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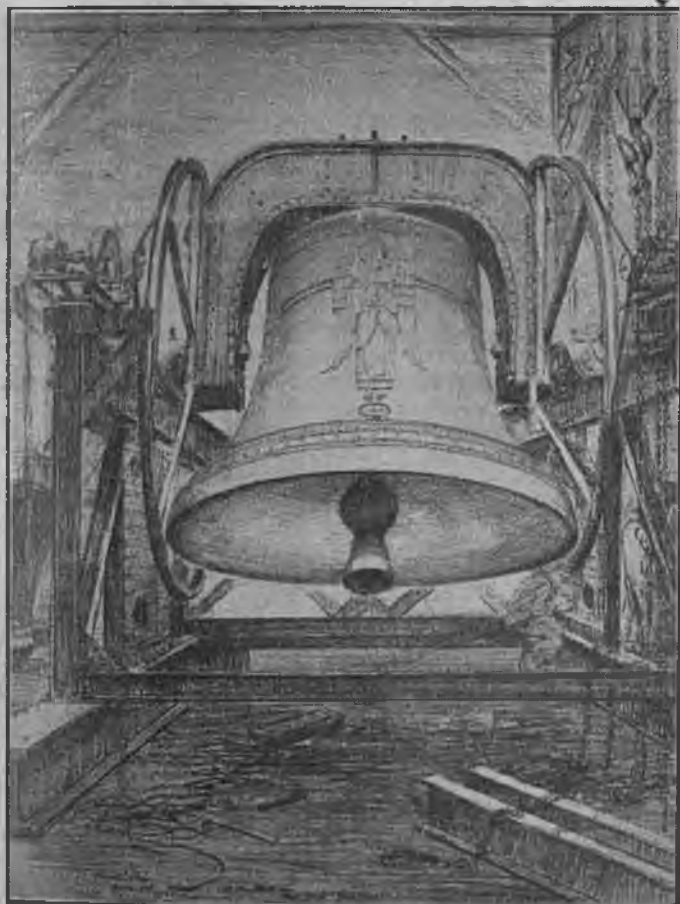
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THE MINOR METHODS.

The Minor methods, of which the Central Council propose shortly to publish a revised 'Collection,' are still the centre of controversy. After years of disputation the actual names which they are to bear have been virtually settled and very generally accepted. There are isolated titles which still do not meet with everyone's approval, but taken altogether the Exercise is now fairly satisfied with what has been done. We publish a letter this week from the Norbury (Cheshire) Company, who first rang a peal of the 'floral' methods; accepting the new names and this graceful gesture on their part puts this side of the controversy finally at rest. The committee, we believe, still have to settle one or two questions of priority in other sections; cases where, while the names were not claimed during the period that the Council's librarian was open to receive them, reached the Analysis Committee before their report was published, but were not adopted by them, presumably because a later name had been claimed within the prescribed time. Except for small points of this kind, however, the names are to all intents and purposes definitely settled.

The question of the classification of the methods, however, is now being questioned. It is too late in the day to have anything on this point decided by the Council, unless publication is to be delayed for yet another year. Mr. Trollope, in his letter in another column, intimates that in this connection the report on the system of classification (adopted by the Council in 1906) may be reproduced. This, we think, will be absolutely essential, and we suggest that the committee would do well to amplify their report somewhat. Their definitions may quite well cover, to their own satisfaction, the methods as at present classified, but the ordinary ringer may be forgiven if he is a little confused when he examines the methods in the light of the report, and we think it is for this more ample explanation, and revision if necessary, that the Rev. H. Drake is asking.

To take an example or two. Plain methods are subdivided into three classes, defined as follows: (1) Bob Methods, having the Grandsire Bob place, either before, or behind, or both, the place being the extreme working bell place nearest the hunt or hunts. (2) Imperial Methods, having Imperial places as, for instance, those made in Kent Treble Bob. (3) Court Methods, having Court places, i.e., places other than those in (1) and (2). Now, some methods among the 'Imperials' have Court places coupled with a 'Grandsire Bob' place behind, but no suggestion (on the face of them) of Kent Treble Bob

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places in their construction. If 'Lytham' and 'Thelwall' are in their proper class, therefore, some explanation is necessary for the benefit of the ordinary ringer. Again, the insertion of 'Stepney' and 'Bala' among the Bob Methods and Stedman Slow Course among the Court methods may be technically in accordance with the committee's views of classification, but, if it is, the definition of a Bob method would seem to need further explanation, or the other definitions some modification. A person coming new to this book would imagine that some of the methods had just been pitchforked into the different categories without regard to the 1906 report; and a new edition ought not to appear without additional clarification.

Further, while the committee are doing their work, we would suggest, with a view to encouraging the higher standard of ringing involved in method splicing, that there should be an indication given of those methods which will splice together, by leads, courses or otherwise. A brief list would suffice, and would be of immense service to those who would like to take up this phase of Minor ringing.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes!

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
THOMAS H. REEVES 2	*FRANK E. PERVIN 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 8
*ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4	*HERBERT C. SPENCER 9
*FRED PRICE 5	ALBERT WALKER Tenor

Composed by the late JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells. Arranged and rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, of Woking, Surrey.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

ALFRED J. TRAPPITT Treble	ALFRED J. BOLL 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	RONALD H. BOLL 7
AMOS W. CLARK 3	DANIEL D. COOPER 8
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	CHARLES H. KIPPEN 9
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal. First attempt for a ten-bell peal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BODELWYDDN, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE MARBLE CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	SAMUEL ROBERTS 5
JOHN RANGLES 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
WILLIAM ROBERTS 3	THOMAS GRIFFITHS 7
JAMES ALDERMAN 4	ARTHUR TILSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

The above are Sunday service ringers at All Saints' Church, Gressford, Denbighshire. They were visiting Rhyl on holiday.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 10, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*OSWALD CLAYBROOK Treble	†CYRIL VALENTINE 5
*ARTHUR BERRINGTON 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY 3	*GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of London inside. First peal in the method as conductor. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at St. Lawrence's, Frodsham. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Rev. A. E. Bartlett, who passed away on Sunday, September 9th, and was interred at Great Crosby, near Liverpool, on Wednesday, September 12th. He was for some years assistant clergyman at Frodsham, and retired recently on account of ill-health.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	THOMAS HAMMOND 5
EDWARD CAUNCE 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
*GEORGE W. TEMBY 3	†JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
WALTER FISHER 4	†JOHN BREERZE Tenor

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Triples. This peal was arranged for Mr. Temby, who hails from Egremont, Cumberland.

SHERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
*NORMAN V. HARDING 3	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

Specially arranged for and rung on the silver wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith and the 81st birthday of Mrs. E. S. Baker (Mrs. Goldsmith's mother). * First peal of Double Norwich.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 5
JOHN MEDHURST 2	ERNEST J. LADD 6
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN S. MORLEY Treble	BERNARD WELLS 5
OLIVER SIPPITS 2	CRCIL NICE 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	REGINALD V. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by R. V. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal as conductor.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF KENT SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

VINCENT TIFTON Treble	HARRY SMALE 5
FREDERICK WHITBY 2	STANLEY CLARK 6
GEORGE DENT 3	JOHN CORDELL 7
LEWIS A. CORDELL 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by G. DENT.

The first peal of Kent Surprise to be rung.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SEAW Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY 5
SAMUEL HARRISON 2	*ARNOLD HAIGH 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY 7
J. ALBERT HELLIWELL 4	WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

* First peal in the method. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Harrison, of Conisborough.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... Treble	HENRY FLETCHER 5
ALFRED MOULD 2	JACK BAILEY 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	PERCY H. TATE 7
GEORGE FREEBREY 4	CHARLES DRAPER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREY.

* First peal of Major.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED B. PECK Treble	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS 5
HERBERT LONDON 2	GEOFFREY C. RICE 6
RICHARD G. RICE 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7
ALAN R. MACDONALD 4	JAMES S. NAPPER Tenor

Conducted by J. S. HAWKINS.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5280 CHANGES.

WORCESTER VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt, in A flat.

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

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Rung on the 34th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone's wedding day, also as a birthday peal for the latter. Mr. A. C. Kay should have been in this peal, but owing to the original tower not being available, last minute arrangements were made, and Mr. J. Wheadon very kindly filled the gap. This composition is now rung for the first time.

