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'EDUCATING' THE PUBLIC.

The extraordinary ignorance of the majority of the public on matters relating to bells and ringing is perhaps not all the fault of the public. Hidden away in the belfry, heard but seldom seen, the ringer carries on his craft, perfectly content in his art, and indifferent to outside applause or interest. Indeed, there is sometimes a tendency to encourage an air of mystery, and we cannot therefore blame the public if they get some very ill-conceived ideas, not only as to what change ringing really is, but as to how it is done. Only last Saturday, in one of the leading London dailies, a writer describing the great scoring board at Lord's Cricket Ground, in anticipation of the Test match, explained its mechanism, which, it was stated, is operated by one man. 'But,' said the writer, in a graphic phrase, 'when a Carr, a Chapman or a Woolley gets going, and puts on twenty runs in an over, the operator has to jump about like a bell ringer engaged in a Grandsire Triple.' It would be interesting to know exactly what this writer imagines the actual practice of bell ringing involves. Presumably he thinks there is one ringer to eight bells, who jumps about the belfry pulling each rope in turn. Be that as it may, it is an admirable example of how little outsiders know of our craft.

We have often urged that greater opportunities should be made to educate the public in regard to the science of change ringing. We believe that a wider knowledge on the part of the public would give them a greater interest in the bell ringers' work. Not that it would ever remove the objections of that small minority who desire to see all church bells perpetually silenced, but it would enable people to realise that in ringing a peal, the men engaged are performing a feat which ranks for merit, both in its physical and mental application, far higher than many of the things for which others are acclaimed as popular heroes. To this end, therefore, we welcome the first talk on bells and bell ringing given last Saturday from the London Studio of the British Broadcasting Company, and illustrated by ringers at Bow Church. This talk was given mainly to young people, but their interest is of at least as great importance as that of older folk. Not only is it likely that imagination in them may be stirred, but one result of a series of these talks—and it is proposed that others shall follow—may be that young folks may come into the ranks of practical ringers. Even if it has no such ultimate effect, a better understanding of some mysteries and of the fascination that lie behind the art must lead to a greater appreciation of bell ringing. At the same time, the ringers themselves can do something by way of interesting the public, and one

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of the most important is to give them *good ringing*. Bad striking is a bad advertisement; good striking will win appreciation from listeners outside. A broadcast talk will educate the public, good ringing will retain their interest.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 25, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 3	ARTHUR DEAN 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
ISAAC EMERY 5	RICHARD F. DEAL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to I. Emery on his 55th birthday, the rest of the band wishing him most heartily 'Many happy returns.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GLDOWICK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JAMES KNIGHT <i>Treble</i>	EDWIN B. SHAW 5
ALBERT CLEGG 2	SAMUEL STOTT 6
ABEL FIELDRING 3	CHARLES H. MARSLAND ... 7
SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH ... 4	ISAAC SCHOFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN THORPE.

Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

Rung for the jubilee of the church and in commemoration of the first peal on the bells on June 14th, 1876.

OLVESTON, NEAR BRISTOL.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

FRANCIS W. CANNINGS ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ... 5
JOHN TAYLOR 2	JESSE HALLETT 6
FREDERICK C. RICH 3	CHARLES W. BELL 7
ARTHUR PRINCE 4	HERBERT MERRETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

After the peal the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Walter H. Fisher, received the ringers, and the conductor thanked him for the use of the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5200 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*DAVID S. COLLINS <i>Treble</i>	JOHN P. FIDLER 5
WILLIAM THORLEY 2	HORACE F. E. STOBES ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	EDWARD READER 7
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 4	†JOSIAH MORRIS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Major. † 200th peal. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's wedding day. Mr. Hibbins is from Cambridge, and Mr. Fidler from Norbury, Cheshire.

BRAINTREE.—On Monday, June 21st, 1,312 Kent Treble Bob: *A. Wiffen 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, G. Wiffen 3, B. Redgwell 4, C. H. Howard (conductor) 5, *H. Reason 6, H. Redgwell 7, W. H. Hammond 8.
* First quarter-peal in the method.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Thursday, June 3rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the King's birthday: W. R. Curtis 1, L. Pullen 2, A. Webber 3, J. Garland 4, H. Baber 5, R. Middle 6, S. T. Withey (conductor) 7, A. Pearce 8. First touch by the local band of ringers.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1926, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb.

*WILLIAM HURFORD Treble	EDWARD DARE 5
ALBERT ADDICOTT 2	WILLIAM PIKE 6
SINCLAIR ADDICOTT 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
GEORGE COOKE 4	BRINLY ADDICOTT Tenor

Conducted by A. ADDICOTT.

* First peal. Rung as a wedding peal to the ringer of the tenor.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
WILLIAM GIBBS 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6
HECTOR BIRD 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
HAROLD V. COOPER 4	WALTER FARLEY Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung on the thirty-second anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. This is C. E. Perkins' 100th peal for this association.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

JOHN CARTER'S ONE-PART (No. 16).

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	RICHARD C. BELTON 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 6
THOMAS MEREDITH 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	T. KELHAM DEACON Tenor

Conducted by MADRICE SWINFELD.

Rung to celebrate the Prince of Wales' thirty-second birthday.

RICKMANSWORTH.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

†E. HOOKHAM Treble	*G. FOSTER 5
E. M. ATKINS 2	J. H. R. FREEBORN 6
T. STEPHENSON 3	*W. F. ELLIOTT 7
H. W. KIRTON 4	J. B. MARKS Tenor

Composed by the late Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. * First peal in the method. † First peal. This is believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells. All except the conductor are members of the local band.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE H. DAYNES Treble	†THOMAS G. BANNISTER 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	JOHN F. GALYER 6
†DANIEL COOPER 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
*FREDERICK E. COLLINS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Mr. G. H. Daynes has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal. * First peal of Cambridge Major away from the treble. † First peal of Cambridge Major. ‡ Seventy-fifth peal.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE.—For Sunday evening service at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: James Cooper, sen., 1, James Cooper, jun., 2, V. Darvill 3, W. Mortimore 4, R. Darvill (conductor) 5, G. Martin 6.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

MAURICE NORTHOVER Treble	HENRY F. EWINS 5
ARTHUR BASHFORD 2	ALFRED J. BOLL 6
ALBERT J. ERREY 3	GEORGE F. HOAD 7
JAMES BATTERS 4	HENRY A. HOAD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

Rung as a compliment to Rev. Canon F. C. Davies, M.A., O.B.E., upon his having completed twenty-five years as Vicar of Reigate. On a corresponding Saturday, twenty-five years ago, Holt's Original was rung to welcome Canon Davies to the parish, Messrs. Ewins and G. F. Hoad (conductor) taking part.

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... Treble	THOMAS LANCASTER 5
WILLIAM AINSWORTH 2	ROBERT LAUGHTON 6
GEORGE KIMBALL 3	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON 7
JOHN C. POLLARD 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by J. PAGETT.

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in the method.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine-and-a-Half Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRED A. LEESON Treble	GEORGE KENWARD 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
SAM TAYLOR 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
MOS. VIC. A. JARRETT R.E. 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CONYARD.

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT

First peal in the method by all, and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of Mr. Dobbie. Mr. W. Spice, sen., very kindly stood out to allow Mr. Jarrett to ring.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

JAMES H. RIDING Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING 6
HARRY OVERTON 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. 4	WILLIAM WEATHERBY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR PARSONS Treble	WILLIAM C. CUES 5
WILFRED G. COOK 2	H. CHARLES BOND 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	JOHN HOPE 7
GEORGE J. WINTER 4	WILFRED H. HAYWARD Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Gwendoline M. Bond (daughter of Mr. H. C. Bond) to Mr. Alfred H. New, which took place at the Parish Church earlier in the day.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
REGINALD BROWN 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	FRANK BLONDELL 7
FREDERICK A. BORNETT ... 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten different callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILLIAM HAWKINS Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL 4
*JOHN OWEN 2	THOMAS CLARK 5
WILLIAM SHORE 3	WILLIAM WINDSOR Tenor

Conducted by T. CLARK.

* First peal.

THE CHART, LIMPSTFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HYLTON F. H. TIDY Treble	JAMES KNIGHT 4
*WILLIAM D. L. ASHDOWN ... 2	CHARLES W. CLINCH 5
PERCIVAL C. TIDY 3	LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal. Rung on the anniversary of the weddings of the ringers of the 4th and tenor.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Tuesday, June 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in eight methods, viz.: Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

HARRY BAXTER Treble	MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN ... 4
MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD ... 2	MISS KITTY MOORE 5
WALTER T. WILSON 3	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by MISS KITTY MOORE.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on her twenty-first birthday. This is believed to be the first peal in eight Minor methods conducted by a lady, and was her first peal as conductor.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

WALLACE COUSINS Treble	JAMES H. RAPER 4
EDWARD BARKER 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
ARTHUR WIGMORE 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by T. PRICE.

Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is returning to U.S.A. He wishes to thank all those who have made his holiday a success.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 24, 1926, in Two Hours & Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings.

*J. LEADBEATER Treble	*W. J. CHESTER 4
*T. HEATH 2	J. W. SHARP 5
*C. HINTON 3	*C. LAKE Tenor

Conducted by J. WILFRED SHARP.

* First peal. † First peal in the method on a working bell.

CASTOR, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Kynneborgha,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G. (approx.)

*GEORGE WILLIAMSON ... Treble	WILLIAM TILLEY 4
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	*HARRY GIBBARD 5
WILLIAM ROSE 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

* First peal. † First peal in five methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2, also in honour of the coming of age of Miss K. Moore, of Weekley, a member of the above Guild.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven different 720's

Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

WILLIAM DENMAN, JUN. ... Treble	THOMAS ADAMS 4
KEITH HART 2	FRANK BENNETT 5
HARRY TORRELL 3	RICHARD STREDWICK Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*RICHARD THOMAS Treble	*CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
*DAVID HORNE 3	*GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal on Surprise on the bells, and first of Surprise Minor for the Guild.

YAXLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*T. BOND Treble	*W. MUSK 4
D. WHITING 2	D. LOCKWOOD 5
*A. BRUNNING 3	W. STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

* First peal of Minor. Messrs. Bond and Musk were elected members of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 1010 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

*HARRY WALTERS Treble	*WILLIAM DRAKE 4
*GEORGE WILSON 2	THOMAS STIMPSON 5
WILLIAM SWAIN 3	HERBERT FRETWELL Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS STIMPSON.

* First peal.

WYMESWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being twenty-one different callings of A. J. Pitman's Arrangement.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN A. PAYNE Treble	†T. HARRY LEWIN 4
ERNEST F. PAYNE 2	GEORGE T. H. WALKER 5
ARTHUR H. MANSFIELD 3	WALTER WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by A. H. MANSFIELD.

* First peal, and elected a member before starting. † First peal on a bob bell. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for use of bells and his kind hospitality after the peal.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob.

CHARLES E. WEBB Treble	WILLIAM ROBINSON 4
THOMAS F. HEWERTSON 2	THOMAS J. CLEMENTS 5
THOMAS B. NEWTON 3	EDWIN JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Jennings.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Woodbine, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

HARRY W. HOWARD Treble	THOMAS W. ARROWSMITH 4
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 2	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 5
HARRY PARKER 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

First peal on the bells. First peal in five methods by all except the ringer of third.

5,040 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB

ROYAL (SPICED).

By JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Start Kent.

234567890

— 426385079

— 642385079

— 264385079

— 428603957

— 248603957 —

Change to Oxford at this lead-end, when the treble comes into 1-2 and calling a bob, the lead-end being the second of 63452.

63452 M W H

54362 2 2

45263 2 2

53264 1 2

42365 1 1

35624 1 1 2

Change into Kent at the 3rd lead-end after 35624, when the treble comes into 1-2, and calling a bob, the lead-end being the second of 35426.

35426 M W H

54326 2

42635 1 2

24536 2 2

25346 1 2

23456 1 2

The above, containing 2,520 changes in each method, was rung at Hedlington, June 9th, 1926, in 3 hours 7 minutes, conducted by Charles H. Kippin. It is the first peal of Spiced Royal rung on this plan.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

HOW TO OBTAIN THE STRIKE PERIOD ISSUES

As one of the effects of the strike in the newspaper distributing trade, many of our readers appear not to have received their copies of 'The Ringing World.'

For their information we would say that the only week for which there was no issue of the paper was May 7th. The issues of May 14th and 21st were published as usual, and should be obtainable through the newsagents.

Ringers who have not yet received 'The Ringing World' for these dates should send 3d. per copy to the EDITORIAL OFFICE, 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING, when the paper will be dispatched to them, post free.

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FIRST BROADCAST LECTURE ON BELLS.

The interesting broadcast talk on bells and bell-ringing last Saturday brought the subject before a far larger audience than ever before had listened at one time to a lecture on this matter. From the London studio of the B.B.C. Mr. W. Roughton, of the College Youths, talked in a homely manner to young folks about the way in which bells were cast and rung, and his remarks were illustrated by examples of ringing at Bow Church, Cheapside, carried out under the direction of Mr. Herbert Langdon. The 'tapping,' chiming and ringing of bells were all illustrated. The co-operation between studio and belfry was perfectly arranged, and those who listened had a lucid, practical exposition of the subject, which took them as far as the ringing of bells in rounds.

Later there is to be another talk on change-ringing, and if in the meantime ringers find strangers making their way to the belfry and asking to be shown the bell chamber and the bells in motion, they will know it is the result of Mr. Roughton's talk over the wireless, for he concluded with the suggestion that those who were interested should get in touch with their local church and find out about the ringers and their work.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the northern branch was held at the beautiful village of Kinver on Saturday, June 19th. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon, and service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. A. Cooper Slipper). Mr. W. Basterfield presided at the organ.

The business meeting which followed was held in the schools, the Rev. T. A. Cooper Slipper presiding. He was supported by Messrs. A. Hackett (ringing master of the branch), R. Matthews (ringing master of the association), A. E. Parsons, W. Short, T. J. Salter and A. J. Skelding (secretary of the branch).

Several new members were enrolled, and it was decided to hold the next meeting on the third Saturday in September at Wolverley.

Mr. T. J. Salter moved that a very hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the Vicar of Kinver for arranging the service and presiding at the meeting, and also to Mr. Basterfield.

The following towers were well represented: Selly Oak, Smethwick, Rowley Regis, Netherton, Old Hill, Cradley, Harborne, Brierley Hill, Wordsley, Wollaston, Lye, Stourbridge, Clent, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster, and Kinver.

A DATE TOUCH.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire, on Sunday, June 13th, a date touch of 1,926 changes of Minor was rung, consisting of 30 Original, 96 Violet, 360 London Scholars' Pleasure, 720 Duke of York, 720 New London Pleasure: W. Bramham 1, G. Lord 2, J. W. Champion 3, W. Ashworth 4, A. Panther (conductor) 5, A. Gill 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Panther.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Whit-Sunday, at St. Iltyd's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,318 changes) in 50 mins.: W. James 1, R. Evans 2, A. C. Jones 3, J. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, H. Wright 8.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On Whit-Sunday, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 27 mins.: C. Ferriman 1, Miss M. M. Webb 2, H. Hovard 3, F. Anson 4, A. Hill (conductor) 5, F. Hill 6.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—For morning service, on Whit-Sunday, 720 Bob Minor: G. Bisset 1, Wm. Young 2, P. Brown 3, Wilf. Young 4, J. Fear 5, T. Clark (conductor) 6.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

ELIJAH ROBERTS—THE GREATEST OF ALL
PEAL TAPPERS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLOPE.

Elijah Roberts was born in Birmingham on May 23rd, 1807, when Thurston was eighteen years old. He began to take an interest in ringing at the early age of twelve, and became a skilled ringer, composer and conductor. His first peal was at Aston in 1821, one of Grandsire Triples, when he rang the second. This peal was conducted by Thomas Day, and was his first peal also. Day was afterwards one of the leading men in Birmingham, and a composer of much more than average ability. He is best known to-day as a composer of Treble Bob. His 16,608 was for long considered the extent possible in the method. It has been twice rung, first in the Kent variation at Mottram, conducted by Samuel Wood, and later in the Oxford variation at Debenham, conducted by James Motts.

In all, Roberts rang over a hundred tower bell peals, and we must always remember that fifty years ago a hundred peals took as much getting as five times that number to-day. I make this statement as to the number of Roberts' peals on the authority of Henry Johnson, who, of course, knew him intimately, but Jasper Snowden was very sceptical on the point, and did not believe he had rung anything like that number. Among his peals were the following: February 1st, 1832, 5,104 Treble Bob Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, the first in the method; Sept. 23rd, 1833, 6,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, which he composed and conducted from the seventh; and July 6th, 1834, 6,282 Grandsire Caters at Aston, which he composed and conducted from the ninth. He seems to have started tapping changes from the very first, and his first peal in this way was in 1824, when he was sixteen years old. It consisted of a plain course of each of the following: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob Triples; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Caters; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Royal; Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob Cinques; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Maximus; and a plain course of Treble Bob Sixteen-in; the whole consisting of 5,186 changes in 3 hours and 27 minutes. This was and still remains a marvellous performance. Only ten years before, Thurston's three courses of Bob Major in 14 minutes had been hailed as 'the greatest performance in the art in the British Dominions.' What a difference between the two performances! I should imagine that even the tapping of a peal of London Surprise Major does not compare with this.

