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### THE EASTER FESTIVAL.

Easter, the greatest festival of the Church, is also the greatest festival of ringing in this country, and following upon the activities of Easter Day, Monday provided opportunities of which the majority of ringers availed themselves. As is usual, there were a great number of peal attempts, but this year no effort was made to put up any new records. Easter Monday is, however, chiefly important from the fact that it is the most popular day among ringing associations for the holding of meetings, and the delightful weather which prevailed on this occasion resulted in some of the best attendances on record. These bank holiday meetings serve an excellent purpose, because they enable practically all members to participate. Saturday or mid-week gatherings must have their limitations because business inevitably prevents one section or another from attending. But with the bank holiday festivals it is different. On these occasions there are few ringers who are prevented by business ties from attending, and, with a full day at their disposal, even those who live at a distance from the meeting place have an opportunity to be present. On Monday ringers certainly made the most of their chances, and the more important of the meetings were of a fully representative character.

While the business part of the proceedings on these occasions has, of course, considerable importance, it is not the only feature which brings ringers together. The social side has its natural attraction, for in many cases it is the one occasion during the year when old friends can meet. At the same time, it should not be overlooked that there is a duty attaching to membership. Every individual ought to feel pride and concern in the successful and capable management of his association, but he cannot complain, if he fails to take his part in the conduct of affairs. The annual meeting is the principal opportunity of discussing questions of policy and improvement, but the occasion is seldom taken advantage of by the ordinary member, who is generally content to leave all initiative to the officers. This is not always a commendable state of affairs, for active interest on the part of the members is an incentive to the executive to achieve progress, and is usually welcomed.

One gratifying feature among matters of interest this Easter has been the very considerable number of rings of bells which have been restored in time for the Church's festival. The leading founders had their hands very full to complete the work demanded of them, and this sign of activity is one of great promise. It indicates a continued desire on the part of church authorities to place their bells in order, and the number of restorations that is now taking place is most encouraging.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

SHREWSBURY.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.  
(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

SAMUEL WOOD ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 7
*JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 2	*DENIS J. BOUCHER ... .. 8
EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 3	GEORGE JONES ... .. 9
TOM WILDE ... .. 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 10
*HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 5	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 11
HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 6	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 7 Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus on the bells. Also first peal of Kent rung in Shrewsbury. First peal of Treble Bob Maximus as conductor. First peal on twelve bells by the ringers of 7th and 8th.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 16 lb.

GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 7
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 8
WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 3	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 9
FREDK. R. BORRETT ... .. 4	ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 10
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5	JOHN SOUTER ... .. 11
*JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... .. 6	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 7 Tenor

Composed by the late H. HUBBARD. Conducted by G. H. CROES.

\* First peal on twelve bells.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. NICOLAS SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

EDWARD HEATH ... .. Treble	WILLIAM LOADER ... .. 6
*WILLIAM CHIVERS ... .. 2	GEORGE J. NICHOLS ... .. 7
SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. 3	GEORGE TOMSETT ... .. 8
MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... .. 4	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 9
EDWARD RADDON ... .. 5	GEORGE PETTER ... .. 7 Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by C. HAZELDEN.

\* First peal on ten bells; also first peal away from the treble. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LOWER THAMES STREET, CITY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Treble	ALBERT PRIOR ... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... .. 7
*MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 8
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. 5	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 7 Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal.

## THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

EPSOM, SURREY.  
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. o qr. 2 lb. in E.

WILLIAM H. FDSSELL ... Treble	FRANCIS E. DAWE ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 7
GEORGE M. HARRIS ... 3	*JOSEPH MILNER ... 8
JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 4	ERNEST BRETT ... 9
CYRIL C. PEASE ... 5	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Royal.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED. WATKINSON ... Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY ... 5
JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 2	HENRY WILSON ... 6
WILLIAM GODDEN ... 3	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 7
JOE GARTH ... 4	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN R. BREARLEY.

Ringers of the 2nd, 5th, 7th and tenor hail from Bolsterstone. The rest are local men.

IPSWICH.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... Treble	HARRY R. ROPER ... 5
ROBERT H. BRINDLE ... 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 6
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 3	CHARLES PARKER ... 7
JAMES DURRANT ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. W. Ablitt.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... 2	WALTER FARLEY ... 6
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3	*ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
GEORGE FREEBRY ... 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER (No. 33). Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First of Triples in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

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

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	*HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5
JAMES F. CLARKE ... 2	GEORGE FREEBRY ... 6
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
WALTER FARLEY ... 4	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First of Triples in this method. The above two peals were arranged for Mr. W. Farley, of Wells, Somerset.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX. — On Monday, April 7th, 720 College Single Minor, in 30 mins.: W. Blee 1, J. G. Nash 2, T. Langdon (conductor) 3, H. Blee 4, M. Tensom 5, C. Ross 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 20, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Gregory,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JAMES BILBY ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 5
RONALD BECK ... 2	CHARLES ANDREWS ... 6
JESSE FRANCIS ... 3	WILLIAM BAXTER ... 7
*WILLIAM LOUD ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal in the method by the association by all the band, and on the bells. Rung at the first attempt. \* Elected members before starting.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD GRINDLE ... Treble	GEORGE BAILEY ... 5
ALFRED KEEBLE ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 3	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 4	JAMES G. ROMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

First peal of British Surprise on the bells.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

*FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... Treble	SAMUEL CARDELL ... 5
*THOMAS ARROWSMITH ... 2	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 6
HAROLD EDWARDS ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 7
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 4	*CHARLES MASON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Mr. J. E. Groves.

LYMINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and Edburga,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ALBERT TANTON ... Treble	ALBERT CASTLE ... 5
KYRLE GORDON ... 2	GORDON WEBB ... 6
GEORGE COLLUM ... 3	LOUIS HEAD ... 7
STEPHEN BAKER ... 4	ALIC WEBB ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL ... Treble	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 5
CHARLES CREASEY ... 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6
*GEOFFREY H. HODSON ... 3	TRAYTON BOOTH ... 7
GEORGE MILLS ... 4	GEORGE KING ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES

Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal with a changing bell.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT J. GREEN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 5
*HERBERT E. TOMPKINS ... 2	*WALTER W. BONHAM ... 6
*THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 7
*EDWIN YATES ... .. 4	*FREDERICK C. CASE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal of Triples. 50th peal by A. J. Green. First peal on the bells since augmentation to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

ASHTED, SURREY.  
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

JEFFERY R. GANMON ... .. Treble	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	CYRIL C. PEASE ... .. 7
FRANCIS E. DAVE ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY...Treble	ROBERT A. FARDON ... .. 5
*MISS R. G. HAWKSWORTH 2	HARRY KILBY ... .. 6
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 7
SAMUEL D. BREEZE... .. 4	J. WILLIAM FRUIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Miss PHYLLIS M. MOSS.

\* First attempt for a peal. First attempt for a peal as conductor by Miss Phyllis Moss.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

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

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

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE... .. 5
JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
HENRY HUTTON ... .. 3	*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
*C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. H. Pulling and Mr. W. R. Melville. \* First peal in the method.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

*JAMES A. WISDOM ... .. Treble	RICHARD HAYES ... .. 5
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6
*FRED. BOWDEN ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 4	HARRY MOLLARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal in the method on the recast peal.

**SIX BELL PEAL.**

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

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

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM JEFFS ... .. Treble	*ALBERT E. HALSEY ... .. 4
ARTHUR TITMUS ... .. 2	FREDERICK JEFFS ... .. 5
SAM FARMER ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First attempt for a peal inside. Rung as a 'Reveille,' after the unveiling of the war memorial of the parish earlier in the afternoon. All except the conductor are members of the local company.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE NORTH FARM,

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

Tenor G 18.

JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. 1-2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 5-6
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 3-4	R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

Umpire: G. R. HOLMES.

This was the conductor's 200 peal, his 50th peal on handbells and 50th peal as conductor. He has also rung 50 peals on the tower bells of St. Paul's Church, Whitley Bay, where he is a local ringer.

NOTTINGHAM.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 15, 1924, in One Hour and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT 52, CASTLEGATE,

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

Being seven different 720's.

W. A. JAMES ... .. 1-2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 3-4
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Witness: A. GOODWIN.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.  
On Friday, April 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. NEALE, 27, MARKET SQUARE,

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

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

W. SCARROT ... .. 1-2	F. NEALE ... .. 3-4
E. HIMS ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by E. HIMS.

Umpire: E. A. CLIFTON

FEERING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT RYE MILL FARM,

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

FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5-6
*WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3-4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire: WALTER ARNOLD.

\* First peal on handbells.

LEICESTER.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 20, 1924, in One Hour and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. WHITEHEAD,

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

Tenor size 10 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6	

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Witness: MR. W. WHITEHEAD.

