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### AN ANSWER TO A CRITIC.

Our recent article on books for beginners has had a development which we hardly expected. The attack which has been made upon 'The Ringing World' for being 'much to blame for the existing state of affairs' was, we felt, unwarranted, and we said so, and this week our correspondent, because only one short letter has been published taking him to task for his accusation, pats himself on the back and jumps to the conclusion, apparently, that everyone else agrees with him. For our part he may enjoy whatever satisfaction such a conclusion may give him, but we desire to point out one or two reasons why it is not possible to make a paper like 'The Ringing World' largely a text book of instruction for beginners.

In the first place, it is a journal which is intended to give ringers news of the happenings in the Exercise, to place on record the noteworthy performances, and to bring to notice any new developments in the art. It has always been and still is ready to give what help it can to those anxious to learn, but it cannot be repeatedly telling beginners how to ring Grandsire Doubles, or what not. For information of this kind young ringers must go to the text books and to their instructors. What kind of a course, for instance, would our critic expect us to give? We may know where it should begin; but where should it end? To be logical, it should show the way from rounds to the Surprise stage; or, at any rate, as far as Stedman and Treble Bob. But here comes the difficulty. Begin a series of articles this week; and three months hence there would have come into the Exercise another group of beginners to whom the then current instruction would be useless, because it would be too far advanced. To meet the criticism of our correspondent we should then have to begin another series to meet the needs of the newest recruits, and so the thing, to be consistent, would have to go on ad infinitum, and the paper would become merely an instruction sheet. No, elementary instruction must be gained from other sources. As far as we are able we have published articles to increase the education of the ringer; we have given one series of elementary articles on ringing; more than one on conducting; we have printed numerous papers on composing and others elucidating various points in the theory of the sciences. For the encouragement of beginners we have opened our columns for the publication of 'first' touches, however short their length, but this opportunity has not been taken advantage of to anything like the extent we imagined it would be.

If the claim is to be upheld that it is the duty of 'The Ringing World' to instruct the beginner, it is equally its duty to instruct the more advanced ringer, and yet, while

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a great deal of what the tyro ought to know can be found in text books, when we publish for the information and education of the advanced members of the Exercise new arguments and material, we are often accused of wasting space on 'experts' that might be more profitably employed, by saying again what is, for instance, already said in 'Ropesight' or 'Troyte,' or by informing the world at large that somebody has rung another six-score of Doubles. In order, however, that the learner may have his chance of becoming interested, we are arranging to publish a series of articles suggested by 'Minormania' in our last issue. It will treat of the very beginnings of the theory of change ringing as viewed by an average ringer and the subject will be dealt with in a simple manner. We hope it will be studied with profit by all who are on the fringe of the art, and especially by those who think their interests have been neglected.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 8
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 4	THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 9
ALBERT C. DARNELL ... .. 5	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON  
Rung to celebrate the 69th birthday of Mr. G. F. Winney.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

GILBERT GUEST ... .. Treble	SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 6
SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... .. 7
THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 8
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... .. 5	WILLIAM GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. B. Gough and W. Green.  
Annual peal for the Guild.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN HOYLE ... .. Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 5
*GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 8
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 4	*ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 9
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.  
\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. H. Winch.

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LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.).

J. HALLETT ... .. Treble	F. ROWSELL ... .. 5
IVOR MITCHELL ... .. 2	J. DARCH ... .. 6
*R. DAVIES ... .. 3	S. RIDGWAY ... .. 7
A. E. GRAY ... .. 4	C. WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HALLETT.

\* First peal and first attempt. All the above ringers are Sunday service ringers, and belong to St. Catherine's Parish Church, Pontypridd. The ringers take this opportunity to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. BOTOLPH, CITY.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,**

Tenor 20 cwt.

*RONALD H. BULLEN ... Treble	WILLIAM NUDDS ... .. 5
*MISS ELSIE CHAPMAN ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\* First in the method. This peal was arranged in honour of the induction of the Rev. J. A. S. Bullock, as Rector of St. Peter's, Cornhill, on the above date, he having been a ringer and curate at St. Botolph's for many years.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

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

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD... Treble	PRYCE TAYLOR ... .. 5
ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 4	JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

The above peal was specially arranged for Mr. James George, of Birmingham.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT... Treble	GEORGE P. BORTON ... .. 5
ROBERT HARDY ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
BEN S. THOMPSON ... .. 3	JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... .. 7
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... .. 4	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the district.

STONEHOUSE, PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(St. Andrew's Society.)

On Wednesday, March 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

*SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY... Treble	G. HARRY MYERS ... .. 5
†JOHN H. GUYAS ... .. 2	*WILLIAM HAMBLYN ... .. 6
CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. 3	*ALFRED M. MYERS ... .. 7
*ALFRED MITCHELMORE ... 4	*THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major away from treble.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. LAURENCE,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*HARRY PARKER ... .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 5
*CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 2	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 6
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 3	EDWARD JENNINS... .. 7
HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. 4	CECIL RADDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.

SOWTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. MICHAEL,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD ... Treble	WILLIAM HOWE... .. 5
*WILLIAM REEKS ... .. 2	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 6
ALFRED MONKLEY ... .. 3	GEORGE BETTS ... .. 7
TOM G. BARTLET ... .. 4	*WILLIAM SELDON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

\* First peal of Stedman.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. ALKMOND,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

*THOMAS R. SHARMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 5
*WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 2	†PERCY DUDLEY ... .. 6
REGINALD BOULTON... .. 3	GEORGE WARRINGTON ... 7
GEORGE FREEBRY ... .. 4	*SIDNEY DAWSON... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by GEO. FREEBRY.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES... Treble	EDWARD ETHERIDGE ... 5
F. NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	JAMES RICHES ... .. 6
ROBERT RICHES ... .. 3	WALTER RICHES ... .. 7
ROBERT RAYNOR ... .. 4	ALBERT RICHES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 97). Conducted by A. RICHES

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARK, GLODWICK,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

THOMAS K. DRIVER ... Treble	VERNON SYKES ... .. 5
*JOHN CRYER ... .. 2	GERALD W. SCHOFIELD ... 6
FRANK FIELDEN... .. 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\* First peal.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. PETER,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LINTON... Treble	*HARRY L. AITKEN ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	*RICHARD J. STONE ... .. 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

\* First peal in the method.

## WARNEHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*NORMAN HARDING ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 5
PETER CHARMAN ... .. 2	JOHN A. COLE ... .. 6
WILLIAM WATTS ... .. 3	JOHN COOK ... .. 7
WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal and first attempt. W. Charman has now rung 'round the circle' eight times in his own tower.

## TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER &amp; DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

JAMES MCCLUSKY ... .. Treble	ARNOLD HILL ... .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... .. 2	HARRY BARNES ... .. 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 3	EDGAR C. STACEY ... .. 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 4	PERCY GLEDSTONE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 115). Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.

First peal of Oxford Major on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd, who hails from Southwell, Notts.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BARTON ... .. Treble	ALBERT PICKLES ... .. 5
*H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 3	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 4	HARRY FOSTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal in the method on tower bells. † 50th peal.

## EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Treble	ALLAN R. HICKTON ... .. 5
H. F. CLULOW ... .. 2	ERNEST CLULOW ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. TURNER ... .. 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 7
*GEORGE E. FOSTER ... .. 4	EDMUND C. CHASTY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

\* First peal. † First peal inside.

## JESMOND, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

*WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... .. Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5
JOSEPH E. KREN ... .. 2	STEPHEN STRATFORD ... .. 6
WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 3	ADAM DEAS ... .. 7
*HAROLD G. FRAMPTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON

\* First peal in the method.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## MERSTHAM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... .. Treble	GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 4
BERNARD WELLS ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 5
CECIL NICE ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all.

## CAXTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*CHARLES ROBINSON ... .. Treble	FRED GINN ... .. 4
FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 2	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 5
*BERRY WAYMAN ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. G. GLEAVES.

\* First peal of Surprise. First tower bell peal in the method by a local society for the Ely Diocesan Association. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Igguledun, who is taking over Elsworth Rectory.

## EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... .. Treble	*CHARLES G. BATES ... .. 4
THOMAS W. CHOWN ... .. 2	JOHN E. MORETON ... .. 5
JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Challis F. Winney.

## WOOTTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

*JESSE R. COTTERILL ... .. Treble	*DAVID EDMUNDS ... .. 4
FREDERICK SHARPE ... .. 2	HARRY P. FLOYD ... .. 5
GEORGE H. COX ... .. 3	*JOHN BUSHELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK SHARPE.

\* First peal. The treble ringer hails from Cassington, 2nd from Launton, and the rest from Yarnton.

## TAMERTON FOLLITT, DEVON.

## THE DEVON GUILD.

On Thursday, March 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. in F natural.

*JOHN H. GLUYAS ... .. Treble	*ALFRED T. WESTCOTT ... .. 4
JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 2	WARREN S. HORNBERG ... .. 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Minor. Ringers of 1 and 6 from St. Andrew's, 2 and 3 from Emmanuel, 4 and 5 from Charles' Church. First peal of Minor on the bells.

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PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

JAMES TINKER ... .. Treble	ARTHUR CHAMPION ... .. 4
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... .. 2	JAMES H. SYKES ... .. 5
W. WOOLER ... .. 3	E. BROOKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. BROOKS.

First peal by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th, who, with the exception of the treble ringer, are all eighteen years old. E. Brooks' first peal as conductor. W. Wooler's first peal of Minor. This peal was rung to commemorate the dedication of the recast peal on December 20th, 1924, also as a birthday compliment to the Rev. E. B. Carlton, M.A., Vicar of Penistone.

MAKER, CORNWALL.  
THE DEVON GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JULY, MARY AND MACRA,  
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM J. PHILP ... .. Treble	WARREN S. HORN BROOK ... .. 4
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 2	ROBERT J. BALDREY ... .. 5
THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 3	JOSEPH WOODLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal. Ringer of 4th from Charles' Church, 3rd from St. Andrew's, the rest from Emmanuel Church, Plymouth. First peal of Minor on the bells.

WITHERLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Stedman, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE THOMPSON ... .. Treble	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... .. 3
†ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. ... .. 2	FRED COTTON ... .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First of Doubles. † First peal. The band desire to thank the Rector for his hospitality after the peal.

SAINTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WALTER LARGE ... .. Treble	JAMES HEMMING ... .. 4
JOHN HALL ... .. 2	*JOHN W. PERKINS ... .. 5
JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6lb.

*HAROLD G. SMITH ... .. Treble	*CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 4
ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 2	HARRY PARKER ... .. 5
HARRY HOWARD ... .. 3	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. H. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal in three methods. F. H. Crawley's first peal as conductor. He has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

LIVERPOOL.—On March 12th, at the Church of St. James, West Derby, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Hughes 1, R. G. Edwards (aged 12) 2, G. R. Edwards 3, J. Martin 4, J. Cooke (conductor) 5, C. I. Davies 6. First 720 in the method for ringers of treble, 2nd and 3rd, and on the bells.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

NEERING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 3-4	ARTHUR SANDERS ... .. 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF L. WISEMAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor, each called differently.

LEWIS WISEMAN ... .. 1-2	OLAVE BROYD ... .. 3-4
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by O. BROYD.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Weight of tenor, 3 ounces. Diameter, 2½ inches.

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

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

The conductor's 50th peal in the method. This is the 'lightest' peal ever rung, the total weight of the whole eight bells being 21 ounces only.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT 46, KING EDWARD'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

RONALD W. R. PICTON ... .. 1-2	HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 5-6
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 7-8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDK. W. BRINKLOW

Umpire: CHARLES LEMAN.

This is thought to be a unique performance, owing to the fact that it is the first peal of any kind by the ringer of 1-2. It is the first peal on handbells by the ringer of 3-4, and it is 17 years since the ringers of 5-6 and 7-8 rang a peal in the method on handbells.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT 26, KIRKMANSHULME LANE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. PAGE.

## ST. JOSEPH'S DAY.

No, it was not St. Joseph's Day all day in Brum, although eight of the 'saints' did toy for a couple of hours with a method blessed with an awkward 'toperculinery' name. Then St. Martin just popped in to leave his card and assert his right to a day or a bit of it. He changed the courses, and St. Joseph's Day was at an end for those eight. St. Werburgh took 'em home in her basket, soothing them with the advice that they should have had two good labourers to carry the hod for them. Perhaps these two said labourers had an idea they would be wanted, as on a former occasion. Who knows? Anyhow, they both turned up; 'twas the same church, too.

YE MANY-COLOURED COATED ONE.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Friday, March 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 56 mins.: G. E. Shalish (conductor) 1, F. Hawkins 2, G. Gilling 3, E. Avery 4, R. Dare 5, T. Browning 6.

# NOTES BY THE WAY. RINGING IN OXFORD TWO CENTURIES AGO. BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The attempt to ring the peal of Grandsire Caters aroused great interest in Oxford. Some people declared that the ringers were trying for more than they could do and the peal would never be rung. This, as was natural at the time, led to a wager. They were to be allowed six attempts, and if they could not do it in them, they were to lose their bet. What the amount was we do not know. Actually they rang it at the first attempt, but the peal was by no means faultless. The worst mistake was not caused by any fault of theirs, but by one of the professors breaking in upon them and trying to stop them. Hearne says he heard all but three-quarters of an hour of the peal, and in that time counted fifty-two faults, nine of them bad ones. He was a very careful and acute critic of ringing, and it says much for the quality of the ringing of Annable and his men that he was not able to find a single fault in their attempts.

Here is the extract from Hearne in full:—

'1734.—January 2nd, Wednesday.—Christ Church bells being now in very good order, yesterday some select Oxford ringers rung them all for a wager. They were every man of them townsmen, but had received some considerable instruction from Mr. Stone, M.A., a man in orders, and a good ringer himself, Fellow of Wadham College. The wager was that they could not ring the 5,040 changes, quater or cater changes, upon them. They were to have six trials, and if upon the sixth trial they could not do it they were to lose. Yesterday they began (being the first trial) just at twelve o'clock and finished the whole twenty-seven minutes after three o'clock. This is the first time that this number of changes was ever rung in Oxford, the biggest bell at Christ Church falling down, and the ropes breaking at New College when the Londoners rang at both places lately, otherwise the said Londoners who rang at each place above two hours and never made the least fault would have done it with the greatest ease imaginable. The Oxford ringers yesterday made many mistakes, so that 'twas expected they must have gone over several times. I did not hear them till they had been at it about three-quarters of an hour, but afterwards I heard them quite out till they had done, and I observed fifty-two faults in the ringing, nine of which were very considerable ones. However, take it altogether, 'twas excellent ringing, and they may glory of it. The most considerable fault was occasioned by Dr. Gregory, Regius Professor of Modern History and student of Christ Church, who yesterday broke in upon the ringers, to their great disturbance. The names of the ringers were:

1. Mr. Richard Hearne, a Taylor.
2. Mr. John Vicars, Second Butler of New College.
3. Mr. John George, a Taylor.
4. Mr. Guy Terry, a pot-ash maker in St. Clement's.
5. Mr. Thomas Yates, Second Cook of Magdalen College.
6. Mr. John Broughton, a Barber of St. Peter's-in-the-East.
7. Mr. Richard Smith, a Glover in St. Peter's-in-the-East.
8. Mr. William Barnes, Second Cook of Christchurch.
9. Mr. Arthur Lloyd, of Holywell, Carpenter and Bell Hanger.
10. Mr. Nicholas Benwell, Sexton of Christchurch.'

Having scored their five thousand, the band began to think of a longer length. Four months after the Christ Church peal they attempted 6,876 at New College. One of their number was away, and could not stand in, and his place was taken by a Mr. Brickland, who was not quite up to the necessary standard, and it was through him that they lost it. It shows the interest that Hearne took in the ringing, that, though it was raining hard, he was abroad the whole time carefully listening. Apparently it was better ringing than at Christ Church.