Three years later he tapped 5,040 of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in 3 hours and 40 minutes, and on April 9th 7,536 in the same method in 4 hours and 51 minutes. This was longer than any peal at that time rung in the method; but, of course, such comparisons have no value at all.

In 1833 he was living at the Union Tavern, Jamaica Row, Birmingham, and on June 30th in that year he performed a memorable feat. This was a peal of 5,016 Stedman Cinques, composed by himself and conducted by Henry Cooper. Roberts and Cooper were in a room by themselves, and in the adjoining room was a large num-

ber of ringers, who heard the peal from start to finish. Henry Johnson was one of these, and his testimony alone is sufficient to prove the truth of the performance.

In 1835 he left Birmingham, and afterwards went to Liverpool, where he was landlord of the Derby Arms, and there he accomplished two performances, which completely put in the shade everything that he had previously done himself, and everything that has since been done in tapping. The first, on March 23rd, 1837, was a completed peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 19,440 changes, which took 13 hours and 43 minutes, and a fortnight later 6,720 Kent Treble Bob Sixteen-in in 6 hours, 28 minutes. This last was not a complete peal. He started for 33,600 changes (think of it!) but after six courses he probably found the strain too great, and stopped at the part end.

Here is a letter written by himself, in which he describes his tapping performances:—

'The 19,440 of the Treble Bob Maximus I rung in Liverpool on the 23rd of March, 1837. I commenced at 19 minutes before Four in the morning and finished at 24 minutes past Five in the afternoon. I am sorry that no amateur heard it. The neighbours said they thought I should never give in, for they heard the bells ringing hours before they got up and almost until bed time again. The peal of Treble Bob on 16 bells, if you can call it one (for the bells did not come round) I rung about a fortnight after the 19,440 in Liverpool, and is called exactly the same as the first six courses of the 19,000, and consisted of 6,720 changes, the course end where I stopt being 1 4 5 6 2 3 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16. I was 6 hours and 28 minutes doing it. Now, my ambition was to have rung all the 30 courses, which would be 33,600 changes, and at the same rate I should have been five times 6 hours and 28 minutes, or 32 hours and 20 minutes, so I abandoned the idea; but I have rung every change by one course at a time. As you request me to send you all the particulars, I have rung the greatest number of Treble Bob Maximus and Treble Bob Cinques in the world. There has only been one peal of Treble Bob Cinques rung, and that was at St. Martin's, Birmingham. You and I assisted in it. The peal of Treble Bob Cinques I rang contained 6,424 changes, and is the same peal as the 7,536 of Treble Bob Maximus. I was 3 hours and 48 minutes. The first peal I rung on the handbells was about 20 years ago, for I don't know the precise date, but it was published in one of the Birmingham newspapers. The number of changes was between 5 and 6 thousand, and was composed of nothing but Plain courses, viz., Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Triples, Treble Bob Triples, Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Caters, Treble Bob Caters, Grandsire Royal, Plain Bob Royal, Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire Cinques, Plain Bob Cinques, Treble Bob Cinques, Grandsire Maximus, Plain Bob Maximus, Treble Bob Maximus. Also one, and the last course was Treble Bob Sixteen, for I don't know what other name to give it. Now, this may not be considered of much note, but I assure you that to ring three different methods and on different number of bells; and as soon as one plain course is rung and the bells come round to strike immediately into another from 8 bells into 16 is no joke.'

We can well believe his last statement. You will notice that, writing from memory, he omits to mention the course of Major he rang, and also the Stedman on all the odd numbers.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting was held at Northallerton on Whit-Monday, when members attended from Tadcaster, Darlington (St. John's), Middlesbrough, Wath, Stockton-on-Tees, Saltburn, and the local company. Service was arranged for noon, but had to be put off as no ringers could get there in time on account of the railway strike having interfered with the train service. Lunch at Twiddle's Cafe was presided over by the Rev. Canon Brown, Vicar of Northallerton, in the absence of the president (the Rev. A. Simpson), who was under the doctor at that time.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. J. C. Pollard, and after the loyal toast had been honoured a letter was read from the president, tendering his resignation on account of his being unable to attend the meetings regularly. It was, however, decided to ask Mr. Simpson to carry on for another year.

The secretary's report and balance-sheet were read and approved.

The motion, of which the president had given notice, to alter the date of the annual meeting to September instead of Whit-Monday, was proceeded with.

The Sunday service sheets sent in were very creditable, and the officers hope that there will be more sheets sent in at the end of another year. Saltburn-by-the-Sea took first place, and Skelton-in-Cleveland, where there is a very promising young band, were second. Several new members were elected.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, and votes of thanks passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the use of the bells, also to the retiring officers for their services during the past year. The following towers were selected for meetings during the year:—September 4th, Carlton-in-Cleveland; Easter Monday, 1927, Stockton-on-Tees; annual meeting, 1927, Thirsk.

CHORLEY'S SWAYING TOWER.

Owing to the considerable movement of the tower there has been little ringing done since the war on the bells of St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, Chorley, Lancs, but on Sunday, June 20th, the bells were rung on the occasion of the R.C. Sunday School's procession. Touches of Grandsire and 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor were rung, the following taking part: A. Blogg, H. Lucas, E. Coxhead, W. Blackledge, J. Watkinson, J. H. Gartside, F. Rigby, W. Sharples and G. Hewitt.

The bells are a good toned peal by Warner, with tenor over 18 cwt. in E, and it is hoped that they may be shortly re-hung at a lower level in the tower, and thus render the latter safer when ringing takes place.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGERS VISIT BEDFORDSHIRE TOWERS.

On Saturday, June 5th, the Irtlingborough ringers, their wives and friends, had their annual outing. A start was made about 7 a.m. by charabanc, and after calling at Finedon, Wellingborough, and Wollaston for other ringing friends, the party settled down very comfortably for the run to Woburn, where they arrived about 9.5, and were met by Mr. Cyril Herbert. Some of the visitors soon had the delightful peal of eight going to various methods, while others inspected the beautiful church and strolled through the park to see the rhododendrons, now in all their beauty. After spending an hour and a half in this pleasant spot, the bells being kept going the whole of the time, another move was made to Dunstable, and here they were welcomed by Mr. A. E. Sharman, and finding another fine eight they soon had them raised. Some of the party were rather 'windy' about climbing the ladder to the ringing chamber, although some of the ladies bravely did so. Another way, however, being found, most of the ringing members eventually found their way up to have a pull, and touches in several methods were successfully brought round. The journey was then continued to Luton, the headquarters for the afternoon. They received a hearty welcome from Mr. A. King, and after an excellent dinner went to the beautiful Parish Church, and had the pleasure of hearing a short recital on the magnificent organ. Three pieces were played—a 'Prelude and fugue,' a 'Pastorale,' and the ever-welcome 'Hallelujah Chorus'—a treat which was heartily appreciated. Then the bells were set going to various methods for about an hour and a half, after which there was an adjournment for tea. A course of Grandsire Caters and selections were then rung on the handbells, to the great delight of the company present, and the return journey was commenced about 7 p.m. The methods rung during the day were Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise. There was some very good ringing; in fact, both at Woburn and Dunstable every touch and course attempted was successfully brought round, and at Luton only two attempts came to grief, one of these being due to a misunderstanding, a false start being made.

The best thanks of the party are due to the clergy of the three churches for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Cyril Herbert and Mr. A. E. Sharman, and last, but not least, to Mr. A. King for his kindness in making the necessary catering arrangements, also for his arranging with the organist for the musical treat which was so thoroughly enjoyed.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: B. Thirkell 1, H. Baker 2, Mrs. H. Baker 3, T. Pope 4, L. Honess (Wingham) 5, J. Head 6, B. Baker 7, T. E. Sone (conductor) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Frederick W. Thornton, of Greenwich, writes: 'The first "Frederick" peal was one of Stedman Triples, rung for the Middlesex County Association at the Church of All Saints, Poplar, London, E., on Saturday, October 17th, 1903.' This was conducted by Mr. Thornton. The claim for the Rolyenden peal has been withdrawn.

In our last issue we recorded a 720 London Surprise Minor rung at Bures, Suffolk, as the first in the method on the bells. An extent in this method was, however, rung here by the Leytonstone company during their annual outing on June 24th, 1922.

