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DEVELOPMENT OF SURPRISE RINGING

A frequent question asked in these days of hectic progress is, 'What would our grandfathers have said?' In every field of life we go on at an ever increasing pace and the developments in ringing advance with the forward movement in other spheres. What would our grandfathers have said to the peal ringing of the present day; to the multiplicity of methods rung; to the constant additions to the repertory available to the average ringer? Fifty years ago they were content to ring what, in time, grew to be known as the 'standard' methods. That term still remains with us and has a certain significance, but in its limited application it is certainly out of date. Some of the Surprise methods are now as much 'standard' as were Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Plain Bob in Snowdon's days.

In our grandfather's time, Surprise peals were few and far between, in fact they were looked upon as 'crank' performances, and it was not until the Burton men tackled Surprise ringing that peals in these higher methods began to claim serious attention. Even then the scope was limited to Superlative, Cambridge and London. It was the band at St. Peter's, Brighton, in the 'nineties' of last century, who first broke away to any extent from the three old Surprise methods, although the Burton ringers rang a peal or two of New Cumberland. But the Brighton men achieved the first peals in several newly constructed methods, including Bristol, Gloucester, Westminster, Norfolk, Oxford, Champion, etc., and thus departed from tradition. Some of these methods had but a short life, but one or two like Norfolk and Bristol have survived and have established a definite place in the scheme of things. In those days, however, these fresh methods appeared at more or less lengthy intervals. The ringing of a new Surprise method was something of an event; indeed, a Surprise peal in any method was a performance to be proud of. To-day they are a commonplace. Instead of being rung in just two or three towers by a handful of men, there are hundreds of Surprise ringers and the methods are constantly growing in number. Within the last month or so the first peals of at least four Surprise methods have been rung, and what would our grandfathers have said to find published in one issue of a weekly journal peals in half a dozen Surprise methods by eight different bands? But that is what happens this week in 'The Ringing World,' and it is not an uncommon thing either. Truly we are advancing, but it is very noticeable that, despite the many new methods which have been introduced in the last ten or twelve years, very few have taken the popular fancy. No Surprise methods seem to make the same general appeal

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as London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol, although Yorkshire is slowly growing in popularity. It will be a long time at the present pace, however, before any of the four first mentioned lose pride of place to the newer methods. No method has jumped quickly into fame—ringers are very conservative in the choice of what they ring.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	*ALFRED J. CLAYTON 6
*DAVID WRIGHT 2	ROYDON DAVIES 7
*FREDERICK L. LERKS 3	DANIEL COOPER 8
FRANK E. DARBY 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 9
HERBERT J. SKELT 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON (adapted). Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment to the old Surrey veteran, Mr. David Wright.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb in C sharp.

*ROBERT TOOLEY Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	WILLIAM E. BASON 7
*JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 3	*WILLIAM J. LEE 8
*HERBERT C. COLLYER 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 9
*ALFRED MOY 5	*NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal of Bob Royal. The conductor has now completed the circle, and is the first to have done so in this tower. All have been 10 and 12-bell peals.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	ERNEST MANSELL 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	JOHN NEAL 8
ALBERT WALKER 4	SIDNEY T. HOLT 9
GEORGE E. LARGE 5	JAMES BETTERTON Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

A PEAL OF SPLICED GRANDAM AND GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE 6
HENRY W. WILDE 3	JAMES SWINDLEY 7
ALBERT E. RICHARDS 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Lord Bishop of Chester, who has resigned from the diocese. First peal of Spliced Triples by all the band and first in the county of Cheshire. The first half of this peal was rung in the Grandam Variation of the method. It is the first time that Holt's ten-part has been rung with all the parts called alike, and with ordinary Grandsire Singles half-way and end. Mr. J. Morgan's 200th peal.

WEST HALLAM, DERRYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD BOB FIVE-PART, No. 72. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB FIVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Treble	REGINALD S. NEWMAN ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	WILLIAM SEBLEY 6
EDWARD ASHLEY 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	WILLIAM CROSS Tenor

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The treble ringer has now rung each of these bells to a peal.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Treble	DANIEL COOPER 5
RONALD H. DOVE 2	ROYDON DAVIES 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
H. BERNARD WELLS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung by a band of 'respectable' and 'eligible' bachelors of an average age of 27, with compliments to Kate.