'1734.—May 2nd, Thursday.—Yesterday, an attempt was made upon New College bells of 6,876 changes. They began a quarter before ten in the morning, and rang very well till four minutes after twelve, when Mr. Brickland, a schoolmaster of St. Michael's parish, who rang the fifth bell, missing a stroke, it put a stop to the whole, so that they presently set them, and so sunk the peal, which is pity, for 'twas really very good true ringing, excepting five faults which I observed (for I heard all the time, though 'twas very wet all the while), in that part of the parks which is on the east side of Wadham College, where I was very private; one of which five faults was the treble that was rang by Mr. Richard Hearne, and the other four were faults committed by the above said Mr. Brickland, who 'twas feared by several beforehand would not fully perform his part, but they took him now

because Mr. Broughton (who otherwise should have rang) was out of town, attending as barber in a progress of Magdalen College. Excepting this Broughton and George, the ringers were all the same with those mentioned under January 4th last. Mr. George's hands (he is above fifty years old), being not quite recovered from some blisters he received the last ringing on April 15th last, Mr. Nash, cabinet maker (who came from London, but now lives at Oxford) who is an excellent ringer, supply'd his place and rang the third bell, so they were as follows: Mr. Hearne, the first or treble; Mr. Vicars, the 2nd; Mr. Nash, the 3rd; Mr. Terry, the 4th; Mr. Brickland, the 5th; Mr. Yates, the 6th; Mr. Smith, the 7th; Mr. Barnes, the 8th; Mr. Lloyd, the 9th; Mr. Benwell, the 10th or tenour. Mr. Yates before rang the fifth, and then the sixth was rang by Mr. Broughton, in whose room Mr. Brickland was now taken. When I mentioned afterwards my observations to ye sd. Mr. Smith, he told me that tho' he rung himself yet he minded the faults also himself. Upon which I ask'd him how many there were? He said three before that weh stopp'd them. I told him there were just five before that, at which he admired my niceness. They rang in the said two hours and nineteen minutes 3,475 changes, which wanted 3,401 of the number proposed.'

## HOW THEY FED THE RECORD BREAKERS.

### CHOCOLATES AND BANANAS 120 YEARS AGO!

'The Manchester "Evening Chronicle" recently had an interesting article on the long peal of Superlative at Bolton. For a layman, the writer has kept fairly closely to the facts, and the article will doubtless enlighten many people as to what is involved in a record performance of this kind. One or two points outside the description of the actual peal will, however, doubtless amuse our readers. Here, for instance, is one of the "asides":

'Owing to the possibilities of failure of the human factor, rope breakages, mechanical breakdowns, and the like, only one record attempt of twenty, on the average, is successful.

'Often the human factor causes disappointment. "We were once ringing a short peal of 2hr. 40min. at Bolton Parish Church," another ringer said, "when the mind of one of the ringers became a complete blank, and as we failed to put him right and remind him of the sequences of figures he had to ring to, the peal broke down."

'The man had been reckoning up, as he afterwards confessed, how much money he would draw if Bolton Wanderers won that afternoon!"

'Bell ringing,' the writer also says, and truthfully, 'is a shirt-sleeves hobby, coats and vests usually being discarded,' and he adds: 'In the course of their training for the great record attempt at Bolton, the picked band of eight ringers went through a peal of 5,000 changes almost every week for twelve months—hard work which was preparation of both muscles and mind.

'Horny-handed though ringers usually are, these longest-peal men had to use glycerine for their hands to prevent painful blistering during the uninterrupted run of 7hr. 10min. There was also special diet preparation.

'The highest number of changes possible on eight bells is 40,320, and a peal using this highest-ever number was rung in Kent 120 years ago.

'By adding one bell, however, nine times 40,320—362,880 changes—would be possible, but recognising the alarming possibilities of compound puzzles with nine bells, no one in the ringing world has dared to suggest total-number peals on this scale!

'For the Kent 40,000 changes peal there were, of course, relief ringers, 13 men in all being engaged, and the ringers were fed with chocolates and bananas during their 27 hours' effort.'

A chocolate and banana diet for bellringing, especially 120 years ago, is distinctly good.

## LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Twerton-Avon on Saturday, March 12th. Unfortunately, the attendance of members was small, only 11 being present, the local ringers, however, being well represented, and several welcome visitors arriving, a very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent and some good practice obtained.

The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. B. Shephard Walwyn, who, in the course of a short address, said that it gave him great pleasure to welcome the Guild there that day because, although the Twerton bells were frequently in demand for peals there had not been a ringers' meeting held there for many years.

After the service, the ringers adjourned to the Parish Hall, where Mrs. King had prepared an excellent tea, which was much appreciated.

At the business meeting which followed, Mrs. Broome presiding, two new members were elected, viz., Miss Garland and Miss Tillard, of Bathford. Burnham was chosen for the annual meeting to be held in June or July.

At the close of tea, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for taking the service, to Mr. Temple for so kindly making all the necessary arrangements and to Mrs. King and her friends for preparing tea. The thanks of the Guild are also due to the Vicar of St. Mark's and Mr. A. G. Cole for the use of the bells in the evening, and to Miss Orchard, who kindly played for the service in the absence of the organist.

In the evening, St. Mark's, Bath, was visited, and touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Minor were rung.

**DEATH OF WALTHAMSTOW RINGERS.****MR. H. T. SCARLETT.**

A well-known Walthamstow ringer, Mr. Hugh T. Scarlett, died on Thursday, March 10th, at the age of 65 years, after a long illness. Better known as Tom Scarlett, he was at one time an active member of the Royal Cumberland Society, and some years ago rang fairly regularly at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Of late years, however, his ringing activities were almost confined to St. Mary's Church, Walthamstow, at which tower, up to about a year ago, he could be found any Sunday or practice night. Early in 1926, he moved to Stroud Green, and being almost continually ill with neuritis, coupled with a general decline in health, his old ringing friends lost sight of him.

In his younger days he was a member of the 2nd Essex Volunteer Battalion, and generally, when away camping at various places, could be relied upon to join in local ringing. One of the earliest recollections of him by the writer was of meeting him at Southover, Lewes, some 20 years ago, when a peal of Stedman Caters was rung during one of the camping periods. Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton, conducted this peal, and Tom rang the tenor. He was also very active between 30 and 40 years ago with Mr. Arthur H. Gardom, and Tom's name appears on a peal board in the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, tower as conductor of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

He was one of the first members of the Middlesex County Association, and his name appears in the membership list in the reports of that society from the first issue until the present day. He was also a member of the Essex, Sussex and London County Associations, and had rung in peals of Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, on most numbers of bells. He had a very keen ear, and was an exceptionally good striker.

The funeral took place at Walthamstow Cemetery on March 15th. The St. Mary's Society sent a beautiful wreath, and the members were represented at the graveside by Messrs. R. Maynard and W. H. Freeman. In the evening, the bells at the Parish Church were rung with half-muffled clappers.

**MR. W. J. COAKHAM.**

An old member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. William J. Coakham, of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, died on February 23rd, at the age of 76. He was an almost lifelong resident in Walthamstow, and at one time an active member of the St. Mary's Society, although his change-ringing abilities were confined to ringing the treble in a straight hunt. He had, however, rung several peals, including a 'William' peal of Grandsire Caters, which is recorded in the belfry of St. Mary's Church, and which is a novelty in itself, the composer of the peal, the Vicar and the churchwardens, all being 'Williams.' Wil-

liam Coakham was also a noted 'wit,' and at the society's outings and dinners was well to the front with his jokes, and usually supplied a song, 'Ilford Jail.'

He was buried at Walthamstow Cemetery on March 1st. The St. Mary's Society sent a wreath, and the same evening rang the bells with half-muffled clappers.

**COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AT KING'S NORTON.  
DONOR OF NEW BELLS ENTERTAINED.**

The members of the St. Nicolas' Guild, King's Norton, met under very happy circumstances on Saturday, March 12th, the occasion being a complimentary dinner, held at the Bull's Head, King's Norton, to their esteemed Ringing Master, Mr. Frank B. Yates. It will be remembered that Mr. Yates was chairman of the committee which carried out the restoration of the old peal of bells, and also that in December last he gave two trebles, making the peal into a ring of ten, and the Guild desired to mark their appreciation of his generosity and popularity in a tangible manner. The party numbered 26, and included members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and a few other friends.

Mr. F. J. Smallwood, of Derby, presided, and an excellent repast, worthy of the occasion, had been provided and was thoroughly enjoyed. After dinner, the company settled down to listen to some good singing by Messrs. W. Dowding, A. S. Downes, H. Withers, and T. Ward. Selections on the handbells were given by Messrs. T. Russam, P. O. Laffin, A. Walker, H. Williams, H. Withers, M. J. Morris and F. Chambers.

The toast of 'Our Guest' was admirably given by the chairman and supported by Mr. P. O. Laffin.