First peal of Stedman. Doubles by all, and the first 'in hand' by the Association. Rung at the third attempt.



KNODISHALL, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.*On Good Friday, April 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes.*

IN THE BRITISH LEGION HUT,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 16 in A sharp.

ROY PILGRIM ... .. 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5-6
NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 3-4	LEONARD W. BALE ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Witness: WILLIAM CHAPMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George Mayers.

KNODISHALL, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.*On Good Friday, April 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.*

IN THE BRITISH LEGION HUT,

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

Tenor, size 15 in C.

ROY PILGRIM ... .. 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5-6
NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 3-4	ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... .. 7-8

Composed by THOMAS DAY.

Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Umpire: LEONARD W. BALE. Witness: WILLIAM CHAPMAN.

N. R. Bailey's 250th peal.

KNODISHALL, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.*On Saturday, April 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes.*

IN THE BRITISH LEGION HUT,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 16 in A sharp.

NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5-6
ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... .. 3-4	LEONARD W. BALE ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

KNODISHALL, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.*On Sunday, April 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.*

IN THE BRITISH LEGION HUT,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 16 in A sharp.

ROY PILGRIM ... .. 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5-6
NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 3-4	ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... .. 7-8

LEONARD W. BALE ... .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Witness: WILLIAM CHAPMAN.

\* First peal of Royal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

A meeting was held on April 12th, at Norwood Green, where the peal of six were rung to Bob Minor and other methods during the afternoon. A service was conducted by the Rev. Thomas Parkes (Rector), Mr. Vicars being at the organ. After service, further ringing was followed by tea, and the usual business meeting in the Church Hall. The Rector presided, supported by Mr. A. R. Macdonald, and the vice-president (Mr. T. Beadle). Although the afternoon was boisterous, 26 sat down to tea, served by Mrs. Vicars. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, organist, hostess, vice-president, Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Emmett. — The Ringing Master congratulated Miss P. Moss and Miss G. Baker on ringing their first peal of Grandire Caters at Hillingdon.

Heston tower was open for ringing in the evening, when the company was greatly increased, and the bells kept going till past 9 o'clock.

A meeting was held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on March 15th. Several touches were rung before service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Vincent), with the organist presiding at the organ. Tea followed service which was served in the Church Hall by Miss Phyllis Moss, assisted by her mother and sister. The Vicar presided over the tea, and welcomed the society to St. Andrew's. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, the organist, and the hostess and lady helpers for their kind assistance. Handbell ringing and more ringing in the tower brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

## ROUNDS IN A PEAL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal at South Ealing, I am sorry to say Mr. Trollope is misleading. When we finished that peal, I asked Mr. Trollope to tell us if he saw the rounds struck. He replied that the 2nd bell did cut down before the 3rd and 4th, and that it was a very fine point, etc., but he did not appear disposed to answer me in a straightforward manner, so I did not press that further. Of course, now I wish I had. However, during our parley afterwards I did pursue this question, and he assured me that rounds were rung at this blunder. He will clearly remember this, for when I said I distinctly heard the change, he replied, 'I don't trust to the ear, I go by the ropes.' Therefore, I will not hesitate to suggest that had Mr. Trollope made this perfectly clear in the first place he could have avoided this correspondence.

You will, sir, I feel sure, appreciate that I should not have brought this forward on my own word alone, and therefore I resent Mr. Trollope writing as he has done.

With regard to the following statement: 'In this connection it must be remembered that while Mr. Fardon was positive that the bells had struck rounds, others were equally positive that they had not done so,' this is quite incorrect, as Mr. Trollope knows full well. One of the band said I was wrong, but when I asked him if he saw or heard the change, he replied that he had not! The remainder also did not notice it, so since that is the case, they should have paid more heed to my statement, and had Mr. Trollope said what he should have said, they would no doubt have done so.

It should also be borne in mind that three bells were involved, for the change should have been 14325678.

Now, Sir, to be candid, why should I wish to object to my own performance if I had not a substantial reason for doing so? And, suppose I am at fault, why should Mr. Trollope agree that my objection was well founded? and why is it a very fine point? There is only one obvious answer, and one you will readily conclude.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT FARDON.

## MR. J. A. GOFTON'S 200 PEALS.

By calling a peal of London Surprise on handbells, Mr. J. A. Gofton has completed his double century in which there are some interesting features, not the least of which being the coincidence that this peal was his 50th on handbells and his 50th as conductor. The peals also include 50 on the tower bells at Whitley Bay, where Mr. Gofton is one of the Sunday Service ringers. The list of his 200 peals is as follows:—

	Tower Bells.	Cond.	Handbells.	Cond.
Little Bob Maximus .....	1			
Stedman Cinques .....	1		5	3
Cambridge Surprise Royal .....	1			
Double Norwich Royal .....	1			
Little Bob Royal .....		1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal .....	2		2	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal .....	1			
Forward Royal .....		3		
Bob Royal .....		4		1
Stedman Caters .....	15		15	1
London Surprise Major .....	22	7	6	3
Bristol Surprise Major .....	10	3		
Cambridge Surprise Major .....	7	3		
Superlative Surprise Major .....	15	2		
Premier Surprise Major .....	2	1		
Real Double Superlative Surprise Major .....	1			
Double Norwich Major .....	25	6	3	1
Double Oxford Major .....	2			
Kent Treble Bob Major .....	6	2	4	1
Shipway Major .....	1			
Bob Major .....	3	2	5	5
Stedman Triples .....	16	3	2	1
14 Surprise Minor Methods .....	1			
7 Surprise Minor Methods .....	8	1		
7 Treble Bob Minor Methods .....	1			
7 Minor Methods .....	8	3	2	1
Totals .....	150	33	50	17

## PUDSEY SURPRISE.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—In an article in 'The Bell News' in 1915 on Cambridge Surprise, I gave the figures of the above method, not as 'mine,' but as (what it really is) a method which is got automatically as soon as you have understood the construction of Cambridge. Since this publication was several years earlier than any other claim, perhaps it will settle the ownership of the method. It does not belong to anyone.—Yours faithfully,

J. ARMJGER TROLLOPE.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE 1923 MEETING.

The third Session of the eleventh Council (thirty-first meeting) was held on Tuesday, May 22nd, at 11 a.m., in the historic Chapter House at Salisbury Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, sixty-two members being present.

The chair was taken by the President, Canon Coleridge, who opened the meeting with prayer. The Bishop of Salisbury, who attended with the Dean and the Archdeacon of Sarum, gave an address welcoming the Council. The President then expressed the Council's thanks for his words, and for the kindness of the Dean and Chapter in placing the Chapter House at their disposal.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been published, were taken as read, and duly confirmed and signed.

Apologies of absence were received from Mr. G. Bolland, Rev. A. H. F. Boughley, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Messrs. J. Carter, J. H. Cheesman, W. T. Cockerill, H. Haigh, C. H. Howard, J. Hunt, P. Johnson, E. H. Lewis, W. Lawrence, J. D. Matthews, T. Metcalfe, R. Narborough, A. Paddon Smith, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. R. Sharman, W. Storey, H. W. Wilde and W. T. Wright.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, presented the financial statement, which showed that the year began with a balance at the bank of £74 10s. 8d., and that the present balance, after the receipts and expenditure of the year had been dealt with, was £76 18s. 7d. Having been audited in detail by the Standing Committee, the statement was, on the proposal of the Rev. H. Law James, seconded by Canon Elsee, duly accepted.

The Honorary Librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, then read his statement, and referred to the loss of £2 15s. on sales of books and publications, also to the fact that there was no book for beginners. Mr. G. P. Burton called attention to some of the peals in the 'Collection of Peals' being false. Messrs. Cave, Trollope, Pulling and the Rev. H. Law James addressed the meeting, and it was agreed to have a printed slip for insertion, in reference to these false peals. On the motion of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, the librarian's report was adopted. The Rev. F. J. B. Helmore was thanked for offering to present a copy of 'Campanology' to the library.

Mr. E. Bishop and Mr. J. S. Hughes (new members) were then introduced to the president.

The Honorary Librarian then gave a statement in respect to the 'Roll of Honour,' with which he had been instructed to proceed. He reported that he had written to the various secretaries, and the names for the roll now numbered about 1,100. It was for the Council to give him further instructions in the matter. After many suggestions and some discussion, it was resolved, on a motion, proposed by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and seconded by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, that the wording of the 'King's Scroll' should be adopted as the preface, and that the names should be written in alphabetical order, followed in each case by the name of the tower and association with which the ringer had been specially connected—abbreviated where possible—and that the roll should conclude with the text, 'Their name liveth for evermore.' It was not considered essential that more than the title page should be illuminated, but that the writing should be good and of a permanent character.