HANBURY-ON-THE-HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S FIVE-PART, No. 22.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	SIDNEY AINGER Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, July 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF EDMUNDSBURY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 6
GEORGE FRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

The first peal rung in the method and rung at the first attempt.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	ROYDON DAVIES 5
*FRANK E. MITCHELL 2	*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 6
ALFRED J. BOLL 3	TONY PRICE 7
DANIEL COOPER 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

* First peal in the method.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
*MAURICE HODGSON 2	GEORGE W. STEEL 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	FRED HODGSON 7
GEORGE ROBINSON 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells and by all the band, except the ringer of the fifth.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN ... Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER 2	HAROLD CHANT 6
CHARLES POULIENEY 3	T. COLIN RYDER 7
ARTHUR GILL 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by A. NASH.

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

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE GILBERT ... Treble	GORDON R. CAULDWELL ... 5
WALTER F. JUDGE 2	ALAN R. PINK 6
*SYDNEY TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
*RICHARD A. POST 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Master John Beeson (son of W. T. Beeson). The ringers were met and congratulated on their ringing immediately after the peal by the Rector (Canon B. Long).

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 5
THOMAS HEMMING 2	JOHN SMITH 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
HECTOR G. BIRD 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal of Major on the bells, also the first peal of London Surprise in the county. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Major-General Sir John Gatacre, K.C.B.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM RIGBY ... Treble	*WALTER LONGMAN 5
*JOHN E. WHELDON 2	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	ERNEST BENNETT 7
THOMAS HURD 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by ERNEST BENNETT.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged and rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. W. England, who was inducted on Thursday, July 7th, when a peal was attempted but came to grief; also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 6th bells. Mr. W. Stevenson's 50th peal, all of which have been rung with the conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time, and contains the extent with the sixth and fourth as 7th and 6th place bells respectively.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*GEORGE BUTCHER Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
JOHN H. CHRESMAN 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6
*JOHN BURLS 3	*EDWARD J. BEER 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by F. DRNCH. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	EDGAR G. SWIFT 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
FREDERICK K. BIGGS 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

A peal of welcome for the new Rector. The last six bells of this octave have been in use for 180 years.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

The late Dr. A. B. CARPENTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
CECIL E. CARR 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 6
PERCY L. HARRISON 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 7
HARRY L. SMITH 4	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

W. H. Clarke's 100th peal; the same conductor also called his first peal.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED HANDLEY Treble	RALPH PARTON 5
PERCY HANDLEY 2	VICTOR HUBBLE 6
JOHN BASS 3	REGINALD GHANCE 7
CHARLES WM. COOPER 4	HUBERT LEE Tenor

Conducted by FRED HANDLEY.

A birthday compliment to the ringers of the fourth.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

*CHARLES A. READ Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	WILLIAM J. WHITING 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 4	GEORGE H. COLDMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. WHITING.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BIRCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	WALTER W. VOLSTENCROFT ... 5
WILFRED J. MOSS 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
NORMAN HBAPS 3	JOHN POTTER 7
ARTHUR RIDYARD 4	JOSEPH HALL Tenor

Composed by REV. EARLE BOLWER. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.
Rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. R. G. PARSONS as Bishop of Southwark.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 720 of Plain Bob.

HARRY HALL Treble	DAVID CRACKNELL 4
FREDERICK DEARING 2	JAMES WARDLEY 5
ALFRED WATSON 3	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

Rung as a wedding peal for Miss Castleden, daughter of the Rector.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings.

*S. BAYLISS Treble	C. HAYTINGS 4
C. CAMM 2	F. HAWKES 5
E. MAUND 3	J. HILL Tenor

Conducted by C. HAYTINGS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as the quarterly peal for the association.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

H. JIM RALPH Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 4
CHARLES H. JENNINGS 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*ANTHONY E. F. TROTMAN ... 3	EDWARD G. COWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells, and the third rung on them. They were augmented to six by the addition of three trebles in 1848 by C. and G. Mears, London.

BENTHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

*ALBERT E. COATES Treble	*RICHARD WILSON 4
DAVID G. BATESON 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
ERNEST OVERSBY 3	JOHN N. KIRKBRIDE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal and belong to the local band. This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Beatrice M. Garrad (second daughter of Canon and Mrs. R. Garrad) to Mr. Charles H. Scott, of Bradford.

CHILVERS-COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, on Monday, July 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 41 mins.: E. Stone 1, C. E. Rayson 2, J. Draycott 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. Thompson 5, H. Harris 6, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 7, J. E. Moreton 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, after a futile peal attempt.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HENRY M. WILLIAMS ... Treble	*BERTRAM H. HEAD ... 4
*WILLIAM G. HEAD ... 2	*JOSHUA H. NEWSOME ... 5
GEORGE CASE ... 3	HORACE W. OVERTON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CASE.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the patronal festival.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH BOWELL ... Treble	ERNEST DURRANT ... 4
ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 2	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... 5
GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... 3	SIDNEY CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

A TOUR IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES.