The late Canon Simpson's widow has been much interested in the Central Council's discussion on Simpson tuning and a pamphlet issued by the honorary secretary on 'Hell Tones.'

The first peal on the ten bells at All Saints', Poplar, which have this year been re-cast and re-hung, was rung on July 3rd, 1923, in celebration of the consecration of the church.

The anniversary of the first performance of Holt's Original is on Wednesday next. It was on Sunday, July 7th, 1751, that John Holt himself called the peal from manuscript at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster.

James Barham's last peal was rung at Leeds, Kent, on July 8th, 1817. He was then ninety-one years of age. In course of time this record may go, for while there's life there's hope for that other James—he of England.

The friends of Mr. Bernard W. Witchell, of 58, New Street, Erdington, will be sorry to hear that he is now in the General Hospital, Steelhouse Lane, Birmingham, to undergo an internal operation.

By a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at West Grinstead, on Saturday, Messrs. F. Bennett and Keith Hart completed the Cambridge circuit, having now rung peals in this method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

Apparently bell-ringing is not Mr. James George's only forte. A garden party is held annually at 'St. Helena,' Gravely Hill, Erdington, the residence of Councillor R. R. Gelling, in connection with Bishop Ryder's church, Birmingham. Both in 1924 and 1925 Mr. J. George won a first prize. On Wednesday in last week he won two first prizes—one for 'ping-pong,' the other for 'quoits.' In 1911 he knocked out sixty-three players, and won the record prize in the bowling alley at the Rugby Conservative Club.

A JUBILEE PEAL.

In connection with the jubilee of St. Mark's Church, Glodwick, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on June 19th, as recorded elsewhere. It was also the jubilee of the first peal on the bells, which was rung on June 14th, 1876. This was John Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, and the ringers were: Joseph Wilkinson (conductor) treble, James Platt 2nd, John Whittaker 3rd, William Kenworthy 4th, William Ashworth 5th, George Ashworth 6th, Samuel Woodcock 7th, and Abraham Weeder tenor.

TINY PARISH APPEALS FOR BELL FUND.

The Vicar and churchwardens of All Saints' Church, Tilsforth, Leighton Buzzard, a small parish of about 140 inhabitants, comprising four farms and the Vicarage, which has been let for years to Col. Fenwick (the Vicar having charge of two parishes, Stanbridge and Tilsforth), have issued the following appeal for the Bell Fund:—

The belfry of this ancient church is in a complete state of decay. The bells, a peal of five, all cast in 1776 by Emerton, of Wootton (Beds), are cracked and out of tune and need re-casting. The oak frame supporting the bells, probably of pre-Reformation date, will have to be entirely renewed.

Before these repairs can be effected and the bells once again peal over the countryside, £350 will have to be raised. The parish, a poor one, while doing all in its power to contribute itself, is compelled to appeal for help outside, and invites your kind sympathy and support.

W. ST. JOHN LINDARS, Vicar.

MARTYN FENWICK, / Churchwardens.
WILLIAM BUNKER, /

ISLEWORTH BELLS FUND.

In connection with the scheme initiated by the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild for augmenting the ring of eight at Isleworth to a peal of ten, special collections were made on Sunday week. Three quarter-peals were rung for the services—the first time this has been done at Isleworth.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for morning service: E. V. Beadle 1, W. H. Hollier 2, T. Beadle 3, A. Harding 4, E. F. Cole 5, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, J. A. Trollope 7, A. Sheard 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. H. Hollier 1, J. A. Trollope 2, W. H. Wood 3, H. Bungay 4, R. Thompson 5, A. Harding 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8.—After evening service, 1,376 Bob Major: T. Beadle 1, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 2, W. H. Wood 3, H. Bungay 4, R. Thompson 5, W. H. Hollier 6, A. Harding 7, J. R. Mackman 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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RINGERS ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

The Rev. H. Law Jones moved the following resolution:—For as much as the church towers of England contain a large number of valuable old bells, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers requests the Diocesan Advisory Committees of the various dioceses to co-opt some members having knowledge of the archaeology, tuning and proper hanging of bells, to form a special sub-committee to advise them, when necessary, on all questions relating to the tuning, recasting or re-hanging of bells, in order that bells may not needlessly be re-cast, and that re-hanging shall be carried out in a proper manner.

He said they would remember some years ago the Council passed a resolution somewhat similar to this, and, as far as he knew, very little came of it. In his own diocese the Dean pointed out to him the reason why the original proposal was fruitless. It was that advisory committees could hardly put a change ringer on their own body as a permanent member, because the committee had to deal with all sorts of things besides bells, and the ringer might be totally incompetent to deal with anything else.

Mr. Rupert Richardson seconded.

The Rev. H. Drake said he thought they would all be agreed about this. He would like to say the reason why he held up his hand against the amendment which the Council had just carried (relating to Simpson tuning) was that they as a Council were in the habit of making out they could not do things they ought to do and which they had a duty to do. He did not think they should have passed a resolution in the words adopted. Their work as a Council of ringers for the whole of England was to lay down certain lines on which other people could act. They could not expect advisory committees to know anything about the technical uses of bells, or to know much about the periods when, from an historic point of view bells became worthless. These were matters on which the Council should lay down lines; there was no one else could do it if they didn't. He thought the Council should go on and lay down lines as to when they thought bells were so old that they ought not to be broken up, and also lay down lines on which bells should be hung so that they were no nuisance to ringers or, what was more important, to the people outside the tower.

Mr. C. H. Howard said he was acting on the Advisory Committee in the Chelmsford Diocese, and had been able to do some useful work. At first he was received by some with suspicion, but he found they were now only too ready to co-operate and to listen to any suggestions that came from a society of change ringers. His committee had been exceedingly kind, and had listened to his suggestions, and he believed they had now scrapped the idea of a professional man coming down to the tower to inspect the bells; instead they asked him to do it for them. Mr. Howard spoke of the danger of 'clocking' bells, and suggested the Council should do all they could to get rural Deans to find out from all incumbents whether this practice was allowed. A lot of beautiful old bells had been destroyed by 'clocking.'

Mr. C. Mee said this had been done in Suffolk.

Mr. F. Wilford said in the Peterborough diocese the authorities at first were a little shy of taking anyone who was a ringer on the committee, but, as with their friends in Essex, these little difficulties were soon got over, and the committee were now very thankful for the information which some of the ringers could give them.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said it was not always necessary that an advisory committee should co-opt someone who had a knowledge of bells, if they had someone to refer to. In the Oxford Diocese he was not on the Advisory Committee, but he was now referred to in every single case; if a tower contemplated having anything done, he was sent for and reported. On the question of bell-tuning, he did not consider he was learned in the subject, but he did know something about it; he knew, in fact, how little he did know, and he always left the point open for the people of the church concerned. His reports came before the Advisory Committee and were considered, and the chairman had told him that he was in a far stronger position than if he were on the committee.

The President pointed out that the matter was before the Council last year, when a letter was sent to the secretary of every diocesan conference, calling attention to the fact that it was absolutely necessary that someone acquainted with ringing and ringing matters should be placed on the Advisory Committee, pointing out that in several dioceses that had been done, and asking that it might be done in all. There was no harm in hammering at the matter again.

The motion was put and carried nem. con.

RAILWAY TRAVELLING FACILITIES.

The following motion was proposed by Mr. E. Guise: That the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association earnestly requests the Central Council to continue to press the Railway Clearing Board for cheaper travelling facilities to be granted to ringers. He said, when the association took the matter up last year with the local superintendent at Bristol they were able to convince him that cheaper travelling facilities for ringers were as essential as they were for golfers. They pointed out to him that it was difficult to get a party of twelve ringers from one station when, perhaps, there were only five or six, or even eight bells, in the town or village. He clearly saw their point of view, and promised to lend them all his help.

Mr. E. Bishop, who seconded, said the matter was one of vital interest to ringers, and it would be very much appreciated if they could get the concession. They would have to go cautiously to work, and what they wanted was someone with influence in the railway world to be interested in it, so that he could put their views before the Railway Clearing House. It had been suggested that a committee should be appointed to consider the matter and bring it forward at an opportune time. The present was, perhaps, not an opportune time, but they ought to be ready to put the scheme forward at the right moment.

The President said that this matter had been brought forward again and again. Many years ago a deputation went to the Clearing House and they were turned down. The question had been brought up again since, but with no better result. He was perfectly certain of this, they must get into touch with one of the magnates of the railway world if anything was to be done. As Mr. Bishop lived at Swindon he was probably acquainted with someone connected with the railway whom he could 'sound' on the matter.