It was also agreed that the roll should be bound in the best leather, and the Standing Committee, having already suggested the payment of £20, this sum, together with the whole proposal, was, on the motion of the President, carried, nem. con., and all details left in the honorary librarian's hands.

Election of Honorary Members. The retiring members were the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mrs. Edwards, Messrs. J. George and H. W. Wilde. These were, on the proposal of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, re-elected.

Peal Collection Committee. The President read a letter which had been received from the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. As no other member of the committee could throw any further light on the present state of its work, a hope was expressed that a definite report would be forthcoming next year. The honorary secretary was directed to ask the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson to convene a meeting of the committee to that end.

Literature and Press Committee. Mr. W. Willson read a long and interesting report, and moved its adoption, which, being seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, was carried. Mr. G. P. Burton, of the committee, said that the press was now more friendly and sympathetic towards ringing.

Methods Committee. On the motion of the Rev. H. Law James, who stated that the final inspection of the collection of Plain Major methods was in the hands of Mr. E. H. Lewis, and that he, owing to exceptional pressure of business, had been unable to complete the task, it was agreed to leave the work, which was now practically ready for printing, over until next year, when also the cost of printing might be reduced.

Peals Analysis Committee. The Rev. A. T. Beeston read his report in full, and moved its adoption, which was seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and carried. The President expressed the Council's indebtedness to the committee for the labour they had expended on the report. (See further reference to this later.)

Towers and Belfries Committee. In Mr. E. H. Lewis' absence the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn spoke as to the year's work, especially in reference to the report issued by the Joint Conference with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and moved that the Council adopt the same. This being seconded by Major J. H. B. Hesse was carried. Canon H. J. Elsee expressed gratification that ancient and historic bells were receiving more care and attention under the auspices of the Council, and Major Hesse gave some interesting observations as to the advantages of ball bearings.

It was proposed by the Honorary Librarian, and seconded by Canon Baker, and carried, that the Council renounce any copyright it may have in the joint report with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

The President here said that the Rev. A. T. Beeston desired to revert to a point inadvertently overlooked, viz., the report upon method nomenclature. The Rev. A. T. Beeston moved and Alderman Chambers seconded its adoption, which was declared carried, whereupon considerable difference of opinion arose, especially as to 'College Single Reverse,' Rev. H. Law James moving, and Mr. J. A. Trollope seconding, the report being referred back. Mr. J. W. Parker and the Rev. A. T. Beeston having defended their attitude and several members having spoken, the Council adjourned for lunch. On resuming after the interval, discussion proceeded, the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Mr. G. P. Burton, Rev. F. L. Edwards, Rev. E. S. Powell, Messrs. J. A. Trollope and A. F. Martin Stewart speaking. One of the various suggestions was that the point should be adjourned for another year. Ultimately upon it being pointed out that the whole discussion was somewhat irregular, inasmuch as the report had already been adopted, it was proposed by Mr. W. Willson, and seconded by Mr. J. Parker, that the Council proceed with the next business, and this was carried by 28 to 20 votes.

Records Committee. The Rev. A. T. Beeston read the report of this committee, giving the progressive lengths rung and the records of first peals since the last Council meeting. The attention of the Exercise was directed to the necessity of claiming any known or believed record performances, when publishing the same. On the motion of the President, the report was adopted by general consent. It was proposed by the Honorary Secretary, and seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and carried, that the collection be typed and kept by the honorary librarian for circulation amongst ringers.

Science Museum Exhibit Committee. The Honorary Secretary gave a general statement as to the position, and said that the committee had had a meeting with the officers of the museum, where a case and wall space had been allotted for the purpose of the exhibit, the nucleus of which was now formed. He proposed that a sum of £10 should be spent for a series of framed diagrams. Some difference of opinion arising, the Rev. H. Law James moved, and Mr. W. Cave seconded, that a copy of 'Standard Methods' be obtained and framed. An amendment by the Rev. H. Drake, seconded by the Honorary Secretary, that both the foregoing should be provided was lost by 27 votes to 17, the original motion being then adopted. Mr. W. Cave hereupon offered to print the diagrams, for which the President expressed the thanks of the meeting.

At this point it was agreed to defer the consideration of the card of instructions until later.

City Churches. The Rev. F. L. Edwards then briefly moved his motion, 'That this Council meeting expresses the fervent hope that no sanction will be given to any further demolition of the City Churches.' This, being seconded by Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth, was strongly opposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and supported by Mr. G. P. Burton, who protested against the latter's statement that most of the City Churches were worth nothing. As the motion did not relate to bell-ringing, Rev. Canon Baker said it was out of place, and he proposed the 'previous question.' Alderman J. S. Pritchett seconded the same, which was then put and carried.

First and Record Peals. The Rev. H. Drake moved: 'That this Council recommends that first or record peals should be rung for a society within the limits of that society's area.' He asked the meeting to allow it to be put in this positive form. The alteration having been agreed to, the Honorary Secretary seconded the motion pro forma. This, on being put, was lost by a large majority.

The Rev. H. Drake proposed 'That the Peals Analysis Committee be asked if they can add a column showing the ratio between the number of members and the points gained by each society.' The motion found no seconder, and therefore was declared lost.

Spliced Method Peals. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies proposed 'That in compositions of 5,000 changes or upwards on seven or more bells, it is essential that the whole composition shall be "true."' The Rev. E. S. Powell seconded the resolution, which was carried nem. con.

Care and Use of Bells. The Honorary Secretary presented a draft of rules for a proposed card of instructions on the care and use of bells, suitable for hanging in a tower. This had been based in part upon cards issued by founders. He also read a part of a set of rules propounded by the Rev. H. Drake, when it was proposed by Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and seconded by Canon H. J. Elsee, and carried, that the draft first read be the basis of the card. Rev. H. Drake kindly offered to give £5 towards the card.

The next meeting of the Council being that held in London, it

was resolved to apply to the Dean of Westminster for the use of the Jerusalem Chamber, at the Abbey.

Mr. Cave gave notice of motion in respect to 'Spliced Peals.'

It was proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles, seconded by Mr. W. Willson, and carried, that the College Youths be congratulated upon their peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral.

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for letting the Council have the use of the beautiful Chapter House, and also to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for the very special welcome which had been extended to them at this meeting of the Council. This was carried by acclamation. The meeting closed at 4.50 with a vote of thanks to the president.

### A SHREWSBURY 'JUBILEE.'

On Saturday, April 12th, a few friends of the tower warden of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, met to attempt a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in honour of Mr. C. R. Lilley's 50th birthday, which occurred on April 8th. Messrs. Chapman and Page travelled from Manchester, T. Wilde from Hyde, H. W. Wilde from Eccleston, E. Jenkins from Warrington, S. Wood from Ashton-under-Lyue, and H. C. Spencer from Erdington. The last named very kindly made the journey at the last moment to fill a gap through a serious accident befalling Mr. B. Horton. Mr. Lilley travelled to Birmingham and back, a hundred miles, to get the band completed, and best thanks are due to Mr. Albert Walker for obtaining a ringer for the vacancy. The result of the attempt was a splendid peal, which, in addition to celebrating Mr. Lilley's 'jubilee,' was also a birthday commemoration for Mr. Sam Wood, the composer of the peal, who completed his 67th year on April 7th.

This was the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in Shrewsbury. On December 26th, 1813, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus was rung there by the Union Society, called by Richard Cross, and in which the renowned Samuel Lawrence took part. No other peal of Treble Twelve had been rung on the bells until last Saturday week.

After the peal the band were entertained to a meat tea in the Masonic Lodge Room by Mr. Lilley. Five of the band stayed the week-end, and met the young band at St. Chad's on Sunday morning, touches of Stedman Cinques, and Caters, and Double Norwich Major being rung. The Cinques was the first on the bells for Sunday service. Afterwards a touch of 168 Grandsire Triples was rung with members of the junior band taking part.

### MORETON CORBET BELLS RECAST.

#### A DELIGHTFUL RING OF SIX FROM LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.

The restoration of the bells at Moreton Corbet Church, which has been effected at a cost of over £500, was celebrated on April 9th by a service of praise, at which the Rural Dean, Prebendary the Hon. A. Parker, gave an address to a large congregation, prayers being offered by the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Pigot. At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung by ringers from Market Drayton, Stanton, Wem and Shrewsbury, and many expressions of satisfaction were expressed by the hearers as to the delightful tone of the bells.

The bells have been recast and rehung with entirely new fittings, in new, strong and massive cast-iron framework scientifically designed so that the minimum amount of stress is placed on the structure of the tower.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. There is now a perfect little peal of six bells, the tenor weighing 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb., and their tone is magnificent. The inscription on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—The Rev. G. Dicken, Minister. John Rudhall. Fect. 1808. Recast 1924.

