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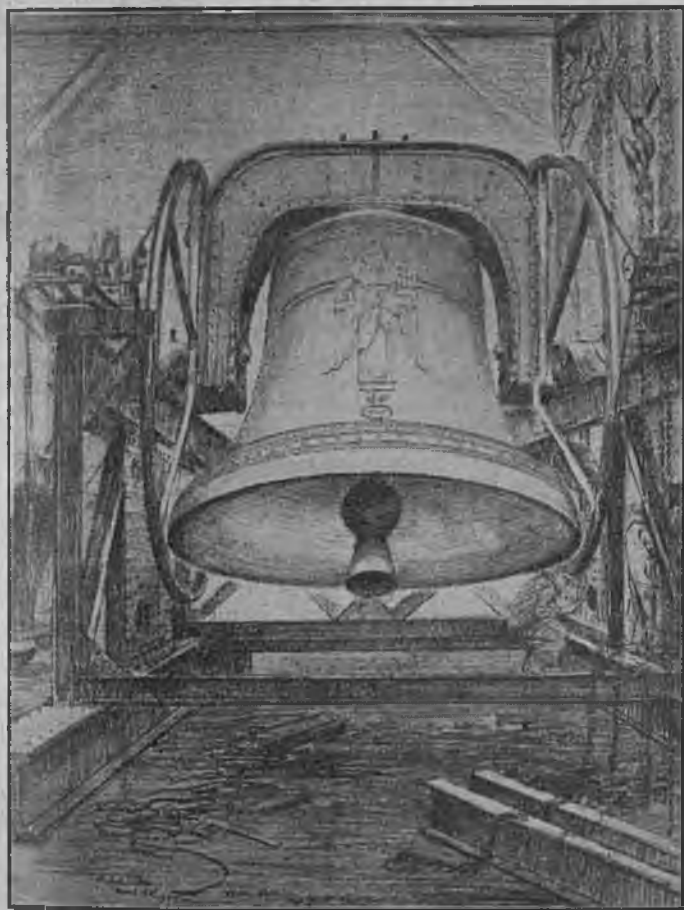
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### CLASSIFICATION OF MINOR METHODS

The preparation of the new edition of the Minor Methods Collection is involving a great deal of work, and, even now, at the eleventh hour, many suggestions are being made to the committee in the hope of effecting improvements in various directions. We hope it is not too late for something to be done in regard to the classification of the plain methods. We referred to this subject a few weeks ago, and suggested that a revision or a more ample explanation of this classification was desirable. Further examination shows that it would be better if it were entirely eliminated. In the Treble Bob and Surprise sections there are well defined lines upon which the methods are divided, the place-making (or the absence of it) at the cross sections determining the class into which the method falls. Plain methods cannot be dealt with on the same footing. Although in the first edition of the publication an effort was made to separate them into three categories, this grouping was never very convincing. There were what were called Bob methods, Imperial methods and Court methods, but neither was strictly defined. The Bob methods had, perhaps, the most precise definition of the three, but a young ringer coming to a study of the conditions would wonder what connection a 'Grandsire Bob place' has to do with, for instance, fifth's place when the treble is behind. Then we are not told exactly what 'Imperial places,' which are the governing factor of the Imperial methods, really are. The places in Kent Treble Bob are quoted as an example, but a casual example is not a definition.

And, finally, Court methods are stated to be methods 'having Court places, i.e., places other than those in (1) and (2)' (the places in the Bob and Imperial groups)—which is no definition at all. Now, when we find that the methods shown in the Court section have similar places (except for the second's or fifth's) to the Bob methods; that the Imperial section contains methods that have 'Grandsire Bob places,' and that some of the Bob methods are precisely the same as the Imperial with dodging on the front instead of place making, it will be seen that this arbitrary division of the plain methods into groups is largely futile. Those who set up this classification twenty years or so ago did more than was necessary. Plain methods are plain methods, and it needs something very much more decisive in the way of conditions, and 'definitions' which are much more 'definite' before ringers are asked to look upon the thirty possible plain Minor methods as belonging to different groups. In the collection of Plain Major methods there are no such subdivisions, and we hope the committee will dispense with them in the new edition of the Minor methods. They are unwanted and unnecessary.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*MISS DOLLY RICHARDS ... Treble	PETER HEATH ... 6
†FREDERICK HANNINGTON ... 2	CHARLES GREEDY ... 7
JOHN PHILLIPS ... 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... 8
ERNEST HUNT ... 4	ALFRED PARNELL ... 9
ERNEST STITCH ... 5	WILLIAM HEATH ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by ALFRED PARNELL.

\* First peal. † First peal on ten bells inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Large, one of the local band. First peal as conductor and first attempt. The ringer of the tenor has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5045 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Treble	*NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... 6
*JOHN E. HOBBS ... 2	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 7
GEORGE E. WEST ... 3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 8
*SAM PINDER ... 4	JAMES F. GEORGE ... 9
*FRANK BRADLEY ... 5	†ALBERT ADAMSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BAILEY

\* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt. † First peal on ten bells and elected a member of the association before starting the peal. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. H. R. Cobbin, Ringing Master of St. Peter's company, on the occasion of his installation as Worshipful Master of Southwell Lodge of Freemasons, which took place the same evening.

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED RIDER ... Treble	HARRY OVERTON ... 6
JOHN RIDER ... 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 7
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 3	EDWIN SHARRATT ... 8
EDWARD A. RIDGWAY ... 4	EDGAR SHARRATT ... 9
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 5	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

The treble, 2nd, 4th, 8th and 9th ringers belong to Leek, and this was their first peal of Royal; remainder from Crewe. ~~Continued as the~~ Rung in honour of St. Edward's Day.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

GEORGE LEWIS ... Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
WILLIAM BARTON ... 2	JOHN THORPE ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	HARRY NAYLOR ... 8
SYDNEY BRIGGS ... 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 9
ALBERT H. WARD ... 5	HAYDN THORPE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. Treble	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... .. 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 8
FRANCIS TAYLOR ... .. 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 9
*FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	FRED WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor, and first attempt.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FREDERICK PALMER ... .. Treble	JOHN KING ... .. 5
GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 2	HARRY CHAMBERS ... .. 6
JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 3	JAMES WARD ... .. 7
WALTER PERKINS ... .. 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung to welcome the Rev. Percy Lidster to the living of Irlthlingborough. Also for the harvest festival.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ERNEST LINCOLN ... .. Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... .. 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 2	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 6
CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 3	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 7
GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 4	WALTER BARRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

## NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ERNEST LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	JOHN J. YATES ... .. 5
WILLIAM GOULD ... .. 2	*THOMAS GRIMSHAW ... 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3	JAMES ORME ... .. 7
WILLIAM HAMPSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM LEATHERBARROW Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOS. LEATHERBARROW

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the four hundredth anniversary of the parish and the silver jubilee of the present church.

## LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HALEY'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER MALINS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR T. SMALLEY ... 5
ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 2	WALTER WILLIAMS ... 6
JOHN W. CHANDLER ... .. 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 7
JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. 4	A. JOHN TIMSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

The ringer of 5th was made a life member of the Guild.

BASINGSTOKE.—At All Saints' Church, on October 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: E. Sutton (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Austin 2, A. Baylham 3, R. Flew 4, J. Chesterman (conductor) 5, F. Wilson 6, J. Ballard 7, R. Edwards (first quarter-peal) 8.

## WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HOWARD FORD ... .. Treble	JESSE GILLETT ... .. 5
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 2	JAMES F. PARKER ... .. 6
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 3	FREDERICK OAKBILL ... 7
†HORACE ROBINSON ... .. 4	*LEWIS ALLEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Quickest peal on the bells.

## CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 8, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

A. RICKETTS ... .. Treble	REGINALD MIDDLE ... 5
SIDNEY T. WITHEY ... .. 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6
LEONARD T. POLLIN ... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
HERBERT SABER ... .. 4	JOHN FORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 qr.