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CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.	
LESTER L. GRAY Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
JOHN HAYES 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
*PERCY SWINDLEY 4	*JOHN A. RANGLES Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

HUNSDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY ROCHESTER Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
REGINALD DORE 2	GEORGE GRAY 6
ARTHUR REDINGTON 3	JOSEPH LADLEY 7
JOHN SUCKLING 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
FREDERICK GREEN Treble	EDWARD C. MERRETT 5
ALBERT WARD 2	FREDERICK CRIPPS 6
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER 3	KEITH HART 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
GEORGE LEWIS 2	CHARLES MASON 6
JESSE J. MOSS 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
JOHN HOLMAN 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FREDERICK A. MITCHELL Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
EDWARD J. BEER 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 6
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* 50th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. WATTS Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	H. C. REASON 6
WALTER PRIOR 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7
WALTER ARNOLD 4	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	ARTHUR E. MOORE 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	JAMES CHINERY 7
ALFRED J. BERRY 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*THOMAS TOWNSEND Treble	*FRANK MEADOWS 5
JOHN ROUND 2	HARRY HUBBLE 6
RICHARD ROUND 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 4	*ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal. This peal was rung as a welcome to the Lord Bishop of Worcester, who dedicated a memorial window to the late Vicar, the Rev. R. A. Norris, M.A.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	ALFRED HACKETT 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
WILLIAM BROWN 4	WILLIAM GREEN Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. G. Bird and Miss Jackson, both of Old Hill, Staffs. After the peal the ringers were entertained to a splendid tea, for which they return best thanks. They also desire to thank the Vicar of Rowley for allowing the attempt to be made there, as the bells at Old Hill were not pealable.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, September 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANK W. PERRENS Treble	HUBERT G. SUMMERS 4
OSWALD J. HUNT 2	*JOSEPH E. SYKES 5
JOHN W. TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

* First peal of London Surprise Minor.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*REV. G. H. SHARPE Treble	GEORGE W. PARK 4
W. NORMAN PARK 2	ROLAND PARK 5
CHARLES TODD 3	WILLIAM H. PORTER Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal. First peal rung in Darlington by a clergyman who learnt his ringing in the town. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. H. Sharpe, for 2½ years curate of Holy Trinity Parish, who has left to take up the incumbency of St. Barnabas' Church, Worcester.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, September 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM ROBSON Treble	EDWARD A. HERN 4
JAMES E. SCOTT 2	ERNEST GOSDEN 5
JAMES L. GRAY 3	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

Rung on the occasion of the opening of the new vestries.

ECCLESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRED RIGBY Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES 4
JAMES MILLER 2	JOHN T. MILLER 5
ALFRED BLOGG 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. H. Bretherton, Rector of Eccleston. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Elli,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*J. BRINLEY JONES Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 4
ALAC A. RACKHAM 2	*REV. F. ARTHUR OSWELL ... 5
WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor inside. This peal was arranged for the Rev. F. A. Oswell and Mr. G. Popnell.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At 16, LIME GROVE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4	PETER LAFLIN 7-8

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, September 12, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 B flat.

FRANK E. PERVIN 1-2	ALBERT WALKER 7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4	JOSEPH H. WHITE 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referees: JAMES GEORGE, PERCY O. LAFLIN, ERNEST MANSELL and others.

Specially arranged on the silver wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, Woking.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR.

A WEEK IN THE WEST.

The 17th annual tour of the above Guild was held this year in the West, headquarters being at Almondsbury Vicarage, a few miles north of Bristol. A rather heavy programme had been arranged, including visits to some of the most famous towers in Gloucestershire and the North of Somerset. The numbers were, unfortunately, lower than usual, one or two members finding themselves at the last moment unable to come. Their absence was greatly felt in the matter of peal attempts, though the touch ringing was of a higher standard than usual.

Double Norwich was lost at Chewton Mendip on the first day, but the members had the consolation of 1½ hours' good ringing on this truly beautiful peal of bells. They then drove down the Cheddar Gorge to Winscombe, and then back to Wells, where they were privileged to ring Stedman Caters at the Cathedral.

Treble Ten was lost at Painswick, but they were successful the next day at Corston, where Double Norwich was brought round in just under three hours.

A handbell peal of Bob Royal was also rung, and good courses of Grandsire Cinques at Cirencester and St. Mary Redcliffe. Stedman Caters were rung at Tewkesbury (where the party had the pleasure of meeting the Rev. C. D. P. Davies), and on the fine peal at Wrington, but the most successful hour of the week was undoubtedly spent at Wraxall, where, after an excellent lunch and some equally excellent Somerset cider, courses of Cambridge, London, Superlative and Bristol were successfully brought round. The course of Bristol was the first that the Guild has rung, and was a source of great satisfaction.

The most successful feature of the tour was, without doubt, the weather, which was perfect all the week, and the members enjoyed the beautiful country of the West at its very best. The thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to all the steeplekeepers and others who so kindly prepared the bells for them, met them at the towers, rang with them when there was a vacant rope, and in various other ways helped to make the tour such a happy one.

Next year the Guild will be celebrating its jubilee, and it is intended to hold the tour at Cambridge, where they all are looking forward to having with them once again their president, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey, who has watched over and guided the Guild through many ups and downs during his long term of office, which started very shortly after the foundation in 1879.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, September 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Vicarage.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Cath's) 1-2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) ... 5-6
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 3-4	S. H. WOODS (Magdalene) ... 7-8
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 9-10	

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

CORSTON, NEAR BATH.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, September 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES (CAIUS) Treble	REV. E. G. BENSON (St Cath's) 5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) ... 2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 6
J. T. RICKMAN (Jesus) ... 3	S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) ... 7
REV. R. H. WHITFORD	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN
(Pembroke) 4	(Trinity) Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

MUFFLED RINGING.

On Tuesday evening, August 28th, at the Church of St. Peter, Cogenhoe, Northants, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled: A. Robinson 1, E. Sibley 2, H. Blundell 3, W. Atterbury 4, T. Law (conductor) 5, J. Deau 6. Rung as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. Farey, Cogenhoe.

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THE 'RINGERS' DIRECTORY. A COURAGEOUS VENTURE.

A very courageous step has been taken by the Bristol United Guilds in publishing the first 'Directory of Church Bellringers.' It is a work which will grow in importance as it increases in size, but even as a beginning it should prove extremely useful to the Exercise. The reasons for its appearance can best be given by quoting from the preface:—

'When Fabian Stedman first published his "Tintinnologia" in 1668, he undertook a bold enterprise. Campanology, or the art and science of change ringing on bells, was a new thing; ringers were few and far between, and the difficulty of introducing his book, and the art with which it deals, must have been great. But he accomplished his task, and his name will be honoured for all time for the work which he did. Since Stedman's time the practice of change ringing has extended greatly, and within the last fifty years matters have improved in many ways. Diocesan Guilds and associations have been formed, bells have been better looked after, ringing chambers kept in better condition, and the status and privilege of the church bell-ringer more fully recognised.

'To-day in all parts of Great Britain, and, indeed, in a much wider area, there are change ringers. Their number is difficult to estimate. Under these circumstances, it has long been felt that there should be a Ringers' Directory. Other trades, other societies, have their directory. Why not a Ringers' Directory?

'This publication is an attempt to fill the gap. It has been undertaken by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, who now send it forth in the hope that it may serve many useful purposes. We are told that ringers are always welcome to a rope in any tower where change ringing is practised. We read of ringers' outings. Ringing tours are not uncommon. A stranger in a strange place, whether as a visitor or coming into new residence, is made to feel at home if he can meet with fellow-ringers. In this way, then, a Ringers' Directory would serve a purpose. If it be only a means of bringing into touch with one another those who have a common interest much good will have been done.

'But, perhaps, more important still, there is this further consideration. If our exercise is to maintain its position, young ringers must be coming on year after year. Many a younger ringer has been lost to the Exercise, who, after having overcome the initial difficulties of change ringing, goes to reside elsewhere. He knows no one there, he is diffident about going to a strange tower, and consequently all the teaching he has received is wasted, and he himself loses interest. Here, obviously, a Ringers' Directory would be a help to all concerned.'