2nd.—Andrew Corbet, Esq., Lord of the Manor, gave me 1782. Recast 1924.

3rd.—Andrew Corbet, Esq., Lord of this Manor, gave me 1782. Recast 1924.

4th.—Recast 1924.

5th.—John Rudhall, Gloucester. Fect. 1808. Recast 1924.

Tenor.—The gift of Andrew Corbet, Esq., Lord of this Manor. Recast 1924.

There is to be placed in the tower the following inscription:—

The bells in this tower were given by Andrew Corbet, A.D. 1782-1808, and were recast and rehung A.D. 1924, by the patron, Gerald Vincent Corbet, and by his fellow parishioners, to the glory of God and in memory of Roland James Corbet.

Sir Gerald Vincent Corbet has generously contributed £400 towards the cost of the bells.

The visiting ringers were hospitably received and entertained by the Vicar.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The tenor at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, cannot be rung, through faulty bearings and gudgeons; therefore, no peals may be attempted until these have been repaired. It is hoped that the order to put work in hand will be given at the next meeting of the Parochial Council.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Clifford, of Beeston, Notts, celebrated their golden wedding on Easter Monday. Mr. Clifford has been a ringer at Beeston for sixty years.

The Midland District of the Ladies' Guild will not be able to hold their meeting at Coseley, as proposed, but will meet instead at St. John's, Deritend, on May 3rd.

We understand that two notices of motion with regard to the Nomenclature of Methods have been placed on the agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the Central Council.

James Pettit, one of the stalwarts of the College Youths for two generations, was born on April 25th, 1834. He died in 1912.

Among memorable peals rung on April 27th were 8,580 Stedman Cinques by the College Youths at Cornhill in 1861, 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 9 hrs. 12 mins., by the same society at Bethnal Green in 1868, and 8,896 Kent Treble Bob Major by the Cumberland Youths at St. Anne's, Highgate, in 1876.

The Cumberlands rang 10,112 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Edmonton in 6 hrs. 24 mins., on April 28th, 1880. Last year, on this date, the Midland Counties Association rang the 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major at Stoney Stanton.

The first peal by the Cambridge University Guild was rung on April 28th, 1890.

A peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung at Leeds Parish Church on May 1st, 1842. There is a record in the belfry which states that it was rung in 3 hrs. 43 mins. 9 secs. Few peals are timed so exactly as this.

## EASTER BELLS.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, completed the following restorations and additions, in order that the bells should be ready for the Easter festival:—

**LEATHERHEAD.**—Ten bells (tenor 19½ cwt.).—The 9th recast, the whole peal tuned and rehung in new frame and fittings.

**ALL SOULS', HALEY HILL, HALIFAX.**—The eight bells (tenor 25 cwt.) rehung in new frame and fittings. (This is the peal mentioned in Sottanstell's book.)

**HENDON, MIDDLESEX.**—Six bells (tenor 16 cwt.).—Treble, 2nd and 4th recast, the whole peal tuned and rehung in new frame and fittings.

**MOORLYNCH, SOMERSET.**—Six bells (tenor 18 cwt.). The 2nd, 4th and tenor recast. The peal tuned and rehung in new frame and fittings.

**WITCHAMPTON, DORSET.**—Five bells (tenor 10 cwt.). The peal rehung with new fittings in a new frame for six bells.

**KIRKLINGTON, YORKS.**—Three bells (tenor 9 cwt.). The treble and tenor recast and the peal rehung in new frame with foundation to take six bells.

**HAYWARD'S HEATH, SUSSEX.**—A single bell of 28½ cwt.

For the Moody Seminary, Northfield, Mass., U.S.A., a peal of eight bells (tenor 35 cwt.) has been cast. In this case, the tenor only is hung for ringing.

In addition, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have in hand the new recast ring of eight for Bridport, Dorset; a new ring of eight for Escrick, Yorks; also the rehanging of the bells at Ware Parish Church, Herts, and Frampton-on-Severn, etc.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Hinckley District was held at Wolvey on Saturday, April 12th, members and friends attending from Bulkington, Croft, Coventry, Chilvers Coton, Exhall, Hinckley, Monks Kirby, Stony Stanton, Sapcote, Shilton, Wigston Parva, etc. The methods rung on tower bells included Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

The Vicar (the Rev. S. Morris) most generously provided tea in the Schools for all present, and this was followed by a business meeting, the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Webb) presiding.

The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver (Vicar of Monks Kirby) was elected an hon. member of the association, as was also the Rev. S. Morris (Vicar of Wolvey). Four ringing members were elected.

The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver invited the ringers to try the bells at Monks Kirby, and this offer was unanimously accepted.—It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Broughton Astley.

A most hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Wolvey for the use of the bells and so kindly providing tea, was carried with applause, and a similar vote was passed to the ladies for their assistance.

The tower was again visited, and afterwards there was change ringing on handbells, and tunes by Mr. C. H. Webb and his sons, which brought a pleasant meeting to a close.



## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT ST. ALBANS.

The 39th annual meeting of the Hertford County Association, which was held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, was one of the most successful in the history of the association.

During the day the bells at the Abbey and other churches in the city were rung, the visitors enjoying many touches. A service was held in the Abbey, and was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Robson, who also delivered an address. Tea followed in the Abbey Institute, and at the annual meeting the President, Mr. E. P. Debenham, presided, supported by the Dean of St. Albans (Dr. G. W. Blenkins), Mr. G. W. Cartmel (honorary secretary), etc.

Mr. H. E. Goodenough, of St. Albans, was elected president for the ensuing year, Mr. E. P. Debenham hon. treasurer, and Mr. G. W. Cartmel hon. secretary, whilst Major Guy M. Kindersley, M.P. for Hitchin, was elected as an honorary member.

The representative on the Central Council is again to be the Rev. H. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. The hon. librarian, Mr. E. D. Levermore, was re-elected, and the district secretaries were appointed as follows: Messrs. P. R. Bacon (Northern), W. H. Lawrence (Eastern), C. H. Horton (Watford), W. Ayre (Western) and W. Nash (St. Albans).

Mr. Cartmel's annual report stated: This is the 39th report of our association, the 19th it has been my privilege to write, and my twentieth year as your honorary secretary. In many ways the year has been one of advancement. Thirty-two peals have been rung on tower bells and three on handbells, making a total of 34. They have been rung in 16 towers, with 20 different conductors. The tower peals comprise 4 of Superlative, 1 Cambridge, 1 London, 2 Kent Treble Bob, 2 Double Norwich, 5 Bob Major, 4 Stedman Triples, 1 Bob Triples, 3 Grandsire Triples, 1 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 5 Bob Minor and 2 in 7 minor methods.

I would congratulate Mr. Nash and his band at North Mymms on their peal of Bob Triples, in which seven rang their first peal, also the Hatfield band upon the great progress they have made during the year. The peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by the Barley band is a record for their tower, of which they may feel justly proud: they have also recently rung a 720 of Norwich Surprise and a 720 of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob spliced, probably the first to be rung in the county. Another interesting feature has been the ringing of a peal at the Cathedral to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

In the Watford Division Mr. Eden reports that things have been somewhat quiet in ringing quarters around Watford. The bands at Abbots Langley, Bushey Heath and Rickmansworth have made considerable progress during the year. Thanks to the energy of Mr. Maurice Hibbert, the Bushey Heath band have rung a fairly long touch of Grandsire Triples, and the Rickmansworth members a 500 of Stedman Triples. The district meetings have not been too well attended, but they have been extremely successful, especially one held at Rickmansworth. Mr. Eden has notified me of his desire to be relieved of his duties as district secretary. A reference to the minutes recalls the fact that Mr. Eden was elected for the West Herts District on the occasion of the division of the association into three districts at the Easter meeting, 1904. Except for a brief absence, owing to the exigencies of the war, he has continued the work up till to-day. We are loath to part with one who has shown such sterling worth, and accept his resignation with many regrets. In thanking him for his many years of service, we are sure he will not only cherish happy memories of the work it has been his privilege to carry on, but will ever remember the fellowship of the ringers themselves.

Mr. Bacon reports good progress in the Northern Division, although peals have been few. The practices and service ringing have been well attended. At Baldock quite a young company has sprung up, and their progress is excellent. Graveley band have mastered Doubles, and the Hitchin band now rank among the premier societies in the county. Stevenage shows signs of progress, and we hope soon to welcome them into membership. District meetings have been held at Barkway, Great Wymondley, Royston, Knebworth, Hitchin and Baldock, with gratifying success. At the kind invitation of the secretary, it was my privilege to attend the meeting at Hitchin, and to give the address in the Parish Church. The hearty welcome that was accorded to me will ever remain reminiscent of ringers' good fellowship. I also found that a ringer's wife is sometimes connected with ringers' teas, and that in Mrs. Bacon our worthy secretary possesses not only an expert in entering, but one who by her kindly acts has been conferring benefits to the ringers personally for more than twenty years. We thank her most heartily.

