochial fold.

The entry in the wardens' books reads:—

'Paid to the skryvener for making of the Indentures betwixt William Smyth bellfounder and the parish.'

At the same time a Mr. Reve was summoned from the neighbourhood of Ludgate Hill. He had 'brekefast' provided for him, for he had come to hear 'if the 4th bell was in tune or not.'

Below are given the items of the bellfounder's account. It will be noticed that the founder does not charge for each bell, but for the metal of which it is made. This was a common custom: for instance, in 1487 a Mr. Nele, for casting a number of gutters, was paid for each hundredweight cast.

The Gods penny mentioned is the penny paid as earnest money to settle or establish the bargain made.

[The Bill.]

for brede and drynk to hym that strake the belles ...	iid.
strekyng [that is lowering] of the iij belles to the	
grounde	iis.
for a C of smale Ropis for to streke the belles ...	xs.
for Drynke to the porters that holpe to stryke the belles	iid.
for the Cariage of iiij belles to the fownders ...	iis.
for to vi porters to helpe them on the slede ...	vi.
for xl. lb. rope for the belles, at id. quarter the lb.	
Summa	liiis. iid.
for wyne, at The Salutation, (Inn) at the bargeyne	
makynge for the frame of the belles ...	viiid.
for the oblygacion (or indenture) makynge, for that	
bargeyne	liiis.
for the goddis peny in honde	xls.
to the Carpenter for his full bargayne	vii.
to William Smyth, fownder, for a waynskot	xliiis.
for sawyng of that waynskot for the bell whelis ...	vid.
for Naylys for whelis of the belles	id.
for iiii square bolsters of Iron for the grete belles, weyng	
vi lb. and di.	xliiis.
for Mendyng of xii kayes for the belles	iid.
for makynge for boltes of Iron for your sowith bell ...	xd.
for iiii bokylles for the bawdrykes of the belles ...	viiid.
for dressing of v stayes for the bell whelis	xd.
for kays for the stapulles of a bell	id.
for i c grete Naylys for the belles	xd.
for xii wegis of Iron for the gogsons of the belles ...	vid.
for the dressing of the harnes for the belles	vid.
for a bawdryke for the first bell, and for mendyng of	
the olde bawdrykes	xliidob.
to William Smyth, fownder, for iC di. xvi lb. of newe	
metall to the iiiiith bell, the c xxvii. viiid. Summa ...	xliiis. viiid.
to William Smyth, fownder, for makynge the scripture	
about the bell	xliis. iiiiid.
for mendyng and garnysshyng of iiii bell clapers ...	vs. xd.
to Coulverton, Bellfounder, for ii C xliii lb. of Newe	
metall for the grete bell after xxviiis. the C. Summa ...	lixs. vid.
to Bullisdon, in Bates howse, in the presens of Mr.	
Smart for the Rest of the grete bell, in money ...	xxixs. iiiiid.
for mendyng and garnysshing of the grete bell claper ...	iis. iiiiid.
for ii New Bawdrykes for the belles	xliid.
for Drynke at the hanyng vpp of the belles	id.

SILVER WEDDING.

The ringers of St. Michael's Church, Stone, Staffs, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on September 27th, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Baker on celebrating their silver wedding. Mr. Baker has been a bellringer 13 years, and a chorister 33 years. H. Hodson 1, H. Buckley 2, J. Moulson 3, W. Buckley 4, C. Templeton 5, J. Head 6, A. Rooley (conductor) 7, E. Baker 8.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.

CERTIFICATES PRESENTED.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held at Gorseinon on December 3rd, when about 30 ringers attended from Aberavon, Baglan, Cadroxton, Morriston, Swansea, Sketty, Llanelly, Llanstephen, and the local band. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. J. Thomas), assisted by his curate. A tea was provided by the Vicar at the Church Hall, and was enjoyed by all.

At the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, Mr. E. Stitch was re-elected hon. district secretary, and Mr. G. W. Hollis was elected auditor.

Sketty was chosen for the next quarterly meeting.

The meeting confirmed the election of the following non-resident life members: Messrs. G. Williams, J. H. R. Freaborn, A. E. Sharman, H. Barton, J. H. Riding, E. Jenkins, W. J. Nevard, and G. Martin, and the best thanks of the Guild were voted to them for ringing the four 'firsts in the method' for the Guild.

The chairman then presented to the captains of the towers present the Guild's certificate. He congratulated all on the good work being done, and wished success to the Guild.

The best thanks of the Guild were given to Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, for his kindness in giving the design of certificate to the Guild.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for taking the service, the use of the bells, for the tea, and for kindly presiding at meeting, to the organist, and to all the ladies who so kindly helped at the tea table.

The Vicar proposed a vote of condolence with the widow of the late Mr. A. Hatton, a life member of the Guild.—This was carried by the members standing in silence for a few moments.

The bells were made good use of, both before and after the meeting.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of North Bucks Branch was held at Buckingham on Saturday, December 3rd, when a representative gathering attended, there being about 40 members present, representing the following towers: Bletchley, Bradwell, East Claydon, Emberton, Fenny Stratford, Maids Moreton, Newport Pagnell, Padbury, Stony Stratford and the local ringers, also visitors from Northamptonshire representing Peterborough Diocesan Guild and Towcester and District Guild. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and a short service was held, the Guild form being used, the Rev. C. C. Naters, Vicar of Buckingham, officiating. After service, a good tea was served, much to the appreciation of all.

The Master, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, unexpectedly turned up during the afternoon, and stayed as long as possible, but had to leave before tea was over owing to a long journey in front of him.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) thought it was an opportune time to ask the Master to say a few words on the subject of peal diplomas for young ringers before such a good gathering, and this he did before leaving.

After tea was over, the Secretary stated that he had no special business to bring before the meeting, but after having heard what the Master had said about 'peal diplomas,' he thought that it would be a good thing if the members would vote either for or against, seeing that there was a good representation of the branch, and they would not get a better opportunity to arrive at some definite decision. On being put to the vote, the proposal was carried.

Further discussions took place on branch work generally for the benefit of all, and proposals made which may mature a little later on. This brought a happy meeting to a close, thanks being given by the secretary to those responsible for making all arrangements.

Further ringing then took place, the methods ranging from Grand-sire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Re the peal of Oxford Bob Major at Tring, on looking through our records I find that what was supposed to be the first peal in the method was rung by the Warnham Branch of the Sussex County Association on the bells of the Parish Church on January 10th, 1889, conducted by H. H. Chandler.—Yours faithfully,

Warnham.

WAL. CHARMAN.

MR. E. STITCH'S 50 PEALS.

Doubles 2 (conducted 2), Doubles in two methods 1, Grandsire Triples 23 (conducted 3), Grandsire Caters 5, Bob Minor 4, Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 5 (conducted 1), Stedman Triples 3, London Bob Triples 1, Kent Treble Bob Minor 2, Kent Treble Major 1, Spliced Bob Major and Grandsire Triples 1, Spliced Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples 1; total 50. Rung for three associations, in 16 towers, six counties, with 84 ringers.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, December 11th, for morning service. 720 Oxford Delight: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 Duke of York: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, W. S. Lawrence 3, G. H. Carter 4, A. Phillips 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.—At St. Oswald's Church, on December 11th, for morning service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, by the local band: R. G. Edwards 1, J. Owens 2, J. F. Smith 3, W. J. Jones 4, G. R. Edwards (conductor) 5, S. Wood 6.—For evening service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob by the local band: G. R. Edwards 1, J. F. Smith 2, W. J. Jones (conductor) 3, J. Owens 4, R. G. Edwards 5, S. Wood 6. First 720 as conductor.

RICKMANSWORTH.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Sunday, December 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Croseley (first quarter-bell of Stedman) 1, F. W. Elliott 2, J. E. Jones 3, W. Millett 4, G. Foster 5, E. Hookham 6, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 7, T. Gander 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sunday evening, December 11th, for Confirmation service, taken by the Bishop of Buckingham, at St. Mary's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 50 mins.: E. T. Hooper 1, *E. Hudson 2, H. Albrow 3, W. H. Fussell 4, G. T. Leader 5, A. Bateman 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, *F. W. Gallop 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday evening, December 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: R. Colyer 1, C. Lord 2, G. M. Kilby 3, T. Collins 4, H. Pendry 5, J. C. Jackson 6, H. Kilby (conductor) 7, T. Humphreys 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th and tenor, who began ringing in February last, with Messrs. G. M. and H. Kilby as instructors.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 11th, at All Saints' Church, 720 Bob Minor: Miss Nan White (first 720) 1, E. Runter 2, J. H. Myhill 3, E. Kemp 4, W. Prail 5, E. P. Buckingham (conductor) 6.—On December 9th, 720 Bob Minor: Miss Nan White 1, H. Devenish 2, E. Runter 3, W. Windley 4, E. Kemp 5, E. P. Buckingham (conductor) 6.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 11th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: P. Ashcroft 1, W. Butler 2, V. Glass (first 720 inside) 3, A. Evers 4, W. S. Butler 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. Also 288 Woodbine Treble Bob.—For evening service, 720 Double Court: V. Glass 1, W. Mellin 2, W. Butler 3, A. Evers 4, P. Ashcroft 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. Also 288 Oxford Treble Bob.

SWINDON.—At St. Mark's, on Sunday, December 11th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: N. Allnatt 1, T. Ricketts 2, A. Heath 3, J. Roberts 4, J. Penny 5, G. Lawrence 6, S. Hopper (conductor) 7, F. Weston 8. First quarter of Triples for treble and tenor, also first quarter as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers and belong to St. Mark's band.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, December 11th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor with tenor covering: H. Gash 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, J. Kent 3, L. Mannering 4, C. J. Tricker 5, F. E. Hawthorne (first 720 of Minor as conductor) 6, C. Gash 8.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday evening, December 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. E. Holden (first quarter-peal) 1, A. V. Corden 2, S. H. Picton 3, W. Harwood 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, P. H. Doick 6, A. C. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

WANDSWORTH.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, December 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: L. Attwater 1, H. Barrett 2, A. Outmore 3, T. Holloway 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, T. Hendy 8.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor in 40 mins., consisting of 360 College Exercise, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob: S. J. White 1, B. C. Mann 2, E. Runter 3, J. D. Buckingham 4, C. J. Mann 5, E. P. Buckingham (conductor) 6.

PENDLETON.—On Sunday, November 27th, at St. Thomas' Church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: R. Johnson (first 720) 1, S. Greenhalgh 2, T. Jones 3, A. F. Bailey 4, P. Ladin 5, H. Greenhalgh (first 720 as conductor) 6.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's Church, for matins, on November 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: J. Brants (first quarter-peal) 1, W. C. Parker 2, A. Worsfold 3, G. Walmesly 4, A. Hiscock 5, F. Goater (conductor) 6, J. Phillips 7, F. Smith 8.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, October 16th, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: L. Towers 1, C. H. Briggs 2, A. Ballard, jun., 3, C. H. Webb 4, T. Atkins 5, G. Newton (conductor) 6, F. E. E. Pickering 7, T. Barwell 8.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.—For harvest festival service, on October 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: E. Richards 1, A. T. Poulton 2, T. Napper 3, W. Colwell 4, R. E. Summers 5, W. T. Poston (conductor) 6, W. Poston 7, J. J. Webb 8.

GLEMSFORD.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for matins, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. W. Ambrose 1, P. L. Johnson 2, R. V. Johnson 3, J. Sparham 4, C. Watson 5, T. E. Slater (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 720 Plain Bob: E. W. Ambrose 1, H. List 2, P. L. Johnson 3, R. V. Johnson 4, C. A. J. Sparham 5, T. E. Slater (conductor) 6.

SHIPLEY, YORK.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major in 48 mins.: *T. Wilcock 1, T. B. Kendall 2, F. Seager 3, T. A. King 4, *Mrs. Seager 5, H. Haigh 6, H. Stott 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8. * First in method. This is the first quarter-peal in method by an all Shipley company.

DEPTFORD.—At St. Nicholas', on Sunday, October 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: J. Harding (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss Jessie Colegate 2, W. Merrill 3, E. E. Richards 4, *C. Elliott 5, *C. Ridgway (first quarter-peal) 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, *E. Parsons (first quarter-peal) 8. * P.C.'s of 'R' Division Metropolitan Police. Mr. Ridgway hails from St. Lawrence Abbots, Langley, Herts, and this is his first attempt on eight bells.

LEITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On October 2nd, for morning service, 720 Oxford Delight: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, W. S. Lawrence 3, A. Woolston 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: W. H. Lawrence 1 and 2, W. S. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, S. Carter 5, G. H. Carter (conductor) 6.—On October 9th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 Duke of York: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Sunday, October 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Major in 55 mins.: W. Robinson, jun., 1, Miss E. M. Stuart 2, W. Nevinston 3, E. Jennings 4, F. Woodend 5, T. F. Hewerton 6, T. B. Newton 7, W. Robinson, sen. (conductor) 8.

HEADINGTON.—On Sunday, October 2nd, at St. Andrew's Church, for harvest festival, in the evening, 720 Grandsire Doubles: *R. Cattle 1, H. Tolley 2, *W. F. Bock 3, *F. Cooper 4, F. Beckett (conductor) 5, *J. H. Berry 6. * First attempt for 720. Great credit is due to these four ringers.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sunday, September 25th, at St. Iltyd's Church, Newcastle, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. Evans 1, R. Evans 2, B. J. Toby 3, C. H. Perry (conductor) 4, J. Evans 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, W. James 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to D. R. James.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: W. Evans 1, R. Evans 2, B. J. Toby 3, J. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, W. James 8.—On Sunday, November 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 55 mins.: W. Evans 1, J. Evans 2, B. J. Toby 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, W. James 8. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

LINTON, KENT.—On Sunday, September 25th, for morning service at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 46 mins. (Carter's odd and even Bob): T. E. Sone 1, Mrs. Baker 2, R. J. Davis 3, C. H. Sone 4, F. Bennett 5, H. Baker 6, L. Head (conductor) 7, H. Tolhurst 8.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, September 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Garner 1, G. Clarke 2, J. McCluskey (conductor) 3, C. F. Otter 4, H. Arrand 5, E. Arrand 6, E. Cooper 7, T. Revil 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of 4th, on his 21st birthday, and to the ringer of the 7th on his 24th birthday.

LEWISHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, September 25th, for evening service, a quarter peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): C. H. Walker 1, H. James 2, W. W. Fox 3, H. Warnett, jun., 4, C. Moulton (first quarter-peal of Major) 5, E. Mounter 6, J. Dafters 7, H. Warnett (conductor) 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, September 25th, for evensong at the pro-Cathedral of St. Thomas of Canterbury, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: J. H. Blake 1, C. Shepherd (first quarter inside) 2, Mrs. F. A. Burnett 3, J. H. Cassidy 4, F. A. Burnett 5, P. Giles 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, H. L. Aitken 8. All are members of the Winchester Guild except ringer of the treble, who hails from Chichester.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, September 25th, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples by: C. W. Roberts 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, J. W. Chapman 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, G. H. Cross 6, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 7, W. E. G. Hewson 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, September 18th, for evening service at St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques: Wilson Rushton 1, F. G. Symonds 2, W. H. L. Buckingham 3, E. F. Pike 4, H. Langdon (conductor) 5, G. N. Price 6, E. Brett 7, W. G. Whitehead 8, A. Harris 9, F. E. Collins 10, G. Rice 11, J. Bullock 12.

BLADON, OXON.—On harvest festival Sunday, after evening service, a 720 Bob Minor: W. H. Thorne 1, F. Tuffrey 2, J. Judge 3, C. Bennett 4, J. Franklin 5, W. F. Judge (conductor) 6. All the above are Sunday service ringers at Kidlington, and this was the first 720 by all except ringers of 3rd and tenor.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 27th, Southwark Cathedral on Dec. 29th, St. Magnus' on the 22nd. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OPENING OF NEW BELLS (10), Dalton-in-Furness Parish Church, Friday, Dec. 16th, 7.30 p.m. Dedication by the Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness. Preacher, Rev. Canon Bell, York Minster.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A combined practice will be held in conjunction with a committee meeting at Mitcham on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at Parish Church 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30.—Chas. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Tower open from 4 to 8. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business after. Everyone welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklyn, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Isham (6) on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Brislington on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells open at 3 p.m.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec. pro tem., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—A practice for Bristol will be held at the Parish Church on Saturday, December 17th. Bells available 6.30 to 9 p.m.—Cecil C. Mayne, Beaconsfield.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3. Business meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH.—Dedication on Saturday, Dec. 17th, of a memorial plaque of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, sen., erected in the tower by his son, Mr. E. Denison Taylor. All visiting ringers welcome. Ringing will take place on the peal of ten bells of All Saints' Parish Church, and also on the Bell Foundry peal of ten. The Bell Foundry will be open to visitors. All welcome.

WHADDON, Near BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—The peal of six (recast by Gillett and Johnston) will be dedicated by the Bishop of Buckingham on Monday, Dec. 19th, at 6.30 p.m. There will be ringing after the service, at which all ringers will be welcomed.—E. A. Selby Lowndes, Vicar.

AN INVITATION.—A peal in a method of distinction is wanted at the Derby Cathedral on Boxing Day, 1927, and experienced ringers who must be good strikers are invited to attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the Cathedral bells. The first ten names received will be given preference. Any ringer wishing to conduct same please mention. Time of starting arranged later. Sunday Service ringing 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Practice night Monday, 7.30 p.m. prompt to 9 p.m. Learners invited. Ringers and friends welcome.—James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby.

ILLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Newport (Mon.) on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Bells available from mid-day. Service in All Saints' Church at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow in All Saints' Mission House. The bells of St. Woolos' Church also available from mid-day until 3 o'clock and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Inaugural Meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Dec. 31st: 3 p.m., meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall (Inaugural Address by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese); 4.20, Special Service in Holy Trinity Cathedral (sermon by the Lord Bishop); 5.30, tea (1s. each) in St. Saviour's Church Hall, Onslow Street. Ringing in the evening. All ringers residing in the diocese are earnestly requested to attend, and visitors are cordially invited. All those who require tea must notify me by Tuesday, Dec. 26th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock, through the kindness of the Rector and churchwardens. Business meeting to follow. A good attendance is earnestly desired. Half-rail fare (maximum 1s.) to members.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

STAMFORD, Lincs.—At All Saints' Church, on December 6th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Lipscombe 1, J. R. Nichols 2, J. H. Bluff (conductor) 3, P. Baldock 4, Jas. Bluff 5, S. Brittain 6. Longest recorded length on these bells, and first quarter-peal by all the band.

EGHAM, Surrey.—On December 1st, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, the first quarter ever rung in Egham by a local band: A. Coates 1, E. Burley 2, J. Beeby 3, A. Hiscock 4, W. Peck 5, E. Goater (conductor) 6, W. Worsfold 7, W. Perry 8.

TAMWORTH.—At St. Edith's Church, on Tuesday, November 29th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes, Thurstans'), in 46 mins.: C. Chapman 1, H. J. Dakin (first quarter inside) 2, G. Chaplin (conductor) 3, R. P. Brindley 4, A. J. Marks 5, A. Chaplin 6, J. Pratt 7, A. Cooper (first quarter) 8.