LEEDS RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, July 9th, the band of St. Michael's, Headingley, Yorks, accompanied by friends, making up a party of nineteen in all, made a flying motor tour to some of the more remote, but beautiful and historic, Yorkshire dales. The day being a tropical one, a lovely run up through Leeming Lane brought the party via Swaledale to the historic and delightful old town of Richmond. While some went to view the fine ruins of the ancient castle, with its splendid keep, others paid a visit to the Parish Church of St. Mary, where the handy peal of eight was set going to Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative. After an excellent lunch at the Bishop Blaize Hotel, a start would have been made for another tower, but the ladies of the party had disappeared. Explanations were ultimately made, and Middleham was reached after a magnificent run through Wensleydale. In the tower of the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Alkeldra hang a beautiful ring of eight by the famous Loughborough founders. They are magnificent in tone, with a tenor 18 cwt., and 'go' like the proverbial tops. Touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, and London were greatly enjoyed, and this lovely ring was left with regret. After a bountiful tea at the Commercial Hotel, a visit was paid to the neighbouring mighty ruins of the Castle of Warwick the King Maker. Time being all too short, a start was made for Sharow, near Ripon, where the handy light peal of eight were rung to a variety of methods and greatly enjoyed. Another fine run via Harrogate brought the party to Leeds at 10.30 p.m., after a delightful and pleasant day. Opportunity is here taken of thanking the various clergy and steeplekeepers for their kindness and courtesy. Incidentally, it would be interesting to know what caused Bob to make a single, what was the cause of the half-turn at Richmond tower, and who fell asleep at Middleham?

P. J. J.

A THAMES-SIDE EXCURSION.

The St. Giles', Camberwell, outing was this year taken to Henley-on-Thames and Marlow, Bucks. The journey was made on one of the beautiful days of the summer, with glorious sunshine. The party trained to Henley, and here an hour's ringing was enjoyed, with touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major. This was followed by a short stroll along the river bank at Henley whilst waiting for the bus to take the party to Marlow. A lovely ride among the narrow and beautiful lanes of Berkshire was much appreciated, and was followed by tea. The ringing at Marlow included a non-conducted touch of Stedman Triples and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major. When the ringing was brought to a close, the party, with one exception, helped themselves to more exercise on a very warm evening by rowing on the Thames. This was much appreciated, and brought to a close one of the best outings of the society. The secretary wishes to thank the clergy and others concerned for the use of their bells and for having everything in readiness.

THIRTY-EIGHT SURPRISE METHODS.

At Burton, Cheshire, on July 5th, 720 Norfolk Surprise Minor: A. E. Richards 1, J. W. Clarke 2, R. Sperring 3, J. Morgan 4, J. Swindley 5, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 6. Also 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: A. E. Richards 1, R. Sperring 2, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 3, J. W. Clarke 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Morgan 6.

First 720's in the methods on the bells.

This company has now rung 38 of the Surprise methods as given in the new Central Council Collection.

THE BOB MAJOR RECORD.

TWO BANDS OUT FOR LONGEST LENGTH.

Last week the announcement was made in our columns that on August Bank Holiday eight members of the Hertford County Association intended to attempt a peal of 18,144 Bob Major at Bennington.

We have now been requested to make the following announcement:—

'By kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. D. A. Townend, eight members of the Kent County Association hope to ring a peal of 22,176 Bob Major at Harrietsham on August 13th. Start 6 a.m.'

If this latter attempt is successful, it will be the longest peal ever rung by one set of men. The greatest number of changes previously rung by one band is 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton in 1922, and the longest length on eight bells the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall in 1927.

The tenor at Harrietsham is 13½ cwt., and it was at this tower that James Barham, the famous old Kent ringer, rang many of his peals.

SUFFOLK GUILD TRY OUT DEBENHAM BELLS.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT DISTRICT MEETING.

A by-meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Debenham on July 16th, to enable all who wished to do so to try the newly restored peal, which has been rehung on ball bearings in a steel frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Over fifty ringers attended the meeting, and the bells were kept going almost continuously from two o'clock until 9.30, the methods ranging from Grandsire and Plain Bob to London and Bristol Surprise Major. Everyone was delighted with the easy running of the bells, while the improved tone of those which have been recast was commented upon very favourably. Tea was partaken of at the Parish Room, and Mr. Chas. Sedgely, Ringing Master of the Guild, congratulated the people of Debenham upon the first-class peal of bells now in their possession. He also urged the necessity for a wider and increased circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and it is to be hoped the appeal will not fall on stony ground.