The Hon. Secretary said that last year he had an interview with a prominent railway official, and they discussed some of the difficulties, one of which was the question of identifying the bona-fide ringer going out for practice or peal-ringing. The companies wanted to see that they were not being cheated, but he thought they could get over that difficulty by the production of identity cards. The official whom he saw thought the companies would be inclined to consider the matter again if the difficulties that presented themselves could be overcome, and that they might raise the matter again in, say, twelve months' time. He presumed it would be the Council's wish that he (the secretary) should take the matter up again?

Mr. James George said he did not think the Council were going the right way to work. If they saw or communicated with the general managers they would do better.

Mr. T. H. Beams said thirty years ago this privilege used to be granted on the South Coast Railway. The members had to produce a printed voucher issued by the secretaries, filled in with the ringer's own name. This had to be presented at the booking-office. The Council were only trying to revive what was once a custom on some railways.

Mr. J. E. Pye said on the Great Eastern Railway they used to have to produce the previous year's subscription receipt to prove membership.

It was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the president and hon. secretary to take whatever action might be necessary.

'BELLRINGERS' SUNDAY' IMPRACTICABLE.

Mr. T. E. Taffender proposed 'That the Council consider the question of the institution of a "Bellringers' Sunday" by means of an annual service throughout the country, or otherwise, and make recommendations.' This matter had, he said, been given to him by the London County Association to bring forward, in the hope that the Council might be able to draw up a scheme that could be made universal. He was aware that most associations had services at their annual or branch meetings, but the idea behind the resolution was to have services throughout the country on the same Sunday, such as was the case in regard to Hospital Sunday and Territorial Sunday. If such a day could be fixed, ringers would make it their duty to attend in a body, and, if possible, get a ringing parson to give the address.

Mr. A. D. Barker, who seconded, said he believed the proposal originated from a suggestion made by the Vicar of St. Clement Danes.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said when he saw the motion on the agenda it almost gave him a little shiver. He did not suppose the lay members of the Council, including the proposer and seconder, had any idea of the way in which the poor parson was requested to have a Sunday for this, a Sunday for that, and a Sunday for the other thing. If they were to take them all up, he doubted if there would be a Sunday left. He rather gathered from what the proposer said, however, that what was in his mind was to have a big service in one big place in each diocese. That, of course, would be quite another thing, but if they had a Sunday for the purpose all over England, where were they going to get their ringing parsons as preachers? A service in some great central place was one thing; a universal Sunday throughout the country was another, and he could not say that he was heart and soul with the proposer.

Mr. T. H. Beams said there were great difficulties in the way of having services throughout England on one Sunday; it could be worked better if it could be a recommendation that every Guild should have a service on one Sunday in the year. That was a more practical proposition and might be possible. Each Guild could arrange such a service or series of services. They might have a central service, as Mr. Davies suggested, but individual services, he thought, were impossible, even in a diocesan manner.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said in many parishes in the North there was already a 'Ringers' Sunday,' when the collection was given to the Ringers' Fund, and special mention was made in the sermons of their services, and very often a ringing parson was got to preach to the ordinary congregation. He thought, therefore, it would be better worked as a matter for each parish than centrally.

(To be continued.)

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. MEMORIAL SERVICE AT SHOREDITCH.

The coal strike cast its reflection on the attendance at this service on Saturday, inasmuch as the absence of cheap excursions from the provinces, and an irregular train service, prevented many who had intended being present from making the journey. Nevertheless, a good congregation was present, including a fair number of parishioners who take more than a little interest in their fine peal of bells. From 2.30 till the time of the service, Stedman Cinques pealed forth from the tower, previous to which many of the ringers had had a pull on the famed peal at Belbna Green.

The service opened with the hymn, 'Soldiers of Christ, arise,' followed by prayers and a lesson from Ecc. xlv. 1-15, read by the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, Rector of St. Clement Danes'. During the singing of 'Ten thousand times ten thousand' the congregation, followed the choir and clergy into the porch under the tower, on the north wall of which the tablets have been placed, the war memorial (of white Sicilian marble on a green marble background) in the centre, and the marbetta peal tablet, recording a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques rung to the memory of Queen Alexandra and the victims of the Submarine M1 disaster, on its right.

The congregation having taken up position as far as possible to obtain a view of the dedication, Mr. J. D. Matthews (master of the society) asked the Vicar of Shoreditch to accept the tablets from the society and dedicate them. The Rev. F. E. Bird, in a few well-chosen words, expressed his pleasure in complying with the request, and pulled aside the Union Jacks, exposing the tablets to the view of all.

The usual dedicatory prayers were said, followed by an interval of silence. Then came the impressive rendering of 'The Last Post' by buglers of the Boy Scouts, succeeded by the 'Reveille.'

The choir and congregation having returned to the church, 'O God, our Help in ages past,' was sung, and then the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, well known for his interest in ringing, gave a most appropriate and impressive address.

The concluding hymn, 'The saints of God,' and the Blessing were followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The memorial tablet is of exceptionally neat design, being headed by a bell. The wording is simple:

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.
The Great War, 1914-1918.

Dell, C.
Dewey, H. J.
Lee, W. C.
Stubbs, B. C.
Warner, A.

R.I.P.

It is the work of Messrs. Hoare, of Shooter's Hill, and all present were exceedingly pleased with it. The peal tablet is black marbette with gold lettering.

Ringing took place at the various towers mentioned in the programmes, and in the evening a large company assembled at the Bedford Head, Maiden Lane, and spent a pleasant evening chatting over times gone and times to come.

PRINCE OF WALES' MESSAGE TO M.C.A. CONGRATULATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Belper, near Derby, on Saturday last, and good use was made during the afternoon of the new peal of eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., all the Standard and several Surprise methods being rung, although the striking left much to be desired. A short service was held in this fine church, at which the Rev. W. Greenwood officiated, and at which the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Cooper, R.D.) gave an inspiring address.

A committee meeting was held in the Cadena Cafe, and was followed by a substantial meat tea, at which some fifty members from many places sat down. The general meeting followed, the president, Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., being in the chair. He was supported by Mrs. Chambers, the Revs. J. A. Cooper, R.D., and W. Greenwood, Mr. Salter, and the churchwarden.

The new members elected included 6 honorary, 2 life, and 15 ringing.

Mr. Pryce Taylor then gave a brief but interesting account of what transpired at the Central Council meeting at Ipswich on Whit-Tuesday.

The President announced that the new Rules had been printed and issued to each local honorary secretary for distribution. The committee had also granted the £10 10s. promised to Creswell, Derbyshire, towards their new tower and bells, now that the work is progressing favourably.

The Honorary Secretary read out the following letter he had received that morning from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales:—The Private Secretary is desired by the Prince of Wales to ask Mr. Morris to convey to the members of the Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers his sincere appreciation of their good wishes on the occasion of his birthday. His Royal Highness was interested to hear of the peal rung at St. Mary's Church, Coleorton, on Wednesday last.

Hearty votes of thanks to the clergy and local committee were proposed by W. E. White, seconded by J. H. Swinfield, thus bringing a successful and delightful meeting to a close.

SALOP GUILD.

PROPOSED RE-ORGANISATION ON COUNTY BASIS.

A special meeting of the Salop Guild was held at St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, on June 24th. The Venerable Archdeacon Lambert, of the Salop Archdeaconry, presided, and others present were the Rev. Preb. C. R. Crowe (Coalbrookdale), Major E. R. Trevor Corbett, Mr. E. W. Rodenhurst, ringers from St. Chad's and other towers in the archdeaconry and county, and the Rev. F. Tennison (honorary secretary and treasurer).

The Chairman explained that the object of calling the meeting was to try and revive the activity of the Guild throughout the archdeaconry and county. It was, he said, most desirable that the work done by the Guild should receive every help, encouragement and support.

After carefully discussing the existing rules, it was suggested that the Guild in future should be known as the Salop Guild, leaving out the word 'archidiaconal,' especially to allow the Guild to extend over the whole of the county of Salop. It was also proposed that the Bishops of Hereford and Lichfield should remain patrons, and that the Venerable Archdeacon of Ludlow be a president.

A public meeting, at which all ringers will be welcome, will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, July 24th. The twelve bells will be available from 3 o'clock, and a service will be held in the church during the afternoon and evening.

A general meeting will be held in St. Chad's Vestry at 5.30, with the Venerable Archdeacon Lambert in the chair. It is desirable that all interested should try and attend—honorary, life and ordinary members.

The Secretary reported that St. Mary's spire was completely restored, also that efforts were being made to have the peal of ten rung for service on Sunday, June 27th. The ringing chamber had been thoroughly cleaned, whitened and painted out; the bells had been overhauled and bearings cleaned, etc.