FRYERNING.—At St. Mary's Church, on November 23rd, 720 St. Clement's Bob; on November 30th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure; on Sunday, December 4th, before matins 720 York Surprise, before evensong 720 London Surprise and 360 Cambridge Surprise: F. Wright, L. Camp, E. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright, G. Camp, A. Bradley (conductor). First of St. Clement's and Canterbury Pleasure by the company.

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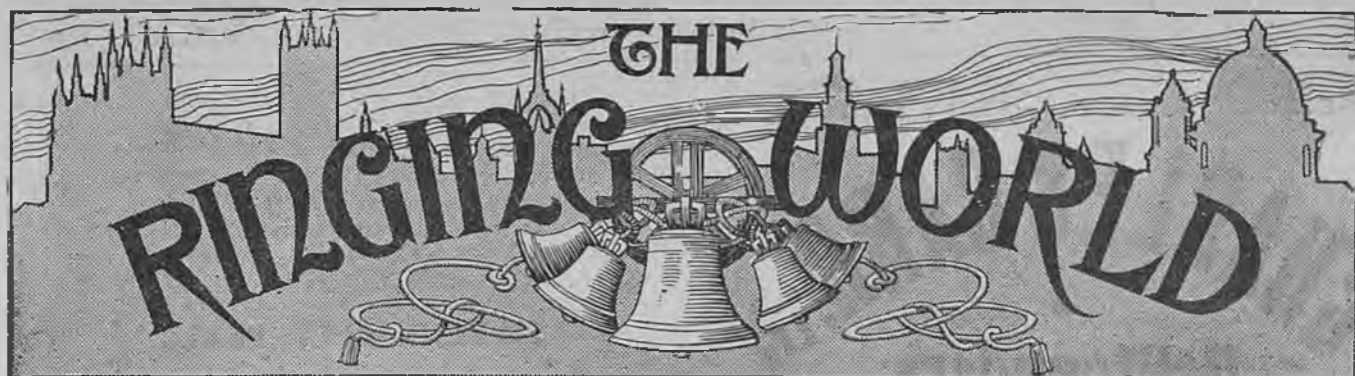
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Ringers, therefore, have an important duty to perform at this season; let them see to it that they perform the task worthily. Those who are in the habit of ringing Sunday by Sunday may not, perhaps, fully appreciate how, on the great festivals, they are responsible for interpreting the feelings of churchpeople. Familiarity with their calling may have blunted the sense with which some ringers discharge their obligation; they may even be tempted to think only of their own convenience, and to decide what ringing, if any, they shall do according to the vagaries of fancy at the moment. We have known such cases. Happily, however, they are not frequent, and ringers, as a whole, enter fully into the spirit of the occasion. But Christmas is more than a festival for church-folk. It is, so far as this country especially is concerned, a national festival, into the spirit of which the people enter in a way not shown at any other time. And the people want to hear the bells at Christmas as they do at no other time. An English Christmas without bells would be unthinkable—as well imagine it without the traditional plum pudding.

This year Christmas and Sunday coincide, and ringers ought everywhere to mark it by some additional ringing beyond that which usually precludes the ordinary Sunday services. There ought to be ringing on Saturday, for the Eve of the Festival, and a special period of ringing on Christmas Day itself. Probably this will have been arranged at many churches; we should like to see it generally carried out all over the country, for, to the public, Christmas bells convey a very special message. They stir the emotions, they awaken memories, and do as much to symbolise the spirit of the day as anything that can affect the feelings of the multitude. Thus we

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The moon is hid; the night is still;

The Christmas bells from hill to hill

Answer each other in the mist.'

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On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble	HAROLD N. PITSTOW 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	CHARLES S. BURDEN 9
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET 10
WILLIAM S. WHITEHEAD 5	JAMES BOLLOCK 11
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

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On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	WALTER ERNEST YATES 5
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 2	*ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE 6
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	THOMAS J. FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Stedman. The Rev. H. A. Ball, M.A., Rector, visited the belfry and kindly offered prayers before the start of the peal, and provided refreshments afterwards.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS Treble	*STANLEY G. DAVEY 5
*STANLEY G. MOSS 2	WILLIAM CHALK 6
HERBERT W. BACON 3	WILLIAM DENT 7
EDWARD A. LEGGETT 4	WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by W. J. SCHOFIELD.

* First peal and first attempt. Great credit is due to both these ringers, S. G. Moss being only 16 years of age, for the way they rang. Ringers of 1st and 2nd from Mistley, 3rd and 5th from Ardleigh, 4th from Wormingford, 6th, 7th and 8th from St. Peter's, Colchester.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	JOHN GOOCH Tenor

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer, and his brother ringers wish to tender their thanks for his kind hospitality after the peal. W. C. Rumsey has now completed the octave in seven towers, viz., Debenham, Framsdon, Helmingham, Framlingham, Worlingworth, Eye and Coddenham.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's Six-Part.

*RICHARD BLACKLEDGE ... Treble	*RALPH WORTHINGTON ... 5
GEORGE PINCOFF ... 2	*GEORGE BENNETT ... 6
*JACK KAY ... 3	PETER CROOK ... 7
*JAMES RICE ... 4	*JOSEPH McIVER ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringers of the treble, 5th, 6th and tenor were elected members before starting for the peal. J. Rice hails from Tyldesley, the remainder are local.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5
*JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 2	*FRED HODGSON ... 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 3	JOHN AMBLER ... 7
SAMUEL WARD ... 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal of Surprise. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. Stanley Robinson, of Preston, formerly of Leeds, and to celebrate the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. P. J. Johnson.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's No. 1 (slightly transposed) Tenor 24 cwt.

RICHARD CLARK ... Treble	WALTER FARLEY ... 5
ALBERT E. STOWELL ... 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 6
HENRY PRING ... 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 7
WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 4	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

WARNEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	*SIDNEY PAICE ... 5
JAMES BURDFIELD ... 2	JACK BRANCH ... 6
WILLIAM HOOKER ... 3	JOHN COOK ... 7
*WILLIAM WATTS ... 4	PETER CHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by W. CHARMAN.

* First peal in the method.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

DAN PHILLIPS ... Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
*ARTHUR ROLPH ... 2	*GEORGE PLAYLE ... 6
JOHN DALE ... 3	†THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
*JOHN SITCH ... 4	*ALBERT FRY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † Proposed a member of the Essex Association before starting. Rung as a compliment to John Dale on attaining his 63rd birthday.

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(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5082 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*GEORGE WOOSNAM ... Treble	JOHN BREESE ... 5
DAVID HUGHES ... 2	JOHN HUGHES ... 6
†JOHN GREASLEY ... 3	FRANK WINSTANLEY ... 7
†HENRY MARTIN ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Kent Major. † First peal of Major. This peal was rung to mark the jubilee of the consecration of the church, which took place on December 13th, 1877. All the band are Sunday service ringers at the church, with the exception of ringers of 3rd and 4th.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 15, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*H. WILLIAM BLAKE ... Treble	†WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 5
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 2	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 6
*WALTER G. BRIGHAM ... 3	HARRY MILES ... 7
JOHN R. CHAUNDY ... 4	WILLIAM STONE ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

* First peal in any method. † First peal of Stedman. This was the first peal on the bells.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALBERT RELFE ... Treble	BERTRAM LOCK ... 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... 2	HARRY BAKER ... 6
TOM SAUNDERS ... 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 7
THOMAS E. SONE ... 4	FREDERICK S. MACEY ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Owing to 'engine trouble' and a late start, Mr. P. Hodgkin and Mr. C. H. Sone consented to stand out, Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker kindly filling the gap.

OXENHOPE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Five Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8864 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CLARENCE BLACKBURN ... Treble	JAMES INGHAM ... 5
ALBERT MARSHALL ... 2	*ARNOLD BLACKBURN ... 6
FRED HODGSON ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7
ERNEST B. BETTS ... 4	WILLIAM HORAN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP.

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal in the method. Longest length by all the band. First peal in the method on the bells. Longest length in the method by the association. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. E. G. Ayers for having all in readiness, and also for his hospitality after the peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, DALSTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is the first peal on the bells, although they were placed in the tower in 1877. The Vicar (Rev. J. O. Vince) and Mrs. Vince are again cordially thanked for their hospitality after the peal.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble	WILLIAM HILLMAN 5
EDWARD C. MERRITT 2	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS 6
JACK N. CRIPPS 3	JOHN DEARLOVE 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING Treble	ALBERT A. FLEMING 5
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT 6
JAMES DURRANT 3	CHARLES PARKER 7
WILLIAM A. WOOD 4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Parker.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	FRED COOK 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	HERBERT FIELDS 6
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS 3	A. GEORGE RIVERS 7
GEORGE CRISP 4	*FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 5
TOM FORD 2	ERNEST COOMBS 6
SIDNEY DAWE 3	GEORGE LARGE 7
*GEORGE H. DAY 4	BERT WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LARGE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday peal for the ringer of the tenor and for the conductor's youngest daughter.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb.

ALFRED ROWLEY Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
HAROLD V. COOPER 2	WILLIAM H. COOPER 6
THOMAS HENNING 3	BENJAMIN GODGH 7
JOHN LLOYD 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung in honour of the Vicar, Rev. Dr. T. G. Swindell, who reached his 82nd birthday on the Tuesday previous. The ringers extend their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fullwood for their kind hospitality at the close of the peal.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble	PERCY SPARKES 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	WILLIAM GIGG 6
*HARRY POCOCK 3	PERCY MERSON 7
WILLIAM H. COLES 4	EBENEZER FRIDDLE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED J. WYATT.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor on eight bells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS Treble	*WILLIAM BROWN 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	*HECTOR G. BIRD 6
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	*JOSEPH H. COX 7
WILLIAM GIBBS 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major. T. J. Salter's 300th peal for this association.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*CECIL RIDOUT Treble	*EDWIN RIDOUT 4
*PERCY SPENCER 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*BEN RIDOUT 3	*SYDNEY GODDARD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal and members of local band.

LITTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*SIDNEY T. WITHEV Treble	HERBERT BABER 4
*LEONARD PULLIN 2	HAROLD E. BLACKER 5
*REGINALD MIDDLE 3	†JOHN FORD Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal as conductor. L. Pullin was re-elected a member of the association before starting.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

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

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

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and thirty-two of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 11 cwt.

IVOR WHITING Treble	ARTHUR GAZEY 4
GEORGE WASLEY 2	ALBERT MARTIN 5
WILLIAM WASLEY 3	JOHN WHITING Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MARTIN.

Rung as a birthday peal to the ringers of treble and tenor.

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THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising four 120's of Bob Doubles and nineteen 240's of Grandsire Doubles (A. J. Pitman's arrangement).

*E. GEORGE BELLINGER ... Treble	†ERNEST STITCH ... 4
*MISS LUCY THOMAS ... 2	†ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 5
*MRS E. G. BELLINGER ... 3	*ALBERT E. PITMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal of Doubles in two methods. ‡ 50th peal. Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mr. E. G. Bellinger, who are leaving for London, the band wishing them success.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST F. BROWN ... Treble	HERBERT BABER ... 4
LEONARD PULLIN ... 2	HAROLD E. BLACKER ... 5
JOHN OWEN ... 3	C. HENRY PARSONS ... Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

Arranged for ringers of 1st, 2nd and 4th, of Chewton Mendip, and rung as a birthday compliment to J. Owen, captain of the local band.

CHEDZOY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST HEAL ... Treble	LEONARD GIGG ... 4
BERTRAM T. JEANES ... 2	WILLIAM GIGG ... 5
OLIVER BENNETT ... 3	HENRY CHAPPEL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM GIGG.

First peal by ringers of treble, 3rd and 4th, and first as conductor. Mr. Bertram T. Jeanes was re-elected a member prior to starting.

WALKERN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS ... 4
SIDNEY CARTER ... 2	GEORGE H. CARTER ... 5
ARTHUR WOOLSTON ... 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

This is the first peal upon the bells. A treble was added here two years ago by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Tower,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 of Oxford and 2,880 of Kent, called differently.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	FREDERICK S. PRICE ... 4
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 2	PERCIVAL PRICE ... 5
FREDERICK J. MILNER ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

JOSEPH SHARP ... Treble	WILLIAM STOCK ... 4
WILLIAM SHARP ... 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

TYBERTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALBERT T. BREWER ... Treble	*EDWIN COLCOMBE ... 3
WILLIAM E. BREWER ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... 4
	HERBERT COLCOMBE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

DINTING, DERBYSHIRE.

THE GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Kent, called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*T. RICHARDSON ... Treble	F. BOOTH ... 4
J. MARSDEN ... 2	J. LAWTON ... 5
E. T. MALKIN ... 3	A. LAWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. MARSDEN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells muffled as a last mark of respect to the memory of Jesse Neal, a ringer and leader at this church for 36 years, who died December 1st, 1927, aged 54 years.

BANHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERIC BENNETT ... Treble	WILFRED SAUNDERS ... 4
*ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 2	CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 5
FRANK CLARK ... 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

* First peal and first attempt. The bells were rehung last February, and it is 14 years since the last peal was rung at Banham.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

WILLIAM SIMPKIN ... Treble	FREDERICK BROWN ... 4
MISS ELIZABETH FOUKE ... 2	ALFRED MOULD ... 5
WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 3	JACK BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Woodbine Treble Bob, and two of Oxford Treble Bob.

ARTHUR PIPER Treble	FREDERICK SUCKLING... .. 4
FRANK HARRINGTON 2	ERNEST TOWNSEND 5
WILLIAM PIPER 3	JOSEPH JENNINGS... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PIPER.

All are local ringers except the ringer of the 2nd, who comes from Stebbing. Rung to celebrate the 55th birthday of the ringer of the 4th, who has been a regular ringer at the above church for 40 years. First peal as conductor.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 240's of Pitman's, four of Morris', and five of ordinary Grandsire. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ROLAND F. W. KINSEY ... Treble	GEORGE J. PRICE 4
WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
THOMAS W. ROWLEY, SEN. 3	HAROLD H. W. KINSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Rung for evening service.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

MISS ELIZABETH ADDISON Treble	MRS. ANNIE BOWDEN 4
*FREDERICK LANGTREE 2	EDMUND THOMPSON 5
WILLIAM T. CLARK 3	JOHN P. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND THOMPSON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twelve different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	JOHN PERRY 4
ROBERT PICKERING 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5
JOHN C. ADAMS 3	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

First peal of Stedman Doubles on the bells, first on tower bells by all the band and for the society. The band have all rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

NORTHCURCH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*OWEN BAYES Treble	†HENRY GOLDING 4
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	†JACK STOPP 5
HERBERT GATES 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in more than one method. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SIRLE HEDINGHAM.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF L. WISEMAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

*BERT COCK 1-2	OLAVE BROYD 3-4
LEWIS WISEMAN... .. 5-6	

Conducted by LEWIS WISEMAN.

* First peal in any method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the sixth daughter of the conductor.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD.

MEMORIAL TO MR. W. ROCK SMALL.

On Saturday, December 3rd, the quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Martin's Parish Church, Tipton. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members during the afternoon until the Guild service at 4.30. At 4.15 there was a crowded audience in the belfry for a short dedication service. There were present the Vicar, who officiated, the Rev. W. R. Noel Naylor (assistant priest), the churchwardens, Mr. F. Fantom, Mr. A. Matty, Mr. A. Rowley (Ringing Master), the sons of the late Mr. W. Rock Small, and a number of ringers from the neighbouring churches.

The Vicar referred to the notable and noble record of the late Mr. William Rock Small as a ringer for 60 years, 40 of them being devoted to the service of Christ at Tipton Parish Church.

A tablet to his memory was then unveiled by one of the seven sons, who have already collectively given a stained-glass window to the church in memory of their father.

The memorial tablet records particulars of two peals, viz., the last peal in which the late Mr. W. R. Small took part, and the peal subsequently rung half-muffled to his memory.

The Vicar then dedicated the tablet to the glory of God, and closed with prayer and the Benediction.

A plain course of Stedman Triples (Mr. Small's favourite method) was afterwards rung by a band representing eight different towers in the Guild, viz., B. Gough (Coseley), P. Cottell (Tipton), H. Mason (Hagley), H. Sheppard (Dudley), A. Greenfield, conductor (Netherton), J. Screen (West Bromwich), H. Withers (Selly Oak), and B. Fullwood (Sedgley).

The usual Guild service followed in the church. The Vicar, in his address, spoke on three matters as mottoes for ringers: 'Do all to the glory of God,' 'with thy might,' and 'members one of another.'

After the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a bounteous tea was in readiness, for which the churchwardens were responsible, and, needless to say, full justice was done to the good things provided, upwards of 60 members and friends sitting down at the tables.

The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided, supported by the churchwardens, Mr. Matty, Mr. H. Mason (vice-president), and the secretary (Mr. H. Sheppard). Apologies were received from Mr. Churchwarden Fantom, who was unable to stay to the meeting, also from Mr. S. J. Hughes, for the same cause, Mr. J. Goodman (Ringing Master), Mr. J. George and Mr. Herbert Knight, who were all unable to be present.

Business of a routine character having been disposed of, three new honorary and several ringing members were added to the roll, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting, which is the annual, at Dudley.

The quarterly peal is proposed to be attempted at Tipton.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Mason proposed that the best thanks of the Guild be given to the Vicar of Tipton (the Rev. G. R. Mortimore) for permission to hold the meeting at his church, for conducting the service, for his inspiring address, for the use of the tower and bells and schoolroom, and for his courteous conduct in the chair at the business meeting, also to his colleague, the Rev. W. R. N. Naylor, for his part in the service, and to the organist and choir boys for the musical part of the service, for which the members were very grateful to them. They also wished to thank Mr. A. Bowley (the Ringing Master) and his ringers for the trouble that they took in making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

It is also desired to place on record hearty thanks to the churchwardens and Parochial Church Council for providing so bountiful a tea. Hearty thanks are also tendered to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea and for generally looking after the comfort of all present, also to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a most successful and happy one.

The Vicar, in his reply, said what a pleasure it had given him on behalf of himself and churchwardens and Parochial Church Council to welcome the Guild to Tipton. Mr. Churchwarden Matty also welcomed the members, and the Vicar then closed the meeting with prayer, after which the members again visited the belfry and kept the bells merrily going until the time came only too soon for each one to make tracks for home.

THE LATE MR. G. H. PHILLOTT.

Friends of the late Mr. G. H. Phillott (Cheltenham) will like to know that the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association is placing a tablet to his memory in St. Mary's Church ringing chamber. It is probable that it will be unveiled on Sunday, January 8th, about 2 p.m. A definite announcement will be made in next week's notice column.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED AT SHIPLAKE.**A GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.**

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, of the Old Vicarage, Shiplake, Oxon, celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday, December 4th, and a well-struck 600 odd of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the event after morning prayer.

The ringers have continually received the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson since they came to Shiplake some 20 years ago. 'Often during the winter practice,' writes a correspondent, 'the bell-fry door is flung open. "Come on, boys; Mrs. Nicholson wishes you to have some refreshments. Good of you coming these winter nights to ring." The voice is Mr. Nicholson's; there is no hesitation; it is the word for the deed. "Bang, clash, stand," and soon we're off to the front hall or dining-room, where the very best these human hearts can provide is waiting for us.