A collection taken on behalf of the bell fund realised the sum of 12s. 6d., and further subscriptions in the tower later on brought the total to 17s. 6d.

The bells are some 10 or 12 feet lower than they were before, consequently the noise in the immediate vicinity of the church is not so great, while they are heard better in the distance.

The visitors were from a good many parishes, including St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Woodbridge, Ufford, Leiston, Earl Soham, Framlingham, Spwink, Ely, Sudbury, Framsden, Helmingham, Otley, Grundisburgh and Wetheringsett, thus making the meeting truly representative of the Guild.

The bells will be available for peals at reasonable intervals, due allowance having to be made for public tolerance in this direction. It may be stated that considerably more than 5,000 changes were rung during Saturday afternoon and evening.

The following further donations to the fund are acknowledged with thanks: C. T. Bradley 5s., R. W. Daniels 5s., David Vincent 10s. 6d.; per Rev. Armstrong: W. G. Crikmer 5s., W. E. Maulden 2s. 6d., Wm. Flory 2s. 6d., and B. C. Ellis 10s.; Geo. Pryke 2s. 6d., E. E. Lanham 2s. 6d., collected at meeting 12s. 6d. Previously acknowledged £8 16s. 6d., total £9 14s. 6d. The fund is still open, and contributions should be sent to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcester and Districts Association was held at Madresfield on Saturday, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. J. W. Greaves).

The bells were raised shortly after 2.45 p.m., and the service, which followed was conducted by the Vicar of Newlands, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Madresfield.

Some of the members afterwards availed themselves of the opportunity of looking round the beautiful gardens of Madresfield Court, while others thoughtfully obtained quite a large piece of 'Madresfield' stone and placed it in the secretary's case! The secretary would like to thank the 'donor,' and wonders whether it really came from a 'Wall'!

An excellent tea, kindly arranged by Miss Knowles and helpers, was partaken of.

The Master, Mr. R. G. Knowles, took the chair at the meeting which followed. It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Peter's Church, Droitwich, or, if not there, at Dodderhill.

The Chairman urged the members present to buy 'The Ringing World' regularly, adding that, with increased circulation, they were promised a larger paper, and, in time, at a lower price.

A collection was made for the Belfry Repair Fund.

After the meeting the ringers further inspected the gardens, and were taken through the maze. When the roll call was subsequently taken, fortunately all were 'present.' The rock gardens were visited, and then the ringers again adjourned to the tower. The methods rung included Grandsire Doubles, Stedman and London and Cambridge Surprise. One member facetiously remarked that the bells were kept going the whole of the afternoon and evening without a 'Holt.'

EARLY INVESTIGATIONS INTO STEDMAN TRIPLES. INTERESTING ADDITION TO GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD LIBRARY.

An interesting 'first edition' has come into the possession of the Guildford Diocesan Guild library, through the kindness of Mr. A. H. Pulling. It is the twenty-page folio, published in January, 1828, by Mr. I. P. Powell, of Quex Park, Kent, setting out his investigations into Stedman Triples. At that time the compositions available were those which consisted chiefly of bobbed or singled sixes, and very few plain sixes, the plan adopted being to keep one pair of bells together behind as long as possible. Efforts were constantly being made to reduce the number of calls, and Shipway wrote, in 'Campanalogia' in 1816, that he had 'paid great attention to the subject, but hitherto without effect; he has therefore chosen to relinquish it for the present rather than delay the publication of the work.' Shipway went to Quex Park as an instructor, for a time, and Mr. Powell, who built the Waterloo tower and installed the bells, evidently became intrigued with the problem which had baffled Shipway. Apparently he devoted some years to experiment, and then decided to publish the results.

His folio is 'dedicated, with permission, to the College and Cumberland Youths, and the different companies of Change Ringers throughout England and elsewhere.' As a frontispiece there is a print of 'Waterloo Tower, containing a peal of 12 bells, the tenor between 15 and 16 cwt., situated in Quex Park, the seat of I. P. Powell, Esq., 1828,' and attached to it is a 'tipped-in' slip, printed as follows:—

'The Author's Reason for not fixing a Price to this Publication is, that he would consider it a degradation; and that the merit or demerit should be ascertained as coming down from the hands of an amateur only, and to be considered as a Gift.'

He opens his 'Observations' with the following:—

'Professors in the Scientific Art of Change Ringing have, for many years, been endeavouring to compose a whole Peal of Stedman's Triples, which might be considered the most perfect, by having the fewest number of bobs and singles.'