In the Western Division Mr. Ayre has fully justified the confidence placed in him last year. He has arranged four meetings, with an average attendance of 17. Two others were arranged, but had to be cancelled owing to local conditions. Mention must be made of the Hemel Hempstead band, who, with assistance, have scored two peals of Bob Major. Mr. Ayre is of opinion that greater co-operation is needed between adjacent bands, to enable greater progress to be made in the district. As Mr. Ayre possesses an infectious enthusiasm, I feel sure his wishes will be carried out.

An interesting footnote to a peal in his district notifies that our friend has added to his many responsibilities, that of a parent. As

the event was broadcasted into Lincolnshire, with similar peal honours, I feel sure Mr. Ayre is happy in the possession of a nucleus of a ladies' band.

Mr. W. H. Lawrence reports that Sunday service ringing has been well maintained in the Eastern Division, and definite progress has been made. Last year I commented upon the revival of the Braughing band, and it is pleasing to report that several members have since rung their first peal. A new band has also sprung up at Widford, and we welcome their membership into the association. Meetings have been held at Widford, Bennington, Hertford, Hoddesdon and Hunsdon, and from the secretary's minutes appear to have been most enjoyable functions.

Mr. Nash reports the holding of five meetings in St. Albans Division, one of which was held jointly at Kimpton and Wheathamstead, 6-bell towers. Although the attendance was not large at the latter places, it is the beginning of a good work, and I trust it will lead to further extension. The meetings at the other towers were well attended.

I would again acknowledge not only the association's great indebtedness to the district secretaries for their painstaking labours, but would add my personal tribute of thanks. Their work has been excellent, cheerful and accurate. I desire also to compliment them upon the increased number of services that have been arranged at their meetings, which has been most heartily welcomed by the various incumbents. It is now a pleasing feature at most meetings, and entirely due to their own initiative. The need has been expressed, and the committee recommended that a service paper be issued for district meetings, for optional use, and the Dean of St. Albans has kindly offered to give us his advice.

The committee met at St. Albans on March 1st, when the general welfare of the association was fully considered. One important point discussed was the clashing of district meetings, which has been raised by the Hitchin band. After full discussion, it was decided to ask the district secretaries to confer together to-day as to the fixing of provisional dates, the final arrangements being confirmed by correspondence. The secretary was also requested to insert in the annual report touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' are conversant with the discussion on the subject of the naming of methods, and in this connection I have received a resolution passed by the St. John the Baptist Association of Leytonstone, asking for co-operative action by other 6-bell companies. I would recommend that we leave the matter in the hands of our Central Council representative. I personally think that some of the names appear ridiculous, but some very weird names appear in the book which has recently been presented to us.

There has recently been presented to the association by Miss Coombe, whose father was a member of the Cathedral Society, a very old book on ringing, called "'Campanologia,' or 'The Art of Ringing Improved.' With plain and easy rules to guide the practitioner in the ringing of all kinds of changes. To this is added great variety of new peals." It was printed in London by W. Godbid for W. S., and to be sold by Langley Curtis in Goat Court, on Ludgate Hill, 1677. The book is dedicated 'To the Honoured and to his much esteemed Friends, the Members of the Society of College Youths,' by F. S., 'a constant well-wisher to the prosperity (though an unworthy member) of your Society.' I have been in communication with the secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, in an endeavour to trace out from their members' list more about the author and the composer of the peals, both of whom, through modesty, only gave the ringing world their initials. Mr. Cockerill informs me that during the years 1655 to 1678, a period covering the publication of the book, four members bearing the initials 'W. S.' were elected; but he thinks that the dedicatory epistle signed 'F. S.' most probably stands for Fabian Stedman. I concur.

We have lost two honorary members during the year, Mr. Shillitoe, of Hitchin, and member for many years, and Mr. J. G. Williams, of Pendley, Tring. From the active list we have lost Mr. Frank Furr, of Hitchin, a very old member of the association, whose departure reminds me that he rang the third to a peal that I conducted at Hatfield, 36 years ago.

After all the kind words I have said I should like to have one grown on behalf of the district secretaries. Subscriptions become due to-day, and should be paid as soon as possible, certainly not later than next Christmas. Please do not leave payments in abeyance within a few days of the annual meetings. We need the funds each year if we are to carry on successfully.

In conclusion, let us thank God for all the benefits He has conferred upon us as an association, and as individuals, during the year. In the pursuit of our ringing we are blessed with increased vigour, both of mind and body: it is a necessary corollary to the successful carrying out of our duties in the belfry. If we realise His sovereignty, our services will be rendered with true thankfulness, and we shall find ourselves not only offering our meed of praise in the ringing of the bells for Divine service, but we shall instinctively take our place regularly with the congregation below, and join with them in prayer, thanksgiving and praise. This should be the hallmark of every ringer. It is a rightful ambition, one worthy of imitation surely by every ringer. Let it be the ambition of every member of this association. See that ye 'walk circumspectly,' as the

great Apostle puts it, from day to day. It is the solution of many difficulties which occur in our belfries. Let us never forget that our personal conduct exercises an influence in the shaping of the character, for good or bad, of the brother we meet in the belfry. So, as you return to your respective belfries, do so with a determination not only to excel in the proficiency of your art, but also endeavour to put into the fullest practice those higher qualities which belong to your calling in Christ Jesus, and worthily uphold the traditions of the association to which you belong.

### BONVILSTON RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Alfred Hannington, late of Rumney, who passed away on March 27th, at the age of 56, after only four days' illness. The deceased was a regular Sunday Service ringer for the last ten years at St. Mary's, Bonvilston. He has been also one of the sidemen, and was people's warden for the last two years. He was devoted to the work of the church, and will be much missed in the belfry, the place he loved so much. He leaves a widow, four sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. Two members of his family are very enthusiastic bell ringers.

The funeral took place on April 1st, at the Parish Church, the service being conducted by the Vicar. Eight members of the local band acted as bearers, and carried the remains to their last resting-place just under the sound of the bells. There were many floral tributes, one from the local band. After the interment the bells were rung half-muffled as a last mark of respect.

### PEAL TABLES AT SELBY ABBEY.

#### PRESENTATION TO THE CONDUCTOR.

At Selby Abbey, on Sunday evening, April 6th, a very interesting ceremony took place in the belfry, where a peal tablet of white Sicilian marble, with black Belgian marble background, has been erected to commemorate the peal of Grandsire Caters (5,003 changes), which was rung on Wednesday, December 26th, 1923, by an entirely local band. Before evening service, the Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D. (Vicar), with the churchwardens, visited the belfry, and in the presence of the ringers and a few friends, the Vicar, after a short prayer, unveiled and dedicated the tablet, which bore the inscriptions, as follows:—

'Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers. — At Selby Abbey Church, on Wednesday, December 26th, 1923, in three hours and twenty minutes, a peal of Grandsire Caters (5,003 changes) was rung by R. Fenton (treble), J. W. Hall 2, F. Cryer 3, Arthur Cryer 4, H. S. Morley 5, T. Morgan 6, G. W. P. Fenton 7, E. W. Hinton 8, H. Fairlam 9, T. Strudwick tenor. Conducted by H. Fairlam. First peal of Caters on Selby Abbey bells by a local band. T. G. Hawdon, Bruce Gray, F. Wray, W. T. Everatt, Churchwardens. Canon J. Solloway, D.D., Vicar.'

The Vicar said it was interesting to know that the Selby Abbey ringers had succeeded in ringing such a peal for the first time in the history of the Abbey. He thought it was very fitting for such a record to be placed in the belfry to bear witness of the interest and enthusiasm the ringers were taking in their work. They had stuck well together, and were doing splendid work by service ringing, which was heard not only by those who attended the church, but by others outside, calling them to the house of God. Continuing, he said he had another ceremony to perform, and that was to present Mr. H. Fairlam, the conductor of the peal, on behalf of the ringers, with a gold medal in commemoration of the event as a token of appreciation of his comrades for the work done on that interesting occasion. The medal was engraved on one side with bell, headstock, wheel, and monogram 'H. F.' and on the other side, 'Presented to H. Fairlam, conductor of first local peal at Selby Abbey, 1923.'

In acknowledging the presentation, Mr. Fairlam said it was like hitting below the belt, it had come to him as a great surprise. He should value the gift very much, not only for the record which it commemorated, but for the kindness and consideration of his fellow ringers, whom he wished to thank.