HARRY BADGER ... .. Treble	JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... 5
GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... 6
MISS NORAH WILLIAMS ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 4	FREDERICK G. COLE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Arranged for Miss N. Williams and H. Badger; also a birthday peal for D. C. Williams.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HERBERT F. DALE ... .. Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 2	WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. 6
*EDWARD AYLETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
FRANCIS A. SMITH ... .. 4	*JAMES L. D. EVANS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.

\* First peal and first attempt. This composition contains the 120 4-6's, 6-7's, and 7-4's at backstroke.

## FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*ALBERT W. BODDINGTON ... Treble	JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	*AMOS SMART ... .. 6
*GEORGE EITE ... .. 3	THOMAS R. HENSHER ... 7
JAMES M. NICKERSON ... .. 4	GEORGE BASFORD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE BASFORD.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw).

## A CLAIM WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the footnote to the peal of Minor rung at Great Addington on September 8th, re the first 720 of London Surprise rung in a peal in the county. Mr. R. Richardson informs me that the first 720 was rung in a peal at Gillingham on November 1st, 1919.—Yours faithfully,  
W. PERKINS.  
22, Queen Street, Irlthlingborough.

WORKSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

AND THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Priory Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE HARDWICKE... ..Treble	†JOHN T. BARTRAM ... .. 5
HERBERT HAIGH ... .. 2	HARRY MORGAN... .. 6
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 3	†EDWARD DALINGWATER ... .. 7
†HAROLD MARCON ... .. 4	†C. ALAN HEWITT ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.  
Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

HUGHENDON, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD BUCKLAND ... ..Treble	JOHN EVANS ... .. 5
MISS PHYLLIS MOSS ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... ..Tenor

Composed by CHAS. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

It is 36 years ago that the first peal of London Surprise in the diocese of Oxford was rung on these bells, conducted by John Evans.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

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

*LEONARD H. WRIGHT ...Treble	SYDNEY E. ANDREW ... .. 5
JOHN T. BROWN... .. 2	*PERCY D. BALDOCK ... .. 6
ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 3	CHARLES S. H. STILES ... .. 7
RICHARD SMITH... .. 4	JOHN G. AMES ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

\* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the installation of the Vicar (the Rev. B. G. Nicholas) as Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ...Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... .. 3	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7
CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

E. P. Duffield was elected a member of the association previous to starting. Rung to commemorate the visit of the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, on October 6th, in connection with the 400th anniversary of the parish and the silver jubilee of the present church.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... ..Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHORT... .. 2	JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 7
*WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by J. E. SYKES

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. This composition is Mr. Johnson's peal on the 1st and 5th's plan, with the 6th in 5th's and 6th's place only. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Bacon and Mrs. Bond, October 9th, Mr. R. Matthews, October 10th, and Mr. Bacon, sen., October 11th.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude,

**A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

C. HENRY WEBB... ..Treble	C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... .. 5
MISS D. EVA LEWIS ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 6
ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. ... .. 3	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. 7
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... .. 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the tenor ringer and the conductor.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

KENNETH SNELLING ... ..Treble	†FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
BERNARD WELLS ... .. 2	CECIL NICE... .. 6
*P.C. WALTER CLAYDON ... .. 3	†ALFRED J. BULL... .. 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method. † 1,100th peal. ‡ 150th peal.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. SIDWELL'S BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD ... ..Treble	EDMUND SARGENT ... .. 5
WILLIAM HOWE ... .. 2	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... .. 6
ALFRED MONKLEY ... .. 3	ALFRED G. BETTS ... .. 7
TOM G. BARTLETT ... .. 4	JOHN HARRIS... ..Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

WEST DIDSbury, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At Christ Church,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**

GEORGE WHITELEGG ... ..Treble	SAMUEL HOLT ... .. 5
ALFRED FROST ... .. 2	THOMAS JONES ... .. 6
DONALD BROWN ... .. 3	FRANK STONELEY... .. 7
HAROLD JONES ... .. 4	ROBERT DAVIES ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ROBERT DAVIES.

First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

PETERSTONE, WENTLOOG, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 1½ cwt.

*REGINALD H. ADDIS ...Treble	WILLIAM HEATH... .. 5
GEORGE LARGE ... .. 2	ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 6
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 7
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	BERT WEAVER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

BARNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Thursday, September 27th, in 26 mins., at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: H. Stebbings 1, T. C. Ringrose (conductor) 2, H. Stebbings, jun., 3, W. Gridley 4, S. Bigmore 5, H. Barker 6. This is the first 720 by the entire local band at this church.



**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

-On Monday, September 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being two extents each of St. Simon's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST PULLEN ... .. Treble	HORACE V. ROWLEY ... .. 4
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. 3	JAMES H. RAPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

A birthday compliment to the father of the 2nd ringer.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK KIRK ... .. Treble	AMOS SMART ... .. 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHARP ... .. 3	HENRY STAPLETON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

First peal in the method by all, and on the bells.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.

**THE NORFOLK GUILD.**

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 14 six-scores of Grandsire, ten different callings, 12 six-scores of Old Doubles, each called differently, and 16 different six-scores of St. Simon's Doubles. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT G. HARRISON ... Treble	WILLIAM MUSH ... .. 3
ALPHERUS J. BERRY ... .. 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 4
WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. L. Ashby), who was inducted on the previous evening.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

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

Seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED MOULD ... .. Treble	GEORGE FREEBREV ... .. 4
ERNEST J. RILEY ... .. 2	SAMUEL HUNT ... .. 5
FREDERICK BROWN ... .. 3	HENRY FLETCHER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREV.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hunt for their kind hospitality after the peal.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Being two extents each of St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANCIS H. ROWLEY ... Treble	JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 4
HARRY HILL ... .. 2	HORACE V. ROWLEY ... .. 5
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

Rung to honour the harvest festival and the birthday of Alfred E. Bacon.

LOUGHTON, BUCKS.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTH BOCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven 720's, with different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS C. WALTERS ... Treble	*CHARLES W. ALDERMAN ... 4
JAMES E. WHITLOCK ... .. 2	†HENRY JORDAN ... .. 5
THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, October 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;**

Being twelve 240's of Pitman's and 20 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

STANLEY G. JONES ... Treble	*WILLIAM DAVIS ... .. 4
WILLIAM EVANS ... .. 2	JAMES P. HVETT ... .. 5
GEORGE W. BARKER ... .. 3	*ROBERT G. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. EVANS.

\* First peal. Rung for the harvest festival service.

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, October 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

EX. SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... .. 4
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 5
THOMAS HART ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung on the eve of the 56th anniversary of the treble ringer's wedding day.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tuesday, October 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

FRANK ROLLINGS ... Treble	*PETER LAW ... .. 3
FRANK HOLLOWELL ... .. 2	ALFRED J. RICHARDSON ... 4
THOMAS LAW ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS LAW.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

ULVERSTON, LANCASHIRE.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN P. BARKER ... Treble	WILFRED BOLTON ... .. 4
NICHOLAS M. C. NEWBY ... 2	*THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. CLARK ... .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

\* First peal of Minor.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

**THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Being 720 each of Biddulph, Milton, York, Ipswich, London, Cambridge and Wells. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

OWEN WILLIAMS ... Treble	WILLIAM CORFIELD ... .. 4
CHARLES S. RYLES ... .. 2	FRANK TRINER ... .. 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 3	JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

It is believed that the two first-named methods, which are legitimate Double Surprise, are now rung for the first time as part of a peal.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH TOWER,

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

FRANK A. TURNER ... .. 1-2	WILFRED JARVIS ... .. 5
LEONARD PRYKE ... .. 3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. 6
REGINALD DENT ... .. 4	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal of Major by Messrs. Jarvis, Dent and Pryke.

### DEDICATION OF CRICH BELLS.

#### DERBYSHIRE VILLAGE'S ENCHANTING PEAL.

Saturday last was indeed a 'red letter' day in the history of the old Derbyshire village of Crich, when the population was more than doubled by the influx of visitors to attend the dedication of the peal of eight bells.

