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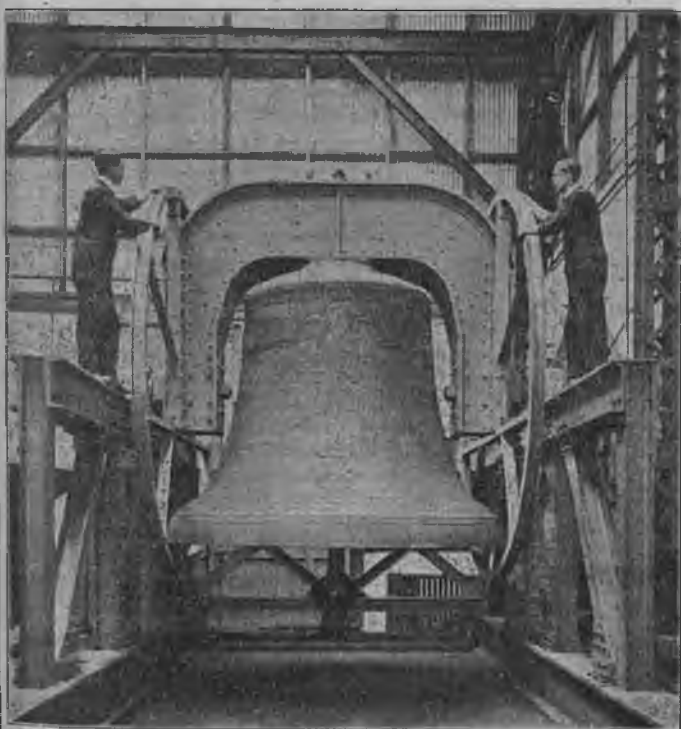
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THE COUNCIL'S BUSINESS.

The early publication of the Central Council's agenda this year is in compliance with the decision arrived at, at the last session, the object being to give the many associations which hold their annual meetings between now and Whitsun Tuesday the opportunity of discussing beforehand any matters upon which they may specially desire to have their views represented to the Council. Hitherto, with the appearance of the agenda in the three weeks immediately before the meeting, there has been no opportunity for ringers to talk over at their meetings any of the proposals which are to come before the Council, and consequently there has often been a year's delay while matters under discussion have been referred to the affiliated societies. One such case occurred last year, when the subject of the issue of peal diplomas for the encouragement of young ringers was deferred for twelve months to enable the 'rank and file' to be consulted.

This matter comes up again at the next meeting, and the various associations and guilds have the opportunity of expressing an opinion upon it. Very largely this is a question for the young ringers. Those whose first peal is now but a distant memory may feel that the peal should be its own reward, but they should try to put themselves in the place of the young ringers to whom the first peal is still a joy to come. It seems to us that it would prove an incentive to many to know that their first substantial achievement in the art would be recognised by the central authority, and undoubtedly it would give an added pleasure to the initial success if some such recognition were forthcoming. Many ringing associations will be meeting next Monday, and if they can find time in the press of business, they should invite their young members—those who have not yet rung a peal—to express their views. The opinion of the 'old hands' would not be half so valuable, because to them the glamour of the first peal is already lost.

Another subject which should rather vitally interest the associations is that which is to be raised by Mr. W. Ayre, who intends to propose 'that a committee be appointed to consider the best method of dealing with cases of extraordinary sickness amongst members of affiliated change ringing associations, with power to report to the next annual meeting.' This raises again an important question, and as it is one which, if carried out, would have to be financially supported through, if not by, the associations, it would be wise if it were given as much consideration as possible by those affiliated bodies who are meeting between now and Whitsun. The happy result of the appeal made by 'The Ringing World' for a

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distressed member of the Exercise, whose case is one of the most deserving that it is possible to imagine, has shown the practical sympathy of ringers and their willingness to co-operate in any effort which is properly organised. Ringers are a large-hearted brotherhood, and it ought not to be beyond possibility to bring into operation a scheme to assist such cases of extraordinary sickness as Mr. Ayre has in mind. It is not for us to suggest how a scheme of this description should be given effect to; but, assuming that there are, at a low estimate, twelve thousand interested ringers in this country, here, at a penny per member per year, is a nucleus of fifty pounds per annum. This may be a very small sum for what would admittedly be a biggish undertaking; but that is at a penny a member; and who, after all, would decline to give sixpence a year to such a cause? With proper limitations to the class of claims which could have consideration, the product of such a general contribution would go far to help relieve dire necessities in the case of sickness. We hope the associations will give this proposal careful and sympathetic consideration.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6021 CHANGES;

HUBERT SCRIVENS Treble	THOMAS WITTS 6
BASIL LATHAM 2	FRANK PONTING 7
TRAVIS PRICEARD 3	P. SGT. G. HASTINGS 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	HARRY BARRETT 9
LESLIE BARRY 5	GEORGE LATHAM Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung as a farewell peal to P.S. G. Hastings.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6026 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE Treble	*GEORGE STRAW 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	PERCY HARRISON 7
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 8
GEORGE NEWTON 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
FREDERICK H. DEXTER 5	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in any method above Doubles. Arranged for Messrs. H. J. Balcombe and J. S. Napper.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY AND THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD CITY AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

WILLIAM BLAKE Treble	WILLIAM FINCH 5
*FRANK BECKETT 2	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 6
CHARLES COLES 3	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 7
VICTOR BENNETT 4	GEORGE HORWOOD Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. G. Stace, of Headington, who passed away on March 13th.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Tuesday, March 20th, 518 Grandsire Triples: E. Brown 1, F. Parsons 2, C. Tyler 3, W. Morey (first touch 'inside') 4, A. E. Baker 5, L. Payne 6, G. Payne (conductor) 7, A. Hodges 8.

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

On Saturday, March 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently, with 6-8 covering.
Tenor 5½ cwt.

*WILLIAM SMITH... .. Treble	FRANK V. BRASLEY 5
GEORGE SMITH 2	STANLEY J. PEARSON 6
HARRY SMITH 3	ALFRED C. BOXLEY 7
GEORGE ROBERTS 4	*HAROLD HART Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED C. BOXLEY.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. Rung as a quarterly peal for the association. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers. First peal known to be rung on the bells by a local band. First peal as conductor.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Bob and Single. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALEC RICHARDSON Treble	FRANK H. BALLARD 5
WILLIAM STEED... .. 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
*CYRIL COLLISON 3	HERBERT MARKWELL 7
WILLIAM COLLISON 4	*ARTHUR MAYES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled on the eve of the funeral, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. James Maynard, for 51 years ringer at the above church, and a much respected and well-known member of the association.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Monday, March 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK B. YATES... .. Treble	CHARLES WEBB 5
PERCY O. LAFLIN 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER... .. 6
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 3	JOHN WITHERS 7
JACK WITHERS, JUN. 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*G. WILLIAM HOLLIS... .. Treble	ALBERT J. PITMAN 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	FRANK ROWSELL 6
JOHN PHILLIPS 3	JOHN W. JONES 7
*ROYDEN DAVIES... .. 4	CHARLES H. PERRY Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* First peal of Major. The ringer of the 7th has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal. This composition contains 22 courses 4-6-8's and the extent 6-7-8's.

NOTTINGHAM.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

SAMUEL PINDER Treble	*NORMAN HEMMINGTON 5
MAURICE WARD 2	J. ALFRED BARRETT 6
FRANK BRADLEY 3	JOHN E. HOBBS 7
Ex-Sgt. WM. JOHNSON, V.C.	FREDERICK A. SALTER Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

* First peal on an inside bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Barrett. Ex-Sergt. W. H. Johnson, V.C., was elected a member of the above association previous to starting.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS E. SONE Treble	*JOHN WHEADON... .. 5
*MRS H. BAKER 2	BERTRAM LUCK 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	*ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
*HARRY BAKER 4	*ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by WM. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* First peal of Oxford. This composition appeared in 'The Ringing World,' March 9th, 1928.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	SAM W. CHAPMAN 6
ALFRED BALLARD... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	FRANK HASLUM Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. R. Belton, of Barwell.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE LADIES' GUILD.
(CENTRAL DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS BERTHA MILLS... .. Treble	MISS STELLA DAVIS 5
MRS R. FARDON... .. 2	MRS. F. I. HAIRS... .. 6
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN... 3	MRS. A. D. BARKER 7
MISS FREDA ORR 4	MRS. G. W. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER.

* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal by the Guild.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
JOHN ARMSTRONG... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

EDMONTON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	WALTER J. BOWDEN 5
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 6
EDWARD H. KING 3	JAMES BULLOCK 7
GEORGE RADLEY 4	WILBY J. HAZELL Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

The above band was composed of four members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and four of the Royal Cumberlands. The band took this opportunity of expressing their gratitude to Mrs. Millbank, Mrs. Young and Mr. W. Hazell for their kind hospitality after the peal.

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SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT HAIGH Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5
THOS. B. KENDALL 2	WILLIAM AMBLER 6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3	JOHN AMBLER 7
WILLIAM BARTON 4	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 7th.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
ARTHUR BERRINGTON 2	CYRIL VALENTINE 6
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HENRY J. LUCK Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY 5
LIONEL J. CULLUM 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 6
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal. Rung after meeting short for Stedman, the ringer of the treble kindly filling the vacant place.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD AND NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ... Treble	JOHN T. BARTRAM 5
*MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL ... 2	CHARLES H. BAKER 6
*MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 3	EDWARD DALINGWATER 7
JOSEPH DIXON 4	HARRY MORGAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. DALINGWATER.

* First peal in the method.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

ERNEST POPPY Treble	WILLIAM STEGGALL 5
JOHN SOUTER 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	CLERMONT J. MORE 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON 4	GEORGE ARCHER Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by C. J. MORE.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR INGHAM Treble	SYDNEY BROWN 5
ARTHUR BROWN 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
JOHN BEATTIE 3	JOHN HIRST 7
RICHARD BOLDERSTONE 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEORGE GARDNER Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5
OSWALD J. HUNT 2	†HERBERT SUMMERS 6
†FRANK W. PERRENS 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
THOMAS W. CHOWN 4	CHARLES FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal on eight. † First peal of Bob Major on tower bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Freeman.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALFRED K. LEATHAM ... Treble	THOMAS HAMMOND 5
WALTER J. BATTLE 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
JOHN BREESE 3	JOHN COOKE 7
THOMAS A. ROGERS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal, and first attempt for a peal of Treble Bob.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN HAYES Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
†GEOFFREY MILTON 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN HAYES.

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Jos. Hughes, of Bangor.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2	*JOHN E. MORETON 6
ERNEST STONE 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 7
MISS EVA LEWIS 4	ALFRED KING Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt. 25th peal for the ringer of the 5th, who has also completed the circle in this tower. Rung as a welcome to Rev. John A. B. Davies, B.A., who was instituted and inducted to the living earlier in the day.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WESTON-BY-WELLAND, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three of spaced 240's each, by Pitman and Morris, and 10 ordinary 120's. Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

*MISS FRANCIS HART ... Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3
ERNEST MORRIS 2	RONALD RUSSELL 4
A. NORMAN GEARY Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. elected a member of the M.C.A. before starting. First peal on these bells, which were made five in 1865.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Double Oxford Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN TURNBULL Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4
JAMES E. SCOTT 2	EDWARD A. HERN 5
ERNEST GOSDEN 3	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN TARGETT Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
FRED A. COWARD 2	RONALD G. BECK 5
EDWARD G. COWARD 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WALTER RICH Treble	D. A. PIERCY 4
DAVID BLAGG 2	WILLIAM BRETT 5
*REGINALD ASHFORTH ... 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. STOCKDALE.

* First peal and first attempt. Ringers of the treble and 3rd are members of the local band.

ST. MELLONS, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SIDNEY DAWE Treble	GEORGE POPPELL 4
JOHN W. JONES 2	*JOHN PHILLIPS 5
WILLIAM PIKE 3	*ERNEST COOMBS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT 26, KIRKMANSHULME LANE.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE SOUTHWELL CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, March 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

IN THE STONEYARD PRACTICE ROOM,

A PEAL OF GRANDISE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor size 17 in A.

GEORGE E. FOSTER 1-2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 3-4
EDWARD FOSTER 5-6	
Conducted by J. F. MILNER.	

Umpires: ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN AND ERNEST H. CLULOW.

First peal 'in hand' by all, and in Southwell by a local hand. 25 years have elapsed since the first and only handbell peal was rung in that town.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY ALBERT J. PITMAN.

The following is a peal of 5,504 or 5,056 of Cambridge Surprise Major on an original plan. It has 20 7-8 course ends, and contains 222 7-8's and 142 8-6's.

2345678	A	5264278
7864523-2	C	3652847-3
7842635-4		6247385-1
8235764-1		3462578-3
2564873-1	A	2573486
5473286-1	C	4375286
	B	2465378
8627354-2		
6754832-1	A	7836524-2
3285467-2		7862345-4
		7824653-4
5463278	A	5362478-2
3275486	A	7848253-2
5483267	A	3254678-2 p.l.
3265478	A	Repeat the whole.
7846532-2		
8632754-1	B	6254873-1
6254873-1		2473685-1
2473685-1		4385267-1

Reduced to 5,056 by omitting both 'C' blocks in second part.

The peal was rung for the first time at Loughborough Bell Foundry on March 24th, conducted by Ernest Morris.

5,056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY HENRY W. WILDE.

23456	B. W. M. H.	25634	B. W. M. H.
64235	— — —	25346	— — —
26435	— — —	32546	— — —
42635	— — —	53246	— — —
63425	— — —	24536	— — —
63254	— — —	52436	— — —
26354	— — —	43526	— — —
32654	— — —	54326	— — —
65324	— — —	35426	— — —
36524	— — —	42356	— — —
53624	— — —	34256	— — —
62534	— — —	23456	— — —
56234	— — —		
25634	— — —		

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB.

BY T. B. WORSLEY.

5024.				5056.			
23456	M.	B.	W. H.	23456	M.	B.	W. H.
23564	—	—	1	54326	—	2	2
				25463	2	—	2
62345	—	—	2				
32465	—	2	1	62534	—	—	2
32654	2	2	1	65324	—	1	2
53246	2	2	2	26543	2	2	2
46325	1	2	2				
24653	2	2	2	42635	—	—	2
				46325	—	1	2
52436	—	—	2	24653	2	2	2
54326	—	1	2				
25463	2	2	2	52436	—	—	2
				35264	—	—	2
62534	—	—	2	32654	—	1	2
65324	—	1	2	32546	2	2	1
26543	2	2	2	43265	2	2	2
				23645	1	—	1
42635	—	—	2				
23456	—	—		23456	—	—	1

These peals may be varied by beginning the calling from under any of the lines.

The 5,024 was rung on October 22nd, 1927, at Churchkirk, Lanes, and the 5,056 at Padiham, Lanes, Nov. 5th, 1927, both conducted by Laurence J. Williams.

A PEAL ATTEMPT LOST.

On March 24th, the Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, band started for a peal, as a birthday compliment to the Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W. Minnie, M.A., but owing to the indisposition of one of the band the conductor called a 'stand' at the end of the fourth 720, after 1 hr. 50 mins. The methods rung were 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, the ringers, all members of the local band, being: S. Baker 1, C. M. Mitchell 2, F. A. Mitchell 3, J. Burles 4, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 5, H. Argent 6.

LADIES' SURPRISE PEAL. CAMBRIDGE RUNG AT CRAYFORD.

The Ladies' Guild have achieved another triumph, by having scored a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, at Crayford. The record of the peal will be found in its proper place, and we feel sure our readers will join in congratulating the band upon their success.

It was rung at the second attempt. On the first occasion Mrs. Poole, of Leicester, was in the band, and she also made the journey to London a month ago for another attempt, but the peal was postponed, and the telegram did not reach her before she left home. On this occasion she was unfortunately prevented at the last minute from standing in, by illness, and Mrs. Fardon stepped into the breach. The members very much appreciate Mrs. Poole's share in what has been done in the past.

After the peal the company were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, whose hospitality was much appreciated.

It will be noted that the band included four married ladies, who, besides being ringers themselves, are the wives of ringers.

CAVERSFIELD'S ANCIENT BELL. INTERESTING RELIC IN OXFORDSHIRE CHURCH.

In the steep-pointed roof of the old Saxon tower of the little Parish Church of St. Lawrence, Caversfield, near Bicester, Oxfordshire, has hung for upwards of seven hundred years what is believed to be the oldest known bell in the country.

It was given to the church between the years 1207 and 1219 by Hugh Gargate, the lord of the manor, and Sibilla his wife, and bears the inscription round the shoulder:—

+ IN HONORE DEI ET SANTI LAVRENCII.

And round the rim:—

HVG(H)GARGAT(E)S IBILLAQVE VXOR EIVS HAEC
TIMPPANA FECERVNT ECPONI.

Some of the letters are of peculiar form, and may be said to be more Saxon or Roman than Gothic, and the inscription appears to have been scratched in the mould rather than impressed.