Mr. W. E. Moore (hon. secretary) handed to Mr. Yates a cigarette box, suitably inscribed, with the best thanks and wishes of the Guild.

Mr. Yates thanked the ringers very heartily for the honour done to him. He expressed his gratitude for the useful present, and his great pleasure in holding the office of Ringing Master. He wished the Guild every success in the future, and complimented Mr. P. O. Laffin upon the work he had accomplished in making the King's Norton ringers a really efficient band.

Mr. T. Russam, the Birmingham veteran, delighted the company with his reminiscences of ringing and his earlier associations with the King's Norton tower. He spoke highly of the present status of the St. Nicolas' Guild, and urged them not to spoil their reputation by 'peal snatching.'

Mr. A. Walker submitted the toast of 'The Visitors,' and this was responded to by Mr. A. S. Downes (formerly of Shifnal), who expressed his delight in having spent a very enjoyable evening.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have the order for two treble bells to complete the octave at St. Mark's, Swindon, and it is hoped they will be installed shortly. The existing steel frame is to be repainted and the 3rd bell rehung. Any friends wishing to subscribe to assist the fund (which has been raised wholly by the local band) should send their contributions to S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon (hon. secretary, bell fund).

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are supplying a chime of eight bells (tenor 3 cwt.) to St. John's Church, Clay Hill, Enfield.

The band that rang the peal of Superlative Surprise on handbells at Oxhey last week may well claim it as a unique performance. That a man's first peal should be in a Surprise method is something quite out of the ordinary, and has been accomplished by very few ringers, but that this first peal should be rung in such a method with a pair of handbells is unquestionably unique, and Mr. Picton is heartily to be congratulated, as are the rest of the band, for in any event a Surprise peal 'double handed' is a highly meritorious performance.

The jubilee of the Norfolk Guild (formerly the Norwich Diocesan Association) is to be celebrated this year, and honorary and performing members are invited to luncheon free of charge by the president and committee. The Dean of Norwich will preside, and it is hoped that the Bishop of Norwich and the Lord Mayor of Norwich will attend. It is hoped that all members will do their utmost to be present and help to make the celebration worthy of the occasion.

We frequently read of someone who has 'completed the circle' in a tower, but we doubt if anyone has exceeded Mr. Walter Charman's record at Warnham, Sussex, he having just finished doing this eight times to peals in his own tower. We wonder what is the record number of towers in which a ringer has rung a peal on each bell?

Two days after the peal of 5,160 Double Twelve In at St. Bride's, on March 24th, 1784, the College Youths rang a 6,048 of Real Double Twelve In at St. Saviour's. The figures of the composition are given in the 'Clavis.'

On the day following this peal at Southwark, the Cumberlands rang their 12,000 Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch, which stood as the record in the method for 130 years.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal was rung at Wakefield on March 27th, 1826, and it was a hundred years before another was recorded in this method.

The only peal that was ever completed in that method, is the footnote to a peal of 5,040 'New Double Tripples,' rung at Shoreditch on March 28th, 1750.

Norwich ringers will have the opportunity of celebrating, on April 1st, the 200th anniversary of a noteworthy performance. A remarkable peal was rung by eight persons, called the Quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob, all eight in, or the Union Bob, consisting of 10,080 changes, which they rung in 6 hrs. 28 mins., on the 1st day of April, anno 1727. There was no change alike or bell out of course. The peal was rung by those famous Norwich worthies whose history has recently been so well recounted in our columns by Mr. J. A. Trollope.

It was 35 years ago yesterday since Mrs. George Williams made ringing history by taking a pair of handbells in a peal of Grandsire Triples—the first lady to accomplish this. It was accomplished through the enthusiasm of Messrs. Tom Blackbourne and Goddard, who were staying at Brighton with Mr. and Mrs. Williams, while engaged in rehanging St. Nicholas' bells, and the four used to practice at meal times and in the evenings until the peal was rung.

## A FORTHCOMING HANDBOOK.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I ask you if you can find room in your valuable paper to insert a second appeal to all secretaries of ringing bands, etc., to send me report books, or information of all churches they know, so I can complete the handbook of towers which I am preparing. I am anxious to get it into print.

The information I require is: Name of place, county, name of church, number of bells, practice night, weight of tenor. Thanking all those who kindly responded to the first appeal, Yours truly,

SIDNEY H. WIGETMAN.

60a, Fairfield Road,  
Bromley, Kent.

## QUICK PEALS AT LONG MELFORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the issue of 'The Ringing World' for March 4th, in the footnote to a peal of Bob Major rung in 3hr. 5min. at Long Melford, it was stated that it was the fastest peal rung in the tower. I should like to say it is not the fastest peal rung in that tower, as a 5,024 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on Melford bells on June 21st, 1880, in 3hr. 2min.; on August 1st, 1891, a 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3hr. 4min.; and a peal of Bob Triples was rung on October 10th, 1885, in 3hr. 3min. Also, on February 14th, 1891, a peal of Bob Major was rung in 3hr. 5min. Some of these peals are recorded on tablets in the tower.—Yours truly,

THEODORE E. SLATER.

Hunt's Hill, Glensford.



## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SOUTHERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Handsworth on Saturday, and was a most successful gathering in every way: a sunny day, good ringing, a fine service, a good tea, an ideal chairman, keen voting for officers, and an evident desire on everyone's part to further the interest and art of change ringing. An attendance of upwards of 50 was recorded, members being present from Rotherham, Rawmarsh, Doncaster, Arksey, Wath, Barnsley, Wortley, Sheffield (the Cathedral, St. Marie's, All Saints, and Ranmoor), Bolsterstone, Leeds, Dore, Ecclesfield, Killamarsh and Norton.

Ringing in various methods was carried on until 4.30, when a short service was held. The Lord Bishop of Sheffield was the preacher, and his address was very interesting and helpful. Tea was provided in the schools by the local company, and was honoured by the presence of the Bishop and his wife, the Rector and his wife, and the churchwardens.

The business meeting was held immediately after tea, and the Bishop was asked to take the chair, which he kindly consented to do.

Six new members were elected, these being Miss Spiby and Mr. B. Hall (Doncaster), Messrs. E. Cooper (Arksey), L. Gray (Handsworth), W. Ashworth (Wath), and A. Parr (Killamarsh).

Previous to the election of officers, the Chairman referred to the splendid service rendered to the association by Mr. F. Willey, who for 10 years, as vice-president of the Southern Division, had given of his very best, and who had felt compelled by reason of ill-health to resign his position. He was sure the members would desire to place on record their very great appreciation of Mr. Willey's work during the tenure of his office, and at the same time to wish him a very speedy return to normal health again.—Mr. G. Halksworth (Ringing Master) also spoke of his associations with Mr. Willey and the recollections of Mr. Willey's work on behalf of the association, and these were fully endorsed by all present.—Mr. Willey thanked the members for their votes of thanks, and in return thanked the officers who had been associated with him and had given him such excellent support during his term of office.

Mr. G. Lewis (Ecclesfield) and Mr. W. Stubby (All Saints) were nominated for the vacant position of vice-president, and on a vote being taken Mr. Lewis was elected.—The new vice-president, in thanking the members for electing him to that office, said he knew he had a great deal to do to come up to the high standard of the late vice-president, but would do his very best to uphold the dignity of that office.

For the three places on the committee, Messrs. Wooler, Charlesworth, Palmer, Wilson and Watkinson were nominated, and the voting resulted in Messrs. Wooler, Wilson and Watkinson being elected.

Mr. Watkinson (Handsworth) was elected to serve on the general committee.

For the annual joint meeting, to be held in June, Conisborough and Wakefield were nominated, and the voting resulted in Conisborough being selected.

Votes of thanks to the Bishop of Sheffield for his kindness in presiding, and for his address, to the Rector and churchwardens, the local company and the ladies for their services, brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting will be held in London on Whit Tuesday, June 7th next, of which particulars will appear later. Will secretaries of the affiliated Guilds and associations please note that their subscriptions became due on January 1st last; and please supply the names and addresses of all representatives.

E. A. YOUNG.

155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Guild was held at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, May 12th. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and divine service was held in the fine old Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Francis, a thoughtful and practical address being given by the Rev. Riddesdel, Vicar of Bray.