It would be difficult to visualise a more ideal place in which to place a peal of bells than Crich Church, for it stands on the top of a hill 'neath the shadow of the famous war memorial stand, known to thousands who have visited the Peak District.

The dedication ceremony was performed by the Lord Bishop of Derby assisted by the Vicar of Crich (the Rev. R. O. Wilson), many other clergy also being present from neighbouring parishes. The quaint old village was the 'Mecca' of nearly a hundred ringers, such old stalwarts of the Exercise turning up as Messrs. John Flint, Tom Bettison, John Holman, Alf. Wright, Jos. Lord, James Paget, S. Dawson, Jesse Moss, H. Robins, Ed. Gobey, John Brothwell, James Hutchby and 'Jack' Tarlton, and many others from within a radius of fifty miles, including Messrs. John Oldham, Colin Harrison, John Fidler, David Collins and several other employees of Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have carried out the scheme of restoration.

The original proposal was to recast the old peal of six bells, with the exception of the treble, which was added in 1910 by the Loughborough Foundry. The old five bells dated back to 1616, and were of exceedingly poor tonal quality, but even then some of the parishioners were loath to part with them, and efforts were made, through the medium of the local press, to retain them from an archaeological point of view. The correspondence on this matter brought an article from a North Wingfield reader, who suggested that not only should the bells be recast and made worthy of the church, but that they should be augmented to a peal of eight. This letter caught the eye of Mrs. F. E. S. May, of Chesterfield, who, with a relative, spontaneously offered to defray the cost of the proposed two new treble bells. The scheme, which few believed would ever mature, is now an accomplished fact, and even those who objected to the recasting of the old bells must surely realise what a glorious peal they have in place of the old 'pots.'

The peal is tuned on Taylor's 'true harmonic' system, with an even balance of tone from treble to tenor, and the effect, as one stands and listens to them in the valley below, is truly enchanting.

The opening touch was rung by Messrs. W. Piggin, S. Greenhalgh, G. Ashman, W. E. Drake, A. Allwood, H. Allwood, F. Roberts and E. Ashman, after which ringing was arranged by bands in order that everyone present could have a chance of a pull.

Tea was arranged in the village schools, two sittings being necessary.

The Vicar spoke in eulogistic terms of the way in which subscriptions, both large and small, had been raised, Mrs. May being specially thanked for her generosity. He also referred to the fine way in which Messrs. Taylor and Co. had carried out their work, and the splendid spirit in which they had met them over various matters. —Mr. Oldham responded on behalf of Mrs. May, who was too modest to reply herself, and on behalf of the Loughborough firm.

That the 'go' of the bells is all that can be desired, may be judged from the fact that practically all the touches attempted were brought round, the touches ranging from the standard methods to Superlative Surprise. As the evening drew on, ringers made their way to the Black Swan Hotel, where a convivial hour was spent with handbells and friendly talk among old friends, who had come specially to hear the transformed effect which they knew could be expected from the 'treatment' the old bells would receive from the famous firm of Messrs. Taylor and Co. at Loughborough.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the South-Eastern District was held at Rettendon on October 13th, when about thirty ringers were present, including three ladies. The bells were set going at 2.30. The Rector (the Rev. Norman) conducted service and gave an excellent address, which everybody appreciated. Dr. Spencer Phillips read the lesson. After the service the ringers, with the Rector and organist, assembled at the Parish Hall for the tea, the ladies of the parish having put on a nice spread. At the meeting which followed, Mr. Geo. Green (District Master) presided.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Baddow on November 17th. This will be the annual district meeting for the South-Eastern District. —Dr. Spencer Phillips proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his excellent address, and hoped that meeting would set the ringers going, as they had been somewhat at a standstill since the death of Mr. Jay, the Master. Dr. Phillips also thanked the organist for his services, and the ladies for providing such a nice tea. —The Rector, in responding, said he was very pleased to meet the association there, and felt sure the meeting would set his ringers off again.

A few touches 'double handed' on the handbells were rung, which the ladies appreciated very much. Then, again adjourning to the tower, touches of Cambridge, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Double Court were rung. Ringers were present from Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Bromfield, Springfield, Galleywood, Maldon, Goldhanger, Prittlewell and Writtle.

### A FATAL WALK.

#### SAD DEATH OF VETERAN KENT RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Edwards, of Westwell Leacon, who died last week at the age of 73 years. On Sunday evening, October 7th, he attended the harvest festival and the dedication of the new treble bell at Hothfield Church. After the service he stayed to ring for a while on the peal of six bells, and missed the bus home. Rather than wait for the next, he and his grandson started to walk. They had only proceeded a few hundred yards when a motor-cycle ran into the deceased from the rear. He was knocked down, and died a few hours later from a fractured skull.

Ringers from Hothfield and Charing attended the funeral on Friday last, and during the evening Charing bells were rung fully muffled with the tenor half open. On Sunday, October 14th, the bells at Hothfield and Charing were rung fully muffled for morning and evening services.

Joseph Edwards shared his ringing activities between Hothfield and Charing for about 50 years. So far as is known he rang only two full peals, both being Grandsire Doubles, rung at Charing. He will be greatly missed by all in the district.

### GREAT BARDFIELD BELLS.

#### A RINGERS' OPENING.

About eighty ringers and friends, representing sixteen Essex parishes, were present at the formal opening of Great Bardfield bells on Saturday. The report of the dedication appeared in our last issue. Visitors began to arrive about three o'clock, and the bells were kept going in various methods until 4.30, when a short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. K. E. Cartwright). Afterwards, all were entertained to an excellent tea provided by Miss Chapman (who gave the two new bells) in the Village Hall.

After the tea, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, thanked Miss Chapman for her kindness, and gave a short history of Bardfield bells. He referred to the dedication of the new treble added to the five in 1887, at which he was present.

The Vicar, on behalf of Miss Chapman, said how pleased he was to welcome so many ringers to Bardfield, and hoped that now they had a peal of eight to offer them they would often have the pleasure of welcoming visiting ringers.

Afterwards courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung on the handbells, and several songs sung, thus making a very pleasant social evening. Some of the ringers then found their way back to the tower, and kept the bells going until nine o'clock in methods ranging from Bob Major to London Surprise. This concluded a most enjoyable afternoon and evening for all present.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The North and East District members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild met at Tottenham on Saturday last, and some excellent practice in many methods was obtained. Upwards of 30 ringers put in an appearance, and all had opportunities of ringing whatever methods they most fancied, from humble Grandsire Triples up to London and Bristol Surprise. It was a pleasure to see two veterans, Messrs. J. Wagnorn and H. Barnett, once again ringing together, as they had so often done in this same tower upwards of 30 years ago.

An inspection of the ancient building now used as a Vicarage was much enjoyed, a beautifully decorated ceiling, over 300 years old, being greatly admired.

A short service was held at five o'clock, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Denton Jones).

After a very enjoyable tea, the usual business meeting took place, and two new members were elected. A vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Robert Holloway, of Acton, was passed, coupled with an expression of sympathy with the South and West District of the association at the loss of so efficient an officer.

It was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Canon Coleridge on his recovery from his recent serious illness following upon an operation.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. H. W. H. Strickland and the local ringers for the excellent arrangements made, was proposed by the vice-president (Mr. W. Pickworth) and carried unanimously.

Another visit was paid to the tower and ringing indulged in until nearly nine o'clock, whilst a few members paid a visit to Hornsey.

### CARDIFF'S LADY PEAL RINGER.

Miss Dolly Richards, a Cardiff lady, rang her first peal on Thursday, October 4th, as recorded in another column. She is the first lady to ring a peal of Caters for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild, of which she was proposed a member before starting. She was congratulated by all the band upon the way she rang throughout the peal.

The ringer of the 2nd, Mr. Frederick Harrington, scored his first peal on ten bells 'inside,' and he, too, was congratulated upon the splendid way in which he rang, as he had the misfortune a few years ago to lose his right arm.