On Thursday, December 8th, with the Vicar and choirmen, we were invited to dine with Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson in honour of their golden wedding. The delightful dining-room with its 24 guests provided heaps of room. From its windows one could muse for hours. Tennyson stayed many times at this home, and was married at the dear old church. No wonder the poet sang while at Shiplake, 'Ring out the old, ring in the new.' But we are guests to dinner—roast turkey, roast beef of old England, and every thought to satisfy our wants. In the plum pudding, silver coins had been inserted. After dinner, at the sincere wish of the Vicar, Mr. O. W. Porter, the leader of the ringers, proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, which he did in happy phrase, adding that under that roof not only those present, but many, many more had received from Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson that human touch of Christianity. Mr. Nicholson briefly responded, and then in the billiard room billiards and songs were continued until 11.30. Hearty cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Nicholson, 'Auld Lang Syne,' and 'The King,' brought to a close one more of those happy evenings in which that touch of human kindness make the whole world kin.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson have had six sons, one of whom made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. He is peacefully resting in the churchyard close by.

The ringers' present to Mrs. Nicholson was a gold bell brooch, suitably engraved, specially and excellently made by Mr. Stacey, of Minchhead.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**WHAT A VISIT TO STONHAM ASPAL DID.**

A quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held at Stonham Aspal on Saturday, December 3rd, and was attended by about twenty-five members, representing the towers of Debenham, Eye, Wetheringsett, Thornham Magna, Ipswich, Ufford, Otley, Helmingham and Stowmarket. The bells were set going soon after three o'clock, and ringing continued until five p.m., when an adjournment was made to the schoolroom for tea. The Rector, Rev. T. O. Wenacott, was present, and took the chair at the business meeting which followed. He extended a hearty welcome to the Guild, and took the opportunity of thanking them for the meeting held at Stonham Aspal during the summer of 1926, when the bad state of some of the bells was brought to his notice. As a result of this he called in the services of a bell hanger (Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich), who effected the necessary repairs. New ropes had also been supplied for the whole peal of ten, and they are now in fair ringing order. He (the Rector) emphasised the fact that but for the action of the Guild in bringing the matter to his notice the bells would have remained in the same state, he himself being entirely ignorant that anything was wrong with them.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his welcome, and also for the use of the schoolroom, etc.

Mr. F. Warrington, of Long Stanton, Cambs, was confirmed as a non-resident life member of the Guild (following a bellfry election), and Hadleigh was selected for the next quarterly meeting to be held in January, followed by one at Fressingfield in the early spring.

This concluded the business, after which the members repaired to the tower and indulged in ringing ranging from rounds on the ten and Plain Bob Minor, Major and Royal for the learners, to Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal for the more experienced hands.

The inhabitants of Stonham Aspal are to be congratulated on the fact that their fine old peal of ten is once again in a good state of repair, and it is to be hoped that this will arouse more local interest, so that change ringing may be established in the parish.

LONGEST LENGTH AT 73.

At Milnrow, Lancashire, on Tuesday, December 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: J. Fitton 1, G. Staff (conductor) 2, S. Dunn 3, C. Bennett 4, A. Ruckley 5, J. H. C. Massey 6. Tenor 20 cwt. Rung after meeting short for Major (owing to illness), as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. J. Fitton, who rang the treble. He has been a regular ringer at the above church for 53 years. Longest length of Minor by all except G. Staff.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To all our readers we extend the warmest Christmas greetings, and we desire to thank the many correspondents who have sent us their good wishes.

Church bells were rung and an oak tree was planted in the churchyard at Hailsham (Sussex) to mark the rejection of the Prayer Book Measure.

A large attendance is expected at the inaugural meeting of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild on the last day of the year. An event of this description is, in these days, a rare occurrence, and visitors from neighbouring associations will be welcome. We are asked to say, however, that those who require tea must send a notification to the hon. secretary, whose address will be found in our notice columns.

In the peal of Kent Treble Bob rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on December 3rd, the ringer of the 7th was Albert Adams.

The Yorkshire Association's longest length of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung on Saturday at Oxenhope, when John Thorp's 8,864 was achieved in 5 hrs. 48 mins.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at Cardiff on Saturday week (composed by Ernest Coombes) consisted of 5,093 changes and not 5,003 as published.

On December 30th, 1830, St. Michael's Society, Bishop's Stortford, rang at St. Michael's Church a peal of Grandsire Caters (6,156 changes) in 4 hrs. 5 mins. It was composed and conducted by Robert Tharby, and was the longest length rung upon the ten bells.

One of the earliest performances of Holt's Original, conducted by one of the ringers, was at Saffron Walden on Christmas Day, 1753. We are not certain if it had ever been done before, but such an achievement was a noteworthy one.

Boxing Day is a day full of anniversaries in connection with ringing, and some memorable performances have been put up on this holiday, which ringers have seized upon as being suitable for long lengths.

Nearly a hundred years ago, namely, in 1831, 15,168 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Elland. This Boxing Day performance occupied 8 hrs. 43 mins.

Two Superlative Surprise records were put up on Boxing Day—9,312 was rung at Crawley, Sussex, in 1894, and in 1910 9,728 at Clent, Worcestershire.

Among other long lengths on Boxing Day have been the celebrated 'five ones' (11,111) Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, in 1901, 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major at South Wigston in 1901; 10,080 Bob Major at Helmingham in 1895; and 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow in 1923.

A band of College Youths, on December 26th, 1782, which happened to be Sunday, rang, 'the whole peal of 5,040 London Union Trebbles in 3 hrs. 20 mins., being the first peal in that method,' at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. The peal was 'composed and called by Mr. J. Plegis.'

One of the best of many good performances by Squire Leonard Proctor and his Benington band, of which there is now only one survivor, was the 6,048 of London Surprise Major on Boxing Day, 1871. It was rung by a band of village residents, and was 'the greatest scientific performance ever achieved in change ringing.'

An illustration of how some of our methods came by their names is to be found in a peal, the anniversary of which occurs on Monday. On December 27th, 1718, the Union Scholars rang 5,120 Union Bob (now known as Oxford Treble Bob) at St. Dunstan's, City. This is one of the few early peals of which the composition remains to us.

December 27th is the anniversary of the 17,104 Double Norwich Major at South Wigston in 1904, and the 10,176 Double Oxford Bob Major at Brierley Hill in 1909.

The first 'John' peal was rung at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Hagley, on December 27th, 1902—John Holt's Original, reversed by John Carter and conducted by John Jaggard.

In the report of the peal at Dublin on December 10th, the initials before the name of Mr. R. F. S. Murphy were contracted to P.C., which will probably have conveyed an entirely erroneous impression. Mr. Murphy is a Peace Commissioner. The name of the ringer of the 5th should have been given as Tait, not Tail.

PORCELAIN BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I will first of all do myself the honour of wishing you and yours a very happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous new year. I have often heard ringers refer to this or the other peal of bells as 'old pots,' but never really knew how near the truth this saying was until I came across the enclosed copy of the Copenhagen 'Evening News' of date November 21st. It records that the world-renowned porcelain factory at Meissen, in Germany, is engaged in making a carillon of 40 bells for the Meissen Parish Church. 'Kirkeklokker of Porcelæn!' But Mears, Johnston and Taylors need not file their petitions till we hear the new products. What about the lads and lasses hanging up mother's pudding bowls after Christmas dinner and trying 'em out?—Yours sincerely,

UNCLE JOE E. SYKES.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the nineteenth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

In last week's article we saw the effect of a place, made in 2nd's or 7th's in the plain principle.

Now cause BOTH ACTIONS to take place in your principle—7th's place by the 3 when the treble is behind, AND ALSO 2nd's place by the 5 when the treble leads, bearing in mind that when the 3 makes the 7th's place the 5 immediately becomes the bell which is 'before' the treble. You will now have DOUBLED the Bob Major action and have caused the treble to 'move up two,' thus producing as your FIRST lead-end 15738264, which is the SECOND lead-end of Bob Major. We name this Double Bob Major, again for a very obvious reason.

Now transfer this 'action' to any place WITHIN the rows of the principle. Let the bell which is 'before' the treble make ANY INTERNAL PLACE, cross the treble's path, and make another place immediately, and then hunt after the treble. The 3 is the bell which does this in each example. Plain hunt the bells from the last row given in each example (first 4 and then 3 pairs), and the lead-ends will be 13527486. Notice that not more than two places are made in any row, and in each case similar action to that which is given above has taken place:—

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678
21354768	21436587	21436587	21436587	21436587
23145678	24135678	24163857	24163857	24163857
23416587	42316587	42618375	42618375	42618375
24361857	24361857	46231857	46231357	46231735
		42638175	64823175	64827135
		46283715	46283715	68472315
				64827351
				68472531

Examples 1, 3 and 5 are included merely to emphasise the action of changing the two bells in the coursing order, and are useless in this form, but examples 2 and 4 are quite workable as they stand. When we fully realise that these 'places' can be made in the lower half of the principle—that is to say, when the treble is hunting down (or from the back to the front of the rows)—we shall know that we can easily produce a method that will be equal to six times the transposition of Bob Major. Bear in mind, if the places are made when the treble is hunting down, that they will APPEAR TO BE the reverse of the examples given. For instance, in the lower half of the lead the action which is relative to the second example will cause the '3' to make 'third's cross and fourth's,' instead of 'fourth's cross and third's,' as in example No. 2, because she makes first her place 'before' the treble crosses, and then makes her place 'after.' Similarly with the others.

Then, taking examples 2 and 4 only (being the straightforward ones), we can have one of them in a lead, or both of them; either of the similar ones in the lower half of the lead, or both; three of them in the same lead, or the whole four. Any of these combinations with 7th's place when the treble is behind ALSO; any of them with 2nd's place when the treble leads, or with BOTH of the latter. A modification of example No. 3 may be brought in amongst all of these, so that we can see that we have enough material to practise upon.

Each action will move the treble 'up one' in the coursing order, and each one will cause rounds to be transposed by 13527486—so many times to produce the lead-end, the times being governed by the number of the actions that are crowded into the one lead.

It might occur to the reader to write out a lead of the method which he constructs, and to look therein for the bells to appear AT LEAD in their proper coursing order; he will be disappointed. 'Coursing order' was explained in this manner, being the simplest form of bringing it to the notice. Coursing order is really the preservation in the rows of the coursing positions that are held by the coursing pairs at the lead-heads (which we have already studied), and which WOULD cause the bells to appear at the lead or out behind, if they were allowed to PLAIN HUNT as from the row under consideration. As explained, the coursing order gets broken within the leads, but is put right again as soon as convenient, and certainly before the lead-end.

Examine the rows of your principle, one by one. 'Pick up' the even-place bells and work backwards upon the odd-place ones, as you have done before. You will find that the coursing order is preserved and reversed in alternate rows throughout. Take any row and commence to plain hunt the bells therefrom; they will appear at the leading position in proper coursing order, or the reverse of coursing order, according to which of the alternate rows you use as the base. In another way—in one row you will pick up the even-place bells and work backwards upon the odd, to obtain your coursing order (the usual way), while in another row you will pick up the ODD and work back upon the EVEN, to obtain your proper coursing order (the reverse of the usual).

Now try with your rows in the Reverse and Double Bob methods, and see that your coursing order positions are preserved, in spite of

the fact that the bells do not appear at lead in the proper sequence. Some methods will absolutely disturb the coursing order in the rows, but it is put right again sooner or later within the lead.

It must not be supposed that a combination of these 'actions' will of necessity give a desirable method, but it will give a method of some sort, true or otherwise, which will preserve the coursing order of the bells. After the method is constructed on these lines, it may be necessary to introduce various structural alterations to improve it, to avoid possibility of repetition rows, or what not?

These 'actions' have affected the coursing order only so far as the treble and her course-bell are concerned. In order words, they have literally reversed a COURSING PAIR in the coursing order, and we may assume that similar action being applied to ANY TWO BELLS will have the same effect upon the coursing order. This means that each bell so reversed will not take more than ONE STEP forwards or backwards in the coursing order in its exchange of places therein. Other actions will not confine themselves to this effect, as we shall see, and bells other than those of coursing pairs will be made to exchange coursing order positions.

The foregoing actions might be known here as 'plain actions,' and we will now examine the 'singled' action—that is to say, the action of the two bells which 'make the single.' We already know that the bells which make these two extra places will each take the other's place in the coursing order, and we will now look for the cause.

Turn the plain lead of Bob Major into a singled lead by making 2nd's, 3rd's and 4th's places when the treble leads, as you have done before; continue the following leads for a few rows in each, and compare the singled lead with the plain. Ignore the exchange of '13' in the lead-end rows, as we know all about this action; concentrate upon the bells which make the single:—

Plain Lead.	Singled Lead.	Coursing Order.
3 5 1 7 - 2 8 4 6	3 5 1 7 - 2 8 4 6	In Principle-2-4687-5312
. . 5 2 - . . . .	. . 5 2 -	
1 . 2 5 - 4 7 6 8	1 . 2 5 - 4 7 6 8	In the P.Lead-32-4687-5182
1 . 5 2 -	1 . 2 5 -	
. . 2 5 - 4 7 6 8	. . 5 2 - 4 7 6 8	In the S.Ld.-35-4687-2135
. 2 . . - 5 . . .	. 5 . . - 2 . . .	

The coursing order of the principle is included to show that the usual action of the '13' pair has taken place in both of the plain and singled leads. Notice in the rows that the '25' are in reverse positions when comparing the singled lead with the plain; also that they have exchanged places in the coursing order, and, not being a coursing pair, they have taken more than one step forwards or backwards to make the exchange, thus COMPLETELY altering the order of the bells other than the treble. We see that '4768' are undisturbed in the rows and in the coursing order.

Now observe the action in the rows. The '25' are hunting towards each other, or in opposite directions, and the 'dodge' that they perform in the plain lead allows them to pursue their hunts in the SAME DIRECTIONS afterwards, but when they make the two places at the single they are COMPELLED by the method, or the system of changing the pairs, to pursue their hunts in the OPPOSITE directions to which they were going.

Now turn your Reverse Bob Major into a singled lead, bearing in mind that, in an 'eighth's-place' method, the single is made by making 6th's, 7th's and 8th's places when the treble leads, and we shall find that similar action takes place with the two bells that make the 'single places.' Here we shall find that the reversing of the two bells is more plainly shown, because there is no 'dodge' at the plain lead-end, '13' already having made their exchange when the treble was behind. We shall realise that if we made the single in the 3/4 places instead of the 6/7 places in this 'eighth's-place' method, we should automatically produce a singled lead of Double Bob Major. In one case we make FIRST'S, SECOND'S, and two extra places, thus reversing the treble and another in addition to the bells making the single; and in the other case make FIRST'S, two extra, AND EIGHTH'S places, and, as we know, 'first's and eighth's' do not affect the coursing order.

We assume, then, that ANY TWO BELLS which perform a 'singled action' in a lead will each take the place of the other in the coursing order.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I draw attention to a slight error in the second column of the article of 16th inst. In line 11, the '4' is omitted from the lead-end, which should read: 1573264.

This is the only occasion where the type has materially differed from the MS. unnecessarily, and your readers will agree that, in a series of this length, this is 'good going.'—Yours sincerely,

MINORMANIA.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. John's Church, Chipping Barnet, on Friday, December 16th, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandioso Triples (1,260 changes) by: W. Tarring 1, H. J. Eldred 2, G. Herbert 3, R. Roffley 4, W. Soer 5, F. A. Milne 6, N. A. Tomlinson 7, W. Langley 8. Rung as a token of sympathy and respect to Mr. J. Sumpter, captain of the Barnet Guild for many years, whose wife was interred on that date.

BELLS, THEIR TONES AND TUNING. AN HISTORICAL SKETCH.

BY E. ALEX. YOUNG.

Though the question of bell tones and their production, and, of course, incidentally, bell tuning, must always have given food for reflection to bellfounders and lovers of bell music, we have no available material upon which to found a connected history showing, before comparatively recent years, the development of bell tones. On the other hand, in regard to the bell itself, though its origin lies beyond historic time, we have ample material to do it justice, and, indeed, many excellent works have been produced dealing with its early history and also its modern use, particularly so in regard to change ringing in England and to the carillon in Belgium. It is to such works one would refer a reader who is desirous of studying the subject more deeply regarding the bell and its uses. Upon turning to the question of its tones—the particular subject of this work—there is, as stated above, little to guide us, except what can be unravelled from the history of campanology or deduced from the metal, weights, and sizes of surviving bells.

Turning for a moment to the side of general history, for from it that of bell tones must evolve, we know that bells have been cast or forged from pre-historic times, and that throughout the Christian era they have approximated to their present shapes, and, indeed, very closely so for the past 500 years.

We can well surmise from man's efforts in other directions that this almost perfect result is due to countless attempts at improvement. It is the old tale of 'trial and error' resulting in ultimate achievement. The scientist to-day does not appear able to improve much upon this result; indeed, one recently admitted that there was yet much to learn about bells.* From time to time the scientist, after years of thought, deduces some great truth or establishes an invention, only to find that he is confirming the rule based upon 'trial and error' long used by the mechanic or craftsman. It will probably be found also that the bell is a case in point.

The above is somewhat discursive, and in the same style we may suggest that the unexpected tone of our first bell came from the accidentally struck piece of pottery or even glass, ages before bronze took similar shape, when louder and more sonorous tones were born. This period antedates that of the earliest written histories. In the Bible cymbals both large and small are referred to, but though these cymbals were probably of definite note and pitch, music itself in those days was in its infancy, and we must pass forward over many centuries.

In early medieval days in Europe the arts of casting and of music may be said to have not, for bells in series and of several tons in weight appear to have been cast in England, and certainly so upon the Continent.†

In England (later to become the 'Ringing Isle') we read of Croyland possessing the first known 'ring' of bells (afterwards destroyed by fire in A.D. 1091); these are described as producing such exquisite harmony as to be unsurpassed by any peal in England. It should be observed this famous peal was one of seven bells; the treble was thus probably an octave of the tenor (said to have been exceptionally fine in tone), and being only seven and so musical the bells probably were in one of the several minor scales anciently used of seven tones. These were termed pentatonic, appearing thus in the key of C: E, F, G, A, B, D, E.‡ It should also be noticed that in A.D. 1050, there were large bells in SS. Mary and Peter's Abbey, Exeter, also seven in number, and probably in the same sequence. We have, however, no information either as to weights or notes; indeed, the latter is not to be expected: but at Ely in 1345 we read that there was a 'ring' of four bells which were of 37, 27, 21 and 18 cwt., and their notes can be approximately computed as being C.D.E.F. It is important to observe that the old minor-third, E.G., has been replaced by the new major-third, C.E., showing that bells were no exception to the gradual change in musical taste which occurred throughout Europe from the 14th to the 16th centuries, culminating in the general adoption of our present major scale as fixed by the great Bach. There are other cases which seem to show the same, thus of Croyland's later bells (probably a near copy of the former ones) we read that Abbot Lytlington (1427-63) caused some of the bells to be recast, so that they 'might be brought to a state of more perfect harmony,' converting, perhaps, a ring of seven bells in minor, to one of six in major, the E.A. and B. being recast a semitone lower (on the previous assumption). In Lytlington's time also was presented to King's College, Cambridge, a peal of five heavy bells of 46, 32, 21, 15 and 11 cwt., so their notes approximately may have been C.D.E.F.G. (the tenor a little heavy, and the trebles a little light), and so again conforming to the then new mode.