After the meeting, the visitors met at St. Chad's for a real good practice on handbells. Salop ringers are asked to keep open Saturday, July 24th, and are invited to attend the meeting, further particulars of which will be advertised in 'The Ringing World' of July 16th and 23rd.

After a committee meeting of the Guild, the following touches were rung on handbells at St. Chad's Church: A course of Grandsire Caters, 209 Grandsire Triples, 168 Stedman Triples, 144 Kent and 144 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY. CATHEDRAL BELLS DENIED TO MEMBERS.

Upwards of eighty members and friends attended the annual meeting, held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 19th, in beautiful weather. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches were at the disposal of members during the afternoon and evening. Unfortunately, the Cathedral bells were not available. Tea was provided at Lloyd's restaurant, after which the general meeting was held, when Mr. J. Perry was voted to the chair.

The report and balance-sheet were read and accepted, the latter showing a satisfactory balance on the right side.

The officers for the ensuing year were re-elected except the ringing master, to which position Mr. C. Wallater was unanimously elected. The following places were selected for the forthcoming meetings:—September, Pensnett; January, Darlaston; April, Bloxwich; June (annual), Lichfield. The suggestion to arrange cycle runs to out-of-the-way places was not supported. The usual vote of thanks terminated the meeting.

The committee's report was as follows: Since the last annual gathering at Lichfield, meetings have been held at Kingswinford, Wednesbury, and Stafford, and they have all been well attended. We are sorry to meet again at Lichfield under the cloud of being forbidden to ring the Cathedral bells. We gratefully acknowledge the kind welcome we receive wherever we go in the archdeaconry, and regret that the one exception should be the mother church of the diocese. A ring of eight bells has been installed at Pensnett, and they have a promising band of young ringers, whom we hope very soon to welcome into the society. The number of peals rung during the year was twenty-seven, the same as last year. A peal of Stedman Triples should have been included in last year's list, which unfortunately was overlooked, but is counted in with the following:—Grandsire Doubles, 1; Grandsire Triples, 4; Grandsire Caters, 2; Stedman Triples, 14; Stedman Cinques, 1; Bob Major, 3; Bob Maximus, 1; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; total 28.

Who is the oldest member of our Society? According to the books there are three who have been members since the first day of the society, June 30th, 1883, namely, F. J. Cope and J. Key, of Lichfield, and Reuben Hall (unattached). It is interesting to note that on that same day Roland Cartwright, Wm. Rock Small and Tom Horton also joined. For aggregate years of membership, Tamworth comes easily first. Their six senior members have an average of more than 38 years' service, namely, 40, 39, 39, 38, 37, 36, followed by two more who have been members for 31 and 29 years respectively. The sum of £2 12s. was collected from various towers and sent to the Washbrook Memorial Fund. We regret to record the loss, through death, of Thomas Taylor, of All Saints', West Bromwich, and Frederick Clayton, of Coleshill (life member). R.I.P.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DISTRICT AT FINCHINGFIELD.**

One of the most successful meetings of the northern district was held on Saturday last at Finchingfield, under ideal conditions. The weather was perfect, and the village is one of the prettiest in Essex. Built upon the slope of a hill, it is crowned by the magnificent old Parish Church, with its massive tower and Norman doorway dating from 1170, its fine screens (that at the chancel dated fifteenth century, and at the south-east aisle of the fourteenth century) and its ancient font of 1376.

There was an attendance of about forty ringers, representing the following parishes, viz.: Assington, Bardfield, Braintree, Dunmow, Earl's Colne, Feering, Felstead, Finchingfield, Greenstead Green, Great Henny, Rayne, Sudbury, Springfield, Sible Hedingham, Stebbing, Wethersfield, Yeldham, and the visitors received a very hearty welcome from the Vicar and Mrs. Jordan.

The usual Ringers' Office was said in the church by the Vicar, and a most instructive and interesting address given by Mr. A. W. Ruggles Brise, of Spain's Hall, Finchingfield, upon the history of bells and their uses. He also gave the ringers a very hearty welcome to the parish.

After the service the ringers (amongst whom was Miss Wicks, of Wethersfield) sat down to tea generously provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Jordan. The usual business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. F. Claydon, district master, supported by the Vicar, Mr. C. H. Howard, master of the association, Mr. W. Keeble, Mr. D. Elliott, and the district secretary.

The Secretary thanked the meeting for their kind message of sympathy with him in his illness which was passed at the Kelvedon meeting.

Two members (including Miss Wicks) and three probationary members were elected.

The next meeting is to be held at Great Yeldham, subject to the approval of the authorities.

A vote of thanks was passed, upon the proposition of Mr. C. H. Howard, to the Vicar for the use of the bells and holding the service, to the organist for his assistance, to Mr. A. W. Ruggles Brise for his instructive address, to the Vicar and Mrs. Jordan for providing the tea, and to the other ladies who assisted. The Vicar replied that it had been a great pleasure to him to have the meeting at Finchingfield.

At the invitation of the Vicar the company adjourned to inspect and admire the beautiful Vicarage garden, where some well struck touches of Grandsire Caters were rung upon the handbells.

Gradually most of the ringers drifted back to the tower, where touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and London Surprise. Some of the ringers upon their way home rang at Great Bardfield and Wethersfield.

TWENTY-ONE TOWERS REPRESENTED AT DISTRICT MEETING.

On Saturday last the members of the north-eastern division of the Essex Association held a very successful meeting at Ardieigh. A service was held at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Grubbe. Afterwards, by the kind invitation of Mr. R. W. Neuth, fifty-three members sat down to tea in the Neuth Hall. A short business meeting followed, at which four new members were elected. The Harwich company entertained the party with some fine tune ringing on their musical handbells.

The Rev. Gledhill, of Kirby, invited a company to his church for the opening of the new ring of eight bells on Sunday, July 25th, which offer was readily accepted.

It was resolved that the mid-September meeting be held at Langham. It was also proposed that an effort be made to get a joint meeting with the Suffolk Association on that date.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Neuth for his kindness, and also to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his services. No fewer than twenty-one towers were represented at the meeting.

LADIES' GUILD.

The seventh annual meeting of the southern district was held at Worplesdon on Saturday, June 19th. Various methods were rung during the afternoon, but unfortunately the service had to be postponed owing to the indisposition of the Rector. The members, however, enjoyed a welcome tea in the delightful grounds of the Rectory.

Mrs. Bruce was voted to the chair for the business meeting. Miss Hazell and Miss Futter, of Bucklebury, and Miss Evelyn Brown, of Worplesdon, were elected ringing members, and Mrs. J. J. Jones, of Guildford, a life member.

The secretary was asked to continue in office, and the committee was elected as follows: Miss B. Mills, Mrs. Whittington, Miss Avenell and Mrs. Melville.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and Mrs. Bruce for their generous hospitality. The belfry was again visited, and bells kept going until 9 o'clock.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Wednesday, June 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A King 1, W. Harwood 2, W. Arnett 3, D. Hayward 4, H. Wright 5, W. Lee 6, E. Kett (first quarter as conductor) 7, H. Jermy 8. Rung as a compliment to the conductor, whose son, Raymond Ronald, was being christened while the bells were ringing the quarter-peal.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**A JOINT MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association at Whiston on Saturday, June 19th, was admirably supported by the various societies in the southern area, including the Sheffield and District, Barnsley and District, and Doncaster and District Societies, and an attendance of nearly sixty was considered very satisfactory, considering the conditions prevailing at the present time in the district. Visitors were present from Conisborough, Tickhill, St. Marie's, Cathedral and All Saints' (Sheffield), Ecclesfield, Bolsover, Rotherham, Arksey, Killamarsh, Doncaster, Pontefract, Handsworth, South Anston, Halifax, Leeds and Bradford, and it was a great pleasure to see the honorary secretary and honorary treasurer of the Yorkshire Association present. The bells, a very nice peal of eight, with tenor of 14 cwt., were kept going from 2.30 up to 5 o'clock, when tea was provided in the Village Institute—a building of which the villagers are very proud, and rightly so, for a more convenient and beautiful place for the purpose would be difficult to imagine. Would that there was such a place in every village in the country.

Touching reference was made by the vice-president (Mr. F. Willey) to the great loss the society had lately sustained by the deaths of three of the members, Messrs: Smithson (All Saints', Sheffield), Sarel (St. Marie's), and Hill (Penistone), and the company showed respect by standing in silence for a minute.