As to the directory itself, the names of the subscribers appear in alphabetical order, and there are something like 600 of these. Then follows a geographical classification, wherein association officials are indicated. There is, of course, much more difficulty in arranging this, because counties and dioceses are not coterminous, and their names also differ. Various improvements in this section will doubtless suggest themselves to the compilers of future editions, but for practical purposes this first issue is extremely helpful, and should be in the hands of all ringers. Subscribers are provided with a free copy, but non-subscribers can obtain a copy, on payment of one shilling, from Mr. E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

DOUBLE LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY GEORGE BAKER.

When the method 'Double London Surprise Major' was published on August 5th, 1927, I mentioned the fact that there were seven false course-ends to each plain course, tenors together, and that peals in the method were then an unsolved problem.

This last is no longer, and although there are only twenty-one true courses tenors together, there are forty-eight true courses to be had by using courses with the 7th in 5th's, 3rd's and 2nd's place.

The two peals of 5,184 changes which follow contain portions of the twenty-one true courses tenors together, plus three courses with the 7th in 5th's and 3rd's respectively.

Although it is to be regretted that peals with 7-8 fixed are impossible, yet I hope that, having shown the feasibility of peals on another plan, the method may yet claim the attention of the advanced societies, and there is one point that might be mentioned in favour of the method: it unquestionably extends perfectly on all even numbers to infinity.

TWO PEALS BY GEORGE BAKER.

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234567	5th's	R	M	W	234567	5th's	B	M	W H
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254763	—				254763	—			
352847	—				352847	—			
632547	—				624537	—			
562347	—				564237	—			
635427	—				625347	—			
532467	—				524367	—			
236457	—				426357	—			
342567	—				423567	—			

Twice repeated.

Twice repeated.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, September 15th, and fairly well attended, amongst the towers represented being the following: Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Branston, Brigg, Elsham, Gainsborough, Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Lincoln and Willingham, in addition to the local company and two ringers from Misterton.

The tower contains a musical ring of eight bells, which have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, to whom great credit is due for the way in which they have carried out the work. The 'go' is excellent, and the bells, needless to say, were well utilised during the afternoon and evening in various methods ranging from Bob Minor to London Surprise Major.

In the absence of the Vicar (Rev. C. Steele), who was away from home on a holiday, the service, consisting of the Guild office, was conducted by the Rev. F. B. Lys, assistant priest, who gave a unique and most instructive address. It was gratifying to see such a good number present.

Subsequently thirty-nine members and friends sat down to tea in the Church Hall. The business meeting followed, at which, owing to the unavoidable absence of the president (Mr. F. Linley), the Rev. Lys was voted to the chair, and, on behalf of the Vicar, extended a hearty welcome to the Guild. Apologies of absence were announced from the Vicar, Canon W. Hicks (Messingham), Rev. W. L. Mann (Killingholme), Mr. F. G. Wileman (Gainsborough) and Mr. C. H. Baker (Gainsborough). Reference was also made to the absence of the Rev. R. Bond (Lincoln District president) and the Rev. H. T. Parry (Grimsby District president), the former owing to an engagement and the latter to indisposition.

One new member, Mr. H. E. Wills, of Brigg, was elected.

Mr. J. A. Freeman proposed, and Mr. H. Marcon seconded, that the next half-yearly meeting be held at Ewerby. An amendment, Mr. H. Morgan proposed and Mr. C. McGuinness seconded, Heckington.—On being put to the meeting the former place was agreed to.

The next item on the agenda was Mr. C. Chester's suggestion re introducing 'Cards of membership' in place of receipts.—After the matter had been explained, it was agreed that the committee's recommendation be accepted. This was as follows: 'The committee do not recommend a suggestion of introducing cards of membership in place of receipts for the following reasons: (1) Additional expense, (2) extra work for the secretaries, (3) inconvenience for the purpose of audit.'

Mr. Geo. Chester made reference to the Central Council meeting at Hereford, and also gave a satisfactory account respecting the Cathedral bells, at the same time stating that the Dean (Dr. T. C. Fry) had expressed a hope that it would be possible to have the twelve bells rung every Sunday.

Votes of thanks were unanimously carried to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. F. B. Lys for his address, to the organisers, to the caterers for the excellent tea provided, and to those of the local company who had made the necessary arrangements, and thus helped to mature such a successful meeting.—These were duly responded to and concluded the business, after which further ringing took place until about 9 p.m.

SHEFFIELD RINGERS VISIT DERBYSHIRE VILLAGE.

On Sunday, September 2nd, after ringing for morning service, the St. Marie's company, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, set off by motor charabanc for a visit to Youlgreave, one of the old-world villages nestling in the Peak of Derbyshire. In the fine old church here is a grand peal of eight by Mears and Stainbank, tenor 26½ cwt., put in 1870. These were the objective, the ringers having received a very hearty invitation from the Vicar and local ringers to pay them a visit. They travelled over the famous moors round the Fox House and Froggat Edge route, through Calver Hassop and Bakewell, then past the famous Haddon Hall, from where Dorothy Vernon eloped with Lord John Manners. The old hall has been renovated and made habitable once more, and is now occupied by its owner, the Duke of Rutland. Arrived at their destination safely, the party, after refreshments, made for the tower, where they found all in splendid order, not only in the ringing chamber but also among the bells and frame, and reflecting great credit upon the steeplekeeper.

Owing to illness close to the church, the programme was curtailed to short touches in various methods, after which the visitors were taken by the local members for a walk down part of the Lathkill Dale, a well-known spot for anglers. Here they were shown over the private fish hatchery belonging to the duke, and this proved very interesting, thousands of trout in various stages and ages being observed. At this stage the party were joined by Messrs. Fidler and Harrison, from Loughborough.

Tea was the next item, after which ringing for evening service was taken part in by various mixed bands. A social hour spent with the Youlgreave friends, in the course of which courses and tunes on the handbells by Messrs. G. Holmes, W. Burgar, J. A. Dixon, G. O. Dixon and J. Evinson were rung, brought the visit to an end, and the return journey was made via Bastow and Owlver Bar.

Sheffield was reached in good time, everyone satisfied with a splendid day's outing. Thanks are expressed to all those who so kindly contributed to the enjoyment of the party.

A SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING TOUR.

On Sunday, September 9th, the Priory Church band, Dunstable, had a service ringing tour in Bucks and Berks for their annual outing. An ambitious programme had been drawn up and was duly carried out. The party 14 in number, boarded the charabanc at 8.15 for Beaconsfield, the 29 miles' run being enjoyed by all. Service ringing from 10 to 11 a.m., through the kindness of the local band, was the first item, the party being met by Mr. R. Buckland and other members.

The bells, a fine ring, were pulled up, and were soon going to Stedman, a touch of 408 being well rung, followed by 384 Double Norwich and a 'top-hole' course of Cambridge Surprise, everybody agreeing that a good start had been made. While ringing was in progress, some of the party took the opportunity to visit the wonderful oak lodge at the entrance of Hall Barn, and had the pleasure of a conversation with Lord Burnham. From Beaconsfield the party proceeded to Slough, via Burnham Beeches and Farnham Royal, where Mr. W. H. Fussell was to be picked up. The Village Pump had been given the writer as the place where he should be found, but it is hoped he will choose another place the next time this company visit Farnham, as the Village Pump became the joke of the day. However, Mr. Fussell was eventually discovered, and became the pilot to Slough, via Stoke Poges, where a visit was paid to Stoke Church and Gray's tomb. Slough was reached in time for a good hot dinner, arranged beforehand by Mr. Fussell. Ringing at St. Mary's Church, Slough, from 2.15 to 3 was next on the programme, Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and Grandsire being brought round. The bells here are a musical ring, and were much enjoyed. It was evident during the ringing that some of the party were used to a Sunday afternoon nap, as, glancing round during the ringing of one touch, six nodding heads were to be seen. However, everybody having had a pull, and a snapshot of the party having been taken, Mr. Fussell said 'Good-bye,' and handed over his duties to Mr. T. Smith, of Windsor Parish Church. A quick run to Windsor via Eton was undertaken. The weather then began to be unkind. By the time Windsor was reached, the rain came down in torrents. However, Mr. Smith had made arrangements for a visit to the curfew tower, an 'extra' that gave great pleasure to all, and filled in the hour until tea time. Tea over, Windsor Parish Church bells were at the disposal of the visitors from 5.30 to 6.30, the Windsor men taking an evening off. Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung, and the bells lowered in peal.