Of the many thousands of bells here in England in medieval times, only a few hundred remain, many having disappeared quite in recent years: enough, however, is known of them for us to be able to fix the character of their general tone. It is clear that they were on the same lines as those governing most continental bells—i.e., having the octave hum-note and with it the minor-third as chief harmonic, and known to-day, for reason given later, as 'Simpson.' These medieval bells

were undoubtedly sonorous, and had for some obscure reason a certain quality of tone which cannot be matched to-day.§ The bellfounders were now masters of their craft, and we have also reached (historically) Tudor times, when men's minds were alert for the best, and the Arts had reached a high standard. And yet at this time the medieval bell not only culminated but passed in England. Let us seek a reason.

These Tudor times were truly pregnant with great events. The Renaissance and the Reformation (those two great waves) struck us almost at the same time. Printing and America were both new, and the Armada was now to be miraculously defeated. Along these stirring times, the art of change ringing, as we know it, was born, for with the closing of the 16th century there matured this great change in bell-ringing in England. The change had been gradual, for, despite some opinions to the contrary, the writer is convinced that what we know as 'call changes' had at this time been in use for possibly two hundred years, and that certain elements of what we now term change ringing were also then commonly practised.||

It is to be noticed that changes in the use of an object are likely to affect it—cause and effect, our Simpsonian friends say; and it has been widely suggested by them that with this advance in the art the bellfounders shortened their bells to make them handier in ringing. Shorten them they undoubtedly did, and most deliberately, just as they largely altered the character of their notes. We should still remember, however, that these men were alert master craftsmen with an age-long tradition behind them, and, again, that the English of the time were considered famous for their musical gifts, just as we know them to-day as having been gifted in poetry, and to a less extent in painting and architecture. Also that amongst so musical a people with unspoiled ears, that of the bellfounder would be at least as acute, and probably more so than that of his successor to-day.

Let us see, then, what it was that such bell-founders did. They raised the hum-note a semitone (nearly), and raised the minor-third overtone a semitone. To do this it was necessary to increase the hollow of the waist curve by making the bell a little less in height and a little more in width than before. As was only to be expected, this gave the bell an entirely new quality of tone, one that could not be obtained with the medieval one.

Let us also consider why this alteration was made. We must bear in mind that throughout England were many heavy peals of five and six bells, and that by their weight, and probably by the method of ringing, the time interval between the several notes would be considerable (like modern bells when 'widely struck'). Also that owing to the rise of change ringing, the old slow ringing peals were being replaced by 'rings' of 8, 10, and, later, of 12 bells, thus involving the use of smaller and lighter bells, moving quickly and 'striking closer.' Obviously something crisper was wanted, and partaking more of the character of what in music is known as 'staccato.' The rolling volume of the undertones of the old bells was no longer a desideratum; in reality their own 'legato' character (to borrow from music again) was against them. There is, indeed, only one reasonable conclusion to which we can come, as to the why and wherefore of this great change. It was undoubtedly made with this definite idea of giving greater brilliance and crispness to the tap-tones, and obtaining a more liquid and melodious quality to the bell-tone as a whole. It is as unreasonable, on the other hand, to assume that such master men, with such musical gifts, would have sacrificed the older class of bell if they knew it to be superior in musical qualities, merely to gratify the ringers' alleged plea of 'give us any bell, so long as she goes well.' The writer feels sure that, so far, the Simpsonians' suggestion falls to the ground.

Thus over three hundred years ago our English bellfounders set up another scale and a new standard—a most interesting fact and one not generally recognised even amongst ringers. What they actually thought about it we shall never know. They have always been reticent, and, like many craftsmen, seem to have relied upon oral tradition rather than written rules; perhaps some of them were conservative and loath to march with the times; but they all alike have left no records save their bells. It is so with the only existing foundry which goes back to Tudor times; and there is neither record nor tradition extant to enable any other conclusion but that above stated, to be upheld. They never even gave their new system of tuning a name, and for want of a better the writer has referred to it, both previously and here, as the 'old standard.'

(To be continued.)

§The writer, who is here partly quoting Grimthorpe, has not heard the great Bell at Bristol so highly appraised in certain quarters.

See an article by the writer in the 'Ringing World,' January, 1926.

¶ Bell tones and how to observe them.' (See 'Ringing World,' 1925.)

LONDON.—At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Sunday, December 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,263 changes) of Stedman Caters: Miss E. E. Chapman 1, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 2, J. E. Davis 3, H. Ellis 4, Mrs. F. Hairs 5, C. W. Grimwood 6, R. Bullen 7, C. W. Roberts 8, R. Sanders 9, E. G. Garrard 10.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sunday, December 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 54 mins.: H. Else 1, E. W. Day 2, A. Symonds 3, T. Scott 4, G. Wolfe 5, H. E. Day 6, L. Fidler 7, Geo. T. Croft (conductor) 8.

*Miller, 'Quality of Musical Sounds.'

†In China and the East heavy Bells are said to have been in use in the Third Century. B.C.

‡N.B.—Key C is assumed throughout.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

A READY RESPONSE TO OUR APPEAL.

'Thank God I can still see. I therefore enclose £1 ls. as a thank-offering for poor Irenæus.'

Thus an anonymous donor to the fund to assist 'Irenæus Pistor,' who, as recorded in our last issue, is stricken with blindness and is now in straitened circumstances, having to eke out an existence on a small sick benefit allowance and the earnings of a young, devoted daughter.

Many a reader of this journal has enjoyed a laugh at the humour of 'Irenæus,' and appreciated his trenchant criticisms. Now they can do something in return for one who is suffering from the greatest affliction which can befall a human being.

Christmas is a time of cheerful giving, and nothing adds to one's own pleasure so much as the knowledge of help given to a brother in distress.

We appeal to our readers to make a generous response in this deserving case, for the help is badly needed.

The following donations to the fund are acknowledged by the Editor with grateful thanks:—

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G. A. Black, Woodford Green	2	0	0

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It will be noticed from the above list of subscriptions received that several contributions come collectively from bands. What a magnificent thing it would be if in every tower on Christmas Day a collection for this fund could be made. We hope that this course may be followed wherever possible, although that will not prevent those who desire to do so sending their individual contributions.

The spirit of the givers, as well as the gifts themselves, will, we are certain, do much to lighten the burden of 'Irenæus' and of his wife

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

THE OLDEST MEMBER.

At the dinner on November 5th it was stated that presumably Mr. Harry Henden, of Orange, New South Wales, is the senior member.

Since that date the name book has been consulted, and it is found that Mr. Joseph Barrackough, of Chicago, was elected in 1862; Dr. Amherst P. Tyssen, of Oxford, in 1863; Harry R. Trelawny, Esq., of Tavistock, and the Rev. Maitland Kelly in 1864.

THE PEAL (?) AT CANTERBURY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am sure it would be a fine Christmas message to the majority of the Exercise if the conductor and band would, as they really should, abandon all claim to the so-called peal at Canterbury.

Who amongst ringers of any experience at all cannot recall similar instances of 'hard lines'? Only recently, I had called all the bobs in a peal of Stedman Triples. 7-5 were together in 4-5 when the tenor cast her rope, but kept swinging. Result, no peal. And quite right, too; peals are cheap enough these days.—Yours faithfully,

W. A. CAVE.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NEW RULES WANTED.

A very successful meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Betchworth on Saturday, December 10th.

Ringings commenced at 3.30 p.m., and at the service an address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Kennedy. Tea was partaken of at the Red Lion, and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar.

A vote of condolence to the relations of the late Mr. Henry Ewins was carried, the members standing in silence for a few moments.

Two ringing members were elected, and the Vicar was elected an honorary member.

The General Secretary reported that the quarterly peal had been successful (a peal of Minor at Buckland, conducted by Mr. H. R. Thorpe). It was decided that Mr. G. F. Hoad should conduct the next one, which was to be Grandsire Triples at Betchworth.

Horley was selected for the next meeting, where the restoration of the bells by Messrs. G. F. Mears and Stainbank is nearing completion.

Mr. A. J. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, was elected hon. district secretary pro tem., to fill the vacancy caused by the sudden death of Mr. Ewins.

On the proposition of Mr. A. J. Bull, and seconded by Mr. G. F. Hoad, the following resolution was carried, viz., 'That this meeting is of opinion that the present rules are not satisfactory or sufficient, and the secretary be so informed, requesting him to call a committee to consider a new set of rules, to submit to the members at the next annual general meeting.'

A vote of thanks to those who helped to make the meeting a success was carried.

Twenty-eight members were present at the meeting. All the standard methods, including Cambridge Surprise, were rung.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WESTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the North Western Division was held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, December 3rd. The attendance was not quite so good as in previous years, but this might have been due to the foggy nature of the weather. The bells were rung during the afternoon, and a service held in the church at 4.45 p.m., at which a collection was taken in aid of the bells restoration fund. This amounted to 8s. 6d.

Tea was served at 5.30 p.m., after which the business meeting opened with Mr. H. Dew, the District Master, in the chair. Letters were read from Mr. C. H. Howard and Mr. F. J. Pilstow stating their inability to be present.

Mr. H. Dew was again re-elected District Master, and Mr. C. Beeson re-elected district secretary.

Harlow Common was decided upon for the next meeting place.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Warrington, of the Ely Diocesan Association, suggesting that a joint meeting with them be held in the coming year.—This was discussed, and eventually left to the secretary to make arrangements with Mr. Warrington.

Saffron Walden was suggested for the meeting.—Votes of thanks were then accorded to the clergy, the organist and to Mr. W. Tarling who had arranged the meeting.

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and daughter, who have been struggling silently against adversity. On Monday we were able to send a first remittance of £10, and on Wednesday a further sum was despatched.

Mr. William Willson writes: 'It was with great regret I read of the terrible affliction of our friend. Enclosed please see cheque to help him at this season of Goodwill to Men, and may the fund grow quickly. An ounce of sympathy for the living is worth more than a ton of floral tributes for the dead.'

We commend this sentiment to all our readers.

THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

I wonder if any of my readers think I have been contradicting myself! At the outset I said that this is a question of mathematical law, not to be settled by anyone who has not the necessary qualifications, and not without much patience and study. And, later, I insisted that the final judge is the Exercise, which consists of practical ringers, and not any body of experts, however eminent. There is no real contradiction. The question is a practical one, and practical ringers in the mass, by virtue of their practical experience, are fully qualified to judge. But the causes and reasons are decided by mathematical law.

Ringing is a practical art, but it is controlled by a mathematical science. The causes which influence ringers to recognise a true extension go back to the fundamental nature of ringing. If we consider what ringing really is, we shall have gone a long way towards finding the key to the solution of our problem. The beginning of ringing was natural and spontaneous; it was in no sense the invention of one man or one band. Exactly when it began we do not know; but by the middle of the sixteenth century it was practised in many parts of England. And the beginning of ringing was not among educated or particularly intelligent men. It sprang up among the common people of widely-scattered towns and villages. Such people, as a rule, could neither read nor write, and means of personal communication between places separated by more than the shortest distances were so scanty as to be practically non-existent.

In these days of railway trains, cycles, and motors, of daily, almost hourly, posts, of associations and guilds, of frequent meetings and combined practices, with a weekly newspaper, with a Central Council, when ringers over all parts of the country can look on each other as personal acquaintances and friends, when the Exercise is really a unity—in these days it is rather difficult to grasp the idea of an Exercise consisting of independent and isolated unity, where each tower or, perhaps, group of towers, had to learn and develop its ringing by its own abilities and without any aid from outside.

It was, however, in such an Exercise that ringing began. And the remarkable fact is that, begun in this fashion, it was always the same thing. From small beginnings development started, here more rapidly, there slower; but the developments were always in the same direction. Not only so, but, great as has been the development of the past three centuries, ringing has always remained essentially the same thing. The men of two hundred years ago could, if they revisited this earth, walk into our towers and take a rope in Plain Bob, Stedman, Grandfire or Treble Bob, without noticing any difference. Even the men of a century earlier would not have much difficulty in adapting themselves to modern conditions.

Now all this points irresistibly to the conclusion that there must be one simple, strong, and obvious idea at the base of ringing, which could thus create and develop it in one straight fixed path. Simple and obvious, to appeal unconsciously to ordinary unlettered men; strong enough to override all other ideas and be proof against all changes of time and different men's fancies; alive enough to develop ringing from small beginnings to a complete art. Such an idea must have its foundations in some great principle of natural law, and by studying it we are most likely to find the solution we are seeking.

Originally ringing was what it still is in France and other countries—the more or less promiscuous sounding of bells without much regard for either time or tune. From this it developed into a kind of sport, the attraction of the sport consisting in the strength and skill required to ring bells 'up' with faulty and imperfect hangings. This naturally produced round ringing. Then there came a time when, in different parts of the country, men said to each other, in so many words, 'Let us have some variety. Change places with me.' And directly that was said, change ringing, with all its possibilities and all its limitations, was born. The idea is the idea of movement of the bells, and from that springs logically and inevitably everything there is in ringing. For directly you have got this idea of movement, you bring into play certain mathematical laws which take charge, and, whether you will or no, direct which way development must take place.

I would strongly advise people to study what Stedman has to say about early ringing and how clear it is that this idea did actually, as a matter of historical fact, and not merely of reasonable conjecture, create and develop ringing. Then think out things and see how it accounts for practically everything we have in ringing. Why, for instance, should not a bell which has struck at one row in second's strike the next in fourth's? It is not because at some time or other ringers drew up some 'rules for the game.' It is simply because it is contrary to the idea of movement for anything to pass from one position to another except by a connected path.

And now, having got this idea of movement as the essential thing in ringing, we can begin to see what is the cause of that instinct which makes a practical ringer say, 'I know quite well that Bob Major is an extension of Bob Minor, and Double Norwich Caters of Double Norwich Major, though I may not be able to argue about it.'

We all of us know, for practical purposes, what the extension of movement is. It is simply going on in the same direction for a longer space. To hunt from behind to before in Major is the extension of hunting from behind to before in Minor. But if you add twists and

turns, that is not extension but adding something fresh. And so, if we were concerned solely with the movement of one bell only, the problem of extension would be a simple one. As it is, we have to extend the movement of all the bells, and they must be all alike and all fit one into another. How that can be done, and how that can not be done will appear when we study the mathematical laws which can control the movement.

SHIPWAY AND SUPERLATIVE.

DOES MR. TROLLOPE'S THEORY BREAK DOWN?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Those of your readers who study the art in anything more than the purely practical side of ringing must have had their interest in method extension renewed by the articles now appearing from Mr. J. A. Trollope and the Rev. H. Law James. Personally, I am following them with a lively anticipation, because I now hope to get a reply to the questions which I addressed to the latter through your columns on August 12th and September 9th.

Mr. Trollope, in his article last week, pins a good deal of faith to Shipway's theories, and, without actually committing himself, obviously means us to understand that in retaining in Superlative Royal third's and sixth's places at the second change (as in the Major), Shipway was right, if we accept (as everyone does) that in Oxford Treble Bob Major we must retain 3rd's and 4th's as in the Minor.

It is the principle which Mr. Law James adopts, at the second change, in his extension of Shipway's Royal to Maximus. But if that is sound reasoning, why did Shipway at the 4th change in the Royal make 6th's place, instead of 4th's as in the Major; and why do both Shipway and Mr. James make 8th's place in the Royal and Maximus respectively, at the 8th change, when in the Major 6th's place is made? I use the terms '2nd,' '4th,' and '8th' change, because Mr. Trollope speaks of the second change. But in these days of lead-heads instead of lead-ends, should it not have been the third change and the others, correspondingly, the 5th and 9th.

Mr. Trollope asks us to test theories and see for ourselves. Under the above applied test, Mr. Trollope's suggested theory apparently breaks down entirely, unless you are going to have one test for one row, and a different test for another row.

Would it not be somewhere near the fact if we said that what Shipway did was, when he found Superlative Major would not extend to Royal with the symmetry of some of the other methods, just to juggle with the figures to get the nearest thing he could on ten bells, and, having got something with a certain amount of similarity to the Major, called it 'Superlative Surprise Royal'? Shipway may never have seen Superlative extended to twelve bells; if he did I do not think there is any present evidence of it. But had he seen the method run at Ipswich I feel quite certain he would have had no hesitation in calling it Superlative without any qualification or equivocation.

Shipway doubtless knew a good deal about methods—as much as any man in his day—but I doubt if he approached method extension with anything but some broad general ideas. Personally, I have not the slightest doubt that he constructed his Superlative Royal in precisely the same way that Mr. Law James constructed it in your issue of December 24th, 1926, when he went from change to change, trying each possible row to see which, in the end, would give him a workable method most nearly approximating to the Major and producing the correct lead-end (in these days, had he been living, he would, of course, have looked for the lead-head). Shipway did his best, but why try to attribute to him a knowledge which he probably did not possess, and an experience which needed nearly another century to mature?—Yours faithfully,

A PLAIN RINGER.

TETTENHALL RECORDS.

UNVEILING AND DEDICATION OF PEAL BOARDS.

Three peal boards and a memorial tablet were unveiled by Mrs. Goode and dedicated by the Vicar (Rev. W. Goode) at Tettenhall, Staffordshire, on Saturday, December 10th.

There was a bright and pleasant service, at which the Vicar gave a very inspiring address on the use of bells in the service of God. After the service, about 45 ringers and friends met for tea in the Parish Hall, and were welcomed by the Vicar's warden, Major Foster, who said how pleased he was to see so many interested in the bells of Tettenhall. After tea, ringing was indulged in in various methods from Grandfire to London Surprise, and a pleasant evening was passed.

The first peal on the bells is recorded, this being Bob Minor, when there were six bells in the tower in 1809, and the first of Grandfire Triples when they were augmented to eight in 1911, on one of the boards. Another board records the first peal of Grandfire Triples, the first of Stedman Triples, and the first of Bob Major after the bells were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1923. The third board records a peal of Grandfire Triples by all ex-Service men, familiarly known as the 'Soldiers' Jolly.' Last, but not least, is a memorial tablet to the memory of Mr. Benjamin Dalton, who rendered faithful service as a ringer for well over 30 years, and this will have the place of honour in the belfry.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**A RECORD BRANCH MEETING.**

The North Dorset Branch, which was formed only three years ago, scored what was probably a record in attendance at branch meetings, when 103 members were present at Sherborne for the annual meeting held on Saturday, December 10th. Full advantage was taken of the opportunity to ring on the grand old peal in the abbey tower, with its 46 cwt. tenor, the gift of Cardinal Wolsey. The Guild office was conducted by the Vicar (Canon S. H. Wingfield Digby), who also delivered a very earnest and impressive address. The service was fully choral, and a carol was sung by the choir. The Master of the Guild, Rev. R. H. Gundry, read the lesson and gave the Blessing.

Tea was provided for the large gathering in the Church Lads' Brigade Hall, and the business meeting followed.

The hon. secretary, Rev. R. E. P. Gorrings, presented a balance sheet showing a very satisfactory state of affairs, and he created general amusement by stating that every tower in the branch had paid its subscription except Shroton, where the Master of the Guild is Rector.

'I have it here in my pocket!' exclaimed Mr. Gundry, and while the company enjoyed a good laugh, the missing subscription was duly handed over.

Mr. Gundry was re-elected chairman of the branch, and Mr. Gorrings secretary, with the Rev. A. Nedham as assistant secretary. Mr. Gorrings appealed to belfry correspondents to lighten the secretarial work by a prompt reply to the annual request for members' names and subscriptions. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Blandford.