Tea followed in the Memorial Hall, about 30 sitting down, including the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and the Guild secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert).

The Vicar welcomed the branch to the parish, and expressed his pleasure in making himself responsible for the cost of the tea.—The Master thanked the Vicar for his kindness, also the ladies who so ably waited on the members. He also impressed upon those present what their membership of the Guild stood for. 'Something to give, and not something to get,' was what they should aim at.

The Branch Secretary thanked the Rev. Riddesdel for his address, also the young lady who presided at the organ.

The tower was again visited, the methods rung ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

Unfortunately, the chairman of the branch (Canon Coleridge) was unable to be present. The next meeting will be held at Twyford at the end of June.

## INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is obviously futile to continue a correspondence in which a letter, written in temperate language with no other object beyond the improvement of the art in which we are all interested, is described as an insult to 'The Ringing World.' Lest there should be two of your readers who so regard my letter, I had better state that I had no such intention. I merely tried to show how 'The Ringing World' could enlarge its sphere of usefulness, increase its circulation and enhance the progress of change ringing.

If that letter from Mr. Rumsey is the strongest you have received in reply to mine, I consider that I have got off very cheaply, as I fully expected a flood of letters telling me to mind by own business. I could have forgiven such letters, as I can understand how annoying it must be to find a fellow who cannot ring even a quarter-peal setting himself up to criticise the work of men who have devoted many years to the progress of the art. The total absence of letters of this character speaks well for the spirit of tolerance and the reasonable frame of mind of the great body of instructors, who, I am sure, would be as glad as myself to see their labours meet with a better reward than they now receive. Your correspondents all agree with me in my main contention, that there is urgent need for improvement in the instruction of beginners, and so does Mr. B. Cook who writes in the same issue. In addition, I have received letters from ringers ranging from the hon. secretary of a great Guild down to the novice who has 'chucked the whole business because I cannot get on with it,' and they all agree with me. As it is undoubtedly the opinion that the reforms I have indicated are necessary, it is up to some authoritative body to get a move on.

Your correspondent 'Minormania' does his best to support me, but he suffers from the drawback of most writers on ringing matters—he finds difficulty in expressing himself. If he had been writing on foot-and-mouth disease or the Chinese question I could have guessed he was a ringer by the way he rambles, and I strongly differ from some of his views. He states that in elementary change ringing the learner should do as he is told to do. Most learners do so, and soon get tired of doing it—they would much prefer to be taught to think so that they might understand the principles of the work. At present there is too much telling and too little understanding. Why should ringing be parrotwise? A child has not learnt his tables if he can only go through them from beginning to end parrotwise. He has learnt them when he can give the results in any order; in other words, when he has been taught to think. The great defect in the present mode of instruction is that ringers are not taught to think and understand. It satisfies most instructors if their learners will do as they are told.

Then comes the suggestion that learners should write to the Editor demanding the insertion of articles of elementary instruction. There is a great obstacle in the way of this. Learners do not read 'The Ringing World.' I have known learners buy one copy to see what it was like, but they do not buy a second, as they can easily see that it is not intended for them. I have heard instructors tell young ringers that 'The Ringing World' is of no use to them, and I have seen four learners in one belfry decline to take away the free copy provided for them with the remark, 'I've had some. That thing's no good for me.' If the Editor waits till he hears from 'the thousands of ringers who cannot prick out a touch from the lead ends,' he will wait in vain. Meanwhile, as long as the paper appeals to the peal merchants, we are to assume that all's right with the Exercise.

In conclusion, may I thank you for your courtesy in inserting my letter? I believe it will achieve its purpose in due time, as there is ample evidence that many people are thinking on the same lines as myself. Perhaps, some day, in spite of the demands upon your space, you may be able to afford a corner where the novice may find encouragement and real instruction.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. ARMSTRONG.

School House, Brockenhurst.

## 'MUSIC IN MAJOR METHODS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The question raised in your last issue as to whether even-bell ringing is music or not, reminds me of an incident which happened to me many years ago when I was Vicar of Ottery St. Mary. There lived in the parish at that time a doctor who was very musical. He came up to me one day and said, 'I do not like to hear that tenor bell always coming in last when you are ringing changes, for it sometimes brings up to my ear wrong cadences.' I said to him, 'There is a skilled band of ringers coming here next week, who are going to try for a peal with the tenor in the changes. Come and listen to it.'

He did, and told me afterwards that he considered the music in it was far superior to that which we usually rang. The method rung was Double Norwich.

Now this testimony seems to me valuable as showing that to a musical mind even-bell ringing has more music in it than with a covering tenor.

Last night for evening service I took part in a six-score of Boh Minor which was well struck with the leads open, and even a Devon mind afterwards acknowledged that it was pretty music.—Yours faithfully,

Kelly, Devon.

MAITLAND KELLY.

## CAMBERWELL BELLS REDEDICATED.

## REMARKABLE SCENES.

St. Giles', the parent church of Camberwell, mentioned in Doomsday, with its old square tower and ring of eight bells, was destroyed by fire in 1841. The present magnificent building, with its massive central tower and the finest spire in South London, was immediately erected. The old bell metal was recast into a ring of 10 bells (tenor 24½ cwt.), and hung by Messrs. Mears and Co. in 1844.

In 1919, under a new Vicar, the Rev. H. P. Lindsay, a strong local society of change ringers was founded, but the bells through previous inattention became gradually unringable, and ringing on them ceased in 1924. Through the agitation of the local society, the Vicar and Mr. Churchwarden Priest, the Mayor of Camberwell, Councillor F. C. Eaton, started a fund, and eventually Messrs. Taylor and Co. were instructed to carry out the restoration, which included all new fittings, except the oak frame, and right well have they done their work. Thirty-five 3in. 5ft. long tie rods, angle brackets, counter-balance clappers, ball-bearings, and ball-bearing pulley blocks have been put in.

On Tuesday, March 8th, the rededication took place amid scenes unprecedented in the history of the church. Nearly 3,000 people, it is estimated, were in the church, and thousands were outside, unable to gain admission.

The band of the 1st Surrey Rifles assisted in the musical portion of the service, and the ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Southwark. After the opening hymn, the Bishop, the Rev. H. P. Lindsay, Vicar of Camberwell, and the wardens, stood beneath the tower, and Mr. Churchwarden Priest presented the bell ropes to Councillor Eaton (the ex-Mayor, during whose term of office the restoration fund was inaugurated). That gentleman in turn handed them to the Bishop, saying: 'Reverend Father in God, we request you to re-dedicate these bells to the praise and glory of God.' The Bishop said: 'Be pleased, O Heavenly Father, to accept our offering of this work of our hands; bless and hallow these bells that they may continually call together Thy faithful people to praise and worship Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these bells in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.' Handing the ropes to the Vicar, the Bishop continued: 'Receive these bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this church, and take care that they may be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.' The bells were then rung in rounds for one minute. Prayers were offered and a hymn sung.

The Bishop, in his sermon, remarked that they had been taking part that night in a service of the greatest possible interest to those in that parish and district, for that night, after an interval of two years, their bells had once again been rung. The bells contained metal from the old bells which time after time, through the long centuries, had rung out from St. Giles'. They had rung out after such events as the Armada, the return of Charles II., and victories like Trafalgar and Waterloo. Again and again they had been used for conveying good news to the people. Church bells had played a great part in making history. The bells of St. Giles' would once more call them to the worship of God.

During the singing of the hymn 'Saviour, blessed Saviour,' there was a procession round the church, headed by the Bishop, clergy and choir.

The Mayor and aldermen in their robes of office, preceded by the mace bearer and followed by the borough councillors, came next, and after them the ringers, led by the hon. chaplain of the London County Association (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, M.A.). The local ringers, including the Master of the association (Mr. T. H. Taffender), were accompanied by the remainder of the general officers of the association, Messrs. E. A. Young, F. E. Dawe, J. George, A. T. Keighley, T. Wyatt, and assistant ringers Messrs. A. J. Neale, C. F. Winney, W. Berry, etc., the officers wearing their full regalia, badges of office and decorations. Scouts, Wolf Cubs, Guides and Brownies, with their banners, the scholars of the Greencoat Sunday and day schools, the members of the Communicants' Guild, the St. Giles' Missionary Association, Mothers' Union, Parochial Church Council sidesmen, and members of other parish organisations joined in the great procession.