The return journey was begun via Bray, Maidenhead, Cookham, High Wycombe, to Hughenden, where the bells were available after evening service. The party reached the church and found the bells

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**DEVON GUILD.
CLERGY RING A TOUCH.**

A quarterly meeting of the North-East Branch was held at Hemmock on Saturday. The weather was glorious, and ringers gathered from far and near in motor-cars and on bicycles, for trains are few and far between in the Culm Valley. No fewer than 62 sat down to tea in the Village Schoolroom, after attending service in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. G. Bletchley). The visitors included the president and Mrs. Powell, Mr. T. Laver (Guild secretary) and Mr. Godfrey (East Devon Branch). Exeter was well represented by many well-known members of the Cathedral band and of other churches, besides many others from Milverton, Talaton, Kenn, etc. The local towers represented were Calverleigh, Huntsham, Silverton, Tiverton, Bradninch and Holcombe Rogus.

After tea a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung by clergymen, those taking being Rev. L. G. Bletchley (Hemmock), Rev. E. S. Powell (Clyst St. George), Rev. F. Carter (Calverleigh), Rev. E. Wright (Sheffield), Rev. E. J. Barton (Holcombe Rogus), Rev. E. V. Cox (Exmouth).

Touces of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor and Major, Stedman and Grandsire were rung during the afternoon.

Culmstock tower and Uffculme tower, each with eight bells, were also open to visitors, thanks to the kindness of the Rev. Tertius Poole and the Rev. H. Chalk in giving permission, and of the local ringers for meeting and arranging for the visitors.

The annual meeting of the branch was fixed for Saturday, December 8th, to be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton.

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ready, and had a warm welcome from several local men. 448 Cambridge, 252 Stedman and a touch of Double Norwich concluded the ringing for the day, the 'bag' during the trip being 896 of Cambridge, 224 Superlative, 1,143 Stedman, 798 of Double Norwich, and 223 of Grandsire. Home was then talked of, and was made via Wycombe, Amersham, Chesham and Berkhamsted. During the run between the two latter places, the writer noted several shy glances at watches, and there was some wondering 'whether we should do it.' However, at 9.55 p.m. Berkhamsted was reached. A quick descent, and no, dear reader, not the Village Pump, but a certain hotel en route, the occupants of which wondered what was happening. The events of the day were talked over, and the last nine miles of the homeward journey undertaken, Dunstable being reached at 10.50, after a really enjoyable day, everyone agreeing that it was one of the best outings the company had had. The band wish to thank all who helped in any way to make it such a success, especially Mr. Fussell for arranging the dinner, and Mr. Smith the tea and the visit to the curfew tower.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Little interval has passed since the publication of Kent Surprise, but on Thursday of last week the first peal was rung by the Essex Association, at Harlow Common.

A serious accident has befallen Miss H. F. Mills, of Aldershot, the hon. secretary of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild. While staying in Northern Ireland she was riding in a motor omnibus which overturned in a collision, and in addition to breaking some ribs Miss Mills was badly cut in her back. This latter injury has been causing serious concern, and Miss Mills is still in Londonderry City Hospital, whither she was taken after the accident. In consequence of this occurrence the next meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild cannot at present be arranged.

Matthew Wood, of Bethnal Green fame, one of the finest ringers of the old London school, was born on September 22nd, 1826. He died in 1912 at the age of 85 years.

The first peal of Double Norwich Caters was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on September 22nd, 1894.

On September 25th, 1845, a peal of 6,701 Stedman Caters was rung at St. James', Bermondsey, being 'the greatest number attainable with treble in 2nd's place and bobs only.' It was composed and conducted by John Cox.

CANON COLERIDGE.

We are pleased to be able to state that Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council, continues to make satisfactory progress. He sat up for the first time on Sunday evening, but will not be able to leave the nursing home at Reading before about the end of the month.

STARTING YOUNG.

The other day Mr. Denison Taylor received at the Loughborough Bell Foundry a telegram stating laconically, 'Mortal ordered.—Paul.' This was from his nephew, Paul Taylor, aged 15, youngest son of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, and brother of Mr. Pryce Taylor, whose untimely death last year was so much regretted by brother-strings all over the country.

Young Paul already is evincing the keenest interest in the business, handles a bell well, and spends the whole of his holidays amongst the bells, either at the foundry or in the belfries all over the country.

The telegram referred to above was from a village in Cornwall, to restore the bells of which Paul regards as his first order!

Although at Oundle School, and with his university career still ahead of him, Paul is eagerly looking forward to the time when he will be able to start work in earnest at the Foundry, and indications are not lacking that his keen musical ear and propensities towards engineering will be an asset towards upholding and enhancing the high standard attained by the firm in all its various branches of work. All friends of the Loughborough Foundry will extend their best wishes for the future success of this young member of an illustrious family.

ANOTHER HAMPSHIRE TOUR.

THE PROGRAMME OF A BUSY WEEK.

Another ringing tour is in progress in Hampshire this week, and taking part in it are well-known ringers from many places. They foregathered in Winchester on Saturday from Ireland, North Wales, Lancashire, Cheshire, Bucks, Essex, Middlesex, Surrey and Hants, and 'opened the ball' with a peal of Stedman Cinques on the Cathedral bells. Headquarters are at Swaythling and from here the following peal programme was to be carried out:—

Monday: Sherfield English and East Tytherleigh.

Tuesday: Romsey Abbey and Hursley.

Wednesday: Dibden, St. Mary's, Southampton, and Wimborne Minster.

Thursday: Soberton and Curdridge.

Friday: Alton and Privett.

Saturday: Bishopstoke and North Stoneham.

In the party there are two full bands of eight, so there will be no dearth of ringers; and, what is more, much of the travelling will be done in private motor-cars—somewhat different to the style of the old Hampshire touring days, when the excursions were limited to the power of a couple of horses in a wagonette.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Bulwell, on Saturday, September 15th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Whalley 1, T. Jennison 2, S. Pinder 3, J. E. Hobbs 4, W. Stanner 5, G. Bramley (first quarter-peal) 6, E. Cooper (first quarter as conductor) 7, W. Collington 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. E. Caunt, a member of the local band, to Miss E. Roberts.

THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The two methods given by Mr. A. C. Driver are in the new Collection. They are Nos. 28 Childwall and 29 Wavertree. May I thank those who have written to me suggesting alterations, and may I say that we are anxious to have any mistakes pointed out up to the time the MSS. leave our hands. But obviously any claim to priority in the name of a method made at the last moment will cause us some little trouble and inconvenience. No alterations in any names can now be entertained on the grounds of suitability or because the present name is objected to on æsthetic grounds. The time for that is passed.

I hardly know if I need say anything about the article headed 'Method Classification.' It professes to be a criticism of a report by the Method Committee. The Method Committee have issued no report at all, neither before the last Council meeting nor in your issue of September 7th. We published a list of the names we intended to put in the new edition of the Minor Collection, so that we could have the benefit of anything ringers had to say, and also so that the Council could give us any instructions it thought fit. We did not submit the names to the Council to be approved finally, neither did the Council do so.

I have no recollection of giving any promise to alter or try to alter the name Bogedone. On the contrary I have (since I asked and got the power of revision at the Mansion House) said that the sole duty of the Method Committee in this matter is to decide which of the names given by ringers is the correct one. If Mr. Drake objects to the name, he had his opportunity to alter it at Hereford. I asked for definite instructions; he preferred to talk round the subject and about a lot of things that were of no earthly help in the matter. He says he has 'an uneasy feeling that there are probable mistakes.' Now, is not that silly? The list is published so that people can point out mistakes if there are any. That is the only reason why the list is published. If he knows of any, why does he not let me know definitely as I asked? But he need not waste his time trying to show that we think or said that a Triples Method is a Minor Method.

I do not know why we should be at the trouble of giving Mr. Drake information which he can easily get for himself, but I may mention that the first edition contains an explanation of method classification, and probably the second edition will do so too.—Yours, etc.,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

[The inclusion of the two methods published last week, which Mr. Trollope says are now Nos. 28 and 29, will, we would point out, require a rearrangement of the numbering, if the present classification is adhered to, as, according to the existing arrangement, one is in the category of a Court method, and the other is a Bob method.—Ed. 'R.W.']

THE RENAMING OF THE 'FLORAL' METHODS.

Dear Sir,—As the band responsible for ringing and naming the floral Minor methods, we have had under very careful consideration the resolution passed by the Central Council at Hereford substituting others for the names assigned by us.