Several touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round on the abbey bells. The five-bell towers of Lillington, Bishop's Caundle and Lydlinch were also open for ringing. Of this last, William Barnes, the Dorset poet, wrote long ago:

'Lydlinch bells be good vor zound,'

and the mellow tone of the five old bells proved the poet's words to be fully justified. Visiting ringers also concluded that the men of Lydlinch must be veritable 'sons of Anak,' for the sallies of the bell-ropes scarcely came within seven feet of the floor! The following variant of a familiar theme is displayed on a board in the belfry, and is of special interest as being dated and issued with the authority of the churchwardens:—

'Put off your hats and belts and spurs,
And when you ring make no demurs.
Sound out the bells well, if you can:
Silence is best for every man.
But if a bell you overthrow,
Sixpence unto the clerk you owe.

'John Hopkins and John Young, churchwardens, 1746.'

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Doncaster on Saturday, December 17th, when members were present from Conisborough, Tickhill, Wortley, Thorne, Arksey, Barnsley, Ecclesfield, St. Marie's, Sheffield, Sproborough and Worksop. A short business meeting was held in the ringing chamber, Mr. G. Halksworth (Ringing Master) being in the chair. Three new members were elected, viz., Messrs. A. Pashley (Treeton), G. Howe (Tickhill) and C. Holmes (Doncaster).

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the division at Tickhill on March 17th.

Votes of thanks to the Archdeacon of Doncaster and the churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company, were passed.

The methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob and Forward Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Beverley on Saturday, December 10th, when representatives were present from Hemingbrough, Hull, Kirkella, Market Weighton, Selby, Wortley, and the local towers.

A short service was held in the choir of the Minster, the address being given by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Rigg, D.D. In the unavoidable absence of the Minster organist, the accompaniment to the hymns was played by one of the association's members, Mr. A. H. Fox, who is organist of Kirkella.

Tea was afterwards served in the Minster Parish Room, in which some 28 members participated.

The business meeting followed, the chair being occupied by the Vicar, in the absence of the vice-president, Mr. F. Cryer, Selby. It was agreed that the annual meeting be held at Gole in March, 1928.

On the motion of Mr. J. H. Howell (Hull), a unanimous hearty vote of thanks was recorded the Vicar for the use of the fine peal of 10 bells, the service and address, also to the ladies for serving tea, and to Mr. W. Gibson for the efficient arrangements. The Vicar briefly replied, and this closed another small but happy and enjoyable meeting.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, December 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: W. F. Ellingham 1, S. Stilwell 2, C. J. Tricker 3, J. Kent 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, J. Milner 6, L. Mantering (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8.

BURTON LATIMER.—On Sunday, December 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: H. M. Saddington (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Saddington 2, H. Meadows 3, H. Baxter 4, F. Payne (first quarter in the method) 5, J. W. Lines (first quarter in the method) 6, B. J. Saddington 7, G. Lines (conductor) 8. All belong to the local band except the ringer of the 4th.

GRIMSBY.—On Sunday, December 11th, for evensong, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. Mingay 1, F. Overton 2, S. Bromfield 3, J. E. Kennington 4, I. B. Budd 5, *A. Swain 6, C. W. Taylor (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 7, *R. Sutton 8. *First quarter in the method.

ILKLEY.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: R. Kendall 1, T. Grange 2, E. H. Rayner 3, J. Bazeley 4, H. Crawshaw 5, M. Crawshaw 6, T. W. Crawshaw (conductor) 7, L. Parry 8.

HESTON.—For morning service, Sunday, December 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: A. Lewis 1, W. Godfrey (first quarter-peal on an inside bell) 2, H. Chandler 3, C. Bird 4, C. I. Edwards 5, W. A. Lewis 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. Humphries 8.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. F. Evans 1, J. Warrilow 2, A. E. Garbett 3, W. L. Roden 4, P. T. Hayles 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, G. F. W. White 8. First quarter-peal by treble and tenor ringers.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, for special ordination service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Ray Curtis 1, O. Gollop 2, H. Payne 3, J. Faithfull 4, F. Mursell 5, A. Newman 6, F. Cole (conductor) 7, H. Nash 8.

'OPEN' VERSUS 'CLOSED' LEADS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On reading the report of the meeting held at Sutton-on-Trent, in the issue of 'The Ringing World' of December 16th, I notice that a discussion took place on 'open' or 'closed' leads, in which three gentlemen took part, and it states it was hoped some good may result from it. No doubt many besides myself are wondering whether the debate ended in favour of the open lead or no lead at all.

I have noticed myself that much better striking is given with an open lead on six bells than with a closed one. Most of the bad striking in change ringing, in my humble opinion, is due to bad leading, and I hope our Notts friends will decide in favour of the open lead at handstroke.—Yours truly,

INTERESTED.

FAIRFORD BELLS RECAST.

Another fine peal of eight bells in E natural was rededicated on Saturday, December 10th, at St. Mary's Church, Fairford, Glos. The work of recasting and hanging with new fittings and ball bearings has been successfully carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

After the rededication, which was conducted by the Archdeacon of Cheltenham, the bells were raised in peal, and two courses of Grandsire Triples were rung by the local band: G. Law 1, O. G. Farmer 2, B. Gury 3, G. J. Winter 4, H. A. Cock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, E. Gardener 8.

After the service, ringing in the following methods was much enjoyed: Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Doubles, everyone being satisfied with the 'go' and tone of the bells.

The following towers were represented: Cirencester, Northleach, Down Ampney, Maisey Hampton, South Cerney, Stroud, Coln St. Aldwyns, Minchinhampton, Faringdon, Burford, Wootton Bassett, Swindon, Bampton, Witney, Lechlade, Aldbourne, Oxford and Stratton, St. Margaret's. The members were pleased to have the company of the Association Master (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies), also Mr. J. P. Fidler, Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s representative. Tea was kindly provided at the Home Cafe by the Vicar (Rev. Canon R. C. S. Jones) for all ringers, and over 50 were present.

EXETER.—On Wednesday, December 14th, for Confirmation service by the Rev. the Bishop of Crediton, at the Parish Church of St. David, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. by the following members of St. David's Society: S. J. Hopkins 1, F. J. Davey 2, F. Gardner 3, C. Carter 4, J. Oke 5, G. Luxton 6, W. Lethbridge (conductor) 7, W. Bewes 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 27th, Southwark Cathedral on Dec. 29th, St. Magnus' on the 22nd. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Newport (Mon.) on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Bells available from mid-day. Service in All Saints' Church at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow in All Saints' Mission House. The bells of St. Woolos' Church also available from mid-day until 3 o'clock and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting for ringing only will take place at the Parish Church, Kendal, on Monday, Dec. 26th. Bells (10) available at 1 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

AN INVITATION.—A peal in a method of distinction is wanted at the Derby Cathedral on Boxing Day, 1927, and experienced ringers who must be good strikers are invited to attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the Cathedral bells. The first ten names received will be given preference. Any ringer wishing to conduct same please mention. Time of starting arranged later. This invitation closes first post December 24th. Sunday Service ringing 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Practice night Monday, 7.30 p.m. prompt to 9 p.m. Learners invited. Ringers and friends welcome.—James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Inaugural Meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Dec. 31st: 3 p.m., meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall (Inaugural Address by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese); 4.20, Special Service in Holy Trinity Cathedral (sermon by the Lord Bishop); 5.30, tea (1s. each) in St. Saviour's Church Hall, Onslow Street. Ringing in the evening. All ringers residing in the diocese are earnestly requested to attend, and visitors are cordially invited. All those who require tea must notify me by Tuesday, Dec. 26th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Metherringham (8) Saturday, Jan. 7th, Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 2nd, at 8.15, which members are urged to attend. Ringing meetings for January: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 2nd, at 6.30 (followed by business meeting), and the 16th and 30th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 24th, at 8. The annual meeting is fixed for Saturday, February 11th. Please reserve date now.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock, through the kindness of the Rector and churchwardens. Business meeting to follow. A good attendance is earnestly desired. Half-rail fare (maximum 1s.) to members.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Jan. 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Will all ringers concerned please note the new secretary's address?—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Ossett on Jan. 7th, and not Dec. 31st, as proposed at the last meeting.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the district for the election of officers for 1928 will be held at the Cathedral, Derby, on Monday, January 8th. Bells (10) available 7 o'clock. All ringers in the district are earnestly requested to attend, and visitors are cordially invited.—Chas. Draper, Local Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tea arranged as usual. Ringing from 3 p.m.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available 3.45. Tea at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Those requiring tea, please send a card by the 11th.—J. Sparrow, 84, Meadvale Road, Woodside, Croydon.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD'S Seventh Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, 6 p.m., Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Malmesbury will be present. Reception St. Thomas' Church Room 4.15.—Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Will all friends (and enemies if I have any) please note that my address is now c/o 5, Park Street, Slough, Bucks.—George Gilbert.

GREETINGS

To Members of the MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD and ringing friends near and far. Please accept our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. — R. E. Holloway, Ringing Master; Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., South and West District.

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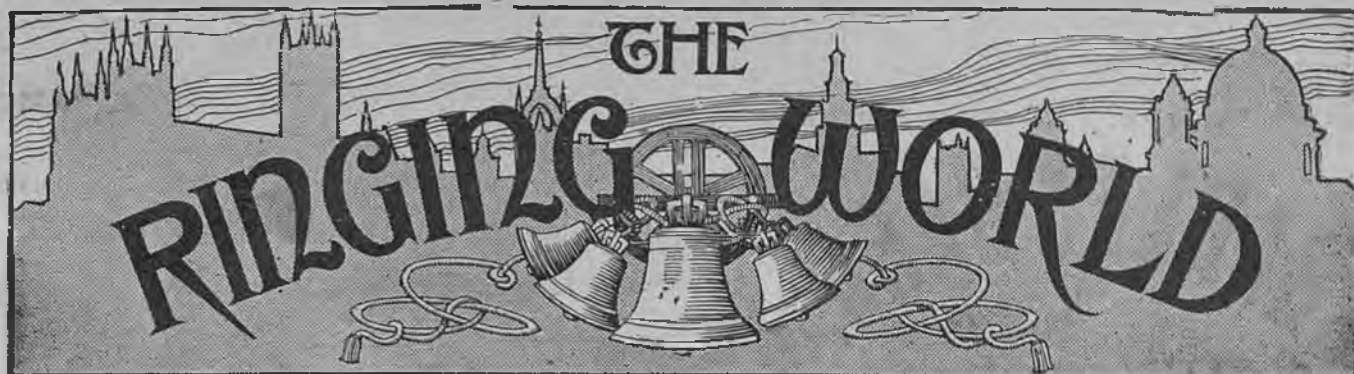
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THE PARTING OF THE WAYS.

The passing of the Old Year brings a parting of the ways, and a new start with new hopes and new aspirations. New resolutions are always plentiful at this time, although it is notorious that many of them are all too soon forgotten. There is plenty of room, among ringers, for new resolutions — good resolutions which should not be allowed quickly to evaporate, but which should be well kept. There is, for instance, a great deal of apathy from which a large number of ringers might with advantage part company at this moment—indifference which is holding in check the progress of others, and in many cases actually 'putting the clock back.' There can be few things in which so much depends upon each one member of a team as in ringing. One apathetic individual can and frequently does prevent the advance of seven other men, and it often has the even worse effect of causing them to lose interest and eventually breaking up of what was once a promising band. This is a good time for such a ringer either to part company with his apathy or for the band to part company with him. It is a time for good resolutions, and, on the part of a band of ringers thus afflicted, time for a little courageous determination. Apathy is a bad form of disloyalty, and a man who is not loyal to his own colleagues is better outside a band than in it. At all events, without him, the other members of the belfry do know where they are, whereas, depending on a broken reed, their position is always uncertain.

This present time is also an opportunity for a 'parting of the ways' in another respect. In many places ringers are content to go on ringing the same methods that they have practised for years; they have got into a groove from which nothing has moved them. Let there be 'good resolutions,' made and kept, that there shall be progress in the coming year. Let the band that rings only Grandsire determine to master Stedman; let those who can ring only Plain Bob go on to Double Norwich and kindred methods; let those who are content to stick at Treble Bob resolve to advance into the sphere of Surprise ringing. If only this spirit could be inculcated everywhere what great progress would be made! And it is not beyond the realms of possibility. Ringers to-day do not labour under the difficulties which beset our forefathers. The accumulated knowledge of nearly three centuries of change ringing is at their command; there is ever ready help for all those who will seek it; and books, which will assist a ringer many stages on his campanological career, can be had for a shilling or two. There is really no excuse in these days for the man who is content to 'stick-in-the-mud,' but all the labour of

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others to help him will be of no avail unless he determines to help himself. This is the parting of the ways, the time to kick off the trammels of apathy and self-complacency; to set out with a new spirit of that loyalty to one's colleagues, and to one's association which is called for among men who profess membership of a brotherhood like the ringing Exercise; and with a determination also to make progress in one of the most alluring arts to which a man can set his hand.

TEN BELL PEAL.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

JACK S. ROBERTS... .. Treble	WALTER TRUEMAN 6
ROBERT W. HYNER 2	ERNEST BISHOP 7
JOHN ADSTIN 3	SIDNEY J. WILTSHIRE... .. 8
HERBERT W. BISHOP... .. 4	FRED LAMBETH 9
LOUIS A. WILSON 5	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lawrence, Mr. Lawrence being the oldest member of the Swindon Parish Church Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
*REGINALD C. KERSEY 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
*HARRY C. BALLS 3	ERNEST S. BAILEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY AND OXFORD CITY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

*GEORGE HORWOOD Treble	FRANCES E. TAYLOR 5
*FRANK BECKITT... .. 2	CHARLES COLES 6
†FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 3	HARRY TOLLEY 7
WILLIAM COLLETT 4	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

* First in the method. † First with a bob bell. First peal in the method on the bells. All the above are Sunday service ringers at the church.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CLIFTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

MRS. W. H. THOMAS Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
CHARLES F. ANDREWS 4	RICHARD CLARK Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD CLARK.

Arranged for Messrs. C. F. Andrews and S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge, and J. T. Dyke, of Chilcompton, Bath. First peal of Surprise for Messrs. Andrews and Hector, and first attempt. Mr. C. F. Andrews was elected a member of Gloucester and Bristol Association before the peal.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	FRANK CORKE 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Belcher.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN FITTON Treble	GEORGE STAFF 5
MISS R. A. BELL 2	WILLIAM CRABTREE 6
WALTER STAFF 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 7
FRANK FIELDEN 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by WM. MALLINSON.

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

The peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. John Fitton on the attainment of his 73rd birthday.

ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.) in E.

HARRY OVERTON Treble	GEORGE JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS M. M. BIBBY Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
ARTHUR BERRINGTON 2	CYRIL VALENTINE 6
*OSWALD CLAYBROOK 3	WILLIAM BIBBY 7
GEORGE COOK 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob inside. Rung on the eve of the 2nd ringers' 19th birthday.

WILLESDEN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	†WILFRED S. WILSON... .. 5
EDWARD LANKESTER 2	†THOMAS LOCK 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	§ERNEST H. KILBY 7
*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* First tower bell peal. † First tower bell peal of Major. ‡ First peal. § First peal of Major.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Treble	BERNARD WELLS... .. 5
CECIL NICE 2	JESSE B. TYLER 6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 3	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 4	ALFRED J. BULL Tenor

Composed by FREDK. W. DENCH.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

The conductor's 50th peal this year.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EYNESHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY & WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS E. BUGGINS... .. Treble	FREDERICK APPLETON ... 4
*GEORGE PAINTING 2	GEORGE H. COX 5
HARRY P. FLOYD 3	*WALTER FRANKLING ... Tenor

Conducted by H. P. FLOYD.

* First peal.

SALTASH, CORNWALL.

THE DEVON GUILD.

On Monday, December 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Nicholas and Faith,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.) in F.

CHARLES HOLMES Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY 4
THOMAS G. MYERS 2	*WILLIAM HAMLYN 5
JAMES E. LILLEY... .. 3	JOSEPH WOODELEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* 50th peal. First peal on the bells.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent, Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Original, Morning Star, St. Dunstan's, April Day, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER L. JONES Treble	JOHN F. FOX... .. 4
CHARLES JAINE 2	WILLIAM H. JAINE 5
FREDERICK A. JAINE 3	WILLIAM E. BROOKES ... Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

First peal in seven methods by all the band, and on the bells. Rung at first attempt for a peal in seven methods. All are Sunday service ringers of the above church.

ORDSALL, RETFORD.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Single Court, and three 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JOHN W. PRESTON Treble	DAN A. PIERCY 4
*ROBERT W. BLOOMFIELD... 2	JOHN HURST 5
*G. FRED BLOOMFIELD ... 3	*ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. STOCKDALE.

* First peal. All are members of the local company.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

*WILLIAM NICHOLSON Treble	HENRY SQUIRES... .. 4
*MISS GLADYS NICHOLSON 2	†SAMUEL NICHOLSON ... 5
JOHN H. HAYNES 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

* First peal. † Re-elected a member of the Guild. This peal was rung by the local band, it being twenty years since a peal was rung on the bells by a local company. It is twenty-five years since the ringer of the fifth took part in a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the fifth and tenor ringers.

CHEDDLETON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and two 720's of Oxford.

JOHN BARKER Treble	HENRY CARNWELL 4
*JOHN CARTLIDGE 2	HARRY BERESFORD 5
WILLIAM CARNWELL... .. 3	ARTHUR W. HALL Tenor

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

* First peal in six methods. These bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the 'go' is excellent.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, ALLESLEY.)

On Monday, December 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Cambridge, Beverley, York, Durham, Wells and London.

GEORGE GARDNER Treble	JOHN TAYLOR 4
OSWALD J. HUNT... .. 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
HUBERT SUMMERS 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

This is the first peal in seven Surprise Minor methods for the Guild, on the bells, and by all the band, who are all regular service ringers at the above church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 22, 1927, in One Hour and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A 'date' touch for Mr. J. George, rung after an unsuccessful attempt for Stedman Triples. The conductor has now called the longest and quickest peal on these bells.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

ARNOLD HILL Treble	HARRY BARNES 4
*JAMES McCLOSKEY 2	HAROLD WALKER 5
STANLEY SHEPPARD 3	†J. EDWARD CAWSE Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal. Rung after meeting short for Major, with half-muffled clappers, as a token of respect for the late Mr. George Hackford, for many years a ringer at this church.

A SUSSEX RINGER'S DEATH

MR. GEORGE PENFOLD, OF PEVENSEY.

By the death of Mr. George Penfold, of Pevensey, on December 17th, the Sussex Association has lost an old and respected member, and Pevensey one of its most valued inhabitants. Mr. Penfold had been in failing health for some time past, but he had been confined to his bed for only a few days before he died.

The late Mr. Penfold, who was 66 years of age, was born at Horsham. His education commenced at the Church School, Horsham, and later he went to Richard Collyer's School, now known as the West Sussex Secondary School. He continued his studies and was appointed a pupil teacher at St. Mark's Boys' School, Horsham, where he remained for about five years, after which he was appointed assistant teacher at Arundel School. He was the headmaster of the boys' department when he left some 34 years ago to take up the appointment of headmaster of the school at Pevensey, which position he held until he retired on pension in December, 1922. During that period he gave most of his leisure time ungrudgingly to the service of the parish. For many years he was clerk to the Parish Council, an overseer of the poor and the churchwarden of the Parish Church. After his retirement from scholastic duties, he was elected to serve on the Eastbourne Rural District Council and also the Eastbourne Board of Guardians.