After the 'blessing,' the ringers proceeded through the great crowd as fast they could to the belfry, where a long ring of rounds was followed by eight courses of Stedman Caters by the following: W. Berry 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, T. W. Taffender 3, C. F. Winney 4, J. R. Gammon 5, A. J. Neale 6, W. Rogers 7, H. Mance 8, James George 9, F. W. Chorley 10. Mr. H. H. Peters rang the treble to the rounds.

The arrangements for the ringing were admirably made by Messrs. T. H. Taffender, T. W. Taffender and F. W. Chorley. The ringing concluded at 10.10 p.m., and afterwards the ringers partook of refreshments at the Vicarage.

On Sunday, March 13th, for evening service at St. Giles', Camberwell, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 53 mins.: Miss E. E. Chapman 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. C. Mowe 3, C. S. Burden 4, T. W. Taffender 5, J. Milner 6, W. Rogers 7, R. Sanders 8, J. R. Gammon 9, F. W. Chorley 10. First quarter-peal on the bells after restoration by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The composition by the late John Carter

was specially composed and attempted to be conducted by him on these bells in February, 1924. It failed through the indifferent go. They were then closed down. Mr. Carter was a member of the local (St. Giles', Camberwell) society.

## RINGERS' RALLY AT CROYDON.

## THE PROGRAMME.

To celebrate the completion of the greatest set of bells in the world, the carillon for the Victory Tower of the Canadian Houses of Parliament, Ottawa, Mr. C. F. Johnston is arranging a 'ringers' rally' at Croydon on Saturday, April 2nd.

The carillon consists of 53 bells, total weight 53 tons, weight of tenor (or bass bell) 10 tons.

The programme is as follows:

2.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.—Ringers arrive at the works (entrance in Union Road, off Whitehorse Road, West Croydon). Inspection of the carillon for Ottawa; the carillon for Princeton University, U.S.A.; the recast bells for Coventry Cathedral; and sundry ringing peals in course of reconstruction; also the bell foundry tuning machines, giant electric clock for Ottawa, etc., etc.

3.30 p.m.—Recital on the Ottawa carillon.

4.15 p.m.—Ringing at the Parish Church, Croydon (ring of eight, tenor 30 cwt.), and St. Peter's, Croydon (ring of ten, tenor 30 cwt.).

5.15 p.m.—Invitation tea to all guests at the Baths Hall, Scarbrook Road.

6.30 p.m.—Ringing at Parish Church, Croydon, and St. Peter's, Croydon.

8 p.m.—Social and a few concert items (including hand-bell ringing) at the Baths Hall.

It is proposed to organise the departure of parties of ringers, 20 at a time, at quarter-hour intervals, so arranged as to get the peals of the Parish Church and St. Peter's going at the times mentioned.

Mr. Johnston extends a hearty invitation to all members of the various associations and Guilds who would care to visit the foundry, and names should be sent to association secretaries as early as possible, as the numbers may be considerable, involving a corresponding amount of work in organisation.

If any ringers wish to start the day's proceedings earlier than the time-table indicated, the bells of St. Mary's (Beddington) and St. Stephen's (Clapham Park) will be available, as announced in our notice column.

In any incumbents or wardens interested in their ringers or the ringing care to accompany the members, Mr. Johnston will be most pleased to see them.

Secretaries are urged to let Mr. Johnston have definite numbers by Monday next, March 28th.

There are trains from Victoria to East and West Croydon alternatively every ten minutes, and these stations are 15 and ten minutes' walk respectively from the bell foundry (or buses and trams going down Whitehorse Road pass the foundry).

## 'THE LIGHTEST EVER.'

Having scored the heaviest handbell peal yet rung, with a tenor size 26 in G, and weighing 4lb. 2oz., diameter 9in., certain Leicester 'pealites' desired to score the 'lightest ever.' After several unsuccessful attempts on Mr. Josiah Morris' 'Midgits,' they were dropped for the time being, but coming once more on the scene they met with a successful peal as reported elsewhere. This miniature peal was originally bought with wooden handles and iron clappers, but Mr. Tom Miller, of Birmingham, 'rebung' them with strap handles and bored the clappers, inserting box-wood strikers. The tenor weighs 3oz. and is 2½in. in diameter, while the total weight of the whole eight is but 21 ounces. Thus the single tenor of the 'heavy' peal is over three times the weight of the whole 'light' peal.

BRITH, KENT.—On Sunday, March 13th, for evening service at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: F. Simms 1, S. A. Stagg 2, F. J. Cullum, sen., 3, E. J. Hott 4, L. J. Cullum 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Darke 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, March 6th, 720 Bob Minor: T. Exeter 1, A. C. Gasson 2, A. Laker 3, A. Steele 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday evening, March 6th, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples in 45 mins.: W. W. Bailey 1, T. Bolton 2, J. Herbert 3, E. Cassel (conductor) 4, R. Bullen 5, Chas. Moody 6, W. T. Elson 7, C. F. Edwards 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church for evening service, March 6th, 720 Cambridge: H. Robinson 1, F. Warrington 2, B. Wayman 3, F. Ginn 4, F. G. Gleaves (conductor) 5, A. J. Ginn 6.—On Monday, 720 Minor: R. Thoday (first 720) 1, B. Wayman 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, A. J. Ginn 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, F. Ginn 6.

CHILDWALL.—On Sunday, at All Saints' Church, 720 Bob Minor: John Betley (first 720) 1, E. Gittins 2, F. C. Thomas 3, H. Hancock 4, W. Betley (first 720 as conductor) 5, C. I. Davies 6.

**THURSTANS' OR WASHBROOK'S?***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I would like to say that Mr. Smith is hardly correct when he says that Mr. Washbrook first called the disputed peal or variation on February 13th, 1890. He called it at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday, February 15th, 1890. Why do I remember it so well? Because on that day I attained my majority, and rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Giles', Cripple Gate, to commemorate the event. Mr. J. Washbrook and Mr. C. Hounslow came on from Maidenhead, and took part in this peal, which was conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe. I well remember the doubt expressed on the face of the late Mr. James Pettitt when J. W. W., in his unassuming way, said that he had called 'Thurstans' that afternoon without 'extras' or 'omits.' This peal was published simply as Thurstans' Composition.—Yours, etc.,

R. T. HIBBERT.

**ORIGINAL IN CONSTRUCTION.**

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to have to trouble you again, but I must write to point out the ridiculousness of the title 'Tipler's Variation of Haley's,' and to do this I must take you back a long way to the days when the 5,040 was produced with the same, practically, three-course blocks as we use to-day, with a special single in each quarter-peal, and it was this special single that was the great objection. Had it been an ordinary single it would still be rung. When Thurstans hit on the idea of extras and omits it was not with the block we know as 'Thurstans'; it was with the one we know as Brooks'. We read that Thurstans selected that particular one because it was the best. Had he chosen Brooks' it would have shared the fate of Parker's twelve-part of Grandsire Triples in that the variation would have been rung more often than the original composition.

Now for Thurstans to be able to select a block he must have had several to select from, which proves, to my mind, that all the possible three-course blocks with the sixth doing regular work were known: Thurstans' (A), Haley's (B), Brooks' (C), and the unnamed and condemned (D), before the peal was rung in August, 1842, but probably after he obtained what we know as Brooks' in May, 1842. He knew, and we know, that what could be done with one set could be done with all. Heywood's 'Variation' of Thurstans' is also Heywood's 'Variation' of Brooks', Haley's and the other, and so with all the other so-called 'Variations' (more correctly transpositions). 'Brooks' and 'Haley's' is little more than a name given to a certain set of three courses, and cannot be varied. When Washbrook composed his peal he used the best set; he might have used Brooks' or Haley's instead of Thurstans'. How anyone can call it a variation of Thurstans' Four-part passes my understanding. It is distinctly original in construction, and, had he not composed it, it is safe to say we should never have heard of 'Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' or 'Tipler's Variation of Haley's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part' (to give it its full title), and this correspondence would never have started. I note that Mr. Tipler totally ignores the latter part of my last letter.

W. A. CAVE.

**FALSE PEALS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am very sorry to have to say that the peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Gilmorton on Saturday, November 27th, 1926, for the M.C.A., is false, as kindly pointed out by Mr. W. A. Cave in a recent issue.