While we strongly deprecate this violation of a very ancient custom of the Exercise, in the interest of ringing we have decided to abide loyally by the terms of the resolution, and to accept the new designations in the future.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES FERNLEY,
for the Norbury company.

'SAMIWELL'S' COMMENTS.

Dear Sir,—I note in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World' that there is a moulting season for some tenors; others have been taking Virol or else Dr. Bengers food, and have benefited to such an extent that, at the four cwt. in four years rate, in another 80 years she will have qualified for 'He of England's' peal ledger. I evidently called at Keele too soon, for she was only six when I rang her on August 5th, 1924. I also called too soon at Mancetter, too soon by four pages, for on page 580 she is 20 cwt., but on page 584 she is only 10½ cwt.! How have the mighty fallen. Good job I didn't call next week, or I should have to have taken one with me had I wanted a pull.

I note, also, that someone else has taken some tonic of some sort, and it has certainly had the desired effect. It is not often that I see 'eye to eye' with all those who write in your pages on 'Method Classification and Nomenclature.' It is more often a case of an 'eye for an eye,' but this week I am more than pleased to say, 'Here is a man after mine own heart.' Mr. Drake, my hat is off to you. I agree in toto with your article. If this much maligned issue of methods is to be of any use to the Exercise, let us have it 'stamped in every link.' We don't want anything foisted upon us that has to have a lot of excuses made for it.

As to names, well, just change 'Bogedone' for 'Banshoe' and 'Cunecastre' to 'Cumform.' I don't like the name 'Immanuel' applied to a method, but these things I leave to those who wear 'the cloth' to settle; that is their vocation. I don't like the name

'Pennine'; it may be the backbone of England, but it is an awkward thing to walk across with a couple of feet of snow on it after a peal. I've tried it. I wonder if the other three stalwarts (two of them ex-police-sergeants) can remember the night they cleaned up the hambone, set that two-gallon jar up at backstroke, and then slept in my bed? Charles Henry Hattersley was the backbone of Yorkshire ringing when he lived. His name as the name of a Treble Bob method may not tickle the palate of the Euphoniacs, but it sure does suit.

SAMIWELL.

P.S.—The peal rung at Monk's Kirby on September 8th was a birthday compliment to 'Young Herkie.' More power to the arm of Jim H. Raper.

SILVER WEDDING.
A DUAL CELEBRATION.

There was a dual celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, of Woking, on Wednesday, September 12th. The marriage took place in 1903, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, South-over, Lewes, Sussex, where Mr. Goldsmith had learned to ring, and where at least three generations of his family had been ringers before him. On the occasion of the wedding a peal was rung at this church, conducted by Mr. George Williams, then residing at Brighton, and another at Shere, in Surrey, arranged by Mr. J. Hunt, then of Guildford. An anniversary peal was put on at Shere, among Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith's friends in the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, and it was a matter of great pleasure and gratification that Mr. Williams was able to take part. The bells were placed at the disposal of the ringers by the kindness of the Rector, Rev. Sir Paget Bowman, and Mr. J. Spooner, the steeplekeeper, had everything ready for a quick start when the party arrived. A capital peal of Double Norwich Major was rung without a hitch, and afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith entertained the ringers and other friends to supper at the White Horse Hotel. Among those present were the two mothers, Mrs. Goldsmith, now aged 82, and Mrs. Baker, who on the same day celebrated her 81st birthday, Miss Goldsmith (daughter), Mr. H. C. Renshaw, Mrs. G. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling (Guildford), Mr. J. Spooner and the band, whose names will be found in the peal recorded elsewhere in these columns.

The second celebration took place the same evening at Birmingham, where Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith have many friends. Members of St. Martin's Guild rang a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques at 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, with numerous referees and witnesses of both sexes. This peal concluded shortly before 10 p.m., at which hour precisely at Shere, Birmingham, and Derby (where other friends had gathered) a mutual toast was drunk of health and long life to Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith.

At Shere the toast was proposed by Major Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, of which Mr. Goldsmith is hon. secretary), and a birthday toast to Mrs. Baker was also honoured.

The Birmingham party broke up at a late hour, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker having acted as hosts and very kindly entertained the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith desire to thank the many friends throughout the country who have sent them congratulations and good wishes.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BYE-MEETING AT LITTLEBOURNE.

A very successful meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Littlebourne on Saturday last. It was the first association meeting held at Littlebourne for a number of years, although the tower has been 'in union' for 26 years. Twenty-seven members, an encouraging number for a bye-meeting, attended, including a visitor from Egerton, who proved a considerable help in the tower. Other towers represented included the following: Canterbury, Dover, Sturry, Herne, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, St. Lawrence, Wingham, Wickhambreau and the local tower.

The meeting was timed to commence at 3 p.m., but actually the bells were ringing a few minutes before three o'clock. During the afternoon, the Rev. L. H. Tiarks, Vicar of Littlebourne, paid a visit to the belfry, and gave the visitors a cordial welcome, expressing his appreciation of the numbers present.

Mr. H. Smith, of Wickhambreau, very thoughtfully introduced a ring of handbells, and these were used in the church porch by those ringers who found the atmosphere of the belfry somewhat depressing. Tea was excellently provided by Mr. W. Martin at the Anchor Hotel, and presided over by the association's general secretary (Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore). The handbells were much in evidence, both immediately before and after the tea.

The District Secretary (Mr. Percy W. Smith) intimated that the only business to be transacted was the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting held at Margate. This was quickly finished, and ringing was resumed again at about six o'clock and continued until eight o'clock.

Besides being a success with regard to numbers, the meeting was an even greater success from a ringing point of view. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise being some of the methods accomplished.

QUAINT BELFRY RULES.

HOW RINGERS WERE GOVERNED IN THE PAST.

In his recently-published book, 'Bells through the ages,' Mr. J. R. Nicholls quotes a number of the old rhyming belfry rules which are still to be found adorning the walls of some towers, although, of course, they are now preserved only as curiosities. One of the earliest of these sets of 'rules' was that at Scotter, Lincs, and is painted in red and black Gothic letters. Mr. Nicholls points out, and truly, that it will probably be necessary to read through this quaint rule several times before rhyme can be made of it, but the rhyme is there, nevertheless.

Yow ringers All
who heare doe fall
And doe cast over
a bell doe forfeit
to the Clarke theirfore
A Groute I do yow
tell & if yow
thinck it to be
little & beare
A valiant minde
Ymore yow give
Unto him than
Yow prove to him
More kinde.

Another Lincolnshire tower provides an unusual and lengthy example. The following belongs to Stow, and is dated March 1st, 1770:—

All you who hath a mind to Larn to Ring Must to the Sexton Admission money Bring Those Articles observed Strict must be Or your expelled this Society	2 6
'Two Nights a Week, Sirs, you must meet or pay This Forfiture to us without delay Or when the Sexton for you tols a bell You must appear, or else this Forfit tell And when you come upon this Belfry If that you Noise or talk, this Forfeit pay When you Round peals can Ring, you must pay down To be a change-man, Sirs, just half-a-crown On the first change that you have Learned to Ring One Shilling more must pay, Sirs, that's the thing And every ringer must Spend more or less, As he thinks meet, to wish you good Success If you would Learn to prick a peal in Score Unto those Colledge Youths you must pay more When you know Bob, Hunt, Single, Dodge compleat You'll not deny our Colledge Youths a Treat On our Feast day, the Twenty-ninth of May Each member must, Sirs, just one Shilling pay Where our accounts are passed Sirs for Truth And you are Stiled then a Colledge Youth New Stewards then are chose—and by the by If that you do the Stewardship deny Your fine must pay—as in the margin see Then from your Stewardship one year are free Those Rules peruse well before you enter It is a hard task on which you venture, When once a member you are freely made Those Articles must justly be obeyed. So now my Lads, admission money bring And we will Learn you presently to ring	0 2 0 2 0 1 2 6 1 0 0 2 1 0 1 0

A series of sixpenny lines seem to have been in force at one time at Grantham Parish Church. There was sixpence to the poor if the ringer chanced to curse or swear within the belfry door. It is difficult to know why this particular line should go to the poor, when all the rest went to the ringers or sexton. It looks as if the poor were made to benefit merely because the word rhymed with 'door.' Here are some of the other penalties, the first apparently referring to a recasting either carried out or about to be carried out:—

And whoso'er a noise does make
Or idle story tells
Must SIXPENCE to the Ringers take
For melting of the bells.
Young men that come to see and try
And do not ringing use
Must SIXPENCE give the company
And that shall them excuse.