The Rector of Whiston (the Rev. A. G. Alton) was voted to the chair for the business meeting, and was supported by Mr. Willey and Mr. A. Craven (president of the Sheffield District Society). Mr. C. D. Potter (honorary secretary of the Barnsley and District Society) sent an apology for his non-attendance, as he was in Scotland on holiday. It was decided, owing to the annual dinner of the association being held in Sheffield in September, to defer the next quarterly meeting to October 16th at Conisborough.

Mr. G. Lewis, as the originator of the joint meeting, thanked all for their attendance, and hoped that, as it had been such a great success, they would consider the desirability of making the June meeting an annual joint one.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, churchwardens and the ladies were heartily carried, and replied to by the Rector.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**PLEASANT MEETING AT STANMORE.**

In ideal weather some forty members and friends attended a north and east district meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at Stanmore on Saturday, June 19th. Soon after 3.30 the bells were set going to Grandsire Triples, which was quickly followed by Stedman, Bob Major, Bristol Surprise, etc. A short service was held, at which the ringers were addressed by the Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewett.) Tea was served in the Institute, and the usual business meeting followed. The president, Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., took the chair, being supported by the Rev. C. S. Durham, Vicar of Harrow Weald, Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president), Messrs. Hughes, Hill, Goodship, etc. Four members were admitted, including the Vicar of Harrow Weald as an honorary member.

A short report of the Central Council meeting was given by the president.

The arrangements for the next meeting were left to the honorary secretary, who announced that it was hoped to hold an Essex and Middlesex joint meeting at Waltham Abbey early in August.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of Stanmore for his address at the service and for the use of the bells. It was regretted that a prior engagement caused his absence from the meeting. Thanks were also given to the Vicar of Harrow Weald for permitting his bells to be rung; also to Messrs. Hill and Hughes for arrangements so ably made for the meeting.

Several members took full advantage of an invitation to use the lovely Rectory garden, handbells on the lawn and boating on the lake being pleasant features. Others made their way to Harrow Weald, where they were welcomed by Mr. Goodship, and assisted the 'locals' in touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, and also took part in Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

REVIVAL OF 'RINGING DAY' AT LONG MELFORD

On Saturday, May 29th, a 'ringing day' was held at Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford, when upwards of thirty ringers assembled. The towers represented were Sudbury, Lavenham, Glemsford, Cavenish, Stanstead, Polstead, Coruad, Assington, Henny, Foxearth and Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, and Fulbourn, Cambs. During the afternoon and evening, touches in the following methods were rung:—Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Superlative Surprise, Cambridge coming to grief.

An excellent tea was served at the Scutcher's Arms, to which most of the assembly sat down. Mr. W. R. J. Poulson proposed, in very pleasant terms, a hearty vote of thanks to Host Bixby for the splendid tea provided, to which the latter responded.

This most pleasant gathering was the outcome of a suggestion previously voiced by Mr. A. Symonds, Lavenham, in which he asked for the revival of the old 'ringing day,' which had been in former years held on the local fair-day.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The Burton-on-Trent district of the above association held a most successful meeting at Netherseale on Saturday, June 19th. Thirty members from Burton, Ashby, Derby, Alvaston, Anstey, Long Eaton, Overseale and Netherseale attended, and two new ringing members and one new honorary member were elected.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. E. Worthington), who was assisted by the Rev. A. E. Merryweather. The Vicar of St. Helen's, Ashby-de-la-Zouch (the Rev. Basil C. F. Andrews) gave a brief address, and at the meeting which took place after tea extended a hearty invitation to the district to hold a similar meeting at Ashby.

The offer was gladly accepted, the date being fixed for Saturday, September 4th.

The Rector was thanked cordially for the excellent tea, the motion being carried with applause.

During the afternoon and evening numerous touches in various methods were rung on the eight bells, which were lowered about 7.30, after a most enjoyable meeting.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

To The Editor.

Dear Sir,—There are three printer's errors in my article in last week's 'Ringing World.'

After 'show the true nature of the system,' read:—

'Write down 1 2 3 4 5 a b c d e +.'

You printed 'etc.' instead of +. I wrote +, and it is important in writing out the methods on a number of bells to always keep + for the tenor.

Then there are two errors in the section following 'etc.'

Read: 'Until the treble crosses the tenor in the middle,' when you will find that in the first of these two rows 1 is to 2 and the lead as 1 is to 3 and the back in the second; 1 is to 4 and the lead in the first as 1 is to 5 and the back in the second, etc.

Let me supplement this:—

16 bells 4 2 . 1 + 3 . 5 1-2 and lead.

. . . . 4 . 2 + 1 . 3 5 1-3 and back.

14 bells 2 . 5 + 1 4 3 1 to 5 and lead.

. . . . 2 5 1 + 4 . 3 1 to 4 and back.

You can add two bells in front and two behind to either of these, and so on, four at a time, to any extent, and 1 2 3 4 5 + will always come in this order, so that when the treble comes up behind we always get:

+ 4 5 2 3 1

+ 5 4 3 2 1

Supplement to Maximus rules:—Long dodging: Double dodge 1-2, single dodge 1-2 and 3-4, 5-pull 5-6, single dodge 11-12 up and down, 5 pull 9-10, dodge treble 5-6, single dodge 1-2, 5-pull 1-2, single dodge 3-4, cross treble middle, single dodge 9-10, 5-pull 11-12, single dodge 11-12, dodge treble 7-8, 5 pull 3-4, single dodge 1-2 down and up, dodge treble 3-4, 5-pull 7-8, single dodge 9-10 and 10-11, double dodge 11-12.

Note.—Always two single dodges between the 5-pull dodges.

After long dodging add place 1st from the front.

Dodge 5-6;

odd place 6th's.

Dodge 5-6;

5th's, 10th's, 9th's, 10th's.

Dodge treble 9-10;

9th's, 10th's.

Single dodge 9-10 and 7-8;

5th's and 6th's,

and work with treble in front. Then odd place last as above in reverse order, and the same from the back, reading 7th's for 4th's, 8th's for 5th's, 3rd's, 4th's, 3rd's for 10th's, etc.

H. LAW JAMES.

To The Editor.

Sir,—I am glad to take the opportunity of supporting the conclusion reached by Mr. Baker that Slipway's Royal is not a true extension of Superlative Surprise Major. As we have reached our decisions along quite different roads, there is the greater likelihood that we are not mistaken in our opinion.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

Holbeton Vicarage.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

We regret that, owing to the demands upon the space available for Sunday Service Touches, we are unable to undertake to insert anything less than a quarter-peal on eight bells and upwards, and 720 of Doubles or Minor. Many correspondents send us quite short touches for publication and they must not be disappointed if we are unable to find room for them.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.—For Sunday evening service (Wake Sunday), on June 27th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: N. Underwood 1, A. Underwood 2, J. A. Walton 3, S. W. West 4, H. Partridge 5, J. Rawson 6, W. Fern (conductor) 7, W. Burton 8. All are regular Sunday service ringers and their ages range from 16 for the ringer of the treble, to 73 for the ringer of the 5th. It was the first attempt by the ringers of the treble and 3rd. Two of the ringers are ex-churchwardens, three are sidesmen, and five are at present, or have been, members of the choir.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, June 27th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,296 changes) in 54 mins.: P. A. Coard 1, R. Dawe, jun. (longest length with an inside bell in any method) 2, R. Hoather 3, G. Ades 4, J. Jay 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6, H. Stalham 7, R. J. Dawe 8.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday afternoon, June 20th, in connection with the Magna Charta celebrations at Runnymede, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: E. Butley 1, E. Goater 2, H. Worsfold 3, E. Gosling 4, W. E. Butler 5, F. Nye 6, W. Wellington (conductor) 7, and A. Cross 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At the Church of St. James, Sutton, on Sunday evening, June 20th, for Divine service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, the first extent on the bells since they were re-cast and re-hung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough: E. Dixon (first 720 of Minor) 1, E. Grimshaw 2, T. Taylor (conductor) 3, W. Wood 4, J. W. L. Slack 5, J. Manifold 6.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, June 20th, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: J. Coppins 1, N. E. Hope (East Grimstead) 2, G. Cullum 3, E. Bridges 4, L. Binfield (conductor) 5, A. Binfield 6, T. Farley 7, T. Anderson and Mrs. M. Philpott 8 (tenor 25 cwt.).

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, June 20th, for the evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Eagles 1, H. J. Saunders 2, R. H. Stevens 3, S. A. Baker 4, R. H. Birch 5, C. R. Millway 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8.