The latter part of the inscription indicates that there were at least two bells put up at that time, and documentary evidence shows that Hugh Gargate was in possession of the manor of Caversfield in 1207, but in 1219 his wife is described as 'Sybil de Kaversfeld, widow of Hugh de Gargat.'

The bell was cast without a clapper staple, and was sounded by being struck on the outside with a hammer, doubtless an arrangement which could be worked by a rope from below, but which unfortunately obliterated some of the letters of the inscription on the lip of the bell.

Later in its life, some holes were drilled in the crown of the bell and a clapper staple fitted, enabling the bell to be rung and giving it a new lease of life.

The dimensions of the bell are as follows: Diameter at lip, 20½ inches; height to top of cannons, 28 inches. It has a very round shoulder, a long, straight waist, and instead of its greatest thickness being at the sound bow, it increases towards the lip, which is flat and two inches thick.

The second bell was recast towards the end of the thirteenth century, and bore the inscription: +IN HONORE BEATI LAVRENCII. This bell survived until 1876, when it was recast. The tenor bell was added in 1874.

In 1925, the fittings of the bells having become so dilapidated that they were hardly safe to ring, the first attempt at a restoration was made, and the two larger bells were patched up, the frame strengthened and the old thirteenth-century bell, being cracked, was removed from its bearings and hung dead across the frame, the work being done by Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, Berkshire.

In February last further restoration was begun, the old thirteenth-century treble was lowered into the church, and hung complete with its old headstock, wheel, stay, slider, bearings, etc., in an oak frame specially designed to receive it, in order to preserve it as an object of interest. It has been placed where it can easily be seen, and is quite accessible.

The old oak bell frame has been strengthened by an additional supporting beam and by iron braces and bolts, the second bell, being quarter of a tone sharp, has been retuned, and a new treble bell has been erected in the place of the old one and hung on a cast-iron headstock, and having ball bearings and the latest modern fittings.

The inscriptions and particulars of this ring of three bells are as follows:—

Treble (F, 24in. diameter).—+ AVE MARIA GRACIA PLENA
DOMINVS TECVM + (crest of the Whitechapel Foundry).
+ ANNO DOMINI MCMXXVII. Weight, 3 cwt.

Second (E flat, 28in. diameter).—IN HONORE BEATI LAVRENCII.
J. Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough. 1876. Weight, 4 cwt.

Tenor (D flat, 29½in. diameter).—J. Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough. 1874. Weight, 5½ cwt.

The treble is a beautifully sweet-toned bell, the work of Messrs Meare and Stainbank, and has been cast with cannons and with the inscription in Gothic lettering in order to be in keeping with her surroundings, and the whole of the restoration work has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner by Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, Berkshire, to whom great credit is due.

DEVON GUILD.

THE CATHEDRAL PRACTICES.

The annual report of the Devon Guild, just issued, says that the year 1927 will be noteworthy for the record number of peals by resident members—34; compared with 1903, when, out of a total of 37, 28 were rung by resident members. The peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral on October 15th, rung chiefly by non-resident members, is notable as being the first in the method by members of this Guild, and is to be commemorated by a peal board presented by the Rev. M. Kelly, to be dedicated early in 1928. This fine performance should be remembered as something worthy of emulation by Devonshire men. In this connection the committee must express their disappointment with the attendances at the monthly Cathedral practices, and it will be a cause for regret if these have to be abandoned.

There has been no expansion during the past year, one band having become affiliated, and another dropped out.

The committee desire to call the attention of qualified members to the number of associate bands affiliated (9 out of 60), and would urge on all who are able and willing, to do their share in the matter of instruction—a crying need in all districts. Grants for instruction expenses from the general fund have unfortunately had to be reduced or delayed owing to a diminished balance, but it is hoped that a proposal for augmenting the general fund by a levy from the branches in respect of the annual report, which has been agreed by nearly all the branches, will be favourably received at the annual meeting. In the meantime several of the branches are loyally paying instructor's expenses from their own funds, an action which the committee appreciate.

IN THE BRANCHES.

The branch reports make, for the most part, encouraging reading. In the Exeter district there has been steady work, particularly in Sunday service ringing. Practices have been well attended, and Stedman, Plain Bob and other methods have been studied. It is noteworthy that the nine peals rung by members included 13 'firsts' and one first as conductor. The branch records with regret the resignation of Mr. E. Shepherd as chairman after seven years' devoted work. The Rev. B. V. Cox is his successor.

Steady endeavour to progress by the various bands has been a feature of the past year in the East Devon Branch, and Sunday service ringing and practices have been well maintained in all towers.

North-East Devon Branch reports an increase of membership, having now nine honorary, 102 performing and one unattached. Eight certificates have been awarded, and the two peals of Grandsire Doubles rung during the year—at Bickleigh and Silverton—were the first peals by the members of the branch who took part, and the first on the bells.

Difficulties confront the North Devon Branch, where progress is hindered by a deplorable lack of interest shown by some of the members. Regular Sunday service and practice ringing is reported from all towers in the Mid-Devon Branch.

Even-bell ringing has been a feature of 1927 in the South-West Devon Branch, and out of 21 peals rung, fourteen have been in even-bell methods—a record for the branch. At Stoke, extents of Cambridge and London Minor have been accomplished, and one result has been that striking has improved in methods generally. The problem of instruction is ever present, and volunteers are wanted for the work. Regularity of Sunday and festival ringing is generally satisfactory, and those in charge of the various bands are not sparing in energy or patience to bring on new members.

DIPLOMAS FOR RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Now that the Central Council meeting is announced, and the question of peal diplomas will again be before the members, I venture to express a few opinions on the subject. I think the suggestion was first put out as a means of attracting and encouraging young ringers—a matter which does need some serious attention. Before a young ringer becomes expert enough to ring a peal he has usually been ringing from one to two years. Now, in my opinion, it is long before that time that a beginner in our art requires the encouragement of the older members. It is his or her most difficult time during the first six months, when trying to grasp the first rules of change ringing. On that point straight away I say that a peal diploma would miss its objective. It is during that first six months when we lose most of our prospective ringers. It is therefore in that time that the older members must take an especial interest in their beginners.

To meet the beginner in the tower on practice night and give him ten minutes' ringing and let him sit down and watch for the rest of the time will never encourage anyone. He needs taking about to different towers, and efforts made to keep him occupied in ringing matters during his spare time. Only spare work by the individual ringer can do this, and from my own experience the number who will do so is very small.

The proposal of 'peal diplomas' is nothing but a half-hearted attempt to solve a pressing problem, which will never be altered till the rank and file ringer makes up his mind to do his bit. I would suggest that the Central Council find some other means of solving the problem of the interest and encouragement of young ringers which will tackle the question at its beginning and not at its end.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SIMMONDS.

Oxford.

THE CUMBERLANDS' PEAL AT EPSOM.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—As nobody else has asked the question, re Cumberlands' peal at Epsom, on March 17th, I should be glad if the conductor of same would explain the ringing of the last course of the peal.—Yours truly,
JOHN BEAMS.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A BAND OF SEVENTEEN MEMBERS ELECTED.**

A by-meeting was held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, March 24th. It proved to be a great success, although the attendance was somewhat lower than has been usual at these by-meetings, there being about 25 members present, representing the following towers: Canterbury, St. Nicholas, St. Lawrence, Birchington, Littlebourne, Margate, Wickhambreau, Wingham and Brabourne.

The Vicar of St. Peter's (Rev. C. H. S. Matthews), who very kindly provided tea for the visitors in the Parish Room, presided over the meeting, the business being to elect the St. Peter's band of seventeen ringers into the association.

In replying to a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. F. Brett, the Vicar said that St. Peter's was going to have the mightiest band of ringers in existence. He went on to say that he should welcome another association meeting at St. Peter's, when the weather was more suitable, so that the visitors could then have tea on the Vicarage lawn. The Vicar also expressed a keen desire to become a bellringer himself.

During the afternoon and evening some very pleasant ringing was enjoyed by the visitors, some of whom stayed the night and were able to ring again for the Sunday morning service.

VICAR TAKES PART IN QUARTER-PEAL.

The Vicar of Marshfield, the Rev. C. S. L. Alford, takes a practical interest in bellringing, and last Thursday evening he showed his ability by ringing the tenor to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, rung with muffled bells as a token of respect for Mrs. Coles, who had been interred in the churchyard that day. Mr. Coles, her late husband, was sexton at the church for 40 years.

It is also interesting to note that the date was the first anniversary of the Vicar's induction to the living of Marshfield.