There was also a sixpenny fine for wearing hat or spurs in the belfry or for throwing over a bell, and the 'Articles' conclude as follows:—

Or if a noble minded man
Comes here to Ring a Bell
A SHILLING is the Sexton's fee,
Who keeps the Church so well,
If any should our Parson sneer
Or Warden's rules deride
It is a rule of old most clear
That such shan't here abide.

The Sabbath-day we wish to keep
And come to church to pray
The man who breaks this ancient rule
Shall never share our pay.

And when the bells are down and ceased
It should be said or sung
May God preserve the Church and King
And guide us safely home.

In many places the penalty for offences in the belfry was a jug of beer, and possibly this was the origin of the ringers' jugs, of which a few examples remain, one such being in Norwich Museum and another at Beccles. In those days, of course, the larger the jug the better. The old rules at Tong, Salop, included the following:—

Our law is so concluded here;
For every fault a jugg of beer,
If that you ring with spur or hat
A jugg of beer must pay for that.

At Gulval, in Cornwall, there was formerly to be found a rhyme reminiscent of the dark ages when bells were rung to scare away the devil:—

Good Sirs! our meaning is not small,
That God to Praise assemblies call;
And warn the sluggard, when at home,
That he may with devotion come
Unto the Church and joyn in prayer;
Of Absolution take his share.
Who hears the bells, appears betime,
And in his seat against we chime.
Therefore I'd have you not to vapour,
Nor blame ye lads that use the clapper
By which are scard'd the fiends of hell,
And all by virtue of a Bell.

We look back to-day and smile at these quaint old rules and their penalties, and think what change has come over the conduct of belfries. Thanks almost entirely to Associations and Guilds, the belfry is now treated with as much reverence as any other part of the church, but it is interesting to have the old rules preserved in such a book as that which Mr. Nicholls has now written.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Friday, September 7th, an attempt was made by eight members of the Frodsham band to ring a peal of London Surprise Major, but after 1½ hours' ringing the attempt was brought to an untimely end.

The attempt was made in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown, of Manchester. Mr. Brown was born in Runcorn, and takes great pride in claiming Cheshire as his native county.

He learned to ring a bell at the Parish Church of Runcorn. His brother, the late Thomas Brown, was also a ringer at the same church, and more recently his brother-in-law, the late Mr. B. Trevitt, was head ringer there for some years.

After the ringing, the ringers adjourned to 'a certain place,' and at the expense of Mr. Brown celebrated the event in the usual way. It was the earnest wish of all present that Mr. and Mrs. Brown might celebrate many more anniversaries of their wedding.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WESTERN DISTRICT.

A very fine day, pleasant surroundings, and a cheerful company, all these helped to make up a happy meeting at Great Gaddesden on Saturday week, although, through the very poor bus service, some had to 'shanks' the journey from Hemel Hempstead to Gaddesden.

The bells, newly augmented to six, were set going soon after 3 p.m. to a variety of methods. At 4.15 a short service, with a sociable talk by the Rev. Lees, deputising for the Vicar, an old boy of his, was much appreciated by the company. Further ringing was then done until 5 p.m., when the company adjourned to the Cock and Bottle for tea. Having used up all the tea and hot water, the business meeting was held, Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham presiding.

Four new members were elected, viz., Mr. A. L. Allen (Hemel Hempstead), H. B. Whitney (Leighton Buzzard), R. J. Scott (Totterhoe), F. J. Tompkins (Houghton Regis).

King's Langley was selected for the next meeting, with a recommendation that Redbourn be chosen for the following one.

Mr. F. J. Reeves proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. Lees for his much-appreciated address, and the local ringers for their arrangements. This was seconded by Mr. H. Golding and carried in the usual manner.

The towers represented were Redbourn, Berkhamsted, Hemel Hempstead, Rickmansworth, Watford, Tring, Hinxley, Totterhoe, Houghton Regis, St. Albans and the local one.

During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Plain Bob, Double Oxford, London Bob, Kent and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Plain Bob, Grandshire and Stedman Doubles, with Grandshire Triples and Plain Bob Minor on handbells.

This concluded another happy meeting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CHOBHAM, BUT LOCAL MEN ABSENT.

In the Guildford diocese there are very few towers whose ringers are not attached to the Guild. One such, however, is Chobham, where, despite all inducements, the local ringers, who have never associated themselves with any ringing organisation, refuse to join the Guild, although the Parochial Church Council have 'affiliated' the tower. In a further effort to get the Chobham ringers interested in the Guild, a combined practice was held there on Saturday, and members rallied to this in very gratifying numbers. During the afternoon and evening, nearly forty put in an appearance from Guildford, Pirbright, Cranleigh, Ockham, Egham, Thames Ditton, Bagshot, Ottershaw, Horsell and Woking, with welcome visitors from Acton, Uxbridge and Finchampstead. All that the visitors saw of the local men, however, was one who came to unlock the tower; then he, too, disappeared. The Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Grundy) came among the ringers and conducted a party of them round the church. During the afternoon and evening the standard methods were given a good grueling, and several novices in charge ringing ne'ped a stage further.

Chobham, although a village of no small dimensions, has, among its neighbours, a reputation of being 'behind the times.' A new generation is now springing up which is endeavouring to alter this state of affairs, but it is still dominated by those who believe in the doctrine that 'what was good enough for my father and his father is good enough for me.' It is this spirit which still, apparently, pervades the bellry. The church, dedicated to St. Lawrence, has been largely rebuilt, but has some fine Norman pillars, and it contains the tomb of the great Nicolas Heath, once Archbishop of York. He was Lord Chancellor of England under Queen Mary. When Elizabeth came to the throne he resigned, but remained so much in the Queen's good graces that she visited him once a year through his life, believing his mistaken piety sincere, as an old writer tells us.

Until comparatively modern times there were only five bells in the steeple, which is crowned by a lead-covered spire, but these bells are survivals of a distant age. Four of them, as was only natural, came from neighbouring foundries, and were cast by the Eldridges, who were first at Wokingham and then at Chertsey. The present 3rd was cast in 1684 at Chertsey by William Eldridge, the last of the family to carry on the business, who died in 1716, at an age of more than 80 years.

The next older bell is the tenor, which was cast in 1610 by Richard Eldridge, of Wokingham, who had also a small branch establishment at Horsham, in Sussex. The examples of Richard's bells in Surrey—which range in date from 1593 to 1622—are, with one exception, inscribed in coarse, badly-formed black letter, with rather wonderfully-shaped capitals. His almost invariable motto was, 'Our hope is in the Lord,' with his initials and the date. A few bells, however, bear a different inscription, and one such is Chobham tenor, which is inscribed, 'In trouble and adversitie the Lord God heare thee.'

It seems fairly certain that Chobham must have had a ring of at least four bells from a very early date, for the present fifth and seventh were both cast (or recast) in 1597 by Richard Eldridge, and bear his favourite inscription, 'Oure hope is in the Lorde,' while the present 6th is an even older bell. Indeed, it is a relic of pre-Reformation days, having undoubtedly been cast by William Culverden, brazier, of London, who died in 1522. It bears his shield and the inscription, 'Sancta Margereta Ora Pro Nobis,' with large, handsome crowned capitals.

The bells were made six in 1880, and the present trebles added in 1892. All these bells are by Mears and Stainbank.

THE SILVER BELL FOR H.M.S. 'NELSON.'

There was much festivity on the Tyne on Saturday on the occasion of the visit to the scene of her birth of the battleship 'Nelson,' which had arrived the previous evening and moored at Jarrow. At noon a special meeting of prominent citizens was held in the Newcastle Town Hall, presided over by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Stephen Ensten, to present a solid silver ship's bell from the citizens of Newcastle to the battleship. This was handed over by Councillor A. W. Lambert, who, as ex-Lord Mayor, inaugurated the idea.

The bell, into whose making went 7,000 ounces of pure silver, and which ultimately emerged weighing 189 lb. avoirdupois, bears an inscription indicative of its donors. The bell was recently described in our columns by Mr. C. R. Routledge, president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. It is 20 inches in height and 19 inches across the mouth. Even the tongue is of solid silver.