Mr. F. Cryer (captain), on behalf of the ringers, thanked Canon Solloway for performing the ceremonies, the churchwardens and friends for their presence. When he commenced as a ringer at the Abbey over 40 years ago, he said, there was no change ringing done. He introduced the change ringing, and now he was pleased to say that all the band were members of the Yorkshire Association, and had succeeded in conducting and ringing a peal of Grandsire Caters. They had many difficulties in his time, because, when a probationer got in the way of ringing a bell, he would leave the town, and then they had to start again. However, he was pleased to say they had a fairly good band at present.

The tablet is a splendid piece of handicraft, and is the work of Mr. T. Strudwick, who is one of the ringers.

### OLD BOOKS ON CHANGE RINGING.

#### SOME RARE EDITIONS.

In 1895 the late Mr. Harvey Reeves issued a reprint of Stedman's 'Tintinnalogia,' 1668, from the office of 'The Bell News.' This was produced from an original copy belonging to the late Rev. Wm. C. Lukis, of Wath Rectory, near Ripon, in Yorkshire. Some time ago I inquired of Miss Lukis what had become of this book, and she informed me that her father lent it some man who never returned it. Possibly this was the said Mr. Reeves. I shall be glad if any reader of 'The Ringing World' can give me any further information about it, or of the existence of another copy in private hands. The late Dr. Raven, in his 'Bells of England' (p. 244), says: 'The first edition of "Tintinnalogia" was anonymous, but was registered at Stationer's Hall by "Fabyan Stedman."—On the other hand, the title page of Reeves' reprint says: "Printed by W. G. for Fabian Stedman at his shop in S. Dunstan's Churchyard in Fleet Street, 1668." Dr. Raven further says: "In 1671 appeared the second edition "Printed for F. S., and are to be sold by Tho. Herbert at his shop under the dial of S. Dunstan's Church in Fleet Street." I shall also be glad to hear of a copy of this edition, of which the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe says in his supplement to 'The Church Bells of Devon,' published in 1872, 'A fine copy of this edition is in the possession of W. Tite, Esq., M.P.'

Another book by Stedman styled 'Campanalogia, or the Art of Ringing improved,' was 'Printed by W. Godbid for W. S., and are to be sold by Langley Curtis in Goat Court on Ludgate Hill, 1677.'

In this same year John White published 'A rich cabinet with variety of inventions,' a portion of which contains 'Directions for Ringing the most usual peals that belong to that art.' This was 'Printed for William Whitwood at the sign of the Golden Bell in Duck Lane, near Smithfield, 1677.'

Under the title of 'Tintinnalogia, or the Art of Ringing improved,' he published the same portion on ringing in a smaller book without date, but which states on the title page, 'By J. White, Gent,' and 'Printed for G. Conyers at the Ring in Little Britain.' It also contains 'The School of Artificial Fireworks,' and 'The Art of Gardening.' Its date is believed to be about 1700, though I am inclined to think it is older than the larger publication of 1677.

'The School of Recreation,' first published in 1684 has a portion devoted to ringing; and a later edition of this book states that it was 'By R. H. London,' and was 'Printed for A. Bettesworth at the Red Lyon in Paternoster Row, 1732.' (See 'R.W.' No. 531, p. 286.)

Then follow the five editions of 'Campanalogia Improved,' by J. D. and C. M., members of the Society of London Scholars, the first, 'Printed for George Sawbridge at the three Flower-de-Luces in Little Britain, 1702'; the second, 'Printed for G. S., and sold by Henry Green at the Sun and Bible on London Bridge, 1705'; the third, 'Printed for A. Bettesworth and C. Hitch at the Red Lyon in Paternoster Row, 1733'; the fourth, 'Printed for C. Hitch and L. Hawes in Paternoster Row; and J. Hodges, near London Bridge, 1735'; and the fifth, 'Corrected by J. Monk,' and 'Printed for L. Hawes, W. Clarke and R. Collius, and S. Crowder, in Paternoster Row, 1766.'

These were followed by the 'Clavis Campanalogia,' by Jones, Reeves and Blakemore, 'Printed for the authors, and sold by T. Blakemore, No. 4, Darby Court, Piccadilly, and J. Bowtell, Cambridge, 1788.' Two subsequent editions without date were 'Printed for R. S. Kirby, Paternoster Row,' and 'Printed for Lougman, Rees, Orme and Brown, by J. Raw, Ipswich.' Both these editions appear to be from the same type, and are identical in every particular except the statements given above from the bottom of the title pages, and both have the same footnote to the last page, 'Ipswich, printed by J. Raw.' Some contemporary advertisements attached to a copy that I have of this last edition are dated December, 1819. The later works by Shipway, Hubbard, Thackral, etc., etc., are probably well known to members of the Exercise.

WM. G. PEARSON.

Henley Vicarage, April 14th, 1924.

### CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

In connection with the Whitsuntide meeting of the Central Council in London, arrangements have been made by combined committees of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Royal Society of Cumberland Youths for social meetings to be held on Saturday, June 7th, at the 'Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, at 7.30; Sunday, June 8th, at the 'King of Denmark,' Old Bailey, at 7.30 p.m., and Tuesday, June 10th, 'Bedford Head Hotel,' Maiden Lane, W.C., 7 p.m.

Visitors to London for the holiday are advised to seek accommodation at the various hotels early owing to the congested state of London during the summer months.

W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary College Youths), 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

J. W. Cornford (hon. secretary Cumberlands), 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

### LEATHERHEAD'S BELLS. BANK HOLIDAY ATTRACTION.

A happy transformation has been effected at Leatherhead, Surrey, by the tuning and rehanging of the peal of ten bells. Previously they were not an ideal ring, but a visit to the Whitechapel Foundry has resulted in a peal, which, heard from any position round the tower, are a delight to the ear. Incidentally it may be mentioned the bells are noisy in the ringing chamber, but that is a defect which can and will be remedied.

Leatherhead Church, dedicated to SS. Mary and Nicholas, stands upon the side of a hill overlooking a once sleepy old town. The main streets in these days, however, wear a very lively aspect, for through the town runs one of the highways that radiate from London, and on such a day as Monday, when all the world seemed to have taken to the open road, Leatherhead was a scene of great animation. But the church, just off the main highway, stands in a comparatively secluded spot, and although the scene all around must be strikingly different to that which prevailed when first there was a peal of bells in the old flint-faced tower, there is something peaceful and soothing in the building and its immediate surroundings, after the helter-skelter of the streets a hundred yards or so away.

In the church inventory made in the time of Edward VI. there were 'iiij belles in the steeple,' at Leatherhead; the same steeple that stands sentinel over the town to-day, for it reared its lofty head something like seven hundred years ago, a century after the church itself was built. Nothing more of the history of the bells is known until the year 1792, when there was a ring of six, on which on July 30th, a peal in seven Minor methods was rung, as the ancient board in the belfry still testifies. After this peal, a new ring of eight was put in, with a tenor of about 16 cwt., and these were placed in the tower on the 25th of August of the same year—a record of despatch which seems to make it doubtful whether they were really a new peal. If they were, it seems most unlikely that the previous ring of six were recast for the purpose.

After they got their eight bells, Leatherhead soon had a band of efficient ringers, for in 1795 'local performers' rang a 6,400 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, conducted by one Benjamin Simmonds, whose name appears on other boards as conductor more than twenty years later. In 1798 there was a 5,200 of the same method rung, and in 1808 10,080. This was on Whit Monday, and some of the present band still have unhappy recollections of the centenary peal attempt, which 'went west' through a rope slipping wheel and the bell setting up, after over three hours' ringing!

In the year 1816 T. Mears recast the whole of the bells except the third, fourth and fifth, which became the second, third and fourth in a heavier ring. These bells were supposed to have a tenor of about 21 cwt., but when put on the scale recently it was found to be 19½ cwt. In 1877 Warners recast the three bells which escaped the melting pot in 1816, and added two trebles to complete a peal of ten. The whole have now been overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have recast, the ninth and tuned the rest, giving them greater resonance and effecting improvements in the harmonics which put the bells in a different class.

The rehanging has been done in a new timber frame, which, constructed of teak, is carried on four principals of Indian hardwood. The bells run in ball bearings, and their 'go' is perfect.

The dedication took place at a simple service held on Thursday of last week, conducted by the Vicar. The local men rang a few rounds during the ceremony, and as the congregation left the church, a well-struck touch of 270 Grandsire Caters. Afterwards, a similar touch, a course of Treble Ten and 287 Grandsire Caters were rung.