The quarter-peal was rung by E. Beazer 1, E. Lewis 2, C. Harding 3, H. Woodham 4, H. Hinton 5, J. H. Beazer 6, G. Robinson (conductor) 7, Rev. C. S. L. Alford 8. It was the first quarter-peal rung muffled at Marshfield Church.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: J. Read 1, F. Kemp 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 1st, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for evening service, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. E. Davis (cond.), 1, O. Gilby 2, C. W. Roberts 3, W. Hewett 4, W. R. Madgwick 5, F. Pike 6, J. Bennett 7, E. Brett 8.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, March 25th, at Brookfield Church, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Colonel Peacock, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: C. Ollier 1, E. Mawby 2, F. Knott 3, E. Seddon 4, H. Worthington 5, H. Gaskell (conductor) 6, J. Fearnhead 7, G. Eaton (longest length in any method) 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,232 changes): F. J. Hurrell 1, F. Fraser 2, W. Anderson 3, J. Hurrell 4, W. Watchorn 5, H. Wood 6, C. A. Bines (conductor) 7, E. Brett Smith 8.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, 714 Grandsire Triples: R. Shillom 1, F. E. Davis 2, E. Petherick 3, E. Hill 4, R. Hicks 5, C. Robins 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richins 8.

RICKMANSWORTH.—On Sunday, March 25th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 46 mins.: W. Croseley 1, S. Hoare 2, W. Millett 3, G. Foster 4, F. W. Elliott 5, E. Hookham 6, J. B. Marks 7, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, March 25th, for evening service, 504 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples in six parts: R. Scott 1, E. Chapman 2, H. Norman 3, C. Tarr 4, W. Cross 5, A. J. Andrews 6, A. Tout (conductor) 7, J. Sweetland 8. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, March 18th, for divine service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) (Carter's odd and even calling): W. Spice, sen., 1, S. R. Dobbie 2, S. Taylor 3, W. Spice, jun., 4, G. Kenward 5, W. J. Walker 6, L. Head (conductor) 7, G. Pound 8.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Sunday afternoon, March 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: W. W. Watts 1, W. Watts (conductor) 2, G. Woodman 3, W. Wheeler 4, G. Feist (first quarter-peal inside) 5, G. Lewry 6, R. Langridge 7, G. W. Swallow (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung on the occasion of a Confirmation service by the Bishop of Lewes.

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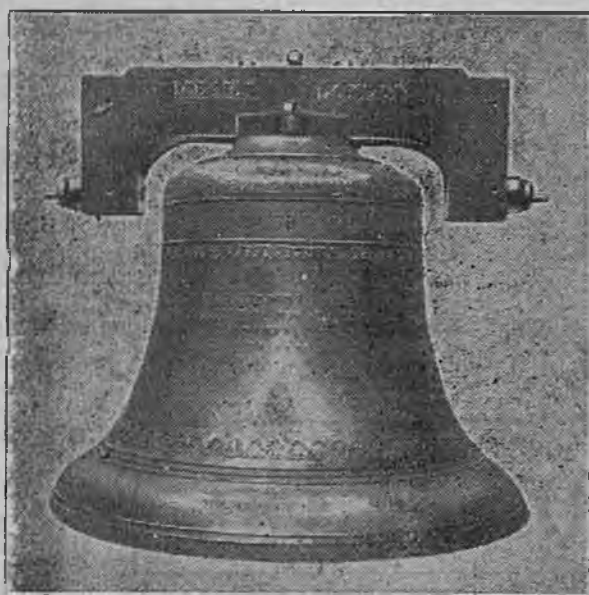
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Our article on Mr. Edwin Barnett last week mentioned some famous Cumberlands of a generation ago with whom he was associated. Twelve years ago to-day Henry Dains died at the age of 78. George Newson died thirty-two years ago to-morrow. It was George Newson who conducted the 13,440 Double Norwich at Romford in 1894, and of this band Mr. Barnett is the only survivor.

'Many happy returns of the day' to Mr. Sam Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, hero of many long and famous peals, who was born on April 7th, 1857.

This inscription will hand to posterity the unparalleled abilities displayed in the performance of the peal that was rung in this steeple on Tuesday, 7th of April, 1801, 5,220 changes Court Bob Royal, in 3 hrs. 37 mins., being the first ever rung by any society in that intricate method. George Gross 1, George Gross, jun., 2, James Nash 3, William Shipway 4, John Pousden 5, John Hints 6, Malachi Cannon 7, Thomas Reeves 8, Samuel Cowling 9, William Stephens 10. Composed and called by G. Gross, sen.

This is the wording of a Cumberland Youths' peal board in Shore-ditch tower, recording a memorable performance of a century and a quarter ago. There are some famous ringers in that band, men who made ringing history in those far-off days, and whose names will live as long as ringing lasts.

To-morrow is also the anniversary of another very notable event. April 7th, 1761, saw the beginning of that wonderful performance at Leeds, Kent, which ended on the following day in the completion of 40,320 of Bob Major, which occupied 27 hours. Thirteen ringers, among whom was James Barham, are said to have taken part in the peal.

Leeds tower, in which there are now ten bells, was built in 1119, and is peculiar in appearance, being little higher than it is wide.

Among the long peals whose anniversaries are celebrated in the next few days, are the 10,176 Oxford Treble Bob Major, by the Norwich Association, at Ufford, Suffolk, on April 7th, 1894; 10,259 Grandsire Caters, at Ashton-under-Lyne, on April 8th, 1844; 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major, at Knebworth, Herts, by the Herts County Association, on April 8th, 1912; 13,440 Bob Major, at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, by the Midland Counties Association, on April 8th, 1922; 10,272 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Liversedge, Yorks, on April 10th, 1871; 13,265 Grandsire Caters, at Appleton, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, on April 11th, 1888; and, greatest of all, the 18,027 Stedman Caters, at Loughborough Parish Church, under the auspices of the Midland Counties Association, in 12 hrs. 18 mins., on April 12th, 1909.

The peal at Stroud on Saturday was rung as a farewell to Police-Sergeant George Hastings, who, on being promoted to the rank of inspector, is to be stationed at Tewkesbury, where it is hoped he will be able to pull the Abbey ringers together and get regular ringing at this fine old tower.

The will has recently been proved of the late Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, of Ridge Field, Mapledurham, formerly hon. secretary and, later, hon. treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He left £31,253.

A long-length peal attempt will be made at Heptonstall on Saturday, April 14th. Visitors should arrive early and stay late, if they wish to hear the 'going off' and the 'coming home' courses. There will be 'high Jenks' if the performance is completed.

'Uncle Joe' is squatting at Hull just now. He has been inquiring if a 12-bell week of 'Maximus' can be put on for him?

One of the visitors to Croydon Bell Foundry paused beside the 18-ton bourdon bell, comparing it with the smallest one cast in England (by the late William Haley), which only weighed a bare half ounce.

The first 'silent' 5,040 of Minor ever rung was accomplished at St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, Staffs, on Saturday, April 6th, 1897, in the seven following Surprise methods: London, Chester, Superlative, Worcester, Bristol, York and Cambridge. The ringers were George Clarkson, William Wheeldon, John E. Wheeldon, Charles Preston, Daniel Preston, William Twigg. All the above are still 'knocking about' on this planet, with the exception of the late William Twigg, whose memory is very dear to his pupils, for he was a ringer of the keenest enthusiasm, and a man of the greatest integrity.

BROADCASTING OF ST. MARTIN'S BELLS.

Letters have recently appeared in the London 'Evening News' with regard to the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Field, which broadcast listeners frequently hear chimed on Sunday evenings. Here are two of them:—

'May I suggest to wireless listeners that a practical and useful way of showing appreciation of the services from St. Martin's-in-the-Fields would be to provide the church with a new peal of bells, or a carillon, really in tune? The present bells are a poor sample to be broadcast to the world.'—'Amphion,' Whitehorse Road, Croydon.

'I think that "Amphion's" suggestion that wireless listeners should subscribe to a new set of bells for St. Martin's-in-the-Fields is unnecessary. There is nothing wrong with the bells, as would be heard if the authorities would give listeners an opportunity to hear the bells in a "touch" of Stedman in the English way.'—G. R. Channer, 34, Cathles Road, Balham, S.W.

DIOCESAN GUILDS.

BY THE REV. HERBERT DRAKE.

Half a century ago or more, when associations of change ringers were being formed all over the land, it was not practicable to confine their energies to diocesan limits. For one thing, diocesan boundaries were too awkward then, and, for another, ringing districts were too scattered. The only way was to arrange associations where there were enough ringers to form one.