The bell was formally received by Captain Meyrick, of the 'Nelson,' and then Admiral Sir Hubert Brand, of the Atlantic Fleet, thanked the donors and the city on behalf of the Fleet. In so doing he testified to the notable constructive record of the Tyne in all forms of war vessels, both before and during the war.

The civic and naval party then proceeded to the Mansion House for luncheon with the Lord Mayor and Sheriff of Newcastle, the bell meanwhile being borne, in the presence of a huge throng of spectators, by seamen down the steep streets to the quayside, where it was placed in a launch and transported four miles down the river to the 'Nelson' at Jarrow. The festivities were continued on Sunday and Monday.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MALDON, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, before evensong, on Sunday, September 9th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: F. B. Luffkin (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss A. E. Waldoock 2, F. Chalk 3, J. Amos 4, J. H. Waldoock 5, E. G. Ellenger 6, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 7, A. Louth 8.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 9th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: H. Turner (conductor) 1, F. Woods (first quarter inside) 2, G. Miles 3, J. H. Harridge 4, W. D. Leggett 5, C. A. Benbow 6.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, September 9th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, for morning and evening services, 720 each of Milton, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, and 240 Kent: W. C. Lawrence, J. E. Wheelton, J. Walley, W. Cornfield, H. Wibberley, C. S. Ryles, O. Williams, G. E. Lawrence and J. Mountford.

BREWOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, September 9th, for evening service, on the occasion of the dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) taken from J. O. Leicestershire's peal, in 49 mins.: H. Hood 1, J. Yerrold 2, A. G. Hunt 3, G. Warner 4, J. W. Perry 5, H. E. Booth 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, T. Perry 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral on Sunday, September 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Chas. Walklate 1, J. G. Blow 2, Thos. Blow 3, A. Kendall 4, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 5, F. Jeffs 6, F. Beeson 7, J. Dryden 8.

CRAWLEY.—On September 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) for the service held in connection with the annual church parade: G. Olliver 1, O. Sippetts 2, K. Snelling 3, C. Nice 4, B. Wells 5, R. C. Johnson 6, A. J. Bull (conductor) 7, G. Morley 8.

DINTING.—For evening service, on September 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Whitehead (Hayfield) 1, T. Richardson 2, C. Brooke 3, F. Booth 4, J. Lawton 5, A. Lawton 6.

CIRENCESTER.—On Sunday evening, September 2nd, at Watermoor Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: A. J. Parsons 1, W. P. Cross 2, T. Smith 3, H. C. Bond 4, L. Stilwell 5, W. H. Hayward 6, E. S. T. Farr (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8. Arranged for the ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and tenor, who are of Windsor.

WALLASEY.—On September 2nd, for morning service, 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (spliced): S. Howard 1, J. Greasley 2, F. Brotherton, Wolverhampton (first in the method) 3, H. Rogers 4, T. A. Rogers 5, T. Rogers 6.

GRANTHAM.—On Sunday, September 2nd, at St. Walfram's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 53 mins.: F. Proctor 1, J. Royce (first quarter-peal) 2, E. Nidd 3, W. G. Thorpe 4, H. Thorpe 5, P. Turner 6, A. W. Ward 7, S. Proctor (conductor) 8, T. H. Hall (first quarter-peal of Caters inside) 9, R. Pick 10. On Saturday, September 1st, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: T. H. Hall 1, W. G. Thorpe 2, E. Nidd 3, W. Thorpe 4, A. Parker 5, A. W. Ward 6, S. Proctor (conductor) 7, R. Pick 8. First quarter-peal of Erin by all.

ABERAVON.—On Sunday, September 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Hughes 1, A. J. Pitman 2, C. Mathers 3, W. J. Norton 4, G. Popnell (Bedwelty) 5, F. E. Stone 6, E. Stitch (conductor) 7, J. Weatherby 8.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—For evening service on September 2nd, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Major (1,280 changes) in 45 mins.: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, F. J. Cook 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, C. W. Cook 6, A. J. Ginn 7, Geo. E. Crisp 8.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, August 26th, for matins at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Rev. G. H. Sharpe 1, G. W. Park 2, W. N. Park 3, J. T. Titt 4, R. Park 5, W. H. Porter 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob for the Rev. G. H. Sharpe. It is also the first 720 rung in Darlington by a clergyman who learnt to ring in the town. On Sunday, September 2nd, for matins, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Rev. G. H. Sharpe 1, W. N. Park 2, W. H. Porter 3, J. T. Titt 4, E. Burnett (West Hartlepool, St. Oswald) 5, R. Park 6.

GREAT GRIMSBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on August 26th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: H. T. Mingay 1, F. Overton 2, S. Broomfield 3, H. E. Wills 4, C. W. Taylor 5, B. Morgan (conductor) 6, E. Dalingwater 7, A. T. Swain 8. Ringer of the 4th is from Brigg, and of 6th and 7th from Gainsborough.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on August 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): D. Wright 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. C. Moye 3, T. A. S. Hloxham 4, F. E. Collins 5, B. N. Newson 6, H. Wright (Yarmouth) 7, E. Denham 8, W. Groves 9, W. D. Grainger 10.

SOUTH ANSTON.—On Sunday, August 26th, for morning service, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor in 27 mins., with 6 and 8 covering: E. Stenton 1, W. Platts 2, G. Turner 3, H. Hough (conductor) 4, H. Turner 5, F. Stenton 6, C. F. Fowler 7, H. Pollard 8. Also a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. All are Sunday service ringers.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Sunday, August 26th, for men's service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: R. Barrow 1, F. W. Sharman 2, H. W. Martin 3, Ernest Morris (conductor) 4, G. W. Tillson 5, E. H. Bagworth 6, N. S. Bagworth 7, P. A. Graham (first quarter) 8.

RINGING IN DEVON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The ringers of St. Thomas', Exeter, are to be congratulated on the successful outing to which you have referred in your leading article. Ringers generally will hope that some fruit may be borne from this venture.

There is another instance which, I think, is also worthy of note. At the recent meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Lustleigh, three of the local ringers (who, I believe, are members of the Devon Guild's rival association) rang the tenor behind to 120's of Grandsire Doubles. It was felt by the visitors that some good had been done here also.

The wives of the locals and other ladies kindly took charge of the tea at this meeting, and were included in the vote of thanks. This item was accidentally left out of the report of the meeting sent (and published last week), and an apology is therefore due for this omission.—Yours faithfully,

A. L. BENNETT.

Buckfastleigh, Devon.

A TALE OF TWO CITIES.

AN EXCURSION TO THE WEST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In beginning these notes allow me to congratulate you and Mrs. Goldsmith on your silver wedding, and I hope you duly received the figures of the peal of Treble Bob rung on the wedding day, and also that the silver wedding peal was successful. Some of your readers will wonder what this has to do with two cities, but they have not got long to wait and see. Again, Mr. Editor, I must congratulate you on your well-reasoned article of the 14th inst. If your readers follow closely they must read, mark, and inwardly digest.

Now to business. On Sunday, August 26th, the writer was suddenly called upon to attend a friendly society conference at a very ancient city known by many as the 'Ever Faithful.' Time was short, seeing the conclave opened on September 3rd, but the writer had a brain wave. Did not 'The Ringing World' publish a few weeks since the list of secretaries of all county associations and Guilds? Turning to a back number, the requisite address was found, and a letter was off next post, bringing an answer by return, with 'digs' fixed up and, you bet, some ringing, with rising and falling thrown in. Travelling by 'G.W.' on Sunday, September 2nd, to the 'Ever Faithful,' 'digs' were located, and some time was spent waiting for the hon. secretary of the county Guild. Several glances were exchanged before the gentleman ventured to speak, but he need not have waited so long if he had looked at the traveller's bag, for there, tucked under a strap, was a current issue of 'The Ringing World.' Ringers, please note: Always carry a copy; it is very handy for recognition.