The peal of 5,019 Stedman Caters, appearing in the M.C.A. report for 1924 (No. 3150) I regret to say is also false.—Yours truly,

W. P. WHITEHEAD.

**NEWBURY RINGERS' TRIP.**

The Newbury ringers had a half-day trip to Faringdon, Berks, on a recent Saturday. Starting at 2.20 by charabanc, they reached Faringdon at 3.40, and were met by the Faringdon ringers and three others from Swindon. The following Newbury ringers then rang the first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on this fine new peal of eight in 50 mins.: E. Crocker 1, C. Poole 2, C. Pearce 3, W. H. Adkins, sen., 4, S. Quintin 5, E. W. Smith 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, E. Challis 8. Tea was served at the White Hart Hotel, and tunes on the handbells were afterwards rung. The party then returned to the tower and rang several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples with the Faringdon and Swindon ringers. Newbury was reached at 11 p.m., after a very enjoyable trip.

**A DATE TOUCH.**

At St. James' Church, Barlborough, Derbyshire, on Saturday, March 19th, a date touch comprising 1,927 changes, 487 Duke of York, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, was rung in 1hr. 10 mins.: Ernest Sturman (longest length) 1, Horace Hibbard 2, Percy Morris (conductor) 3, Richard Reece 4, William Sturman 5, Philip Hibbard 6. All belong to the local band.

**BELLS DEDICATED AT ELKSTONE.****GIFT TO A COTSWOLD PARISH.**

Two bells, cast in 1657 for Elkstone Church, have been retained to form part of an augmented ring at this Gloucestershire church among the Cotswold Hills. They were the treble and tenor of the original set of four, cast by Edward Neale, of Burford, Oxon, the two others having been recast, the second of the ring by Abraham Rudhall in 1719 and the third by Taylor and Co. in 1882. The bells had long been silent, when it was decided to have them restored. A committee was formed to consider the matter, and at the outset it was unanimously decided by the committee to place 'giving' on the very highest plane: to ban all promiscuous methods of raising money, and to rely solely upon voluntary offerings. In face of that decision it was almost startling when, a few weeks later, Sir Ernest and Colonel James Horlick, M.P., came forward and offered to bear the whole cost of the restoration as a memorial to the late Sir James and Lady Horlick, and also to give a new bell in memory of their brother, who gave his life for his country in the Great War.

The work of restoration has been satisfactorily completed, under the advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee by Messrs. T. Bond and Son, of Burford (Edward Neale's successors), who have also cast the new treble bell, to make a peal of five, and put in a new floor. The bells 'go' exceedingly well, and the new treble is a capital 'splice.'

The inscription on the new bell is as follows: 'Great War 1914-1918. Gerald Nolekin Horlick died on Active Service, July 5th, 1918.'

About fifty parishioners and friends came to tea at the Rectory to meet the Bishop before the service, and at a few minutes to six the Bishop, accompanied by his chaplain (the Rev. Alec Robinson), preceded by the Rector and churchwardens, moved in procession towards the church, where a large congregation had assembled. The service, which took the form of shortened evensong, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. S. Tonkinson) and opened with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' At the end of the third collect and after the hymn, 'Thy hand, O God, has guided' had been sung, the Bishop, preceded by the Rector and churchwardens, proceeded to the west end of the church, and standing under the tower dedicated the new treble bell in memory of Gerald Nolekin Horlick; and re-dedicated the other four in memory of his parents, James and Margaret Adelaide Horlick 'in the faith of Christ and to the Glory of God.' The Bishop then recited special prayers, and the bells immediately afterwards burst out into a short joyful peal. The hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' was then sung, and the Bishop, again preceded by the Rector and churchwardens, returned to the chancel. The Bishop preached from Psalm xxvi. 8, 'Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thine honour dwelleth.' During the singing of the last hymn, 'Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven,' a collection was taken for the 'World Call,' which amounted to £9 3s. 1d., and with the Blessing, pronounced by the Bishop, a memorable service came to an end.

At its conclusion, Mr. Albert Wright and other members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, who had very kindly come over from Painswick for the opening ceremony, rang touches on the bells in various methods, which were much appreciated by all who heard them.

The whole of the ringers then adjourned, together with the churchwardens, to the Manor, where an excellent repast had been provided for them by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Hitch, and a happy hour and a half was spent, handbells adding much to the enjoyment.

**HONOURING A BISHOP.**

The bellringers of Middleton Parish Church paid a visit on Saturday, Feb. 26th, to St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme, to ring a peal in honour of the newly-appointed Bishop of Middleton, who is Rector of that church and parish. They were met by Mr. Hailwood, the custodian of the belfry there, and then proceeded to ring a well-struck peal of Grandsire Triples, which was accomplished in three hours and five minutes. After this, the ringers were met by Rev. Mr. Barnett (curate of St. James'), who apologised for the absence of the Bishop, who had been waiting for the conclusion of the peal, but had had to go away before it was finished owing to a previous engagement.

All then adjourned to the Parish Room, where tea was served through the generosity of the Bishop and St. James' ringers, at the end of which the Rev. Mr. Barnett, Mr. Hailton (churchwarden), and Mr. Burrows (conductor) welcomed the Middleton ringers and congratulated them on their peal. Mr. Hardman, on behalf of the visitors, expressed their appreciation of the welcome and hospitality of the Bishop and Birch friends, and extended an invitation to the Birch ringers to Middleton in the near future.—This was supported by Mr. S. Holt and Mr. P. Ladin. A pleasant evening was spent with newly-made friends.

**AFTER 30 YEARS.**

The first quarter-peal by a local band at Havant, Hants, for about 30 years was rung on Thursday, March 17th, at St. Faith's Church, when 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Groves' Transposition was brought round in 50 mins.: T. Thorne 1, E. Hedger 2, W. Monk 3, F. Pann 4, W. Gent 5, M. Marshall 6, R. J. Hasted (conductor) 7, S. Parsons 8.

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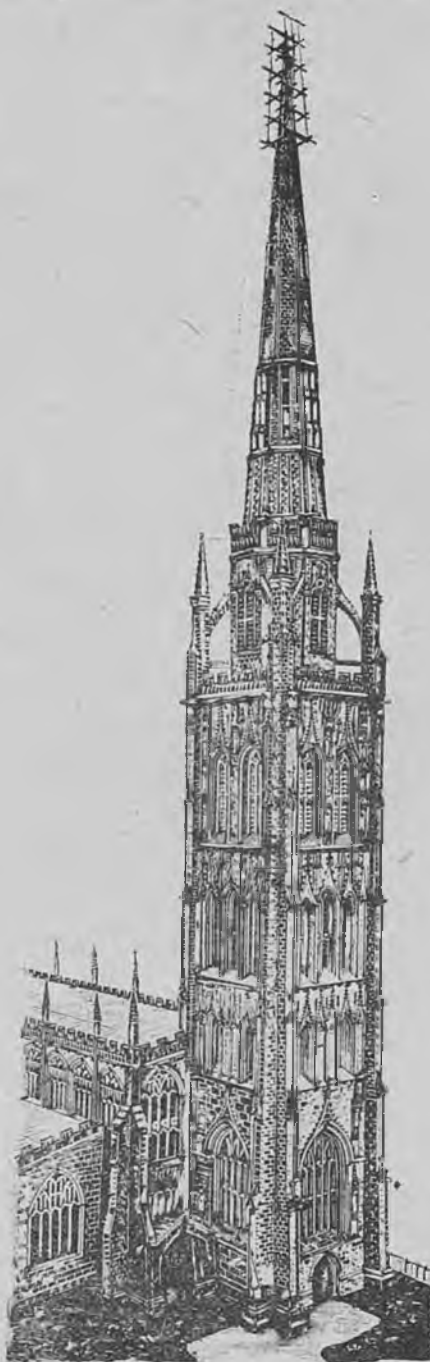
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**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, F. W. Rogers 2, C. Groves 3, R. J. Stone 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. Lowe 6, J. D. Harris (conductor) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8. Specially arranged for the ringer of the 6th, who hails from Beeston, Notts.

**TUNSTALL, KENT.**—On Sunday evening, March 20th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples: E. J. Dobbie 1, G. Kenward 2, S. Taylor 3, W. E. Spice 4, E. H. Spice 5, W. Walker 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, Mrs. E. H. Spice 8.