In the last fifty years these bodies of ringers have succeeded so well in spreading the art in every direction, and in making ringers consider themselves, and be considered by others, to be keen church-workers, that the time is approaching when a diocese will be considered a 'back number' if it has not its proper ringing Guild.

The question has become an urgent one, through the formation of Church Councils and of Advisory Committees. The former may not include any ringers, and may be quite out of sympathy with them; while the Advisory Committee in each diocese is composed of all the learned antiquaries who can be induced to serve; and not only are they likely to be out of sympathy with ringing, but we know that they are introducing many needless difficulties into our belfries. Where the incumbent wants to help ringing, either of these bodies may make it very difficult for him, while in the many cases where he is not helpful, ringing is likely to become a lost art.

It is, therefore, urgently necessary that ringers should consider it their first and unceasing task to see that in every parish where there is change ringing, one of the ringers, whether a member of the P.C.C. or not, should be associated with that Council for advice when matters concerning the bells arise. And, similarly, that every advisory committee should have a practical ringer, of sufficient standing, to be an efficient adviser on all questions affecting bells in the diocese.

These two matters are of more importance than any work done in the past, either by associations or by the Central Council. For without bells to ring we cannot practise our art; and one can think of, say, a score of important towers which, if they were all silenced, would place our art in a parlous state.

But we cannot prevent these disasters until we are organised on a diocesan basis everywhere, and I do not think the time is so very far off when every diocese will have its own Guild of ringers. Moreover, this time will be hastened by the present associations continuing their good work which they are now doing. Thus we have the paradox that the more efficient they are, the more effectually those which are not already diocesan are committing suicide!

At the same time no good will be done by forcing the pace. In most cases it will be better to go step by step. What is urgently needed, and should be formed without any unnecessary delay, is a ringing organisation for every diocese, for diocesan matters. But this organisation need not have anything to do with ringing meetings, practices, instruction, or the arranging and recording of peals. It might take the form of, say, a 'Diocesan Ringing Committee,' with the Bishop as president, so that he could preside at any important meeting. The chairman, or an active vice-chairman, should be an influential member of the Diocesan Conference, and the other members should form a live body, not necessarily meeting often, but quite ready to do so whenever required.

This would allow the present non-diocesan associations to continue the good work they are doing at present on the same lines, as long as they find it useful to do so. They would not then feel that they were occupying the ground which a diocesan Guild should occupy, while they would be able to continue their work among borderline towers. Rivers make convenient boundaries; their banks also are convenient places on or near which to build towns, large churches, and to transport bells; thus one finds that boundaries run through the middle of groups of towers, giving non-diocesan associations a great advantage in such districts. Still, 'one must draw the line somewhere.'

Two difficulties remain to be considered. One is where two or more associations overlap. In these cases the present danger is such that any old rivalries should be dropped, and conferences held with a view to a speedy settlement of a working policy. An even greater difficulty is where a somewhat barren district has been left a 'no man's land.' Here, again, loyalty to the common cause should induce some association to take the lead. Why is there no Guild for the Coventry diocese? Whose business is it to see to this matter? There are several associations in the neighbourhood; if they cannot cover this ground, they should become diocesan Guilds without delay.

In any case, one thing to avoid is a joint organisation for two or more dioceses, with the Bishops as joint patrons. This is an absolutely futile plan. A Bishop can do nothing in another Bishop's diocese. Therefore, each is restricted to saying a few empty compliments when the joint Guild meets in his diocese. If we have a diocesan Guild, let it be a real one.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE IN WESTMORLAND

On Tuesday, March 27th, at St. Mary's Church, Ambleside, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Middleton 1, W. Nevinston 2, E. Jennings 3, T. F. Hewetson 4, W. Robinson 5, T. B. Newton (conductor) 6, W. Fisher 8 (covering). The first 720 of Surprise for ringers of 1st and 3rd, and the first of Surprise as conductor by T. B. Newton. It is the first in Westmorland since 1914.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.**LANCASHIRE MEN'S ENDEAVOUR TO SET UP NEW RECORD.**

All being well, eight members of the Lancashire Association will on Saturday, April 14th, at the Church of St. Thomas à Becket, Heptonstall, Yorkshire, attempt a record length of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 22,096 changes, starting at 6 a.m. Umpire: Mr. H. Chapman.

NORFOLK GUILD.**SUGGESTED REORGANISATION.**

At the annual meeting of the Norfolk Guild next Monday a scheme of reorganisation is to be placed before the members. It is proposed that there shall be three divisions, coterminous with the areas of the Norwich, Norfolk and Lynn archdeaconries, in place of the existing districts.

The present division of the Guild's area comprises eleven districts, whose membership varies from as few as nine up to 55. The result has been that district activity has been absent through lack of interest, and it is hoped that the reorganisation will increase the efficiency of the Guild. It is thought that by the formation of a committee, consisting of chairman, secretary and committee for each division, members would be brought into closer touch with the work of the Guild, and that, as an aid to their advancement in the art of change ringing, some system of instruction should be arranged for by each committee.

The present membership of the Guild is 801, of whom, however, only 332 (hon. members 34, performing members 298, probationers 2) are resident in Norfolk. The total is made up by seven life members, 253 compounding members, and 209 Suffolk non-resident life members.

THE SUGGESTED DIVISION OF THE M.C.A.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It has occurred to me that I ought to address you a letter on the proposal to subdivide the area at present under the control of the M.C.A. It has, I know, been felt for some time by some members that such area is inconveniently large, and that it has not been possible to hold frequent meetings in the more remote parts of that area.

The formation of the new dioceses of Southwell, Leicester and Derby has naturally suggested the idea of the formation of a Guild in each diocese, as has recently been done in the case of Winchester.

Of course it rests with the members assembled at a general meeting to decide on the course to adopt. If it is decided to divide the area, the formation of the above Guilds seems to be the best way to proceed. The case of the Burton District is more difficult, as only a small portion of the M.C.A. area falls within the diocese of Lichfield, and I understand from a report in 'The Ringing World' that the Burton members are not favourably disposed towards the scheme.

I regret to say that, acting on doctor's orders, I feel that I must resign my position as president of the M.C.A. It has been a great pleasure to me to have held the post for the past eight years, and from a financial point of view, at any rate, I am glad it has been a success.

I should like to bear testimony to the hard work undertaken by our hon. secretary (Mr. E. Morris), and I regret that my indisposition has recently thrown extra work on his hands. I am sure that he has endeavoured to act fairly in this matter, and has not let his private opinions outweigh those of other members.—Yours faithfully,

R. B. CHAMBERS.

DEATH OF MR. EDGAR HUNT.**NORFOLK GUILD'S LOSS.**

The death occurred on Monday week, at Shropham, Norfolk, of Mr. Edgar Hunt, at the age of 66 years. By the loss of Mr. Hunt, the Thetford District of the Norfolk Guild loses one of its oldest members. He was a keen campanologist, notwithstanding the fact that he mastered the intricacies of the art when nearly 40 years of age. This was with the St. Peter's company at Thetford, and under the tuition of Mr. Edward Dunk. Since then he has managed to ring just 20 peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Norfolk Guild, as it is now known.

A stonemason by profession, Mr. Hunt worked in his younger days in the Metropolis, and, later, was employed for some considerable time in the alterations of Elveden Hall, the Suffolk seat of Lord Iveagh. He was very good company, and always in demand at social gatherings.

The funeral took place on Thursday last, March 29th. The Rev. E. Harcourt Anson (Vicar), who officiated, paid fitting tribute to deceased's long and sincere labours for the work of the church. The bearers were F. Shingfield, R. Allen, A. Hewitt, and C. Hewitt, all of whom, with Mr. J. Peck (also present), had learnt to ring in Mr. Hunt's company.

Many a young ringer has received from the deceased advice on ringing and striking, and his loss will be greatly felt by all who came in contact with him.

SPliced SURPRISE RINGING.

BY GEORGE L. JOYCE.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will have read with interest the report in our last issue of the peal of Spliced Surprise Minor rung by the Leytonstone band at Chigwell Row, when twenty-two methods were incorporated in seven 720's, the greatest number of Surprise methods that has yet been put into a 5.040. In the following article Mr. G. L. Joyce, the conductor of the peal, explains how it was done.

The splicing of Minor methods is merely a question of substitution—the replacement of a given block of rows in method 'A' by a given block of identical rows in method 'B.' This remark must be modified with regard to the higher numbers, from Major onwards, because the extent of the rows is not produced. But in Minor, with every possible row appearing in a 720, it is necessary that the rows displaced should faithfully be reproduced by those that are substituted.