Ringling at St. David's on Monday evening, at St. Sidwell's on Tuesday, at St. Thomas' on Wednesday, St. Petrock's and Heavitree on Thursday, filled the evenings. Friday saw business finished, and full steam ahead for another city. A host of ringers gathered to meet the visitor, several of whom had met at the 'All England' gathering at Croydon, and, most remarkable of all, one who sat next the writer at tea on that occasion. At St. James' tower some Double Norwich and Bob Major were tapped off on another grand ring. Staying by invitation at this city with an old and valued friend of 'record' handbell fame, the writer on Saturday morning joined a charabanc party at 8 a.m., the first objective being St. Peter's, Oakford, where there is a most delightful ring. Then off to St. Mary Magdalene's, South Molton. More ringing and many tales of bygone days, then off to St. John-the-Baptist, Witheridge, and afterwards to Crediton, where the 'inner man' was duly replenished. Then to the tower, and what a noble building it is, and in it a most noble ring of bells. Afterwards, on again to the 'Ever Faithful City,' with glorious scenery en route. Tea at a well-known cafe, then to that grand and melodious ring of 72½ cwt., the 'tit bit' of all. Here Stedman was essayed, but did not materialise. Grandsire Cinques was, however, successful. Bidding good-bye to the visitors, the writer returned to his former 'digs,' and next morning rang at St. Sidwell's. To the Cathedral for service, a most inspiring and delightful one, and then to the train for the long journey home.

Allow me to thank all my new friends for their very cordial greeting. I know what they have to contend with in the City of the Ever Faithful, but will they take a little honest advice? Will they all pull together and co-operate more closely? They will then surmount their difficulties much sooner and much more easily.

W. K.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Thursday, August 30th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: E. Waley 1, H. Waley 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, G. Woodman 4, G. Feist 5, F. Hindes 6, R. Langridge 7, W. Thorns 8. This is the first quarter-peal by E. and H. Waley, also the first quarter-peal by the local band. It was also rung in honour of E. Waley's 19th birthday.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 27th at 7.30 p.m. The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern on Nov. 10th. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting of the above will be held at Lydd on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lilbourne on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Usual arrangements. — K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Uphill bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15. Service 5.30. Bells of Parish Church available immediately before and after service.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at Cock Hotel.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Hertford Association; C. T. Coles, Dis. Sec., Middlesex Association.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Alrewas on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. E. Burford (Vicar). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports will be ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Tower open 5 p.m. Meeting 7.30. 1928 subscriptions will oblige. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Chair to be taken at 5.45 p.m. prompt, by the Association President. The ring of 12 bells at the Parish Church will be available from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and the rings of 8 at Headingley, Far Headingley, Armley and Hunslet will be available from 2.30 to 5 p.m.—P. J. Johnson, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Sept. 22nd.—A. Knights, Hon. Sec., 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford Abbas on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Ringing from 3 p.m.—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec.

BEWDLEY BELLS.—The bells of Bewdley Parish Church have been re-hung and will be opened on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Service at 3 p.m. The Rector and local ringers will be pleased to see any ringers.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Blackmoor on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (6), also Selborne (6), available from 2.30 p.m. Service at Blackmoor Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. and meeting after at Parish Room.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincoln District.—A meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Enderby on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.45 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Come and try Messrs. Taylor's fine new peal! — Alban Disney, 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford and Leatherhead Districts.—A joint meeting of these districts will be held at Shere (8) and Albury (6) on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available at both towers from 3 p.m. Service at Shere at 4.45 p.m., followed by tea.—N. V. Harding, Orchard Cottage, West Clandon, Guildford; F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Hon. Dis. Secs.

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

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Eccleston Sept. 22nd. Service 4 p.m. Kindly notify me if you intend to be present.—J. W. Clarke, Eccleston, Chester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Stansted on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at 3 p.m. All other arrangements as usual.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

ST. JOHN'S, LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—The six bells at this church, having been rehung, will be rededicated at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Sept. 23rd. The opening will be on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at 3.30 p.m., to which all ringing friends are invited, also to the tea, which will be provided in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m. to those who notify the undersigned by Tuesday, Sept. 25th, of their intention of being present.—Wm. Miller, The Cottage, Davies Lane, Leytonstone, E.11.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Great Tey, Essex.—The reopening of the above bells, which are being rehung by Messrs. Gillett and

Johnson (treble and tenor recast), will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23rd. The reopening touch will be rung by the local band, and ringing will take place after the service.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Honiton on Thursday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) available 2. Tea 5 p.m. Service, St. Paul's Church, 6 p.m. Ottery St. Mary (8) available. Ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 27th, at All Saints' Church. Bells (8) available from 6.30. Service at 8 (address by Rev. E. Roberts), followed by business meeting in Vestry.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec., 13, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Woodbridge POSTPONED to Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.15 at the Café (next churchyard), 9d. each, for all sending me word by Sept. 24th.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Sept. 29th. Come to Rickmansworth (8 bells). Bells open from 3.30. Tea (1s. 3d. each) 5.45. Usual business after. Ringing till 8.30. Cheap trains from London, etc. Number for tea, please, by 25th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Little, Vicar of Blackpool.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their quarterly meeting and a 6-bell contest at Crofton, near Wakefield, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) will be provided for those who send word to me not later than Sept. 24th.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m., service 4.45; tea at 5.30. A good attendance is requested. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, the 25th.—H. J. Chaffey, Hon. Sec., Upper Chilton, Longcross, Chertsey.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Uxbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Next general quarterly meeting, Mansfield, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells open from 2 p.m. Committee meet at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (plain 1s. each, 'fancies' extra), followed by general meeting; all in Church Institute. It is hoped a good number will be present. It is imperative that those requiring tea should advise Mr. Fred Bailey, 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham, before the 25th inst. Will local secretaries send all receipt books and all towers the testimonial lists to the hon. treasurer on or before this date? Also members with subscriptions outstanding please pay up at once and so assist your committee.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Royston (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Beale's Café. Will all those requiring tea please notify D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., School House, Offley, Hitchin?

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—A meeting will be held at Heckington on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8), which have just been rehung, available from 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday, Sept. 26th.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cowden on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Crown Inn after service, followed by business meeting. Tea 1s. per head. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, the 26th inst. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service in St. Edmund's Church at 3.45 p.m., with address by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Those requiring tea please notify before Sept. 25th either Mr. F. Wilford, 31, Wood Street, Northampton, or the general secretary. The bells available are St. Giles' (10) and St. Edmund's (8) before service, and St. Peter's (8) and St. Sepulchre's (8) afterwards.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 29th, at Brown Candover. Bells (5), New Alresford (6). Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. All ringers welcomed. Please notify by September 26th.—Cyril Smith, Hon. Sec., King's Somborne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, September 29th. Bells open from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Vicarage, 5 p.m. Will all who intend to be present kindly notify me on or before the 24th?—G. Way, 1a, Seymour Rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury, on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.; St. Neots (8) 5 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, September 26th?—C. Fields, District Sec., High St., St. Neots, Hunts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (10) will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. Business meeting will be held in the tower at 4.30 p.m. In the evening, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., St. Peter's bells (10) will be open for ringing. All ringers welcome at both towers.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Hon. Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Oct. 3rd?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) ready from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) recently recast by Gillett and Johnston, available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. will be provided at 1s. 3d. per head for those who notify Mr. D. Dawson, 42, West View, Clitheroe, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 3rd. Meeting at 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Finchampstead, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in the school, by kind invitation of the Rector, at 5. Please let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 2nd. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ashford, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. H. W. Blackburne, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open from 2 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Election of officers, etc. A card by Oct. 4th will be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, October 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea advise P. Webb, Ickleton, Cambs., by October 2nd?—S. Warrington, District Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford and opening of the new ring of six at Great Easton, Sunday, Oct. 7th. Service 11 a.m. Ringing immediately after the service and during the afternoon. Tea will be provided free to all who send their names to Mr. J. Bartrop, Great Easton, Dunmow, not later than Thursday, Oct. 4th. All ringers will be welcomed.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of two trebles at Great Bardfield by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, Sunday, Oct. 7th, at 3 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 13th, the bells will be formally opened. Ringers' office 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., provided free to all who send their names to Mr. F. Suckling, Great Bardfield, Braintree, not later than Thursday, Oct. 11th. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The postponed September meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing (10 bells) from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and social evening. Southern Railway from Victoria, Clapham Junction, etc. Ask for cheap day tickets to Hackbridge. Buses 87 and 89 over Hackbridge Station. A good attendance requested. Names for tea to J. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The monthly meeting at Shardlow will be postponed, owing to the quarterly meeting of the association on that date at Mansfield. October meeting will be at Spondon.—Charles Draper, Local Sec.

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