**HILLINGDON WEST.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, March 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: E. D. Kemp 1, E. Hancock 2, J. H. Lucas 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, P. E. Jones 5, R. Carter 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, C. Nicholls 8.

**FULHAM.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, March 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 50 mins.: \*H. Page 1, \*H. Ellis 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Belcher 4, F. Skevington 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, D. Stevens 7, A. Harding 8, J. W. Driver (conductor) 9, G. Block (first quarter of Stedman) 10. \* First quarter of Stedman on tower bells. Rung for evening service and as a compliment to J. W. Driver, who completed his 40th year as steeplekeeper and vergier on Sunday, March 6th.

**STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Sunday, March 20th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for service and to celebrate the 73rd birthday of Mr. Smedley, captain of the ringers: A. Mackwell, sen., 1, Lue Palmer (composer and conductor) 2, A. Parsons 3, Sam Smedley, jun., 4, F. Parsons, sen., 5, J. Knott 6, Sam Smedley, sen., 7, H. Stow 8.

**WILTENHALL, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, March 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: A. Evans 1, L. Evans 2, L. Trubshaw 3, E. Trubshaw 4, C. Law (first quarter inside) 5, S. H. Coley 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, A. E. Read 8. Rung to commemorate the ordination as priest of the Rev. K. W. Haworth, B.A., curate of St. Giles', the event taking place that morning at Lichfield Cathedral.

**FRYERNING.**—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, March 13th, before ordination service held by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, after service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: F. Wright 1, L. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, G. Camp 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.—Before evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 360 Kent Treble Bob: F. Wright 1, L. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, G. Camp 4, H. Wright 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On Sunday, March 13th, for evensong, at St. Mark's Church, 1,440 changes of Kent Treble Bob: G. Laurence 1, J. Roberts 2, J. Penny 3, C. Gardiner 4, A. Heath (conductor) 5, H. Hutton 6. First quarter of Kent as conductor, also first quarter of Kent by the ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

**PENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.**—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, March 13th, for morning service, 720 of London Surprise Minor: D. Hurst 1, F. A. Gilby 2, G. Grove 3, A. B. Corden 4, F. Rowe 5, J. W. Searcy (conductor) 6.—Also for evening service, 720 York Surprise Minor: G. Grove 1, F. Rowe 2, A. B. Corden 3, D. Hurst 4, S. Smith 5, J. W. Searcy (conductor) 6. All the above are Sunday service ringers at St. Martin's Church.

**LLANDAFF.**—On Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Bailey 1, S. Dawe 2, R. Davies 3, L. Wright 4, F. Rowsell 5, E. Carter 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, E. Coles 8. Arranged for the ringers of third and fifth, who hail from Pontypridd.

**DORE, SHEFFIELD.**—On Sunday, March 13th, at Christ Church, for matins, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Holmes 1, W. Bingham 2, R. E. Johnson 3, Miss M. Davenport 4, A. S. Robinson 5, N. Short (conductor) 6, J. E. Lewis Cockey 7, E. Davenport 8. First quarter-peal on the tenor by Everard Davenport (age 14).—For evensong, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal (1,264 changes) of Bob Major: Miss M. Holmes 1, J. W. Sykes 2, Miss M. Davenport (conductor) 3, W. Bingham 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, N. Short 6, A. S. Robinson 7, R. E. Johnson 8. First quarter-peal of Major on the tenor by Ronald E. Johnson (age 16).

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on March 29th, St. Magnus' on the 31st.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available at Kirkby from 3.30 to 5 p.m., and at Peckleton from 5 to 7 p.m. Tea provided at Kirkby Mallory at 5 p.m. Business meeting at Peckleton at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Hitcham (6 bells) on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available from 6 to 9 p.m. Branch annual meeting, Saturday, April 30th. Please note date.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bingley on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head.—F. Hutchinson, District Secretary.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The second monthly meeting will be held at Wirksworth on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome.—Charles Draper, Local Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at March on Saturday, March 26th. Short service at 4.30. Tea, for those who notify me, in the Church Room at 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting.—H. W. Giddings, Dis. Sec., 101, Elwyn Road, March.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne on Saturday, March 26th. Bells: All Saints' (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Service at the Parish Church (St. Mary's) at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. The bells at St. Saviour's will be available from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bedford Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. — W. Stapleton, New Fenlake, Bedford.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — A committee meeting will be held Saturday, March 26th, at Witham's Cafe, 5 p.m.—C. D. Potter, Secretary, 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Lenton on Saturday, March 26th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Devizes Branch. A monthly meeting will be held at North Bradley on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) ready 2.30. Service, 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions are now due.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Quorn on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock onwards. Tea at 5 o'clock followed by business meeting. All ringers and friends invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please advise me.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — South and West District.—The meeting arranged for Acton on the 12th inst., and postponed owing to illness, will take place on Saturday, April 2nd (Boat Race day). Arrangements as usual. Tower open at 3 p.m.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secretary, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service. A cordial welcome to all. It is essential that those who require tea should let me know by the 30th.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — A quarterly meeting and an 8-bell contest will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, at Earlsheaton, Dewsbury. Draw at Park Hotel 2.45 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at 1s. each, to all who send word not later than Monday, March 28th, to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting will be held at Norton-in-Hales on Saturday, April 2nd. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who intend to be present please notify Mr. D. P. Roberts, The Rectory, Norton-in-Hales, Salop, not later than Wednesday, March 30th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Northampton Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Pitsford on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Important: Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 29th? — T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rossendale Branch. — The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Expecting a good attendance. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.** — Next meeting on Saturday, April 2nd, at South Anston. Corporation bus from Pond Street. Underwood's bus from Hands-worth terminus. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. H. Stenton, South Anston, by March 30th.—C. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, April 2nd. Meet at St. Peter's at 2.30, where bands will be made up for Hebburn Parish Church and for Christ Church. Tea at Co-operative Cafe, Jarrow, at 5. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. R. S. Russell, 54, Jervis St., Hebburn, by March 31st.—Geo. S. Taylor, Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading in St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street, on Saturday, April 9th, at 3.15 p.m. Notice of motion should reach the secretary at least ten days before that date.—R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, April 9th. Bells at liberty 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on April 9th (Parish Church bells not available). Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. A. Blogg, Brierfield Cottage, Whittle-le-Woods, not later than Friday, April 8th. — Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Southern District.—A business meeting and ringers' opening festival will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Saturday, April 9th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, in St. Giles' Hall, at 5.30 p.m. Will those coming to tea kindly let me know before the 6th? — C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.** — Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at St. Thomas', South Wigston, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry at 6 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Preliminary Notice. — The annual general meeting will be held at Bromley on Easter Monday, April 18th. Central Council representatives must be elected at this meeting. Nominations of candidates, signed by two members, to be sent to the hon. secretary a fortnight before.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Derby. Bells of St. Andrew's (10), St. Alkmund's (8), St. Luke's (8), St. Peter's (8) available from 10 a.m. Committee meeting in All Saints' Schools 3 p.m. Service at All Saints' Church 4 p.m., at which it is hoped all members will attend. Tea in All Saints' Schools 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Smoking concert at 8 p.m. in King's Café, St. Peter's Street. It is essential that all who desire tea (1s. 6d. per head members, 2s. 6d. non-members) should acquaint Mr. C. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby, and secure tickets not later than April 13th to avoid disappointment. — Ernest Morris, General Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, April 25th, at 8 p.m. Ringing during April as follows:—St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 3rd, at 10 a.m., and Monday, the 25th, at 6.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 19th, at 8. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The meeting arranged for Bushey Heath is postponed.—Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

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**SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.**—On Friday, March 18th, for practice, 720 of York Surprise: J. H. Myhill 1, E. Runter 2, H. Wain 3, H. Devenish 4, E. Kemp 5, E. P. Buckingham (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the hand and on the bells.—Also for evening service on Sunday, March 20th, 720 of York Surprise: J. H. Myhill 1, H. Wain 2, J. T. Paulton 3, H. Devenish 4, E. Kemp 5, E. P. Buckingham (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by the 3rd ringer.

**EGHAM, SURREY.**—For morning service on March 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: H. Nix (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Worsfold 2, W. Peck (first quarter-peal inside) 3, Mrs. J. Crocker 4, E. Burley 5, J. Crocker 6, S. G. Armstrong (conductor) 7, W. Perrey 8.

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