On Monday these bells formed an attraction for a large number of ringers, who, taking advantage of the meeting of the Surrey Association, made Leatherhead their Bank Holiday Mecca. Surrey men were there, of course, in force, and London sent a contingent, but there were also ringers from much further afield, Hampshire, Sussex and Middlesex being represented. Indeed there was rather a unique meeting of old Sussex ringers, for in the belfry at one time were George Williams and Jim Frossell, 'camrades in arms' at St. Peter's, Brighton, thirty years ago; George Paice, who at that time was among the stairwells at Crawley, and another, who shall be nameless, but who enjoyed the company and the help of these good fellows all those years ago. Another 'veteran' who was present, but of whom one hears little in these days, was W. W. Thorne, who rang peals of Cinques with George Newson and the Cumberlands years before many of these present on Monday were born. Tom Beadle was there from the other end of Middlesex, and a great many more, including a good sprinkling of ladies, whose names are familiar to the readers of these columns. It is impossible to mention all, but one was pleased to see that worthy, Thomas Miles, to whose unique record of ringing, reference was made last week, taking a rope in some of the touches. Arthur Dean, of burly form and genial mien, was 'Master of Ceremonies,' and he kept the hall rolling to a purpose. The belfry, though large, was crowded

throughout the afternoon, but none need have gone empty away—in the ringing sense.

The visitors joined in a service in the church, which the Vicar conducted. It was brightened by a number of hymns, and the Vicar gave a short but uplifting address. Afterwards there was a bountiful tea served in the Schoolroom, and a merry party gathered round the tables.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which ten new members were elected.

The Master of the Association (Mr. J. W. Drewitt, of Mitcham), was unfortunately unable to attend, owing to ill-health, and the hon. secretary was requested to forward an expression of sympathy from the meeting.

Reference was made to the presence of Mr. George Williams (Master and joint hon. secretary of the Winchester Guild), who, with the other visitors, was most cordially welcomed.

Mr. Williams spoke of his connection with Leatherhead forty years ago, and said that it was probably from Leatherhead that change ringing spread into the Diocese of Winchester.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and organist, and the Chairman, in reply, expressed great pleasure in meeting the association, especially now that the bells were in good order. The restoration, he said, had been carried out mainly through the efforts of the local ringers.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Gainsborough district of the Northern Branch held their opening meeting of the year at Blyton, on Saturday, April 12th. There was a good attendance, members being present from Gainsborough, Stow, Messingham, Scotter, Brigg and Workop, in addition to the local ringers. The peal of five bells at St. Martin's were kept going in the methods of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman, also some well-struck rounds by the beginners.

A short service was held in the church, after which an excellent tea was provided at the Schoolroom.

At the business meeting, the following new members from Blyton were elected: Rev. E. S. Letts (honorary member), Messrs. P. Redfern, J. Redfern, C. Stevenson, E. Kirkland and E. T. Letts, as ringing members.

Stow was elected for the meeting in May, the date being left open.—Mr. F. F. Linley made some very interesting remarks on bell inscriptions, to be found in the various churches near Gainsborough.

A course of both Grandsire Caters and Triples was then rung on handbells by Messrs. W. T. Cooper, F. S. W. Butler, H. Morgan, C. A. Hewitt, J. T. Bartram, of Gainsborough, after which the tower was again visited, further ringing being enjoyed until about 7.30 p.m.

### DEATH OF A PETERBOROUGH RINGER.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Walter Gamble Cross, of Peterborough, the sad event taking place on April 3rd, in the Peterborough Infirmary, at the age of 49 years. Mr. Cross underwent an operation on March 14th, and although it was considered serious, there were hopeful signs that it would be successful, but at the end of two weeks he had a relapse, pleurisy setting in, from which he did not recover.

Deceased was a native of Grimston, Norfolk, where he first learnt to handle a bell. He joined the Peterborough Parish Church company in 1908, and had been most regular in attendance in the belfry for service, ringing up to the time of his last illness.

He had rung twelve peals for the Peterborough and District Association, including Minor, Triples and Major, his last being Kent Treble Bob Major at Whittlesea on August 25th last year.

The funeral took place on April 8th, the first part of the service being held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Manvell) and the Rev. P. B. Spriggs (curate) officiated. The hymn, 'On the Resurrection morning,' was sung. The committal sentences were said by the Vicar at the New Cemetery, and several local ringers were present at the graveside. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by V. E. Butler, T. R. Vaughan, F. T. Cooke and H. Beechey.

Muffled touches were also rung during the evening on the tower bells of St. John's and St. Mary's Churches.

### A LONDON PEAL REHUNG.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have just rehung the bells at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, W., and the first ringing on them since the completion of the work took place on Sunday, when, after evening-song, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by A. Cutmore 1, W. H. Wood 2, R. Dyas 3, J. R. Gammon 4, E. Brett 5, G. Shipp 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. W. Roberts 8. A course of Kent Treble Bob Major was also rung, with C. W. R. Grimwood and W. Hewett standing in.



**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.**—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on April 13th, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, A. Bolton 1, J. Appleton 2, G. A. Peck 3, C. Pollard 4, G. Kemball 5, J. Wedgewood 6, F. Barker 7, R. Laughton (conductor) 8. First touch in the method by the local band.

**STOURBRIDGE.**—On Sunday, April 13th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: by the following: E. Turner 1, A. J. Skelding 2, H. Amphlett 3, William Smith 4, Geo. H. Pagett 5, C. W. Cooper 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, G. Grazier 8. Longest touch for the ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor.

**MERSHAM.**—On Sunday, April 13th, for afternoon service, 1,056 changes of Bob Major: H. C. Castle 1, Miss Thomas 2, C. W. Everett 3, P. Page 4, A. C. Kay 5, E. Powell 6, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 7, T. Tabrett 8.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.**—On Sunday, April 13th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: H. Markwell 1, R. E. Lambert 2, R. T. Lambert 3, F. White 4, W. Collison 5, S. H. Green 6, W. Latter (conductor) 7, R. Rush 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the brothers Lambert.

**KIDDERMINSTER.**—On Sunday, April 6th, for morning service, 576 of London Surprise Major: J. Woodberry 1, G. Davies 2, E. J. Brooks 3, K. Salter 4, T. J. Salter 5, J. Davies 6, J. Smith 7, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, April 13th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: T. J. Salter 1, G. Davies 2, N. Davies 3, K. Salter (conductor) 4, R. Davies 5, J. Woodberry 6, J. Smith 7, J. Bennett 8.—For evening service, 448 London Surprise: J. Woodberry 1, N. Davies 2, G. Davies 3, K. Salter (conductor) 4, T. J. Salter 5, J. Davies 6, J. Smith 7, E. J. Brooks 8.

**MERSHAM, KENT.**—On Easter Day, for matins, 720 Bob Minor, tenor covering: G. Thomas 1, W. Earl 3, G. Paine 4, Miss R. Thomas 5, E. Ruck (conductor) 6, A. Gower 7, F. Finn 8.

**ECCELESTON, CHESTER.**—For evening service, on Easter Day, 720 Bob Minor: Sam Jones, junr. (conductor), 1. Sam Jones, senr., 2. W. Morgan 3, G. Jones 4, H. Thomas 5, H. W. Wilde 6, W. L. Salisbury (covering) 8.

**KENSINGTON.**—On Easter Day, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,279 Grandsire Caters: E. G. Locke 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, F. V. Sinkins 3, A. Cutmore 4, W. H. Wood 5, C. W. Roberts 6, A. V. Selby 7, G. W. Frayne 8, H. G. Miles 9, H. Dyas 10.

**CHESTER.**—On Sunday, April 13th, at the Church of St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: P. W. Norton 1, E. Harrison 2, R. Sperring (conductor) 3, A. Newell 4, F. Fox 5, J. W. Davies 6, G. R. Jones 7, H. Lewis 8. Mr. P. W. Norton belongs to Willesden.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for evening service, on April 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: E. Hancox (first of Stedman Caters as conductor) 1, W. Henley 1, J. J. Pratt 3, \*Miss P. Moss 4, P. Jones 5, H. Folkard 6, \*J. Bacon 7, - A. Harding 8. H. Candler 9, W. Honor 10. \*First quarter of Stedman Caters.

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: A. White 1, M. Broomfield 2, G. Steele 3, R. Stredwick 4, F. Trusler 5, W. White (conductor) 6.

**FREERING, ESSEX.**—On Easter Day, for 7 and 11 a.m. services, two 720 Oxford Treble Bob: R. Porter 1, R. Fisher 2, J. Newman 3, G. Hayward 4, C. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—On Easter Day, at St. Michael's Church, Bath, for the morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 47 mins.: G. Temple 1, Miss N. Williams 2, H. Brown 3, T. Hogsflesh 4, T. F. King 5, A. Prince 6, A. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, G. Harding 8.

**NORTH STONEHAM.**—On Sunday, April 6th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: Rev. W. H. Hellier 1, C. H. Giles 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, G. Williams (conductor) 6, W. T. Tucker 7, E. Dumper 8.—On Sunday, April 13th, for morning service, 360 Double Court: E. Mundy 1, G. Williams 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Edwards 4, W. T. Tucker 5, C. H. Giles 6.

**MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.**—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Palm Sunday, 720 of Carlisle Surprise Minor: F. Otter 1, E. Hayes 2, A. Riggall 3, H. M. Day (conductor) 4, W. A. Day 5, G. H. Wells 6. First in the method by all the band. This brings the number of methods rung in this tower to 17.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 6th, for morning service, 704 changes Bristol Surprise Major: T. Blackburn 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, H. Burton 4, F. Hunt 5, H. Wood 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough 8.

**KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.**—On Sunday, March 30th, for evening service, 294 and 168 Grandsire Triples: G. Perry 1, A. E. Dollimore 2, J. Lane 3, A. Hill 4, R. S. Cook 5, A. E. Rogers 6, W. Ayre (conductor) 7, F. Dollimore 8.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, April 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, F. Fraser 3, E. J. Pannett 4, H. James 5, J. Hurrell 6, T. A. Easterby 7, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 8.

**STOKE POGES.**—On Sunday, April 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Shuker 1, H. C. Albrow 2, T. G. Hawkins 3, E. C. Hartley 4, W. Bateman 5, W. L. Gutteridge (first 720 as conductor) 6.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, April 6th, for evening service, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal, in 1 hr. 4 mins.: A. J. Neale 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. J. King 3, T. W. Taffender 4, H. J. Skelt 5, A. C. Darnell 6, J. R. Gammon 7, G. A. Card 8, W. J. Nudds 9, E. D. Smith 10.

**NOTICE.**

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on May 10th. Management committee meeting at King's Arms Hotel, Wood Street, at 3 p.m. Service at the Parish Church, at 4 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel, at 4.45 p.m., 1/- per member. The general business meeting will follow. The vice-president (the Ven. Archdeacon of Swindon) has promised to attend. Will members requiring tea kindly let me know by May 6th? The Parish Church bells will be available for ringing from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after the meeting is declared closed.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the North Eastern Division of the Essex Association will be held at Langham on April 25th (Saturday after Easter). Service at 4.30. Tea following at the Gun Inn, Dedham.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The bells at the Parish Church, Monk's Kirby, will be available for ringing on Saturday, April 26th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Hinckley.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Street on Saturday, April 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Bells (8) from 2 p.m.—W. Farley, Hon. Sec., Mill Street, Wells.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Owing to Queenborough bells not being available, the half-yearly meeting will be held at Hartlip on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3. Association service at 5 p.m., conducted by the Vicar of Hartlip.—Half-rail fares up to 2/- will be paid to members.—Fred. M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at West Malling on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m., Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 5.30, followed by business meeting.—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Ansdell (8 bells), on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready 2.30. Business 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 26th. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. E. P. Gough, Vicar of Nicholas, Chiswick. Tea and meeting to follow. A charge of 1/- will be made for tea. Important business includes election of officers and Central Council representatives. Ringing arrangements as follows:—Fulham (10) from 3.15 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Putney (8) from 3.15 to 4.45 and 7 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beckenham on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (meat), 1/3 per head, at the Greyhound Hotel. Business meeting to follow. I should also like to receive all outstanding subscriptions at, or before, this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ampport on Saturday, 26th April. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 26th. Evening song at the Cathedral at 4.30. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.30, at 1s. 9d. per head.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District, Stebbing Branch.—The annual ringing festival will be held at Stebbing Church on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, April 26th (8 bells). Ringing commences at 3 o'clock. Meeting 5.30. A most hearty invitation is given to all ringers. It is hoped as many district members will attend as possible.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will members please note subscriptions for 1924 are now due?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Llanishen, near Cardiff, on Saturday, April 26th. Committee meeting at 3.45. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on April 26th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Waverton on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—A meeting will be held at Saxmundham on Saturday, April 26th. Bells of Parish Church available afternoon and evening.—George Wilson, Hon. Sec., 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ashton Parish Church on the 26th. All ringers welcome.—H. Stansfield, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for April: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 28th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on April 29th and May 27th. St. Magnus, on May 1st, 15th and 29th. \*St. Michael's, Cornhill (special business relating to alteration of a rule), on the 6th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Secretary, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Sherfield English on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells at 2.30. Tea at the Hatchet Inn at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea kindly inform me by April 30th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District will hold their meeting at St. John's Deritend, Birmingham, on May 3rd. Bells available 3.30. Service in church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Gentlemen invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting. Will those requiring tea (1s. each) please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 439, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, not later than April 30th?—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Sudborough on Saturday, May 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea advise me by April 29th. It is hoped all members will try to attend.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.** — There will be a meeting of the above association at Wolstanton on Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing will commence at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available 1.30. Service 4. Meat tea 5.—J. Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Abridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worle, near Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, May 3rd. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — The annual festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 3rd. Business meeting in Church House at 1.15 p.m. Cathedral service at 3. Preacher, the Dean. Tea at 4.30, members 6d., visitors 1s. Bells available: St. Martin's, St. Edmund's, St. Thomas' (8), St. Paul's, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Dinton (6). — F. Llewellyn

Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Southwell Cathedral on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open at 2 p.m. Ringers' service at 3 p.m. Tea at Saracen's Head Hotel at 5 o'clock. Meeting to be held in same room. Motor-cars, etc., can be stored in Bishop's Drive, cloak room provided. The grounds of the residence and Bishop's Manor will be open to ringers. Will all those requiring tea please advise Mr. H. F. Clulow, Easthorpe, Southwell, Notts, not later than May 1st? All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Chester-le-street on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—H. Tyson, 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.** — Quarterly meeting will be held at Tipton ('Pepper Box') on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. G. R. Mortimore). Tea at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 29th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Eaton Bishop on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Schoolroom, 5.45 p.m., free only to those notifying me not later than April 29th.—C. Edwards, Dis. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — An extra meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, May 10th. The bells of the three churches are available. Tea in St. Oswald Parish Hall at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, May 6th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Bells not available on May 3rd, as previously arranged.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6.15, at 1s. each. Please let me know all who are coming by May 6th. St. Andrew's bells open for ringing from 7.15 to 8.30, as well as St. Mary's. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Dale). Ringing to commence at 2.30. Arrangements will be made for tea at 5 o'clock. Please look up Double Norwich, as we hope to have the pleasure of an introduction at this meeting. — C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

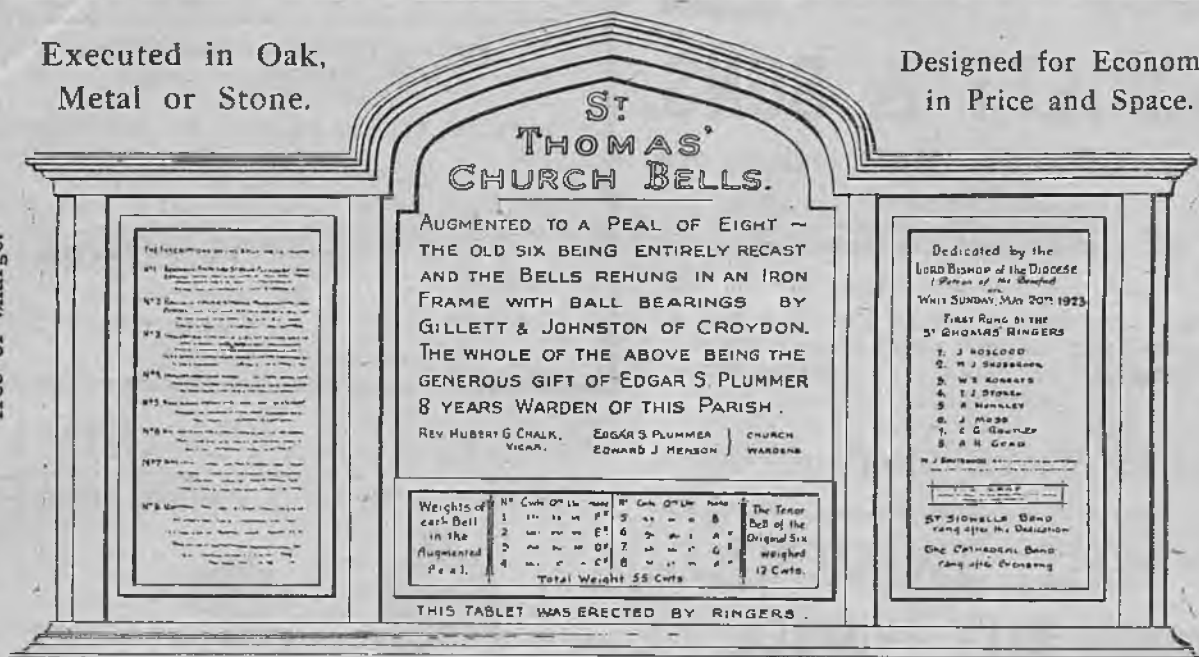
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