We know that the extent of the rows may be produced in a variety of different ways (or methods), and that a 720 of Plain Bob contains exactly the same rows as a 720 of London Surprise. In another way, a 720 block of the one equalises the rows in a 720 block of the other.

Certain pairs of methods will equalise the rows in blocks of less than the 720, and these are the blocks, each in its entirety, which, in splicing, are substituted one method for another. Once the block (whatever it may comprise) is completed, the splice is truly made, because the rows are equalised in the displaced and substituted blocks. It is necessary to handle the whole block, whatever its component parts may happen to be, and no more. This means that, if a certain block of method 'A' is deleted, and that of method 'B' is inserted, the matter may end there; or, of desired, two such blocks may be exchanged, or three, and so on. But each separate block is a true splice provided the whole block is exchanged. A portion of one block in method 'A' cannot be substituted for a portion of one in method 'B.' This is important; the block must be kept whole and in the same method, and each block is, in itself, a true splice.

The twenty-two method Surprise peal at Chigwell Row, recorded last week, is the direct result of the study of that excellent little book, 'Method Splicing,' which readers will find advertised in this journal. I do not propose to 'infringe copyright matter' therein, but merely to endeavour to explain its application as practised at Leytonstone. I shall write of lead 'ends' and of lead 'heads' from a practical ringer's point of view. In using these terms, Mr. Parker refers to different rows, but for convenience I shall refer to the same row, viz., the backstroke row of the treble's whole pull at lead. As an 'end,' this row is understood to be incorporated with the rows of the lead of which it is the end; as a 'head,' it will be understood to be the first row in the lead next following.

The equalising blocks are divided (broadly) into two:—

(a) Those methods which produce the same rows in blocks comprising one or more complete leads.

(b) Those methods which require blocks of complete courses to have the same effect.

Those in (a) again are roughly divided:—

(c) By lead-blocks of methods which have the same first lead-end.

(d) By lead-blocks of methods in which the first lead-ends differ.

Then in (b), (c) and (d) we have three distinct ways of splicing methods: (b) and (d) are complete in themselves, but (c) is subdivided into (1) single-lead blocks, (2) three-lead blocks, (3) six-lead blocks. The easiest to accomplish is the method classified under (d), but because of a certain peculiarity I shall leave this until the end.

SPlicing BY LEAD-BLOCKS.

Methods that splice by lead-blocks and have the same first lead-end (a) are usually so very similar one to another that a band capable of ringing one method should have no difficulty in mastering its fellow. The 'work' usually differs only when the bells are below the treble, and the variation is so simple that they may almost be regarded as the same method. I need not plagiarise Mr. Fidler on this subject, except to emphasise the point that the actual change from one method to another (best made at the lead-end) need worry nobody, because the previous method may be continued for several blows until one has time to get his bearings. The 'calling' is no trouble, because the lead-ends of the 720 are absolutely undisturbed by the splice; the bobs appear in exactly the same places as when no splice is made, and the same bells are in the same places at the bob rows.

(1) **SPlicing BY THE SINGLE-LEAD BLOCKS.** This is the easiest to understand and conduct. The methods produce exactly the same rows in the first lead; therefore every corresponding lead of each method equalises the rows of the other, so that the conductor may substitute leads of method 'A' for method 'B' when and where he pleases; one lead only or twenty-nine, how he likes and where he likes, because each block (of one lead) in method 'A' equalises the rows of the displaced block in method 'B.' But they must be whole leads that are exchanged.

Examples of Surprise Methods that will splice in this way: Munden-Ghester (Nos. 1 and 6 in the Central Council's 'Collection of Minor Methods'), Coldstream-Southwell (12 and 16), Allendale-Westminster (18 and 26), Hexham-Berwick (30 and 34), and Surfleet-Beverley (31 and 35).

(2) **SPlicing BY THE THREE-LEAD BLOCKS.** This is the easiest to ring, but it throws a little more work upon the conductor; he has to protect the blocks and keep them whole. That is to say, he

must see that the three leads, which form the block, are rung in the same method. Mr. Parker explains in detail how these methods are found, and I need only touch upon what he says in order to show how the conductor may simplify his work.

The three leads which go to make these blocks do not of necessity appear next each other in the 720—they may be widely apart; but there will not be more than three with the peculiarity which marks them as belonging to the same block. They are governed by any given pair of bells appearing in two given places at the lead 'heads.' The conductor may pick out one block, or many, for substitution. Each block of three leads will have the same pair of bells in the given two places, and every complete block will have a different pair of bells there. He may choose the three leads which have 5-6 in the two places for method 'A,' and ring the other 27 leads in method 'B.' He may amplify method 'A' by choosing another block which has 2-3 in the necessary places, giving six leads of 'A' and 24 leads of 'B'; or a third block with, say, 3-4 in the two places, and so on. But each member of a block must be rung in the same method, because it requires the particular three leads in method 'A' to equalise the rows in the same three leads of method 'B.'

The given places in the lead 'heads' will vary according to the methods being spliced, as shown in 'Method Splicing.' They may be 2nd's and 3rd's places in one case, 2nd's and 4th's in another, 2nd's and 5th's in a third case, and so on; but whatever the two given places may be, the conducting may be simplified in this way: Any one bell every time in both of the given places will produce four blocks (of three leads each) which will conform to the requirements of the splice. Suppose the necessary places in the lead 'heads' to be 2nd's and 4th's, then the tenor (for instance) every time in both 2nd's and 4th's at the lead 'heads' will give these four blocks:—

060500	060400	060300	060200
060500	040600	030600	020600
060500	040600	030500	020500

Ring these leads in method 'A' and the remainder in method 'B' and the splice is truly made. It will be seen that the tenor is six times in each place at the lead 'heads,' and that three-lead blocks have been produced with 6-5, 6-4, 6-3 and 6-2, in the necessary places. When it is realised that any bell may be used as 'observation' in this way, quite irrespective of the calling of the bobs, it will be seen that the conducting of this three-lead splicing is an easy matter.

Surprise method examples: Canterbury-Morpeth (Nos. 2 and 1), Alnwick-Newcastle (Nos. 3 and 5), London-Wells (Nos. 14 and 15), Immanuel-Stamford (Nos. 22 and 24), Lightfoot-Wearmouth (Nos. 23 and 25), and York-Durham (Nos. 32 and 33).

(3) **SPlicing BY THE SIX-LEAD BLOCKS.** This is harder to ring, but no more difficult to conduct than the three-lead splice. It may be reasoned upon exactly similar lines to the above, except that six leads are necessary instead of three, and that the six leads are governed by any one bell in only one given place at the lead 'heads.' Therefore, any two bells, every time in this one given place, will give two six-lead blocks, being twelve leads for method 'A' and eighteen leads for method 'B.' The given place will vary in the same way as the two places in the three-lead splice, as clearly shown by Mr. Parker in 'Method Splicing.'

Surprise method examples: Carlisle-Munden (or Chester), 9 and 1 or 6; Ringers' ('Primrose')-Hexham (or Berwick), 38 and 30 or 34; Cambridge-Surfleet (or Beverley), 39 and 31 or 35.

SPlicing BY COURSE BLOCKS.

Methods which require whole courses to equalise the rows (b) are not so easy to ring, because the work varies more than the foregoing, but the changes from one method to another are not so frequent, and the conducting is not very difficult. Mr. Fidler has dealt fully in 'Method Splicing' with this subject, and it is sufficient to say that a course of Minor comprising five leads, the particular five which form this block must be rung in the same method. One course may be rung in 'A' and the other five courses in 'B,' or three courses of each, etc., so long as the five leads which form each course (no matter where they appear in the 720) are rung in the same method. Mr. Parker fully explains how these methods may be found, but it may profit the reader to study the first lead of a pair of the methods given below. He will find that the rows are identical for half of the lead, and will notice that, while the rows differ in the second half, yet the places made, as a rule, are exactly similar in each method of the pair. This is not always the case (instance Nos. 14 and 17), but it is a very good guide in tracing methods which splice by the course.

Surprise method examples: Newcastle-Munden (or Chester) (Nos. 5 and 1 or 6), Northumberland-Carlisle (Nos. 8 and 9), London-Cincastrae (Nos. 14 and 17), Immanuel-Annable's London (Nos. 22 and 27), Lightfoot-Netherseale (Nos. 23 and 28), Durham-Surfleet (or Beverley) (Nos. 33 and 31 or 35), Norfolk-Ringers' ('Primrose') (Nos. 36 and 38), Ipswich-Cambridge (Nos. 37 and 39).

SPlicing BY THE SECOND'S AND SIXTH'S PLACES.