### NEW BELLS AT HIGHCLERE, ~~=====~~ HANTS. NEW TREBLES ADDED TO MAKE AN OCTAVE.

Hampshire has gained another octave by the augmentation which has been carried out at Highclere. The original peal of six bells was cast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., in the year 1871. These bells have now been retuned and rehung in a new steel frame, and two new trebles have been presented by the Vicar and his wife, Rev. G. and Mrs. Dunlop. The result is a beautiful octave with a tenor of 10½ cwt., of which the people of Highclere may be justly proud.

The bells were reopened and the new trebles dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on Saturday, October 6th, in the presence of a congregation that filled the church, and included a large number of clergy.

Members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild were present in force, and included Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. J. P. Fidler (representing the founders), Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. F. S. Bayley, Mr. Curtis, Miss N. Williams (Bath), and ringers from Bramley, Beedon, Bishopstoke, Fareham, Highclere, King's Somborne, Newbury, North Stoneham, Oakley, Portsmouth, St. Mary Bourne, Stockbridge, Woolton Hill and Winchester.

The whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in their usual excellent style, and gave every satisfaction. On Mr. Fidler's recommendation, a double floor has been fitted below the bells, and this adds greatly to the comfort in the ringing chamber.

By the generosity of Rev. G. and Mrs. Dunlop, a splendid tea was enjoyed in the schoolroom, at which there were two christening cakes (one each for the new bells), bearing the following words in icing: (1) 'A very hearty welcome to Hampshire belringers, October 6th, 1928, from Highclere'; (2) 'Ring in the love of truth and right, ring in the common love of good.' These cakes were cut by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Pullinger respectively.

Touces in various methods up to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major were rung following the dedication and during the evening. The bells at Woolton Hill were also available, and a party made good use of them.

### MUFFLED BELLS.

At Bagland, Glam., after service on Sunday, September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,320 changes) was rung half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. W. H. Furze, who was one of the old band of ringers at this tower: B. John 1, Miss L. Thomas 2, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 3, A. Thomas 4, E. Stutch 5, A. E. Pitman 6.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Melksham, on Saturday, October 6th. Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m., those present being welcomed by the churchwarden, Mr. E. D. Aust.

The Guild service was held in the Lady Chapel, in consequence of preparations being made for the harvest festival in the other parts of the church, the Vicar, the Rev. B. Aston, M.A., D.S.O., officiating.

Tea, followed by a short business meeting, took place in the Parish Room.

The Chairman, Mr. C. D. Hegginkbotham, congratulated the members of the branch, Mr. S. J. Hector and others, who had been on a tour, and had succeeded in ringing peals in the advanced methods. He also congratulated Mr. W. C. West, of Melksham, on his first peal of Double Norwich, and the Holt ringers on their first quarter-peal by a local band, after a course of instruction by Mr. C. J. Andrews, of Trowbridge. The Chairman also referred to the death of Mr. W. C. Mead, of Potterne, a member of the Guild, and those present stood in silence as a token of respect.

The members also heard with regret that Mr. S. Hillier, the respected Ringing Master, had met with an accident and injured his shoulder. All wished him a speedy recovery.

It was decided to hold an evening meeting at Keevil, if permission could be obtained, on October 20th. Warminster was selected for the November meeting, and Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity) for December.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and organist, and this concluded the business.

Ringers were present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Trowbridge, Melksham, Holt, Rowde, Warminster, Bratton and Stratton.

Touces of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Bob Major, also Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

### 'MOULTING' TENORS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—According to the 1910 Annual Report of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association, Keele tenor was then 10 cwt., so that she, too, like the Mancetter tenor, must have 'moulted,' but before instead of after 'Samiwell' called to ring her.—Your truly,

A. ALLMAN.

Barthomley, Crewe.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had in hand at the end of September no fewer than 54 bell contracts, representing 560 bells weighing approximately 200 tons. They included ten ringing peals of eight, nine of six, three of five, and one of three, nine carillons and six ebimes, and 16 miscellaneous contracts!

Mr. James George has received so many letters of congratulation upon his one thousandth peal that he finds it impossible to reply to them individually. He, however, desires to thank sincerely all those who have sent him such kindly messages.

There was one noteworthy peal of which mention was omitted in the review of Mr. George's career in our last issue, and that was the peal of 11,008 Double Norwich Major at Eriih on February 26th, 1927, in 6 hrs. 36 mins., in which he rang the fourth.

The ringers of St. John-the-Baptist Church, Eltham, have presented a set of carvers to Mr. F. J. Hurrell as a wedding gift.

The bells at All Saints' Parish Church, Loughborough, are now in going order again, having been overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co. They have been silent since the occasion when a pinnacle of the tower was blown down by a gale. The restoration to the fabric, carried out as a result of this, has cost the church £2,500.

On this day in the year 1766, a peal of 6,000 Treble Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch by the College Youths. It was one of the first incidents in the long rivalry for the Treble Bob Royal record between the two old London societies which ended in the 12,000 at the same church in 1784.

A true peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, consisting of 8,448 changes, being the most ever accomplished without parting the tenors, was rung at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on October 21st, 1790. It is believed that this was a peal by John Reeves, which was rung in the Kent Variation, as recorded by Shipway, at Whitechapel about three years before.

The Oldham Society rang a peal of 15,120 Bob Major in 8 hrs. 46 mins. on October 24th, 1807. If the company, after this great effort, thought they had set up a new record, they would have been grievously disappointed if they learned that the same length had been rung 80 years before at West Ham, and a still longer peal (15,360) at Aston in 1793. But perhaps they never knew. There was no 'Ringing World' in those days.

The first peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on October 25th, 1731, and there was a great dispute between this and a rival Norwich company as to whether or not the peal had been properly rung.

'A Wellwisher,' having disposed of his volumes of 'Church Bells,' has very kindly forwarded half the proceeds (£1 15s.) for the benefit of 'Ireneus Pistor,' and this sum has been sent to Mr. A. T. Baker, who gratefully acknowledges the gift.

## THE ARCHBISHOP'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On Monday, November 12th, the present Archbishop of Canterbury will celebrate his golden wedding. Such an event is probably without parallel in the history of this country. As is well known, only one or two of his predecessors from Augustine downwards have held the primatial office so long as Dr. Davidson, and all those before the Reformation would naturally have been unmarried.

May I suggest that ringers throughout the country, and especially in the southern province, should celebrate the occasion by ringing touches or peals on that day in his honour? By the part that he took at Croydon in March, the Archbishop has associated himself very closely with the Exercise, and it will be a graceful compliment on the part of ringers to pay him such a tribute at the close of his long and eventful tenure of office.—Yours faithfully,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

## DIOCESAN GRANTS—A CONTRAST.

By a curious coincidence the Salisbury Diocesan Gazette just issued contains—in contrast with the Lincoln decision—the following paragraph under the heading, 'Board of Finance': 'It was resolved that the Church Building Committees be informed that the maximum grant towards the cost of works of equipment, such as heating apparatus, bell repairs, etc., might be increased from £5 to £10 in any one case.'

## DERSINGHAM BELLS.

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I appeal to your readers for help? Our tower has a ring of six bells, which have been inspected by a leading firm of bell hangers and declared unsafe for ringing. I had begun to teach change ringing to a very promising young band. They are keeping together, using handbells, but we are very anxious to raise the £230 necessary to allow the tower bells to be used again. So many towers have bells and no ringers; we have ringers and no bells. Any gifts will be gratefully acknowledged by me, and should be addressed to the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Dersingham Vicarage, King's Lynn, Norfolk.—Yours, etc.,

R. L. B. OLIVER.



## SIMPLIFICATION.

BY REV. H. DRAKE.

There is a great deal too much mystery made of the scientific part of change ringing, and it was for more simplification that I was asking in what I wrote on classification. 'Samiwell' and your leading article have sensed this, but Mr. Trollope can merely see criticism, and criticism to his mind means only finding fault. Indeed he says the article professes to be a criticism of a report. If he will read it again, he will see that it is not a criticism but a plea for a more scientific classification, and that it does not refer to a report so much as to a list put forward by the authors of the report.