Mr. Penfold was known throughout Sussex as an enthusiastic ringer, and, although he had only six bells in his own Parish Church, he constantly made the journey to Eastbourne for eight-bell ringing. In his own tower he revived change ringing, and for over twenty years was captain.

There was a large and representative gathering at the funeral, which took place on Tuesday week, the public bodies with which Mr. Penfold was connected being represented, as well as all classes of the parishioners. The Sussex County Association was represented by Messrs. W. D. Smith, A. Piper and E. Bray.

The service was choral and was conducted by the Rev. A. A. Evans (Vicar of East Dean and a member of the Board of Guardians and R.D.C.), assisted by the Rev. G. M. Hutton, Vicar of Pevensey. The hymns, 'Our Blest Redeemer' and 'O strength and stay upholding all creations,' were sung, and also a Psalm.

The late Mr. Penfold was buried in the same grave as his wife, who died in July, 1914. The coffin was lowered into the grave on ropes taken from the belfry.

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WILLESDEN.—On Tuesday, December 13th., at the Church of St. Mary, 1,248 Bob Major: J. Armiger Trollope (conductor) 1, E. Lankes-ter 2, G. M. Kilby 3, E. C. S. Turner 4, W. G. Wilson 5, T. Luck 6, E. H. Kilby 7, H. Kilby 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th.

BELLS, THEIR TONES AND TUNING.

AN HISTORICAL SKETCH.

BY E. ALEX. YOUNG.

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With the opening of the nineteenth century, bells and their history at last received full attention. Many papers and works were devoted to the subject by archaeologists and antiquaries, and definite reference also to bell-tones begins to appear with the researches and experiments of Lord Grimthorpe (1817-1902). He was the first, certainly in this country, to publish any definite instructions upon the proper weights, thicknesses and shapes of bells,** and also to refer to their notes, but in respect to the latter he admitted that he had not himself a musical ear. It was not usual for Grimthorpe to admit himself wanting in any knowledge dealing with bells, for he was almost equally as well known as a controversialist on this and other subjects, as he was deservedly famous as the inventor of the gravity escapement and the Westminster clock. To him, however, we owe an increase in the scale of thicknesses, which was a reaction from certain very thin bells, where a boastful depth of note is obtained by sacrificing the quality of tone, there being unfortunately many such bells, especially in America. In addition to being largely responsible for the Westminster clock bells, Grimthorpe designed the bells of Worcester Cathedral, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, and also Doncaster,† of which latter bells he was very proud, though they had a certain hardness of tone which always characterises over-thick bells. His best effort, however, seems to have been the peal of 12 at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, cast to his specification by Taylors. This is undoubtedly a fine peal, as even Grimthorpe himself admitted, though somewhat grudgingly, for it appears that the founders took the liberty to vary slightly from his prescribed thick scale. A slight thickening in the case of this peal was probably an advantage, considering its weight (tenor 62½ cwt. B flat), and great height of 120ft. above the pavement. It is also noticeable that the famous Bow bells are relatively somewhat thick in scale, tenor 52 cwt. in C (a little flat).

With the close of the nineteenth century came the first challenge to the old standard tuning. In 1895-6 the Rev. Canon A. B. Simpson, M.A., Rector of Fittleworth, Sussex, in articles contributed to the 'Pall Mall Magazine,' gave his convictions, 'as a result of twenty years' study of bell-tones'; and in 1897 he published 'Why bells sound out of tune, and how to cure them.' The booklet, one of 40 pages, is most interesting, and with the exception of a few remarks made by the Rev. H. R. Haweiss, and an article by Lord Rayleigh 'on tones of bells,'* was the first attempt to analyse bell-tones. Canon Simpson practically reverted to the medieval bells with their octave hum-notes, and explains in his work how for over 20 years he had been investigating these tones with the aid of tuning forks. This method (that of sympathetic vibration) applied to tuning is that now generally relied upon in modern foundry practice, where formerly tuning was done by a skilled operative working by ear alone. Whatever differences of opinion there may be as to the musical quality of 'Simpson's' bells, we must all admit that the Canon's discovery of the use of tuning forks for checking and locating the notes and tones of bells was a great and pronounced advance. It gave to every bellfounder a common basis in endeavouring to attain perfect tuning, and to a great extent made them less reliant upon the services of a few highly practised tuners, whom nature had endowed with a very sensitive and very musical ear. In his work, Canon Simpson gives a diagram showing where he considered the principal tones are located, and how the bell should be turned or filed in order to control them.

It is rather apparent that the first appeal, for what was to be the new tuning, fell somewhat flat; this was certainly so as far as the bellfounders were concerned, though in public circles the Canon received much praise and commendation. He himself says: 'Bellfounders do not care to take any more trouble than is necessary to satisfy the public.' He further stated that his object was 'to move the public to move the founders.' But he did not neglect, however, to press his views upon the various founders and endeavour to move first one and then another of them by personal persuasion. One can readily feel that he was at first none too welcome, where the memory of Grimthorpe still lingered; for here was yet another who claimed that he was right and they, with generations of experience, all wrong. In the end, however, it was left for Messrs. Taylor to be the first converts to the new style, and the first 'Simpson' peal was installed at Norton, Derbyshire, by them in 1896 (a 'ring' of eight, with tenor of 16 cwt.). They followed next year with no less than eight peals, including St. Patrick's, Dublin (45 cwt.), Heavitree, Exeter, Todmorden, etc. In 1898 came the new peal at Warrington, Devon, and Canon Simpson, in writing to the founders about these bells (a 'ring' of eight, 15 cwt.), said that he had found them to be in absolute harmony and perfect tune—the first and only peal of its kind in England.

It is interesting to note that the new scale, due to Simpson tuning, was a much lighter one. The pendulum again swings past the normal to the other side, and we are now still further removed from Lord Grimthorpe's heavy scale, but both he and Canon Simpson have some

points in common. It should be observed that the former flourished in the heyday of the Gothic Revival, which, like the Oxford Movement, powerfully affected all matters to do with the Church, and the tendency was for current thought to throw back to the Middle Ages. Thus, as far as the arts and crafts were concerned, before Tudor times all was right, and after that period all wrong. A bold reformer, especially if he harked well back, was sure of a ready hearing. Grimthorpe enjoyed this advantage in the earlier days of the movement, and the Canon in its later days; the period of both also embraced a time when bells and ringing became again a matter of interest to the public. Both men, too, though they probably would have disagreed between themselves, were strongly convinced they were right, and, of course, the founders wrong. As to the founders themselves they probably were none too thankful to either. Here they were, within a few years, being first adjured to thicken their bells, and now to thin them again, for Simpson tuning generally means relatively thinner bells. The advocates for this last break with bellfounding tradition had, however, the gratification of a willing ear on the part of the public, who, looking upon the new 'Simpson' bell as being practically a medieval bell, was all in its favour, still more so if the claim were that an ancient bellfounding secret had been strangely rediscovered.

The early 'Simpson' peals, being a success, were rapidly followed by many others, notably those at Hull, Beverley, Loughborough, etc., all by Taylors, and, prior to 1900, with Edinburgh, Glasgow, Southampton, etc., after. In the present century, too, the output has been considerably augmented by the efforts of the Croydon Foundry, who have cast the peals at South Croydon, Rochester, Wimborne, etc., until to-day no town or district is far removed from the sound of a peal tuned on these lines, except in the extreme East and West of England. In respect of this latter statement, it is worthy of note that in those two parts, and also in London, are still to be found the greatest number of admittedly fine 'old standard' peals, and that in these places, therefore, the new system would naturally make slower headway.

Simpson tuning being thoroughly established, it only remains to deal with the inevitable reaction, in order to bring this short historical sketch down to the present time. It will be remembered that, owing largely to the strong views held by Lord Grimthorpe, the thickness scale of bells had been increased in some cases, and it is necessary to remark that with his death, or even before, the scale was no longer used. Doncaster bells were again recast, and, incidentally, upon the advent of Simpson tuning were once more recast. (Being such a sensitive peal, they perhaps await yet a further recasting at the hands of Fate, having already passed through the melting pot three times in less than a century!)

The next event in our historical survey is of remarkable interest, for it was a protest against both Grimthorpe's hard tones and the Canon's reversion to the medieval tones.

In 1897 Mr. T. C. Lewis published 'A protest against the modern development of musical tone.' Like the Canon's work, the booklet is small 8vo. of about 40 pages. Lewis in this deals also with church organs and pianofortes as well as church bells, for he was an expert in making all three, which strong combination makes his conclusions the more striking. It is unnecessary to refer to Lewis' record here, but he was undoubtedly a man who took great pains, and was gifted with a wonderfully true ear. His 'protest' need not be detailed in this historical sketch, but it inveighed, singularly enough, against both of the variations from the accepted traditions of bellfounding referred to before, and upheld what is called here the 'old standard.' Lewis' conclusions were based, as he says, upon the judgment of his ear and his experience as a founder,† and as no one questions but that he had a fine musical ear, if the bellfounders had wanted a ready-made ally, here indeed was one.

Lewis did not long survive the publication of his 'Protest,' and, the firm having given up casting, there was neither necessity for nor interest in further pressing his views regarding bells. The work, too, was practically issued for private circulation only. It is not surprising, therefore, that it is now almost unknown, and that where a hundred ringers may know of Canon Simpson's work, perhaps not one will have heard of this 'Protest' by Lewis.

It took several years for the Simpson tuned peals to evoke much criticism, but it was at last awakened by their demonstrating their own defects—a tendency to 'howl,' an over-booming of the bigger bells, and, on the part of the lighter ones, a certain over-sweetness (called 'sugary' by one writer), and altogether the exhibition of a nasal or brassy character of tone when the 'ring' is going in changes. The ringing Exercise could not be expected to have Lewis' fine ear, and they were under the spell of the Simpsonian's favourite 'slogan' which easily carried the day, with its 'All bells in tune with themselves and with each other.' This statement, even if one were suspicious of catchwords, expressed something which seemed, and of course is, so desirable as to disarm criticism. To relate a personal experience, the writer—then a Simpsonian—purposely visited St. Mary's, Southampton, to ring upon the then recently installed and highly praised bells. A too lively anticipation probably enhanced the disappointment felt upon hearing them, and, on comparing notes from time

* 'Watches and Clocks and Bells,' Denison.

† Recast after his death as an 'Old Standard' Peal and again recast 1926 as a Simpson Peal.

Philosophical Magazine, January, 1890.

† Lewis gave up Bellfounding before publishing his protest, his partners not caring for the firm to pursue it.

to time afterwards with several foremost and well-known ringers, they expressed to him that they also had the gravest doubts as to Simpson tuning, but had been diffident as to expressing them. (Amongst these were the late John Carter and Edwin Horrex, both names well known in ringing circles.) The writer's experience, it is natural to assume, was that of many other ringers.

The Great War for a time nearly ended ringing, as it did entirely bellfounding. But with the advent of peace came a pronounced revival in founding, and this was largely stimulated, not only by the accumulated back work but by 'in memoriam' orders and by the zeal of the newly-appointed Church Councils.

As was only to be expected, the output of 'Simpson' peals became greater than ever, not only for the occasional new belfry but for the replacement and enlargement of existing 'rings,' the remarkable thing being the persistent melting down of these latter, largely or only for the very fact that they were not 'Simpson,' and this in great and increasing numbers. In the pages of 'The Ringing World' continual reference was made to the recasting 'upon the five-tone principle' of bells which bore the names of famous old founders—the Rudhalls in the West, Arnold, Osborne and Dobson in the East, Mot and Phelps of Whitechapel, the Penningtons and Purdues of the South. These, together with nameless old medieval bells, all joined in the melancholy procession to the melting pot, unsung and apparently unlamented. It is true, of course, that some of these were cracked and others were poor in tone, but most of them were bells of quality and many of fine tone. A little sorting out here and there, and retuning would have saved the loss of a number of fine 'rings' and left the Exercise the richer. The feeling of this loss, however, began at last to come home to many ringers, notably after the 'Simpsonising' by Taylor's of the always famous bells of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, and, still worse, the unexpected loss of the St. Michael's, Coventry, bells, generally admitted by the Exercise to have been the finest ring of 10 ever cast.

The voice of the protestors at last became audible, for it was felt by many that the founders, with Simpsonism in the saddle, had taken the bit between their teeth and bolted, and that nothing could stay the rush.

The action in 1926 of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers in appearing officially as it did in the Consistory Court at Coventry, marked an epoch in the history of bell tones, for Simpson tuning found itself for the first time challenged on oath in open court. The bells were not saved, however, and their loss is undoubtedly one of the black pages in bell history, and it is remarkable that Canon Simpson himself should have been (indirectly it is true) responsible for the disappearance of what would always have been the very best witnesses against the adoption of his principle of tuning. This, however, is referred to elsewhere. At the following annual meeting of the same Council held at Ipswich, Simpson tuning was debated at length, the motion being at the instance of the writer, and, though the result was rather inconclusive, it was by no means a victory for Simpson tuning. A feature of outstanding interest was the contribution to its defence by three of the leading bellfounders.

There remains but one outstanding item in the progressive history of bell tones—i.e., the installation of the great 'ring' of 12 bells at York Minster, also in 1926. The interest lies in the fact that in ringing circles the word had gone around on Simpsonian behalf of 'wait till you hear York.' This heavy ring, cast at Messrs. Taylor's Foundry, were to be the last word and the complete vindication of the 'five-tone' principle. They had appealed to Caesar. The opening, or rather dedication, was not only a solemn but made also a great public function. The writer, who was present, was certainly impressed with the volume and roar of sound when the mighty peal burst forth, but it was apparent at once that the 'ring' had all the usual drawbacks inherent in those cast upon 'Simpson' lines. The appeal has been made, and so far as the writer's opinion is of worth, the response is that Taylor's have cast probably the finest heavy peal possible on Simpson lines, but that they are less successful than in their great peal at St. Paul's, London, one of about the same weight and key. The writer is convinced that the judgment of most of those with a musical ear can with safety be relied upon, if they will listen alternately to these two great peals; but let them finish with St. Paul's and they will most probably join with the writer in saying that the appeal is not only to Caesar but to Taylor—i.e., 'from Taylor of to-day to Taylor of yesterday.'

TWO PEALS OF LONDONDERRY SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY J. S. WILDE, DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND.

5.184.	5.472.
23456 M. W. H.	23456 M. W.
— 35264	— 35264
63254 —	63254 —
25634 — —	56234 — —
62534 —	26435 — —
52436 —	34562 — —
— 23564	— 63542 —
56234 — —	— 53246 —
42635 — —	— 23645 —
— 42356 —	— 34256 —
Twice repeated.	Twice repeated.

THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

All movement can roughly be divided into two kinds—regular and irregular. By regular I mean that kind which is controlled by rule and which can be calculated. Such are the movements of the sun, earth and moon, which, vast as they are, are so certain that their relative positions can be stated at any time to within a second or two. In this way eclipses are foretold years before they occur. Irregular movement is that which is capricious and subject to no rule. For instance, you turn your dog out for a walk. In due time he comes back, and, during the interval, he has made movement, but you cannot tell, unless you have watched his every step, what that movement has been. The movement in ringing belongs to the first kind; it is regular and can be calculated. In some respects it is simpler than the movement of the earth; in some respects more complex. It is an abstract movement, not the movement of any material thing, but the movements of the celestial bodies are quite good analogies by which to judge it.

And all regular movement is of two kinds—open and closed. Open movement is movement which, although controlled by strict rule, never returns to the position from which it started. A straight line is an instance of this, and there are many sorts of curves which can be calculated to any extent but which never return to the position from which they started. Closed movement is that which, controlled by rule, returns sooner or later to its starting point. Ovals and ellipses are examples of this, and the most familiar of all is the circle. All movement in ringing is closed, regular movement.

If you will go into the tower and ring the treble to Bob Major you will perhaps best realise what I want to point out. This cyclical nature of the movement in ringing is by far the most important fact in the science of change ringing, and we shall find in it the key to most of our problems. In skeleton diagrams we usually represent the path of the treble in Bob Major by diagonal lines, with short, vertical lines for the places before and behind. It does not much matter how you represent it, provided it conveys what actually happens to your mind. When you are ringing, the cyclical nature of the path will strike you at once, and I do not suppose that anyone will be disposed to deny that the treble in Bob Major moves in a series of cycles.

The important thing is for us to realise that all movement in ringing equally consists of a series of cycles. This applies not merely to symmetrically constructed methods, but to everything, even to the crudest bit of stoney; and, if this be true, then clearly we have made a big step toward the solution of the problem of extension.

But you may suggest that if this is the most important fact in the science of ringing, it is rather remarkable that it has not been recognised by the many clever men the Exercise has produced during these three centuries. It would be remarkable if it had not been recognised. I think you may take it as a general truth that any discovery you may make of any general law in change ringing will turn out to be sound only when it is corroborated by the work and opinions of men who have gone before you. But it is extremely probable that they, working only at isolated problems, may not have seen the whole of the truth, but only that part of it which concerned them at the time. So here. I do not think that anyone has ever stated the cyclicity of movement as the one fundamental law of ringing, but it has many times been recognised in particular circumstances: by W. H. Thompson in his 'Law of the Q sets,' by H. Earle Bulwer in his 'Definition of a Round Block,' by the instinct of the Exercise which saw in Bob Major lead-ends something which no other lead-ends have or can have; by Stedman and the ancients in their plain changes and in the construction of early peals and methods and in many other ways.

So I am not now advancing anything really new. I am suggesting as a solution of the problem of extension a fact to which the experience of the Exercise bears witness, and which is capable of being tested by anyone. What is new is the application of this particular fact to this particular problem.

The fact is that all ringing consists of movement in a series of cycles. We must now see how these cycles can be joined up. And, first, let me make it clear that they are all of the same nature as the Hunting Course—i.e., the first lead of Plain Bob without second's place. That this is cyclical movement beyond all manner of doubt you can prove (where it best can be proved) in the tower.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

DONCASTER.—On Christmas Day the St. George's Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins., for the morning service: C. Holmes 1, G. Halksworth 2, E. Baldwin 3, C. Clarke 4, J. Holmes 5, G. Jackson 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, H. Baldwin 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the ringers of the treble, 3rd and 5th. The performance was repeated for the evening service, the same ringers taking part with the exception that W. Lloyd rang the fourth bell in place of C. Clarke, the time being 49 mins. This is the first occasion since pre-war days that two quarter-peals have been rung in one day at St. George's.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Christmas Day for evening service at St. Mary's, 1,092 Stedman Triples in 40 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, C. Groves 3, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 4, J. Paterson 5, E. J. Harding, jun., 6, E. J. Stone 7, J. Gates 8.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. MEMORIAL TO THE LATE VICE-PRESIDENT.

The following circular has been issued by the hon. secretary of the Winchester Guild:

'As most members will be aware, the late Rev. C. E. Matthews was connected with our Guild for over 40 years, and during this period did a great deal of work for the cause of ringing in both Hants and Surrey, and the wish has been expressed by a large number of our members for the Guild to erect some kind of a memorial as a token of appreciation and gratitude.

'Our late vice-president had contemplated restoring the bells at Milford-on-Sea (his last parish). There is £33 in the funds of the Guild earmarked for this purpose, and the committee feel that we can raise no more appropriate memorial than to be connected with this object.