These methods (d) are the simplest to ring and conduct, because they are, virtually, exactly the same so far as the 'work' is concerned. We are indebted to Mr. Parker for an ingenious composition which enables these methods to be spliced. He points out the advisability of dividing the leads between the two rows which form the treble's whole pull on the front, thus making rounds and the backstroke rows into the 'heads' of leads. If this is done, it will be seen that the rows in the first lead of methods which splice in this manner

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THE BIG BELL AND THE LITTLE BELL.

Within an old cathedral hung
A mighty bell,
Which never, save at Easter, swung
One solemn knell;
And then, so sternly all around
Its echoes fell,
The peasants trembled at the sound
Of that big bell.
Not far away from the cathedral stood
A hermit's cell,
And in its belfry-tower of wood
A little bell;
Whose daily linkings through the year
So faintly fell,
The peasants hardly gave an ear
To that small bell.
The hermit—he who own'd the same,
And loved it well—
Resolved that it should share the fame
Of the big bell;
So tolling it but once a year
With one brief knell,
He taught the peasants to revere
His little bell.
And there are fools in vast repute,
Who, strange to tell,
Acquire their fame by being mute
Like that small bell;
These would-be sages rarely speak,
For they know well
That frequent utterance would break
The solemn spell.

Yriarte Trans.—Robert Rockliff.

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are absolutely identical, the only difference between the methods being the 'place' which is made 'between' the leads (or, if you prefer, the place made 'from' the handstroke to the backstroke rows). A band that is capable of ringing Cambridge can introduce its companion, Ringers' Surprise ('Primrose') without 'learning' Primrose at all. Mr. Parker shows how the extent is produced. He says, in effect: Ring Cambridge to produce a certain lead-end, then ring 'Primrose' to produce another, and so on. But Primrose is merely Cambridge with a 'sixth's place' at the lead-end. No band would think of learning another method in order to produce a 'single' in Plain Bob. Then why do so to produce a 'sixth call' in Cambridge? Learn the altered work, necessitated by the sixth's place, as you would learn the single in Plain Bob; call your 'sixth's' where necessary to produce the required lead-ends, with the bobs in their proper places, and you have your spliced extent without bothering your band about Primrose. Apply this to any methods which splice in this way, using the necessary figures as given by Mr. Parker.

It would be interesting to try this on, say, Middleton's peal of Cambridge Major, calling successive 'eighth's' at those leads between the wrongs and homes, causing the bells to hunt instead of dodging at the lead-ends. This would reduce each course so treated by one lead, and introduce 'Primrose Major' with fourth's-place bobs!

Examples of Surprise methods: Whitley-Northumberland (Nos. 7 and 8), Weoler-Sandiacre (Nos. 10 and 11), Bacup-Barnborough (Nos. 19 and 20), Immanuel-Lightfoot (Nos. 22 and 23), Stamford-Wearmouth (Nos. 24 and 25), Hexham (or Berwick)-Surfleet (or Beverley) (Nos. 30 or 34 and 31 or 35), Norfolk-Ipswich (Nos. 36 and 37), Ringers' ('Primrose')-Cambridge (Nos. 38 or 39).

BUILDING UP EXTENTS.

The building of spliced extents requires a little thought, but it is quite simple—it is merely a question of substitution. Mr. Parker gives several variations which are typical. We usually start with the blocks which are the most awkward to handle (those by the course, the six-leads, or the 'places'), produce an extent in two methods, and then work backwards to the simpler blocks. If one of the paired methods has a companion three-lead splice we try and find the necessary three-lead blocks, and simply substitute the one for the other at these leads. If any of the methods now included has a companion single-lead splice, then at any convenient lead we substitute one method for the other.

It is all very simple, and 'Method Splicing' is a profitable and interesting book to those who wish to make their ringing far more interesting and entertaining. I have quoted Surprise methods because these happen to be the ones practised at Leytonstone, but what has been said may be applied to all Treble Bob methods, and, with modifications, to the plain methods. As I have said, our peal at Chigwell Row is merely the result of careful study of this excellent little work, coupled with a little ingenuity. Actually sixteen methods were rung and six others brought in by 'sixth calls'. Of the sixteen, four pairs were practically similar, leaving only twelve methods which presented any difficulty. Of these, two pairs were merely variations of the work differently placed in the rows (from middle to front), and thus there were only ten in the peal that were worth calling 'different methods.'

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

There will be a final opportunity on Monday for those associations who would like to make a collective contribution to our fund for the assistance of Mr. Alf. T. Baker ('Irenæus Pistor'), of Hillsborough, Sheffield, to 'pass round the hat.' The appeal will be closed after next week, but we shall always be glad to acknowledge contributions to the fund. Let it be made up to £200 with one concluding effort!

We acknowledge with thanks the following further contributions:—

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Amount already acknowledged	191	6	11
Collected at the Preston Branch meeting of the Lancashire Association, per F. Rigby	11	0	
Ringers of St. Peter's, Sowerby, Sowerby Bridge	7	6	
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DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Jarrow-on-Tyne on Saturday last, and was very successful in every way. The bells of Christ Church (eight) and St. Peter's (six) were kept going during the afternoon and evening. After an excellent tea at the Co-operative Cafe, a short meeting was held, presided over by the president of the district (Mr. R. L. Patterson), supported by the president (Mr. C. L. Routledge), Mr. Wm. Story, Mr. J. W. Parker, Mr. E. E. Ferry (secretary) and others. Thanks were accorded for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Hall, of Christ Church, for having made such excellent arrangements.

The next meeting was fixed for May 5th at West Hartlepool. In the course of a few remarks, Mr. Story said that it was most appropriate to have a meeting at Jarrow on that day, as it was the birthday of the late Frederick Harrison, a Jarrow man, who did so much for ringing in his native town, and for the association.

A MEMORIAL TABLET.

At All Souls', Bolton, Lancs, on Saturday week, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 49½ mins., with the bells half-muffled: C. Pike 1, A. Holden 2, J. Kay, jun., 3, H. Wallbank 4, R. Holden 5, H. Johnson 6, J. E. Markland (conductor) 7, J. W. Kay 8. The occasion was the unveiling of a memorial tablet to the late Mr. Jos. Markland, recording his 36 years' service at All Souls' Church. The tablet was unveiled by the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Martin), and after the ceremony the tower was thrown open to other ringers, and touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Doubles and Minor were rung.

PRESENTATION AT MARKET HARBOROUGH.

At the Parish Church, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, on Sunday evening, March 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. A. Manning (conductor) 1, F. Clark 2, R. March 3, Frank Wallington 4, W. Wallington 5, J. Chester 6, Fred Wallington 7, W. Hector 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Frank Wallington, who is taking up an appointment in the Sheffield Police Force. The opportunity was taken to present him with a travelling case as a mark of appreciation, together with the best of wishes for his future success.

MR. GEORGE BENNETT'S 100 PEALS.

Minor, in 1 method 1, in 3 methods 2, in 4 methods 4, in 5 methods 2, in 6 methods 2, in 7 methods 5; Erin Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 5; Stedman Triples, 4; Little Bob Major, 2; Bob Major, 11; Double Norwich Major, 16; Kent Treble Bob Major, 19; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3; Double Oxford Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 12; New Cambridge Major, 1; Superlative Major, 6; London Surprise Major, 3; total, 100.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, March 24th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. Farnsworth 1, N. Hemmington 2, W. Sterleind 3, J. Hobbs 4, F. Bradley 5, A. Barrett 6, L. Chadburn 7, P. Salter (composer and conductor) 8. Rung after an attempt for peal.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Thursday, March 22nd, at St. Edmund's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: E. Tyler 1, B. Morris 2, E. Sarjeant 3, H. Patrick 4, R. W. Lawrence (conductor) 5. First 720 by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd. All except the conductor are service ringers at this church.

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, March 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): J. L. Rye 1, W. Male 2, H. Huxley 3, T. Male 4, W. Collett 5, E. H. Adams (conductor) 6, J. Rye 7, E. Bosworth 8.

NOTICES.