I pointed out some obvious mistakes, and also some that were not clearly wrong, and on this Mr. Trollope comments: '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 was published, and more to that effect. I will leave it to your readers to whom the objectionable epithet applies.

I also pointed out two mistakes at Hereford, in the names 'Bogedone' and 'Cunecastre,' and was told that they would be corrected. And it was because of this pledge, to which all the members of the committee gave their tacit assent, that we passed their report, and ordered it to be printed. Yet Mr. Trollope says, 'If Mr. Drake objects to the name, he had his opportunity to alter it at Hereford.' There can be no doubt about this, as I was interrupted by remarks about my attempted pronunciation of the names. Moreover, after the meeting I had a private talk with Mr. Trollope, and to my surprise he said he had no idea what the words meant, but that he would find out who had given these names to methods, and get them to agree to something sensible. If these names have not, as I said at Hereford and in the article you lately published, been invented as a joke, they must be a mistake in copying.

Actually, all this was a mere postscript to the subject of my article. Mr. Trollope seems to be always thinking that I want to attack himself or the other members of the committee personally. Nothing is further from my intention. I have the very greatest respect for their abilities in the advanced stages of the art. But it has been my lot to spend my life teaching beginners, and it is on behalf of beginners that I enter my plea. We do not want the Council to be responsible for publications which will choke off beginners; rather, we want them to ensure that everything they publish will be attractive.

The first thing that attracts the attention of anyone studying a book is a list, such as this published list of names. Unless this is clearly and intelligently arranged he will throw the book down. Some may say, with not too much wisdom, 'So much the better; we only want earnest students.' Well, what is more likely to put off an earnest student than an uneasy feeling that there are probable mistakes? Therefore, to draw attention to anything which would encourage such a suspicion is anything but silly. It is the most necessary piece of prudence.

In short, this list, quite apart from anything that the Central Council could do, has to be, like Caesar's wife, above suspicion. It is probable that it may be a greater source of help, or of hindrance, to the Exercise than anything so far published. That is why some of us are so keen on its being the best possible production, which now it nearly is. All it needs is the translation of two ridiculous words into the English language, and an intelligent and attractive classification, which the members of the committee are the very men to give.

No doubt the advanced members of the Exercise will point out that I am not the only ringer who teaches beginners, and that they also have had ripe experience in this matter. Not only do I not deny this, but I happen to know how good they are at it; indeed, one of the members of this committee taught me when I was a beginner, and no one could have done it better. But it is one thing to teach when the pupil is present, and can ask for explanations, and quite another to write down your teaching on paper, when everything must be so simple that no explanations are needed, for they cannot be asked for.

If a teacher uses an involved term like 'shunt,' when nothing is 'shunned' or 'shunted,' and merely a 'move' is meant, he will probably be able to convey the simple meaning by his accompanying explanation, and his personality will prevent his pupil being worried by the confused metaphor. But when the unexplained word is read by a student, he is not likely to want to read much more of that book.

Similarly, 'hunting backwards' is a complicated idea, the more so when it appears that it is not really 'backwards,' and that the movement does not seem necessarily to be hunting. As far as I can see, the words 'odd motion,' which convey a simple and easily grasped idea, would satisfy all requirements.

The fact that I have to speak in this hesitating manner, although I have read all that has been published on the subject, shows how useless such terms are for their purpose. If we who are able to get a good deal of contemporary help are not able to understand these complicated terms, how can we expect those who come after us to do so? It would not be so difficult, if we used the word 'stunt' for 'shunt,' as it would then be clear that we were using slang (besides conveying as much meaning).

(Continued in next column.)

## THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The shortcomings and anomalies of the Methods Committee's catalogue of Minor Methods, as published in your issue of September 7th, have been sufficiently exposed by the Rev. H. Drake's article; he has, however, no more than touched on the question of the awkward and ugly names, which ought to be further considered before the Collection is reprinted.

Mr. Trollope appears to labour under the delusion that names once given must remain for all time, unalterable. But to take the case of one of them, 'Bogedone,' it has just been shown by Mr. Wolstencroft that a change has already occurred in the name of the place itself; it has become Bowdon. Our nomenclature should follow suit. The name could be printed in the new Collection as 'Bowdon,' with the sub-title, 'formerly Bogedone.' The Methods Committee will say they have no authority to do this. But cannot the Standing Committee of the Council step in here, and spare the Exercise a further infiction of the old name 'Bogedone,' the Council itself not having had time to consider such detail has neither pronounced for nor against this name (and others) individually.

Might I plead for a similar treatment of such names as 'Trinity Sunday' (which could be 'Trinity'), 'Francis Genius' (which would be better simply as 'Francis'), 'Duke of Norfolk' ('Norfolk' would be preferable); such emendations should not do violence to the most conservative of feelings on this knotty problem.—Yours very truly,

G. P. BURTON.

Beccwood, Old Catton, Norwich.

## A PLEA FOR BETTER BINDING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Now that the new book of Minor methods is on the verge of publication, may I respectfully refer to a very important item, viz., the binding of these books. I believe, hitherto, there has only been one kind, namely, 'paper.' Now, considering the enormous amount of handling a method book is subject to, I consider that this kind of binding is very inadequate for its purpose. When a ringer is on his way to either a practice, association meeting, or for a peal attempt, he naturally runs over in his mind certain methods which he thinks or knows will be rung, and sometimes he may get stuck. Then his hand instinctively flies to one of his inside jacket pockets for his method book to polish himself up a bit. I venture to say, if that book with the paper binding has had only a moderate amount of usage, it will emerge from his pocket more like a rag than a book. I know well enough that a lot of ringers learn their methods by writing them out in a pocket book, but there are others who use the figures themselves, which is far better, because by this means you get the actual work in front of you. Nothing is further from my mind than to assume a dictatorial attitude in regard to what sort of a jacket these books should wear, but may I suggest that the C.C. have a certain number of them bound in a good cloth, which would add considerably to the life of them, and I feel sure they would be found acceptable to the Exercise, who would gladly pay the extra cost entailed. The contents of this book, which is invaluable to any ringer who is worth his salt, certainly warrants a fairly decent outer cover.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Milton, Staffs.

## PEAL CORRECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The handbell peal rung at Lavenham on Friday, October 5th, 1928, is printed in last week's 'Ringing World' showing all four ringers as ringing double-handed. This is wrong. The ringers were as follow: Stedman H. Symonds 1-2, Wilfred Jarvis 3, Arthur Symonds 4-5, Leonard Pryke 6.

(Continued from previous column.)

Another point in favour of 'Odd Motion' is its quaint sound, which would tickle the imagination. Similar terms are 'wrong' and 'home'; when once one sees what they mean (and this is not difficult) one never forgets it. Moreover, simple ideas conveyed by words like these and by 'move' help to keep one's thoughts to the subject being studied, while the more confused or intricate ideas conveyed by such words as 'shunt' or 'hunting backwards,' tend to break up concentration and hinder serious study.

In everything technical that we write, the simpler we can make our terms the wider will be our appeal, and the more useful and permanent our work.

Note.—Since the above was written, it appears 'from information received' that Bogedon is the old name for Bowdon, Cheshire. The joke which has been played on the Exercise seems then to have come from Cheshire, and the mistake in spelling to be the addition of a puzzling final 'e.' If it is thought that our good old English 'Bowdon' is not suitable (perhaps because the silent 'w' might cause confusion in pronouncing it), or if it is wanted for another method, the following course might be adopted. In addition to omitting the redundant 'e' at the end, the 'go' in the middle could be left out, and an apostrophe substituted. Both forms could, if desired, be printed, one being in parentheses. Probably something similar could be done with Cunecastre, if we can find out its English equivalent.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### TOWERS WHERE A BELL HANGER IS WANTED.

On Saturday, October 6th, members of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild representing Poole, Wimborne, Bournemouth, St. Peter's and St. John's, Corfe Mullen, Wyke Regis, Swanage and Ringwood, had the pleasure of ringing on rings of three, four, five, six and eight bells, on the occasion of their monthly meeting.