'The Church Council have decided to have their old ring of five bells put in order and increased to eight, and already have the promise of one new bell, and the scheme that the committee recommend is that we, as a Guild, should offer a name bell as a memorial.

'The estimated cost will be about £70; with the £33 in hand, this leaves a sum of about £37 to be raised, and on behalf of the committee I earnestly appeal to all our members for funds. We hope to have the names of all members to show how complete is our appreciation of Mr. Matthews' work.'

All collecting letters should be returned on or before February 1st, 1928, together with subscriptions, to Mr. G. Pullinger, hon. secretary, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LECTURE ON BELLS.

On Wednesday evening, December 7th, at Holy Trinity Parochial Hall, Norwich, Mr. J. E. Duffield, G.I.Mech.E., the leader of the St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Guild, gave an interesting lecture on 'Bells and Bellringing.' Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the famous bell-founders, of Loughborough, loaned a model of a bell in its frame and a number of excellent lantern slides for the occasion.

Mr. Duffield showed himself a master of his subject, both in theory and practice, and illustrations of the science of change ringing were given by handbell 'touches' of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major by four of the Mancroft ringers, including the lecturer.

Refreshments were provided during the evening by a ladies' committee of the Holy Trinity Men's Fellowship. The Rector of Holy Trinity expressed his gratitude to the Mancroft ringers for the hospitality of their tower, which he often enjoyed.

The Rector, Rev. Roger Bulstrode, is a member of the committee of the Norfolk Guild, and at Holy Trinity there are eight tubular bells.

ROYAL METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—There are two short-circuiting lead-heads in Bob Royal, the third and fifth, either of which can produce a bogus plain course of three leads only. This phenomenon deals Double Court Royal a severe blow.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TO-MORROW'S INAUGURATION.

Representatives of a number of neighbouring associations are expected to attend the inauguration of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, at Guildford, to-morrow, to show their goodwill towards the 'infant' of the Exercise.

The youngster is likely to be a sturdy one, for all the indications have been that a new interest has been stirred among the towers in the diocese. As an example of this may be mentioned the case of three six-bell towers, which were not previously connected with the Winchester Guild. Between them they have brought in 30 ringing members. This is only one of numerous indications that ringing in this area will receive a new impetus, and that the time was ripe for an organisation which could get into more intimate touch with the towers than was possible under the old regime.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese is to be president of the new Guild, and after his formal election will give an inaugural address. He will also preach at the special service in the cathedral church, which will follow the business meeting.

An interesting feature of the organisation of the Guild is a scheme under which the churches, with rings of bells, will be affiliated to the Guild by payment through the incumbent or Parochial Church Council of an annual fee of 5s. The ringing member's subscription will be 2s. annually, and hon. member's a minimum of 2s. 6d. The area will be divided into four districts, and these districts will retain for their own purposes 50 per cent. of the ringing and hon. members' subscriptions, provision being also made under rules to meet any deficiency which may occur, or, on the other hand, to call on the districts to help the central fund should that be necessary.

There are two points about the Guildford Diocesan Guild's area which distinguish it from the territory of many similar organisations. It contains a comparatively small number of towers—56 in all, and its area is compact. Therefore it ought to be worked much more easily than some of the wide-scattered diocesan and county associations. But that does not mean there is little work to be done. There is ample scope for all the energies which its members can put into it, and it will enter upon its task with the best wishes of all the kindred organisations in the country.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. C. F. Andrews and S. J. Hector have for some time been making a weekly journey from Trowbridge to Bristol to practise Cambridge Surprise. Their efforts have now been rewarded by their first peal in the method, rung at Clifton. Some of the apathetic ones who want their ringing brought to them may take an example from this, for this has involved a 40-mile journey each time.

The 'fathers and sons' peal attempt at Shoreditch on Saturday week came to an untimely end when a rope broke after 2 hrs. 10 mins.' good ringing.

An interesting article on the new Princeton, U.S.A., carillon, which was installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, appeared in the issue of the 'Christian Science Monitor,' of Boston, Mass., recently, and the accompanying illustration shows the fine, pinnacled tower, standing up amid picturesque surroundings. The carillon of 35 bells was given to the university by the class of 1892.

Ten years ago next Wednesday Alfred W. Grimes died. Alf. Grimes, than whom there was no more likeable ringer, rose to fame very quickly and held the unique record of having rung 250 peals in two years.

It is said that the Lord does not temper the wind to the shorn lamb in Jutland, or else 'Uncle Joe' is no longer a lamb. We hear that he contemplates a trip to Spitzbergen to thaw out.

The first time the bells were raised at St. Peter's, Nottingham, after the hanging had been finished, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on them. This was on the last day of the year 1771.

Sixty years ago to-day, 6,720 Cumberland Exercise Major was rung at Liversedge, Yorks, and we believe that that is still the longest peal in the method.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild has to its credit two long peals rung on the last day of the year. It was on December 31st, 1888, that the 15,041 Stedman Caters was rung at Appleton, and on the same day in 1892 that the 12,096 Double Norwich was scored at Maidenhead.

January 1st provides a number of interesting anniversaries, but probably none more interesting than that of a peal rung on the opening day of 1793, when James Barham, of Leeds, Kent, then getting advanced in years, rang his 100th peal in company with a band whose united ages totalled 582 years.

On January 1st, 1776, 8,046 Grandsire Caters was conducted by W. D. Crofts at St. Mary's, Nottingham; and on New Year's Day, 1858, 10,270 in the same method was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne.

A peal of 14,480 Bob Major was rung at St. Paul's, Oldham, on January 4th, 1784, but this, of course, was far from being a record, although it may have been considered by the band at the time to have been the longest length. In 1737, a 15,120 had been rung at West Ham.

On Thursday week Mr. James George turned the 'tenor' in at Loughborough Bell Foundry to the quickest tower bell peal yet rung, viz., 114 minutes. Is there no limit to this 'young' man's ambitions?

The peal rung at Orston on December 3rd should have been credited to the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and not to the Midland Counties Association.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual report of the Lancashire Association has just been issued, and shows a membership of 1,543, made up of 77 honorary life members, 15 honorary members, 13 non-resident life members, 223 non-resident members, and 1,215 ringing members, 15 non-resident members, 129 ringing members having been elected during the year, and 31 names removed from the list. The financial position is reported to be again satisfactory, as the year's working shows a gain of £5 5s. 3jd. 267 ls. was received in subscriptions, the total income being £74 3s. 5d.

The number of peals (from September, 1926, to August, 1927) was 130—a record for the association, and the variety of the methods rung was the best accomplished, showing that the interest of the members is being well maintained. An interesting feature was the increase in the number of peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters. Congratulations are offered to bands upon some of the outstanding performances, including the jubilee peal at Blackburn Cathedral by officers of the association, Ipswich Surprise Major at Newchurch (the first over rung), and Cambridge Surprise Royal at Liverpool (the first of Surprise Royal by the Association). Congratulations are also extended to the ringers concerned in the record length of 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major at Bolton, and the Treble Bob record of 17,824 of Oxford at Heptonstall. During the year under review, 45 members rang their first peal, 139 their first in some particular method, and five members joined the ranks of the conductors.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the twentieth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

The 'bob action' is not so apparent, because three bells are altered in the coursing order, but we may be able to see what happens if we travel upon similar lines. Turn the plain lead of Bob Major into a bobbed lead by making fourth's place only, when the treble is on the front, and examine the three 'front' bells which are altered by the call:—

Plain Lead.	Bobbed Lead.	Coursing Order.
3 5 1 7 - 2 8 4 6	3 5 1 7 - 2 8 4 6	
8 . 5 2 -	3 . 5 2 -	Principle-2-4687-5312
1 3 2 5 - 4 7 6 8	1 3 2 5 - 4 7 6 8	
1 3 5 2 -	1 2 3 5 -	Plain Lead-32-4687-5132
3 . 2 5 - 4 7 6 8	2 . 5 3 - 4 7 6 8	
3 2 . . 5 . . .	2 5 . . 3 . . .	Bob Lead-25-4687-3125

Notice that '4768' are undisturbed in the rows and in the coursing order; also observe that the treble 'moves up' in the usual way, but NOT at the expense of her COURSE BELL. Three bells ('312') all move up at the expense of the 5. Then we assume that ANY BELL making fourth's place while ANOTHER LEADS may be expected to produce a similar effect upon the coursing order.

I have endeavoured to show a few of the relationships between the action of bells in the rows and their order of coursing, and the purpose of these notes has been to impress upon the mind this fact, viz., that any action within the leads, which causes bells other than the treble and its coursing fellow to be disturbed, must be omitted, or, at least, corrected before the lead-ends, if the Bob Major coursing order is to be preserved in the lead-heads of the plain course, and we have found at least one particular reason why this should prove to be most advantageous. I must ask the reader, if he is interested, to search for himself, and to observe how these, and other disturbing actions, are made and corrected in the leads of various methods.

All that has been said here applies to the Plain Hunt Principle, and there are other principles upon which methods may be based. The Treble Bob Principle, for instance, may be produced thus: No place, none again, and again; then 1st's and 8th's. Repeated systematically until rounds turns up at the treble's whole pull on the front:—

When you have produced this principle, wherein every bell has a 'treble bob' (or dodging) hunt, compare it with a lead of Kent Treble Bob Major, and then with a lead of Oxford Treble Bob, and observe how the repetition rows in the principle are avoided, and how the disturbing actions are corrected. Then compare Superlative Surprise Major with your principle, and see if you can trace any of the plain hunt 'actions' therein. Compare the coursing order of the rows in this principle with that of the Plain Hunt Principle, and observe the difference, if any.

METHOD ANALYSIS.

We have found that by the introduction of certain 'actions' into our principle we construct various methods and produce certain lead-ends, which are governed by the number and class of the 'actions' inserted, and we have examined these lead-ends in detail, only so far as they are affected by 'plain actions.' We also know that actions other than those we have called 'plain actions' will disturb the coursing order of bells other than the treble and her coursing fellow, thus producing lead-ends that differ from those which are the result of the transposition of rounds by 13527486 so many times.

It follows that we can take a method, and, by analysis, are able to determine the 'actions' that have been introduced into the principle in the course of the method's construction, and with what results upon the lead-end of our principle. If an action affects the coursing order which in turn governs the lead-end, then examination of a lead-end produced is a means of pointing to certain actions.

Before proceeding with the subject, let us endeavour fully to appreciate the value of transposition as a saver of labour and time. Our study of this has been limited to transposition from, and back to, ROUNDS; but it should clearly be understood that transposition from any one row to another will be duplicated in any other two rows, provided the same paths are travelled by the bells; or, alternatively put, provided the same pairs be changed and the same places be made between the rows in question.

View the transposition of the lead-ends of Bob Major in the following way instead of the usual red and black card form. Read the pairs downwards as before:—

If 12345678 becomes 13527486,
Then 13527486 will become 15738264.
And if 13527486 becomes 15738264,
Then 15738264 will become 17853421.
and so on. It will be observed that this is the reverse of the way in which we 'transpose back to lead-heads.'

Then, given any two rows as an example of transposition, which we will call A and B, we can find row D, when row C is substituted for row A, by the method given above, without pricking the rows in between. Place A and B side by side, and under A place C. Then fill in D by reading the pairs downwards in A-C.

For example, row 8 in the T.B. principle is 42618375, and row 16 is 86745231. What would row 16 be if 26417853 were substituted in place of row 8?

If (A) 42618375 produces (B) 86745231 by certain transposition, Then (C) 26417853 will produce (D) 74523681 similarly. ABC are written down as directed, and D is filled in from AC afterwards.

The following is the reverse of this, being our 'transposition back to lead-heads':—

If 74523681 comes from 26417853 by certain transposition, Then 86745231 will come from 42618375 similarly.

Or:

If 86745231 comes from lead-head 12345678 by transposition,

Then 74523681 comes from lead-head 16823457 similarly.

Then: 'To substitute a certain row for row No. 8 of principle, and transpose to row No. 16,' would mean that row No. 8 is 'A,' No. 16 is 'B,' the certain row is 'C,' and the transposition derived therefrom is 'D.'

With this firmly in mind, we can turn attention to the analysis of a method, and will choose for an example our lead of Superlative Surprise Major.

First produce the Treble Bob principle as before, by making no place three times, and then 1st's and 8th's places, etc., etc. Number the rows from 1/32, and divide them into eight divisions of four rows each, as shown in the Superlative example. Row No. 5 will be the head of the second division, thus:—

1. 12345678
2. 21436587
3. 12345678
4. 21436587

5. 24163857
- etc., etc.

After row No. 32, complete the operation by producing rounds as the 'lead-end' (or head of the next lead). Then observe: In every case the line is drawn between the two rows where 1st's and 8th's places are made, and the second of these two rows is the head of the next division; that there are three division lines in each half of the principle—those between rows 4/5, 8/9, and 12/13 in the one, and 20/21, 24/25 and 28/29 in the other; that three pairs of places are made in each half (at these lines), and that each half is a replica of the other in this respect. The centre line between rows 16/17 denotes the 'odd' pair of places upon which the principle turns, and which have the effect of placing different bells into the same pairs which change in the second half.

Notice that no place is made between any of the four rows which comprise each division, and therefore the same pairs change in each division, whether they be traced forwards, backwards, or both ways in comparison. Every division being a replica of the others, it follows that the division head rows are transpositions of one another. If 12345678 becomes 24163857, then this becomes 46281735 at the next division head, and so on. Also observe that the 'two-division' blocks (rows 1/8, 9/16, etc.) are likewise symmetrical when traced either way. In short, the symmetry of the principle is perfect.

While the symmetry is perfect when traced either way in the halves, yet, actually, they are the exact reverse of one another. The bells are hunting away from 'home' in the first half, and back again in the second, having turned at the centre line. Then a method which causes identical places to be made in both halves, when traced REVERSE ways, such as Superlative, may be considered to be symmetrical in the HALVES, and anything which applies to the one should pertain to the other. Therefore, we may concentrate upon one half of our method.

Notice that the head of the second half of the principle, row No. 17 (87654321), is the exact reverse of the rounds lead-end row. This row (No. 17) is known as the 'Back Change,' and is brought about by the 'odd' division line in the centre of the principle.

If the Plain Hunt Principle be divided similarly by drawing lines between the rows where the places are made, we shall have two rows in each division, and shall find that the division heads in both principles are identical. In fact, the Treble Bob Principle is really the Plain Hunt Principle, with each pair of rows repeated to cause the 'dodging hunts' of the bells.

To return to our method analysis. We shall notice that row No. 16 of Superlative is 86745231, which is identical with the corresponding row in the principle. Then the places made in Superlative, while differing from those made in principle, have had the same effect upon the half-block in the main. In other words, the coursing order of the principle has been disturbed and corrected by the Superlative 'places,' within the half-lead. In the second halves, being duplicates both in method and principle, the same thing has occurred. Therefore, the lead-end of the method should be identical with the principle, but we have included two 'plain actions' in the method—7th's place with the treble behind, and 2nd's place with the treble at lead, thus transposing rounds by 13527486 twice, and producing 15738264 as the lead-end proper. These 'plain actions' may be ignored for the moment, as we know exactly what their effect upon the coursing order and the lead-end will be, and, for the present, they have no bearing upon the method WITHIN the halves of the lead.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

FURTHER LIST OF DONATIONS.

The generous help which has been forthcoming from a considerable number of ringers for 'Irenæus Pistor,' as the result of our appeal, is only what one might have expected from a warm-hearted brotherhood like the ringing Exercise, and, gratifying as it has been, we hope there will be a still greater further response, because, while the immediate necessities of our stricken brother have been relieved, it must be remembered that his affliction is no temporary disability. Unfortunately the ophthalmic disease from which he is suffering is one which offers absolutely no possibility of cure, and 'Irenæus' is bravely facing the prospect of permanent blindness. It needs a great heart to do this, particularly when there are dear ones who suffer as the result of the incapacity of the breadwinner.

Last week we were able to announce that £10 had been sent to 'Irenæus' on Monday, the 19th. The sum remitted on Wednesday, the 21st, was £15, and we give below the list of further subscriptions received up to the time of going to press. On account of the holidays there has not been time to judge what response was made to our suggestion that a collection should be made in the belfries on Christmas Day. The first of these, however, had come to hand when this was written.

Now, what of 'Irenæus'? In acknowledging with grateful thanks the first remittance, he wrote, 'I am too full to express my gratitude. It is unusual for me to be stuck fast, but I am too full of emotion. Please thank the donors for me. Tell them how I appreciate their practical sympathy. I did not know I had so many friends; tell them I shall try to torment them again when I have got over their killing kindness.'

The second sum reached him on the 22nd inst., and he wrote: 'Yours of the 21st to hand with £15 enclosed. Really, we—my wife, child and self—are dumbfounded. We can't express our gratitude. I cannot understand how I merit this overwhelming kindness from my ringing friends. Never did I dream, when I wrote my rubbish, that I should sway such a multitude of friends. It's God's doing, not mine. Give them our sincerest thanks; tell them how we appreciate it; tell them anything for us—we can't! Give them my heartfelt thanks.'

In view of the many inquiries as to the identity of 'Irenæus,' we asked him to allow us to reveal it. He was already known to just a few members of the Exercise, and 'Irenæus' says, 'Tell them, by all means, who I am.' 'Irenæus,' then, is Mr. Alf. T. Baker, of 22, Hawthorn Road, Hillsborough, Sheffield, and formerly of Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

A CONTRAST.

'Nemo' writes: 'Words are not much in my line, but I feel that I must express my thanks to you for your priceless support in the appeal on behalf of our worthy brother, "Irenæus," also to our brothers in the Exercise, and, no doubt, sisters too, for their generous and speedy response, which does so much to confirm our faith in them and our art. As for "Irenæus," he is too full for words, for the kindness has touched him to the very core, and could you have seen him and his on the day I last wrote to you, and again seen them, as I saw them, two days ago, the difference would have made your hearts sing for very joy that the burden had been lightened. A load had been taken away, not only in the material sense of the word, but new life had been given, new hope and new faith had come, for, as God had given him so many friends, he would in his own good time show him the way whereby he could still be of further service to the cause he has at heart.'

'Later, when the shock of your kindness has subsided, he will express his own appreciation far better than I can ever hope to do, though with me the fact remains, that we are not only ringers of the bells in the House of God, but members of that great Christian brotherhood whose Head is Christ Himself, and as such we remain true to His principles, "Love one another."'

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	25 11 0
'Triples'	10 0 0
Anonymous	2 5
Anonymous	1 0
E. Bishop, Swindon	5 0
J. Waghorn, sen., East Ham	2 6
A few ringers at Kingsley and Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent	5 0
'Anon.,' Shiplake	10 0
'A.R.P.'	2 5
T. R. Dennis, Cambridge	5 0
J. Pagett, Derby	3 0
J. M. D. Aldershot	2 6
R. Brett Smith, Chislehurst	3 0
Rochester Cathedral band	8 0
St. Peter's, Nottingham, ringers	2 2 0
G. Ashley, Toddington	4 0
C. Lester, West Challow, Wantage	5 0
'Bellitis'	10 6
Bromsgrove Parish Church Bellringer's Guild	10 6
Wessex	2 6
F. E. Dawe, London	10 0

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COLLEGE METHODS.
STRUCTURE AND EXTENSION.