ASHFORD, KENT.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, June 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260): H. C. Castle 1, J. Garrett 2, G. Swaffer 3, C. W. Everett (conductor) 4, E. W. Powell 5, P. Page 6, T. Tabrett 7, J. Parsons 8.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, June 20th, for morning service, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: C. J. Tricker, jun., 1, F. G. Goddard 2, F. Hawthorne 3, J. Milner 4, W. Ellingham 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8. Rung also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. F. Adcock and H. Gash, churchwarden and vergier at the above church.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, June 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,344 changes): Wm. Rought 1, John Moy 2, B. Rought 3, W. Duncan (conductor) 4, Jacob Moy 5, J. Godfrey 6, W. Miller 7, W. Medler 8.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKS.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, May 23rd, for morning service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins.: G. Chappell 1, F. Broadhead 2, W. Chappell 3, W. E. Robinson 4, S. Fielding 5, E. Brookes (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. George Hill, who was interred at the above church on the Monday previous, and who had been ringer and conductor at this church for about twenty years.

BATH.—For morning service, at St. Saviour's Church, on April 18th, a quarter-peal, from Holt's Original, was rung by the following: H. Merrett 1, *Mrs. Broom 2, A. Prince 3, H. Taylor 4, G. Jones 5, J. Hallett 6, C. W. Bell 7, *Reg. Perry 8.—On May 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (from second part of Holt's Original): *A. Ball 1, J. Taylor 2, J. Hallett 3, T. Grant 4, A. Prince 5, H. Taylor 6, C. W. Bell 7, H. Merrett 8.—On May 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal from the third part of Holt's Original: H. Merrett 1, Mrs. Broom 2, J. W. Bell 3, Theo. Grant 4, J. Hallett 5, A. Prince 6, C. W. Bell 7, William Cook 8. *Longest length.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 29th; St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th, *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be the second quarterly meeting, to be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, at Bath. Evensong in the Abbey 4 p.m. Tea at the Red House 4.45 p.m. Business meeting in the Abbey Church House immediately after tea. Bells available: The Abbey (10), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Saviour's (8), 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.; St. James' (8), 2 to 4 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8), 12 noon to 1 p.m., 6.15 to 8 p.m. (by arrangement); St. Michael's (8), 12 noon to 1 p.m., 6.35 to 8 p.m.; Corston (8), afternoon and evening; St. Mark's (6), 2.30 p.m. onwards; Bathford (6), 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. —John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Syston (both Kibworth and Countesthorpe being unavailable) on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. Will as many members try to attend as possible?—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Saturday, July 3rd, at Bradfield (6 bells). Buses from Malin Bridge tram terminus.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual branch meeting and election of officers will be held at Weekley (6) on Saturday, July 3rd. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 3rd. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., general meeting at 2 p.m., service in St. Thomas' Church 4 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. Meetings and tea will be at St. Thomas' Parish Hall (Green Row Rooms). Towers available: St. Thomas' (8), St. Mary's, Portsea (8), and Alverstoke (8). All ringers and friends heartily welcome. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Shore, Littleborough, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for branch president for the next two years.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 3rd. Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be arranged. A hearty welcome to all ringing friends.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening: St. Mary's (10) and the Minster (10). Short service in St. Mary's at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Church House, Tiger Lane. Business meeting immediately after.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will all requiring tea notify me by Wednesday, July 7th? All ringers cordially invited.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Samlesbury Church on Saturday, July 10th. Tea, at about 1s. 6d. a head, will be provided for those who notify Mr. J. Bailey, Roach Bridge, Samlesbury, not later than Tuesday, July 6th.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, July 10th, when a tea and fête will be held in the Vicarage grounds at the same time. Bells available from 2 p.m. A good attendance desired.—H. Tyson, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 10th. Bells ready at 3. Tea and meeting 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary, Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Castle Ashby on Saturday, July 10th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Permission has been obtained to view the grounds of the Castle. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 6th? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—There will be a meeting at Stone on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notices of attendance must be sent not later than July 5th to Mr. A. Rowley, 88, Church Street, Stone. — A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Cuckney (five miles from Mansfield) on July 10th. Bells ready early and visitors welcome. Good bus service. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m., at the Church Institute at reasonable price, for those who notify Mr. William Smith, Norton Cuckney, Mansfield, not later than July 7th.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Long Eaton (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Business meeting in the vestry 5 p.m. Members make own arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, July 10th. The fine peal of bells (8) will be available at 2.30 p.m., when it is hoped a good number will be present. Tea arrangements will be announced during the afternoon.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, North Dunstable.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Langleybury (Hunton Bridge). — Saturday, July 10th. Bell open 4 o'clock. Tea (1s. 3d.) 5.30 at King's Head. Number for tea by July 7th. — Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A monthly meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, July 10th. A committee meeting will be held at 4 p.m. to consider matters concerning proposed contest for shield. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at a reasonable price; application to be made to Mr. H. Crossland, Cawthorne, Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, July 17th, at All Saints', Isleworth. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Will those coming to tea please let me know before the 14th? Everyone cordially welcome. — C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Pheasant Street, Chelsea.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Langdon Hills (6 bells) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present advise me as soon as possible, as number has to be given for tea?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Prior on Saturday, July 17th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

WITHERLEY.—Hinckley District, M.C.A.—Thanksgiving service for complete restoration of church and spire (which were struck by lightning some two or three years ago), 3 p.m., on Wednesday, July 21st. The bells (5) have been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, and will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.

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At the Parish Church of All Saints, High Wycombe, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Gibson and Mr. Anderson, on June 23rd, two excellent quarter-peals were rung on the bells: 1,260 Stedman Triples in 51 minutes: S. Hayes (conductor) 1, S. Goodchild 2, R. Coles 3, G. Hinton 4, E. R. Coles 5, C. A. Smith 6, J. W. Wilkins 7, and F. Plumridge 8; 1,265 Stedman Cateters in 53 minutes: F. Hayes 1, R. Coles 2, G. Hinton 3, E. R. Coles 4, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 5, E. Markham 6, F. Boxell 7, C. A. Smith 8, S. Goodchild 9, and F. Plumridge 10. The ringing was excellent throughout, and many expressions to that effect were made by the general public, a large number of whom congregated outside the church both before and after the ceremony.

At St. Luke's Church, Bromley, Kent, on June 24th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Lyddiard, one of the local band, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Chapman 1, G. Durling 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, I. G. Shade 4, T. Groombridge 5, F. E. Collins 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, E. Mounter 8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. APPEAL TO EIGHT-BELL RINGERS TO SUPPORT SIX-BELL MEETINGS

A meeting of the Tonbridge district was held at Lamberhurst on Saturday, June 19th, when the local members turned up in full force. It would have been very pleasing if the same could be said of the other members of the district, as it was only about half a dozen of these attended, and had it not happened that Mr. and Mrs. E. A. G. Allen and Mr. S. T. Jarrett from Frindsbury, who had motored up to pay a visit to the Vicar of Lamberhurst (who was formerly Vicar of Frindsbury), the meeting would have been rather flat.

The usual service was held, conducted by the Vicar, and the organist (Mr. H. Burrows) presided at the organ. Mr. C. E. Noakes (churchwarden) was also present. Tea was partaken of at the Chequers Hotel, followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. Noakes and Mr. H. Burrows.

Mr. C. E. Noakes was elected an honorary life member, and the district secretary, Mr. W. Latter, proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and presiding at the meeting, to Mr. Noakes for attending, to Mr. H. Burrows for his services at the organ, and to Mr. A. Relfe for making the arrangements. This was seconded by Mr. E. Woodage and carried.

The Vicar, in reply, said that he was very glad that the members had held a meeting at Lamberhurst so soon after the bells had been restored, and he hoped that the time was not far distant when they would add two trebles to complete the octave. He had been Vicar at two churches where there were bells, and he was much struck with the keenness of the ringers, and it would be a good thing if others were as keen in other recreations. He welcomed three of his old parishioners from Frindsbury, and especially Mr. and Mrs. Allen, as he had the pleasure of officiating at their wedding.—Mr. Noakes and Mr. Burrows also replied, the former expressing his pleasure that they had elected him a member of the association.—Mr. Relfe (local secretary), in replying, expressed his deep regret that there were not more members of the district present. He thought that the eight-bell ringers ought to support the six-bell towers when meetings were arranged at these belfries. It was very disheartening to both the district and local secretaries when meetings were arranged that so few took the trouble to attend.

The District Secretary echoed Mr. Relfe's remarks. It was not expected, he said, that members could come from one end of the district to the other, but he thought that the members of the towers in the neighbourhood of the meeting should make an effort to attend, whether it was a six or an eight-bell tower. He complimented the Lamberhurst band on their accomplishing a peal of seven 720's of Surprise Minor in so short a time after the restoration of the bells. This was the first time this had been done by an entirely local band in the district, and they had also shown their skill in ringing short touches in four Surprise spliced methods.

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