They met at St. Michael's, Gurrage, where hangs a good ring of six. On reaching the belfry, members thought they had reached the Black Hole of Calcutta, for the place which is used as the ringing chamber boasts of one window about six inches by ten. This is assisted in its vain effort to give enough light by two oil lamps standing on the floor, which in their turn do their best to stifle everyone present. It may be mentioned that the room above, which is really the ringing chamber, is well lighted, but the local men informed the visitors that it made too short a draught, as the sallies then went round the wheels and broke the ropes. However, some good ringing was obtained, the methods being Kent Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. The bells go anti-clockwise, and of the tenor—well, the less said the better.

From Gurrage the procession, comprising a four-seater car, a large motor coach, and a motor-cycle, passed through delightful country to Tollard Royal, where hangs a ring of five, but the ringers left them after a short stay, as they came to the conclusion that the bells were far safer hanging than ringing, the frame and fittings being in a very bad condition. A plain course of Doubles was attempted, but never achieved, as the treble absolutely refused to leave the lead. The ropes, of the clock variety, with big, rough sallies, and huge knots in the ends, made things more complicated. The party came away from here very crestfallen, as the bells had scored a victory over them. The attention of the bell hanger is badly needed here.

On arriving at Sixpenny Handley for the next item on the programme, they discovered they had three bells to play with, so they put away their standard methods and were going to pass on, when a friend from Wyke said to the writer, 'Shall we have them up and try them, Billy?' So they started the ball rolling, and a good few members had their first pull on a ring of three bells, the plain hunting course being the method.

The next place was Pentridge, which was found after a while. Here there are four bells in good tune, if they had a tenor behind them to make a ring of five. These also could be improved somewhat if the frame and fittings were seen to. On pulling the tenor, which would take as much as one liked to give it, one had visions of a square wheel by the corners which the rope seemed to be passing over. After ringing one or two courses of Bob Singles, the party went over the downs to Cranborne, where tea and a ring of eight bells were awaiting them. Having done justice to the former, touches in the four standard methods were indulged in on the latter.

In this way about 18 towers have been visited by the Guild during the past year.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### EASTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Rye on Saturday, October 6th, thirty members attending from Battle, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's and St. Mary's), Crawley, Heane, Heathfield, Lewes, St. Leonards, Hastings (All Saints'), together with members of the local band. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and good practice was had in different methods during the afternoon and evening. The ringers were heartily welcomed at the service by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Fowler), who gave an excellent address, which was listened to with great interest. Tea was provided at the Railway Hotel, and was presided over by the Vicar, who, owing to a prior engagement, was unfortunately obliged to leave early. Before his departure, however, he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the use of the bells and his address at the service.—In responding, he assured the members how pleased he had been to welcome them.

Mr. W. D. Smith occupied the chair at the business meeting which followed, at which the following new members were elected: Mr. Charles Lewis, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, and Mr. Thos. Weaver, of Christ Church, St. Leonards.

A short discussion took place with regard to venue for the next meeting, and it was decided to leave the matter in the hon. secretary's hands.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.

## NOT A YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION PEAL.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I regret to say that the peal of Minor rung at Sutton-in-Holderness on Thursday, April 12th, 1928, can not be credited to the Yorkshire Association, as, at the time the peal was rung, the conductor, who should have brains enough to know better, but hasn't, was, according to rule, not a member, neither was he proposed for re-election before the peal was rung. Therefore, according to rule, as honest ringers, this peal cannot be a bona-fide Y.C.A. peal, neither can it be unpublished, unringed, or made into a Y.C.A. peal by electing the conductor a member after the bells had ceased.

THE CONDUCTOR.

## WHEN THE LIGHT WENT OUT.

On Saturday week the local band of St. Andrew's, Farnham, Surrey, decided to give their new Rector (Canon the Rev. Edwin Maurice Girling, M.A.), who was inducted on the previous Sunday, a welcome to his new home by a peal on the bells at the Parish Church.

At 5.30 p.m. the Rector met the ringers in the belfry and was introduced to them individually. He expressed his pleasure at meeting them, and, after prayers, wished them success in their venture. At 5.45, 'Go, Bob Major,' was called, and everything went merrily until the 10th course, when 'the light grew dim.' However, no notice was taken of this, and the ringing still went on until the 12th course, when 'the light went out,' and the ringing chamber was plunged into semi-darkness. 'Keep going,' said the tenor man, and the ringers kept going, but on reaching the middle of the 13th course the 3rd and 4th men could not be seen by the other ringers, so the conductor missed the bob 'home' and let the bells run round, saying 'This is all.' Two whole pulls in rounds were rung, and 'Stand' was called, and thereupon immediately the light came on again. It was, however, too late to make another start, so enquiries were made as to the reason of the failure of the light, as it was thought some person might have been 'having a game' with the switchboard below, but it was found that the fault was at the power station, and all the users of electric light in the town had had the same experience.

The thirteen courses rung consisted of 1,456 changes, and the ringers were: H. Prior 1, F. Kemp 2, J. Read 3, C. Welis 4, H. Kemp 5, G. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 1 and 3.

Another attempt is to be made for the peal by the same band in the near future, when it is hoped better success will attend them.

Canon Girling, before coming to Surrey some years ago, was Vicar of Leiston, made famous in ringing history by the Bailey brothers.

## POTTERNE RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The death has taken place under very sad circumstances of Mr. William C. Mead, of Potterne, Wilts, a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. On Saturday, September 29th, his wife had undergone an operation in Devizes Cottage Hospital, and Mr. Mead had been to see her for a short time in the evening. On the Sunday morning he was on his way to the hospital to see her again, and was taken ill in the street. He received prompt medical attention, and was taken to hospital by his doctor. He revived for a short time, but had a relapse and passed away from heart failure.

Mr. Mead was a familiar figure in the Potterne district, where he was respected by all who knew him. He took an active part in friendly society work, was a member of the Parish Council, and had been chairman of Devizes Liberal Club. He was always cheery and ever ready to do anyone a good turn. He will be much missed, not only in the village, but throughout the district, and sincere sympathy has been extended to Mrs. Mead and her five children.

The funeral took place at Potterne on Thursday, October 4th. A wreath was sent from the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild, and two members from Devizes attended to represent the branch.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the St. Albans District was held at Luton on Saturday, October 6th, about 25 ringers attending. A variety of methods was rung during the afternoon and evening, including Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise. At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Albans on Saturday, December 1st, at St. Peter's in the afternoon, and the Cathedral in the evening.

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded for the use of the bells and to those of the local band who assisted with the arrangements of the meeting.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Alton District was held at Blackmoor on September 22nd, when about thirty members and friends attended from Blackmoor, Bramshott, Binsted, Selborne, Winchester, North Stonham, Fareham and Portsmouth, with Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon.

During the afternoon and evening, touches in various methods were rung both at Blackmoor and Selborne churches.

A splendid tea was enjoyed in the Church Room, and the business meeting which followed was presided over by Rev. F. G. Eyres, supported by Rev. B. C. Taylor (district secretary), Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. F. W. Rogers and others.

It was decided to hold a quarterly meeting at Ropley, on November 11th, and the annual district meeting at Alton on February 9th, 1929.

The Selborne band applied for an instructor, and Mr. Reed very kindly offered to do what he could, with the Blackmoor ringers to help him.

It was decided to invite Lord Wolmer to become a life member of the Guild.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

# KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ASHFORD DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Ashford on Saturday, October 6th, by kind permission of the Rev. H. W. Blackburne. Ringing commenced at 2.15, and the bells were made good use of during the afternoon. Service was conducted by the Vicar, the lesson being read by the general secretary (Rev. F. J. O. Helmore). The Vicar gave a short address, in the course of which he welcomed the association to Ashford, and said how much he valued the work of the bellringers.

Tea was partaken in the Parish Room, kindly arranged by Miss Parkes and her lady helpers, and was presided over by the Vicar.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore presided. The Rev. A. S. Cooper was elected an hon. member, and Mr. W. Nicholls a practising member.