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RINGERS' AND THEIR LADY FRIENDS' DANCE SOCIAL in St. Mary's Hall, Rectory Road, Acton (close to church—bells open 4 p.m.) Saturday, April 7th (Easter Eve), 7.30 p.m. Tickets (including refreshments) 1s. 6d., to be had from W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick; J. A. Trollope, 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing; Robt. Holloway, 10, Summerlands Avenue, Acton, W. Proceeds for Isleworth Bell Fund.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Houghton-le-Spring.—The Lord Bishop of Durham will dedicate the two new trebles at Houghton-le-Spring on Easter Eve, April 7th, at 3 o'clock. The local ringers will ring at the dedication; after the service bells will be open to all ringers. Tea will be provided in the Kieper School at 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head. — E. Ferry, Hon. Sec.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS. — St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.—On Easter Sunday, ringing for evening service will commence at 5.15, when any ringers visiting London will be welcomed.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Gravesend on Easter Monday (April 9th). Committee meeting in the Church House 11.15 a.m. Service in St. George's at 12. Address by Rev. E. Lionel Gedge, Rector of Crayford. Collection for Earl Haig Memorial Fund. Dinner in the Town Hall 1.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Towers open: Gravesend (8), Northfleet (8), Swanscombe (8), Milton (6). Members wishing to ring at Cliffe, Higham, Shorne, Meopham or Cobham are requested to write to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, before April 6th. —Fredk. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

NORFOLK GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 9th. The rings of bells at St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), St. Michael at Coslany (8) and All Saints' (5) will be available. Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church at 12.30 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Roger Bulstrode, Rector of Holy Trinity, Heigham. Luncheon at Messrs. Ashworth and Pike's Restaurant, Davey Place, Norwich, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. The annual business meeting for the election of new president, officers and committee will follow immediately after the luncheon. — Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Bury St. Edmunds. Cathedral (10) and St. Mary's bells (8) available all day. 3 p.m., committee meeting at Abbey House. 3.30, service in Cathedral. 4, tea, Abbey House. Meeting follows. Quarterly meetings at Ufford, March 31st, and at Fressingfield, April 21st. Tea at 4.45 at Fox and Goose Room, 9d. to all sending me word by April 17th.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at St. George's, Stockport. Service 10.45 a.m. Preacher, Rev. A. J. Humphreys. Meeting, 11.45 in Schools. Luncheon, 1 p.m. Tickets 1s. 6d. members, 2s. visitors.—Edward W. Elwell, Sec., Capenhurst, Chester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 9th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: All Saints (10), St. Helen (8), Claines (8), St. Nicholas (6) and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Soham, on Easter Monday, April 9th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30 sharp. Ringing at Soham (10 bells) from 10 a.m., Ely St. Mary's (8) and Fordham (6) from 6 p.m.—Rev. R. Copeman, 53, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL RINGERS.—The annual festival will be held at Hereford on Easter Monday. Service in the Cathedral 12.15. Preacher, Rev. E. H. Beattie, M.A., M.C., Rector of Ross. Dinner at the Boothe Hall, 2s. 6d., at 1.—Geoffrey W. Turner, Hon. Sec.

JOINT MEETING OF SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND LADIES' GUILD (Northern Section).—On Easter Monday, Rotherham Parish Church (10 bells) and Eastwood, near Rotherham (8 bells) available. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. T. C. Ryder, 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham, as early as possible?—Robert Harrison, jun., and Hilda Jacques, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Mary (10), St. Peter (10), Lenton (8), Beeston (8) and Basford (8) will be available during the day. Committee meet in St. Peter's School 2.30. Short service in St. Peter's Church 4 p.m., conducted by Rev. H. P. Hale, M.A., at which all members are specially requested to attend. Meat tea at 5 p.m. in St. Peter's School, followed by the general meeting. — Reports for 1927 now ready, 6d. each, by post 7½d.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry St., Leicester.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday. Bells (8) available from 10 a.m. Service, St. Mary's Church, 4.30. Tea, Church Institute, 5.15. Meeting, 6. Members free. Handbells 6.30. Various towers open for ringing. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, April 9th. Bells (10) tenor 17 cwt.) available for ringers all day. Dinner will be provided at Hood's Marine Cafe (members 2/6, non-members 3s.) at 1 p.m. — T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Easter Monday, April 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.45, with tea and meeting to follow.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 9th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available from 10 a.m. Luncheon will be at 'The Silver Grill' at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-resident members and friends 2s. 9d. per head. Business meeting after lunch. A hearty welcome will be given to visitors and ringing friends.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Glossop Parish Church on Easter Monday. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Frequent service of trains from London Road Station. Fare 1s. 8d. to Glossop Central.—J. Hall, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting of the members will be held at the Dalton Parish Church on Easter Monday, April 9th, at 4 p.m. The bells (10) will be rung from 1.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at North Collingham, Newark, on Easter Monday. A good ring of 6 bells (almost new) available from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and probably another peal of 6 in the evening. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head for those who notify J. H. Clayton, Grange Farm, Collingham, Newark, not later than April 4th. Members of kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. Ringers on the Northern and Retford side of the Trent are requested to book to Newark. Cheap rail and bus fares, thence to Collingham, buses running hourly. The lane at Carlton Ferry at present is under water. Looking forward for a good attendance.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Bells, 10, 8, and two sixes, all going well. Service in the Cathedral 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. Gathorne Crabtree, M.C., M.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, St. Albans. Tea 6 p.m., followed by annual business meeting in the Abbey Institute. Towers open at 2 p.m. The two six-bell towers earlier by arrangement. If coming to tea, drop me postcard.—G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on April 12th and 26th. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th and Southwark Cathedral on the 19th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. MARY'S, BEDDINGTON, NEAR CROYDON.—An invitation meeting will be held here on Saturday April 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at Village Hall 5.45. Ringing after tea. Social at Harvest Home, Beddington Lane, with handbells, etc., at 8 p.m. Everybody is welcome, but visitors must notify me of their intention of being present not later than Wednesday, April 11th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, on Saturday, April 14th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Canon G. F. Coleridge, President of the Central Council. Tea at 5.15 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Hall, Ealing Road, near South Ealing Station. One shilling will be charged, but please advise your district secretary by April 11th if you are coming. Business meeting after tea. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's, Ealing, from 2 to 4.30 and from 7 to 9.; St. Stephen's, West Ealing, from 2.45 to 4.; Christ Church, Ealing, from 7 to 9.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4., and W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Institute. Please send word to secretary all those intending being present, so as full arrangements can be made.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury-Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 14th. Three 8-bell towers available, one from 3.45 to 4.45 p.m. only; two from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Granville C. Bixby, Dis. Sec., Long Melford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The meeting previously arranged for Norton, March 31st, has been unavoidably cancelled, and will be held Saturday, April 14th. Members please note.—W. C. Moore, Hon. Sec., Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual committee meeting. This meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, April 14th, at 3.15 p.m. (D.V.).—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Secretary, 69, York Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Tue Brook, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Special attention to Oxford Treble Bob Major and Superlative Surprise Major.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand also. Certificates 3d. each. Expecting a good muster present.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chard on Saturday, April 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business at Gill's Restaurant 5 p.m. Kindly send notice of intention to be present.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Eling, Totton, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30, also Dibden (8). Tea at the Anchor Inn at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by April 10th?—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. L. Knights Smith, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton, at 2.30 and 4 p.m., returning at 7.45 and 9.15. Please send word not later than Tuesday, April 10th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Isham (6) on Saturday, April 14th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 10th?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Cheadle (R.C.) on Saturday, April 14th. Will all who require tea please inform Mr. A. W. Hall, 77, Queen Street, Cheadle, not later than April 11th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swineshead on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Will those who intend being present kindly inform me not later than Tuesday, April 10th, so that arrangements can be made for tea?—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at High Halden on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Method proposed to practice: Cambridge Surprise. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Tarleton Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, April 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to all who notify Mrs. Garlick, The Café, Tarleton, before Thursday, April 12th. A good attendance required.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Christleton on April 14th. Tower open 3. Service 4. Will those who intend to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 11th?—J. W. Clarke, Eccleston, Chester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Ringers and friends cordially invited.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Wolvey on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited. Reports for 1927 are now ready.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Norton (5) on Saturday, April 14th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Davenport.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Capel on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Ockley bells will also be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and again in the evening. Service at Capel at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church Room at 5.30 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 18th?—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at West Malling on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 5. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, April 18th?—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Will members look up Double Norwich. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Permission to ring at Burlescombe (6) and Sampford Peverell (6) has kindly been given. Will any band or ringer let me know at what time they would like to visit either or both of these towers so that I can arrange accordingly? Numbers for tea to reach me by Tuesday, April 17th. — M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Established 1672. — Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 28th. Further particulars later.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Jubilee festival will be held in Bristol at Whitsuntide. The following arrangements have been made:—

Friday, May 25th. Two eight bell peals have been arranged.

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Luncheon at St. Mary's Parish Hall at 1 p.m.
Meeting, Bedminster Bridge School, at 2.30 p.m.
Tea, St. Mary's Parish Hall, at about 5 p.m., to be followed by more ringing and a social evening (announcement later).

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