All College methods are extensions of this four-and-twenty, and again we can extend by adding one bell in the hunt, or by adding a bell in the work. Ignoring the addition of a bell in the hunt, we shall see the extension quite easily by adding two bells in the work, and we get:—

1234	12345678	12345678
2143	21436587	21436587
2413	24163857	24163857
2431	42618375	42618375
2341	24681735	46281735
2314	42867153	64827153
2134	24876513	46287513
1243	42785631	64825731
	24758361	46285371
	42573816	64823517
	24537186	46283157
	42351768	64821375
	24315678	68412735
164523	42136587	86147253
	41263857	81674523
	14628375	18765432

	16482735	17856342
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890
2143658709	2143658709	2143658709
2416385079	2416385079	
4261830597	4261830597	
2468103957	4628103957	
etc.,	6482019375	6482019375
each bell making	4628091735	6840291735
3rd's.	etc.,	8604927153
	each bell making	6840297513
	5th's.	etc.,
		each bell making
		7th's.

1234567890et		
21436587090t		
24163850719e		
426183057e9	426183057e9	
24681035e79	46281035e79	
etc.	64820163e597	
9 bells make 3rd's.	462801e3957	684021e3957
	etc.	860412e19375
7 bells make 5th's.	684021e91735	806412e291735
	etc.	0864e4927153
5 bells make 7th's.		8064e297513
		etc.
		3 bells make 9th's.

Adding two bells at a time to the Minor, we get two extensions to Major, three to Royal and four to Maximus. In Royal, bells coming down from the back can all make 3rd's when they pass the treble, or 5th's or 7th's, and Maximus also 9th's.

Both Major extensions can be extended to Caters, and the three Royal extensions to Cinques by adding a bell in the hunt.

We have now dealt with Bob methods, Court methods, and College methods, and we are now in a position to combine them. The Major combinations are given in the collection of Major methods, and it would be a good thing if ringers who wish to understand these matters would study the methods in the Collection.*

H. LAW JAMES.

* To be obtained from the librarian of the Central Council, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading, price 1s. 9d.—Ed. 'R.W.'

PEAL TABLE DEDICATED.

A peal tablet of slate has been dedicated at Higham-on-the-Hill, which records two peals, the first peal on the bells at the tower restoration, and the other one to commemorate the hallowing of the new diocese of Leicester. The cost was raised by subscription, chiefly amongst the church officials. The tablet was the work of Mr. C. H. Webb, of Croft.

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Bromborough Church bellringers	...	10 0
Christmas Collection: Christ Church, Southgate, Society	...	10 0

Total ... 243 5 6

Two or three donations from other friends have been sent direct. The donation of 10s. acknowledged last week from Mr. Arthur Hague, of Blackpool, should have been credited to St. John's Company, Blackpool.

THE FOUNDATION OF LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY. MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. JOHN TAYLOR, SEN.

An interesting ceremony took place in Loughborough Parish Church on Saturday, December 17th, when a memorial to the late Mr. John Taylor, sen., was unveiled. Mr. Taylor, who died 21 years ago, was born in 1827, and it was considered fitting that the memorial should be erected in the centenary year of his birth.

The memorial, which was given by the present members of the family, takes the form of a bronze plaque representing very faithfully, in bas-relief, the portrait of the founder of the famous Loughborough firm of bell founders. His and the firm's close relation to the art of bellringing made the occasion of special interest to the ringing fraternity, and the service was attended by between 40 and 50 members of the Midland Counties' Association. These came from a wide area, including Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Luton, Bakewell, Kegworth, Croft, Sileby, and other places.

The memorial was unveiled by the Mayor (Councillor Alan Moss), and amongst others present at the service were Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Mr. O. J. Taylor, and Mrs. Pryce Taylor. The service was also attended by 14 employees of the firm who worked under the late Mr. Taylor.

At the opening of the service the Rector explained that the present position of the memorial was not permanent, and that it would be placed on the side of the tower, where it was hoped to have a kind of bellringers' chapel as a centre for the bellringing world.

The service included the Psalm, 'O, come, let us sing unto the Lord,' the hymn, 'Ring out, wild bells' (Tennyson), which the Rector observed was the only hymn written for bellringers, and 'Let saints on earth.'

The Mayor, having unveiled the plaque, it was dedicated by the Rector.

His Worship said, though not born in Loughborough, the whole of Mr. Taylor's work and life was carried on in the town, and Loughborough, as the town in which he attained such a pre-eminent position in his craft, had the right to claim him as a celebrated townsman. It was a privilege for him, as Mayor and representing the burgesses, to pay tribute to Mr. Taylor's memory. It was a privilege also because Mr. Taylor was a great friend of his father. Many times had he heard his father speak with gratitude of the sympathy and generous encouragement he received from Mr. Taylor just when it was particularly needed, and it was a joy to both of them that their early-formed friendship lasted unbroken throughout their lives. It must also be a privilege to his workmen to pay tribute to the memory of one whom they held in such great respect and affectionate regard. He was held in the same affection and regard by the bellringers, and by all who knew him. Mr. Taylor was not given to much public utterance, but by the grace of God the work of his hands could and did speak far and wide. In times of rejoicing they heard them give expression to joy and gladness, and when they walked through the valley, as all of them must, they heard the tolling of the bells. To the bellringers, who regarded with legitimate pride the grand specimens of his craft, this power of expressing feelings must appeal with special force.

Before the service a mixed band of ringers rang short touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters on the fine ring of bells at the Parish Church.

EARLY ASSOCIATIONS.

The visitors were afterwards entertained at tea in the Fearon Hall by Mr. E. D. Taylor. The Rector presided.

Mr. Taylor, acknowledging thanks for his hospitality, expressed his pleasure that so many friends had gathered to honour his father's memory. It might be a filial duty, but he always considered that his father was an outstanding figure in the history of bells, not only in England, but also of the world. Although his life's work would keep his memory fresh for centuries to come, he (the speaker) felt that some memorial of his father in the church which he loved so much would be apt and fitting.

The speaker referred to the association of his father and the Mayor's father, and the appropriate association of to-day. His firm claimed to be an old-established Loughborough family, but the birthplace of his father was a little village in Devon—Buckland Brewer, and there he set up his bell foundry. When the business was transferred to Loughborough, his father was but a lad, and was only 14 years of age when he took part in a peal of 5,040 changes on the ring of bells, then a peal of eight, in Loughborough Parish Church. Such a peal was considered to be much more of a feat in those days than it would be now. After giving particulars of the Parish Church bellringers' chamber, in which was recorded the feat above mentioned, he said, one of the ringers in 1842, Thomas Grundy, was the grandfather of the present vergier. It was rather singular that his (the speaker's) father never rang in another peal for over 40 years. This was in 1885, when he was 58 years of age, and took part in a 5,000 Grandsire Triples, with his (the speaker's) brother, John, as conductor. He rang the fourth bell, and the speaker the sixth. The first site chosen for the bell foundry was in Packhorse Lane, about the year 1840, and his father removed from there to the present site about 1859. Mr. Taylor made brief reference to 'Great Paul,' weighing nearly 17 tons; the Bourdon bell of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, which would, he supposed, be accounted the apogee, the great landmark, in his father's life's labour.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS BELLS.

OLD EIGHT AUGMENTED TO TEN.

The Bishop of Barrow, on Friday, December 16th, dedicated the recast bells of Dalton-in-Furness Parish Church at a memorable service. The old eight bells have been recast, and two new trebles added. There was a large and representative congregation, and many clergy were present.

The processional hymn was 'Praise my soul, the King of Heaven,' and there followed the Exhortation, General Confession, Absolution, Lord's Prayer, Lesser Litany and Psalm XIX. In the absence of the Ven. the Archdeacon of Furness (the Rev. Godfrey G. Smith, Haverthwaite) the lesson was read by the Rev. Griove, and was from 1 Chron. XXIX. 9-15.

The clergy, lay readers, churchwardens and choir proceeded to below the bell tower, the congregation turning that way, while the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies' was being sung. Here the Bishop greeted the bellringers, and the representative of the bellfounders, and Dr. Pooley then asked the Vicar and churchwardens to accept the bells on behalf of the church, the Vicar appropriately replying.

Mrs. Wadham said: 'I request you to dedicate this bell to the glory and praise of God, given in memory of Arthur Edward Montague Wadham and Dora Louisa Wadham,' and after the Bishop had done so, Mrs. Wadham rang the bell. The same procedure was followed by Mr. Edward Uilock, as senior churchwarden, with the bell given by the parish, and Mrs. Myles Kennedy requested the re-dedication of the other bells. After the Bishop had offered prayers, the procession moved back to its place, the hymn, 'Tell Thou my life, O Lord, my God,' having been sung. During the return the peal of bells was rung in rounds.

Before the next hymn, 'Ye watchers and ye holy ones,' the Bishop made an exhortation to all churchmen to stand together firmly and confidently, and in prayer for guidance of the Church in the grave crisis caused by the rejection of the new Prayer Book.

The preacher was Canon C. G. Bell, Canon Residentiary of York Minster, who took for his text, 'I was glad when they said unto me, let me go into the House of the Lord' (122nd Psalm, 1st verse). From time immemorial, he said, and with a sentiment of quite the right sort, church bells had been regarded as the 'silver-throated choir of the belfry,' something more than mere iron beating on iron. They had in a way a sort of personality which was manifest in these days, attaching to great bells like Great Peter, Great Paul, or even Big Ben.

In ancient days when the bells came from the hands of the founders, they passed through a ceremony of baptism, sprinkled with water and named. To-day there were bells which still had their names. Kings, princes, and nobles counted it no small honour to be 'godfather' to the bells. They had passed away, but even to-day there were those who came forward with generous gifts.

Church bells were always singing; they were joy bells, because Christian bells could be no other. Christianity was a religion of joy, where others were of despair or superstition. They were ringing when man and woman plighted their troth before God's altar, wishing them joy, health, wealth. Then they tolled when someone had passed over, bringing consolation and comfort to the mourners. They were saying all the while, 'I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord,' to the neighbourhood as far as the sound went. When a man was feeling bored or tired, someone might say to him, 'Let us go into the pictures or the theatre,' and he would say he was glad, but how often did they say, 'Let us go unto the House of the Lord'?

One would think it a strange thing to say. The difficulty was that somehow we had got to that state of mind. One of the great complaints of to-day was the emptiness of the churches, and the reason was simply that people did not want to go. The people had got to be made to want to go, and that was the message of the bells, filling people with a thirst of the Living Water, but if people did not want to come, the message was wasted. They should want to come to church because it was their Father's House and their home, one of the family seats of His great family. They went on the Lord's Day to sing His praises, but it was open all the week for them to come, and still they did it would never achieve its purpose. They would later hear the harmony of the bells and that harmony was meant to be a picture which the people of God would make. The Church was a place of fellowship, not social gatherings. Nothing succeeded like success, and when they had made a real success of fellowship, all the people would want to come in. The Church carried them to communion with the saints and those who had gone before. It was the home of their departed, and where we were at one with them.

The hymn, 'O worship the King,' during which a collection was taken for the bell fund, closed the service. Afterwards, the Parish Church ringers rang for a time, assisted by visitors from Ulverston Parish Church and Barrow St. James' belfries.

VETERAN RINGER'S DEATH.

At St. Patrick's Church, Nuttall, Notts, for morning service, on December 18th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the late Mr. W. Beardsmore, who was a ringer at the above church for over 50 years, a quarter-peal of Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire) in 40 mins.: J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 1, T. Harrison (first quarter-peal) 2, R. Jenkinson (first quarter-peal) 3, E. Wilcox 4, G. Burton 5.

LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE.

BY THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Major.	Royal.	Maximus.
12345678	1234567890	1234567890
21436587	2143658709	2143658709
12463857	1246385709	1246385709
21648375	2164835097	216483057e9
26143857	2614385079	261438507e9
62418375	6241830597	624183057e9
26148735	2614803957	2614803e5e79
62417853	6241089375	624108e3e597
64271835	6420183957	6420183e5e79
46728153	4602819375	460281e3e597
47621835	6420189735	642018e3957
74268153	4602817953	460281e9375
47628513	4068271935	40682e1t3957
74285831	0488728153	0488e2t19375
47256813	0847621935	40682e1t9735
74528631	8074269153	0488e2t17953
47256831	0847629513	084e6t271935
74528613	8074265931	80e4t6729153
47582631	0847256913	8e0t47621935
74856213	8074529631	e8t074269153
47586123		8e0t47629513
74851632	0847256931	e8t074265931
78456123		8e0t47256913
87541832		e8t074528631
85714623		
58176432		8e0t47256931
58716342		
58173624		
51876342		
15783624		
51738264		
15372846		
15738264		
Bob.		
15372846		
13578264		

Major 5152.		5056.
23456 M. W. H.		23456 B. M. W. H.
54632 — —		54632 — —
35642 — —		35642 — —
43652 — —		43152 — —
63254 — —		43526 x — —
52436 — —		54326 — —
43526 — —		32546 — —
54326 — —		53246 — —
32546 — —		24536 — —
53246 — —		52436 — —
45236 — —		45236 — —
34256 — —		34256 — —
Then 12 courses as in the		
5152.		
52643 — —		
45623 — —		
24653 — —		
64352 — —		
25346 — —		
42356 — —		

Repeat the last six courses.
Royal and Maximus have a clean proof scale.

A VARIED HALF CENTURY.

It is not an unusual thing in these days for a ringer to score fifty peals in a year, but we doubt if anyone can claim a greater variety in a half-century than Mr. Oliver Sippetts, of Crawley, Sussex, has managed to put into the 50 peals which he has rung in 1927. This is how they are made up: Treble Ten 2, Stedman Caters 1, London Surprise Major 2, Bristol Surprise Major 1, Guildford Surprise Major 1, Norfolk Surprise Major 1, Dublin Surprise Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 4, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Spliced Surprise Major 1, Double Norwich 7, Kent Treble Bob 9, Plain Bob 4, College Single Major 1, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Stedman Triples 4, Grandsire Triples 2, Bob Triples 1, Court Bob Triples 1, Cambridge Minor 3, Minor in three methods 1; total 50 (conducted 25).

720 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR.

BY T. WICK.

23456	2
56423	1
34562	1
25346	2
54632	1
26543	1
35264	1
42356	1

Five times repeated, with S for last bob in 3rd and 6th parts.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Sunday, December 18th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 420 Stedman Triples, and for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), the following taking part: J. Spedding, J. Hutchinson, W. Norman, A. Eilbeck, J. G. Whittam, J. Rothery, W. H. Cook (conductor), G. W. Tembey and W. Douglas.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—At the Church of All Saints, on Sunday, December 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 55 mins.: T. Gunning 1, W. G. Gait 2, T. Ferris 3, A. Ferris 4, C. Lovett 5, W. G. Nipper (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, H. H. Yeates 7, H. Vowles 8. First quarter-peal by all except conductor, and first attempt.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, December 18th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, F. G. Hibble 2, F. Pensom 3, M. Pensom 4, R. Lister 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6.

ILKLEY, YORKS.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: B. Rendall 1, T. Grange 2, E. Raynor 3, J. Bazeley 4, W. H. Crawshaw 5, D. M. Crawshaw 6, T. W. Crawshaw (conductor) 7, L. W. Parry 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all the company.

GOLDEN WEDDING PEAL AT SWINDON.

The Swindon Parish Church Guild rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on Christmas Eve to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lawrence. After the peal, the ringers called on Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence to offer their congratulations, and many stayed to enjoy a seasonable tea provided for their entertainment.

Mr. Lawrence has been a ringer at the Swindon Parish Church for upwards of 60 years, and was always a most regular attendant at practices and for Sunday services. From a call change ringer on the old peal of six, he developed into a sound and reliable method ringer. During his career as a ringer, the bells were augmented from six to eight, and in 1924 the old ring of eight was broken up and a new ring of 10 installed. Mr. Lawrence has rung over 100 peals, including Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal, Kent, Treble Bob Major and Royal, Stedman Triples and Caters, and Double Norwich Major. A safe and reliable ringer, always ready for a peal, it was an exception for him to make a trip.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Inaugural Meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Dec. 31st: 3 p.m., meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall (Inaugural Address by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese); 4.20, Special Service in Holy Trinity Cathedral (sermon by the Lord Bishop); 5.30, tea (1s. each) in St. Saviour's Church Hall, Onslow Street. Ringing in the evening. All ringers residing in the diocese are earnestly requested to attend, and visitors are cordially invited.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 2nd, at 8.15, which members are urged to attend. Ringing meetings for January: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 2nd, at 6.30 (followed by business meeting), and the 16th and 30th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 24th, at 8. The annual meeting is fixed for Saturday, February 11th. Please reserve date now.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Staveley, Jan. 6th. Will members desiring tea please advise Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Staveley, as early as possible?—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on January 5th and 19th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 10th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 26th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Ossett on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Buses from Leeds (Swinegate) pass the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Metheringham (8) Saturday, Jan. 7th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Jan. 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Will all ringers concerned please note the new secretary's address?—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Inaugural meetings of the proposed New Districts of Southampton, Winchester and Alton.—The first for the Southampton District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Jan. 7th. The Winchester District meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Jan. 14th, and the Alton District meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock in each case. Ringing arrangements as usual.—W. T. Tucker, Sec. pro tem., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock, through the kindness of the Rector and churchwardens. Business meeting to follow. A good attendance is earnestly desired. Half-rail fare (maximum 1s.) to members.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Tunstall (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Tea (5.30 p.m.) will be provided for all who notify Mr. W. Corfield, Whitfield Road, Norton-le-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before Jan. 4th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting for election of officers will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Tower open 3.30. Meeting 6 p.m. A good attendance is desired. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, January 7th. The following bells are available from 2.30 p.m.:—St. John's 8, St. Mary's 6, St. James' 6. Service in St. John's Church, 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcomed.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the district for the election of officers for 1928 will be held at the Cathedral, Derby, on Monday, January 8th. Bells (10) available 7 o'clock. All ringers in the district are earnestly requested to attend, and visitors are cordially invited.—Chas. Draper, Local Secretary.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Jan. 14th at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 14th.—Service at All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Tea in Church House 4.45 p.m. followed by business meeting. Tea 6d. to all who inform me by Monday, January 9th. Further particulars next week.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel California, Wokingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tea arranged as usual. Ringing from 3 p.m.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available 3.45. Tea at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Those requiring tea, please send a card by the 11th.—J. Sparrow, 84, Meadvale Road, Woodside, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A bye-meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux by the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. W. Horne) on Saturday, January 14th, at 3 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, January 12th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Secretary, Fairview, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, at 7.30 p.m., at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, City. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6.30. — A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD'S Seventh Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, 6 p.m., Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Malmesbury will be present. Reception St. Thomas' Church Room 4.15.—Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION (Established 1882).—The next general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Syston, and not Market Harborough, as suggested. Full details later. Owing to death there is a vacancy in Central Council representatives, and I shall be glad to receive nominations. 1927 report is being prepared, and amendments or additions should be notified at once. Will all local secretaries and members note?—E. Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

DERBY CATHEDRAL.—Cordial thanks to the many ringers and friends for their courtesies shown in the Derby Cathedral ringing chamber to help the learners. With best wishes for a happy new year and good times in 1928. Sunday service ringing 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Practice night, Monday 7.30 p.m. prompt to 9 p.m. Learners invited. Ringers and friends welcomed.—James Pagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby.

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