The district officers were all re-elected. It was proposed to hold meetings in 1929 as follows: Ruckinge and Warchorne in February, Frittenden in May, Brabourne in June, Hythe for annual meeting in September.

Votes of thanks to the chairman and the organist (Rev. A. S. Cooper) brought the meeting to a close. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

## THE MEETING AT COWDEN.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In last week's 'Ringing World' you published an account of a meeting held at Cowden, Kent, on September 29th. I would like to point out to your correspondent that, had the usual notice been given, no doubt more members of the district would have been there, but ringers cannot be expected to cancel other engagements to attend a meeting when only a week's notice is given.—Yours truly,

A. RELFE.

Lamborhurst.

## UNFAIR TO SIX-BELL MEN.

Sir,—I read with interest the account of the Kent County Association's meeting at Cowden, which your correspondent described as a complete failure.

Why, I wonder, was the meeting only allowed one clear week's notice? Other districts allow their members often a month's notice. Why cannot the Tonbridge District do so also? Perhaps they are studying economy.

Moreover, I know there were several men who did not want this meeting to be held at Cowden, and showed themselves up by trying to put it off. This, I think, is very unfair to the six-bell men in this district, as we do not get much attention at the best of times.—Yours truly,

MINORITE.

## THE PEAL AT COMPTON GIFFORD.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letters of Mr. T. Laver and Mr. E. W. Marsh, I note the former, in his letter, wishes me to state who sent the peal to you—falsely-worded report, as he styles it. If it had not been for the hard thinking of one of the members of the South-West Committee it would have been a non-association peal. As regards his other point, he says the regulation has been in force since May 12th, 1913. Why, then, is it not published in the Guild Report of Rules? What is the good of having rules if they are omitted, which seems to be the case by his letter? It seems to me they make rules to suit themselves. Why is it the figures are wanted for this peal, when more have been rung earlier in the year and were not asked for?

I note by Mr. E. W. Marsh's remark, that this rule is well known to my father. I may state it is not. It has got to be published in the Guild Rules before anybody can know there is a rule to that effect. As to saying that my father was requested by letter for an answer, if Mr. Marsh thinks for a moment he will know why his letters were not answered. The peal at Stonchouse was quite a different composition to Burton's (116). I myself have compared the two, and the course-ends are quite different. Perhaps Mr. Laver will compare J. R. Pritchard's (115) and Tucker's. If he had anything to say about the composition, why did he not write to my father at the time, instead of splashing pen and ink now, after nearly two years? I might state the peal belongs to my father, and he is claiming it, having rung the composition years ago.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES E. LILLEY.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The Chippenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association held a quarterly meeting at St. Paul's, Chippenham, on Saturday. The meeting was fairly well attended, ringers coming from Bath, Burnham-on-Sea, Devizes, Melksham, and Swindon, with a good number from St. Andrew's and St. Paul's, Chippenham. Some very useful touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Superlative, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Major, were rung.

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**HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.**

**GREAT BADDOW.**—For harvest thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 14th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: Miss W. Linn 1, Miss M. French 2, Miss D. French 3, P. Green 4, Dr. Spencer-Phillips 5, G. Green (conductor) 6.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Linn 1, W. Rice 2, H. Dawson 3, G. Green 4, P. Green 5, A. Richell 6, Dr. Spencer-Phillips (conductor) 7, F. Payne 8.

**UTTOXETER, STAFFS.**—On Sunday evening, October 14th, for harvest festival, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: T. A. Meredith 1, E. Roberts 2, F. Oliver 3, F. Richardson 4, W. Lunn 5, G. Burrows 6, C. Smith 7, E. G. Lewis (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of treble and 5th, also longest length in the method on the bells by local ringers.

**WEST EALING.**—At St. Stephen's Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday morning, October 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: E. Harris 1, E. J. Walsom 2, C. Edwards 3, H. Belcher 4, P. E. Clarke 5, H. Folkard 6, R. Thompson (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

**NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.**—For harvest festival evening service, on October 14th at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: N. Harrison 1, Miss Elsie Smith 2, J. Berridge 3, B. Shaw 4, C. Bates 5, G. Smith 6, W. Biggin (conductor) 7, T. E. Lee 8. After service 224 Bob Major.

**WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, October 14th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: E. Harris 1, E. J. Walsom 2, C. Edwards 3, H. Belcher 4, P. E. Clark 5, H. Folkard 6, R. Thompson (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, sen., 8.

**KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.**—On Friday, October 12th, at the Church of St. Cuby, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes): A. M. Thomas 1, J. Sedgley 2, H. Bennett 3, A. S. Roberts 4, W. H. Southard 5, F. G. Viles (conductor) 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, F. M. Roberts 8. This was rung on the occasion of the thanksgiving for the harvest at the Mission Church at Idless in the parish of Kenwyn.

**PENTRE RHONDDA.**—On Monday, October 8th, for harvest thanksgiving service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: U. Cross (first quarter) 1, G. Palmer 2, J. Lovett 3, W. Page 4, G. Wines 5, H. Davies 6, H. Page (conductor) 7, F. Lasbury 8.

**CAMBERWELL.**—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday evening, October 7th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 52 mins.: Miss Mills 1, E. Richards 2, S. C. Maye 3, E. Allaway 4, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 5, J. Gilbert 6, J. R. Gammon 7, H. H. Peters 8.

**OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.**—On Sunday, October 7th, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Barnett 1, W. Massey 2, Miss N. E. Shorter 3, W. Shepherd (conductor) 4, W. Thorne 5, A. R. Pink 6, W. T. Heeson 7, C. J. Berry 8.

**LATE NOTICES.**

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bedminster, on Saturday, October 27th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea 5. Short service will be held in church at 4.30. All members please make special effort to attend, advising G. Way, 1a, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The 51st annual festival will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Committee meeting at 11.45 a.m. in the Cathedral vestry. Service in the cathedral at 1 o'clock, with an address by the Rev. H. H. Barff, Vicar of Wylam. Dinner at 2 p.m. in the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, Newcastle; 2/6 to members, 3/- to non-members. Those coming to dinner please notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 23rd. The bells of the Cathedral (12), St. John and St. George, Newcastle, and St. Mary, Gateshead, are available. Please meet at the Cathedral to make up bands for the different towers.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—A joint meeting with the Middlesex County Association will be held at Egham on Saturday, November 3rd. Full particulars next week.—H. J. Chaffey, Hon. Sec.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**CHELSEA.**—At St. Luke's, for evening service, October 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. W. Mance 1, \*F. Howson 2, C. E. Mitchell 3, H. H. Mance 4, E. A. Reeve 5, H. Mance 6, W. Essery (first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples as conductor) 7, \*J. E. Charnman (Warnham) 8. \* First quarter of Stedman Triples.

**FULHAM.**—At All Saints', on October 14th, for evening service, 1,280 changes of Bob Major: H. Page 1, H. Ellis 2, W. H. Hollier 3, B. Roberts 4, A. Waddington 5, H. Belcher 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. A. Folkard 8.

**SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday evening, October 14th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob (1,280 changes from Sottenstall), at St. Peter's Church: W. Lee 1, L. Allington 2, G. W. Dixon 3, T. Chinery 4, C. W. F. Clarke 5, D. Elliott (conductor) 6, A. Scott 7, T. E. Slater 8. After evensong the same band rang a short touch of Bob Major.

**CHESTER.**—On Sunday, October 7th, for morning service at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: G. F. Sperring 1, R. Sperring (conductor) 2, R. G. Jones 3, John Jagger (Oldbury) 4, E. Harrison 5, G. R. Jones 6, G. Mellon 7, Harry Pye 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Charles Hounslow Jagger and Miss Edith Parsonage, who were married at Chester on the 5th inst. Mr. C. H. Jagger is the 3rd son of Mr. J. Jagger, of Oldbury.

**SHREWSBURY.**—At St. Chad's, on Sunday, September 30th, on the back eight, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 54 mins.: J. W. Griffiths 1, C. Lee 2, R. R. Pole 3, G. Scarratt 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, A. E. Fullick 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, Jno. Evans 8.—Also for morning service, 360 Stedman Triples and 180 Grandsire Caters, with F. Bills, D. James and J. Pugh participating. The quarter-peal was arranged for Mr. C. R. Lilley, a former conductor of the band, who was on a visit from Plymouth.

**COLCHESTER.**—On September 30th, at St. Leonard's Church, 720 of Bob Minor: T. Sadler (first 720) 1, G. Lindoff, jun. 2, W. Green 3, H. Finch 4, P. Grimsey 5, G. Lindoff (conductor) 6.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Sunday, September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins., for evening service: P. Warren 1, H. Kew 2, H. Parsons 3, L. Penfold 4, A. Bull (conductor) 5, S. Woodman 6.

**DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to my letter which appeared in your column recently, I beg to withdraw my remarks, having now learned that I was quite mistaken. I would tender my sincere apologies to you and to your readers for having wasted valuable space, and particularly to Mr. J. W. Parker for any annoyance he may have felt through my calling into question a statement made by him.

I would add that it was by the detailed information kindly sent to me by Messrs. C. Severn and J. W. Wheeldon that I was shown my mistake, and that I am sincerely grateful to them both.—Yours faithfully,

Belvedere, Kent.

A. G. DRIVER.

**LADIES' GUILD,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.**

A quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, Oct. 6th, a good number attending. With the valuable help of the gentlemen present, some very good ringing was enjoyed, methods ranging from Cambridge Surprise to Plain Bob. Tea was served in the Parish Room, after which the business meeting followed, the Vicar's wife (Mrs. Baker) very kindly presiding. Three new members were elected, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Worksop early in January, when it is hoped all members will do their utmost to attend.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Baker for taking the chair at a moment's notice, and also to those responsible for providing such an excellent tea.

Further ringing was indulged in during the evening, and the day closed on a very successful meeting.

**CIRENCESTER RINGERS AT LONG NEWNTON.**

On Thursday afternoon, October 11th, six ringers from Cirencester paid a visit to Long Newnton and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, jun., 1, F. W. Bond 2, H. Lewis 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, F. Edwards 5, H. S. Parsons 6. Also 180 Bob Minor. The ringers were then kindly entertained to tea by the Rector (the Rev. H. Hoskin), formerly of Green's Norton, Northants, whose kindness was greatly appreciated.

It was intended to ring at Tetbury, but owing to illness this had to be abandoned, so another visit was paid to Long Newnton halfry, and with the assistance of one of the local ringers, Mr. P. Wilkins, several more six-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung. The success of this pleasant outing is due to Mr. F. Edwards, who kindly conveyed the Cirencester ringers in his car.



## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 291st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained, before Wednesday, the 7th, from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Roughton, Rushton, Rowbotham, A. Walker, Winney, Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn (8 bells), St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street (10 bells), Southwark Cathedral (12 bells). Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. F. L. Edwards.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral or the Coffee Pot on Oct. 30th (nomination night), St. Magnus' on the 25th. Both at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Ringing at Holy Trinity, limited to one hour, from 3 to 4 p.m. Service at All Saints' (Parish Church) 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, and ringing after meeting till 8.30 at All Saints'. A good attendance is requested, as Holy Trinity bells are only available on rare occasions.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. — The next meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, in St. Andrew's Hall (1s. 3d. per head). Colne Engaine bells (6), recently rehung, will be available during the afternoon and evening.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672). — A meeting of the above will be held at Wilford on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open 6 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. The annual whist drive and dance will be held in St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Whist starts 6.45 p.m. Tickets, 1s. each, from the hon. sec., F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Social, etc. Ringing from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Buses pass church from Central Station. DON'T forget the joint meeting with the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Egham on Nov. 3rd. A hearty welcome to both meetings awaits you.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guildsborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at West Haddon on Saturday, October 20th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon, Northants.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hinton Waldrist on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Service at 3.30. Tower open 2.30.—G. A. Webley, Union Street, Faringdon.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Penistone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available early. Tea will be provided at 1s. each to those who notify Mr. F. Barraclough, Church Hill, Penistone, near Sheffield, by Friday, the 19th. Will members oblige by paying outstanding subscriptions at this meeting?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, at the White Lion Inn, Selling, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. —Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbrick Road, Blackpool.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. James', Poolstock, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested at this meeting. Business important.—James Wm. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (12) at liberty 3.15. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at King's Langley (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Tonbridge District.—The next bye-meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open at 4 o'clock.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting of the Guild will take place on Oct. 20th at Warwick. The peal of ten at St. Mary's will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, at Dale's Temperance Hotel, near church.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley, Hastings, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The next meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Methods for practice: Superlative and Bob Major.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, kindly supplied by the local ringers, and business meeting to follow. It is imperative that those requiring tea should notify me before first post on Wednesday, Oct. 24th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Tidenham on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers who require tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 24th.—Oliver Thomas, Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Claines on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Election of officers. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 27th. Cathedral bells (10) available from 3 to 4 and after the meeting until 9 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4; address by the Ven. R. T. Talbot, D.D., Dean of Rochester. Tea in the Carlton Cafe at 5. Business meeting to follow. The Dean, who was inducted last month, has expressed a wish to welcome the ringers in the belfry, so it is hoped all who intend being present will attend before 4; also notify me before the 24th inst., so that arrangements can be made for tea, which is provided for members by the association. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at the Manchester Cathedral. Bells ready 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., The Poplars, Beaufort Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Weston Favell on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 23rd?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shedfield on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m., also Wickham (6). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly notify me by Oct. 23rd. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, in the Church Room. All will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Fordham (near Ely) on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Will those requiring tea notify by 24th inst.?—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Next monthly meeting at Spondon on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Invitation from Sir H. Fowler. Tea at the Hall for all who send names to G. Thompson, 10, Locks Road, Spondon, Derby, by Thursday, 25th. Please don't neglect. All welcome.—Charles Draper.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells ready early. A good attendance is requested at this meeting. Tea will be provided if sufficient number notify Mr. G. Clark, 10, Dawood Villas, Bentley.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lowick (6) on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present let me know by Tuesday, the 23rd?—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at King's Lynn on Saturday, Oct. 27th. By kind permission of the Vicar of King's Lynn, the ring of 10 at St. Margaret's will be available at 11.30 a.m. to 12.45, and the ring of 8 at St. Nicholas' in the afternoon. The general business meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' at 2.30 p.m. The announcement for further ringing at St. Margaret's will be made after the meeting. All ringers are kindly invited to this meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Southleigh on Saturday, October 27th.—W. Evetts, jun., Branch Hon. Secretary, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Wraysbury (8 bells) on Saturday, October 27th at 6.30.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m.—C. Knights, Dis. Sec.

**MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.**—The new ring of eight bells (late Rev. C. E. Matthews' Memorial) will be dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on Tuesday, Oct. 30th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Milford House Hotel. All welcome. An early reply is requested from those intending to be present to Mr. C. E. S. Hardman, Edgeworth, Milford-on-Sea.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Burnley Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, LIVERPOOL.**—Two peal boards, on which are recorded six peals, including a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, will be unveiled on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 3.30 p.m. Archdeacon Houson, the Rector of Liverpool, and Canon Elsee hope to take part in the service which follows. A cordial invitation is extended to all ringers. The bells will be available

from 2.30. Kindly notify me if you intend to be present by Tuesday, Oct. 30th.—G. R. Newton, 3, Langham Avenue, Liverpool S.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice. — A gathering of old members, present members and friends will take place at Coventry on Saturday, Nov. 24th, to celebrate the coming-of-age of the Guild, which was formed on Nov. 23rd, 1907. The Craven Arms has been booked for dinner, to be followed by a social evening, for which an excellent programme is being arranged. It is hoped that all members will keep this date open. Details will be published in these columns later.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

**ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.** — Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

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