'Shipway's principle appears to me to be the best adapted for that purpose, but all attempts on his principle have failed, as yet. There is a very curious Peal I have seen, composed at Birmingham, which has the 7th Bell at home at each Course End, and really is an extraordinary and ingenious production altogether. I have myself, as an Amateur, been much interested towards the accomplishment of this Peal; and although having studied it for these last six or seven years, and having experienced a vast deal of difficulty and perplexity, have also failed. I have, however, been successful in a few touches, which I have great pleasure in sending forth for the gratification and amusement of all the above societies.'

The author then goes on to give 'specimens of my productions, which, having regular Part Ends, will all repeat 4 times.' He explains the devices he has adopted to extend the possible length of the touches, which are built up principally with odd bobs, and singles of three kinds, the common single with the three back bells lying still; Holt's single with the four back bells lying still, and the Birmingham single, with the bells lying still in fourth's and fifth's places.

Three thousand three hundred changes was the longest length which the author could produce on Shipway's principle, but he gives one touch of 3,480. 'An odd thing occurred in composing this touch,' he says. 'After the second Bob, I had made up my mind to try the effect of three Bobs together; but in making the 2nd Bob of the three I found it would not go, therefore made a Single, which determined me to try a Single between 2 Bobs, and was bona fide the first Touch I composed with this Passport.'

Thereafter the 'Passport' is frequently used, but the desired end of a peal having 'the fewest number of bob and singles' finally eluded the author, who concluded: 'Feeling, now, a conviction of having pursued every plan where I have entertained any idea or possibility of success, and having failed, I do no farther hesitate to pronounce this most harassing and perplexing Peal of Stedman Triples is totally unattainable on Shipway's principle, either in five parts, or if in ten, having a Single at the end of the first half to turn it; and the same number of bobs and singles in the 2nd half, and in the same places as the first half.'

The remainder of the folio consists of the touches, set out by the six-ends, which were the result of the investigations.

As a matter of historic interest, it may be added that in December, 1830, a peal by Thomas Day, with 420 bobs and 22 Holt's singles, was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and the composition is officially recorded as 'the greatest improvement made up to this period, inasmuch as no two bells were kept dodging behind more than eighteen changes.'

HARD LUCK!

On Thursday week an attempt for a peal of Surprise Minor at Isham was lost in the last two courses, owing to a rope breaking, after ringing 720 each of Beverley, Stamford, London, Wells, York, Durham, and 500 of Cambridge: J. Mawby 1, C. W. Clarke 2, Miss E. Steele 3, A. Smart 4, F. Ball 5, W. Perkins (conductor) 6. After the ringing, the band were kindly entertained to tea by the Rev. and Mrs. Atkins.

A MEMORIAL WINDOW.

SERVICES BY THE LATE MR. G. H. PAGETT AT STOURBRIDGE.

A stained glass window has been placed in the south wall of the nave of St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, in memory of Mr. George Henry Pagett, who for more than 50 years was a chorister at the church and a member of the band of bellringers. The window, which is the gift of Mrs. Pagett, is the work of Mr. Henry Payne, of Amberley, Gloucestershire, as are all the other windows in the nave of the church.

Mr. Pagett having been a chorister and bellringer, it was the idea of the artist to make a representation of music and bellringing in the window. The major portion of this is taken up by a group of three angels, each of which is depicted playing a musical instrument. The idea of bellringing is cleverly suggested by the three bells, which can be seen near the top left-hand corner of the window. At the base of the structure is the inscription, 'To the glory of God, and in loving memory of George Henry Pagett, bellringer and chorister for 50 years, died September 27th, 1931, aged 73.'

The window was dedicated on Sunday week by Dr. Moore Ede (Dean of Worcester), who, in his subsequent address, said the bellringers of that diocese went every Easter Monday to Worcester and held a meeting in the Chapter House. Over those meetings he had had the privilege for many years of presiding, and George Henry Pagett, who came from Stourbridge, occupied generally one of the front chairs, and so he was glad to have the opportunity of coming there that evening, and as one connected intimately with bellringers, though not a bellringer himself, to have the privilege of dedicating that window to his memory and to the honour and glory of God and the beautifying of that church.

The Dean went on to speak on 'service,' and said if we were followers of Christ we must serve; we must find some means of service, George Henry Pagett, who was commemorated in that window, for 50 years did serve. He served in the choir, and also as a ringer in the belfry. Real service must cost them something, and a man did not attend regularly there year in and year out to practise and ring in the belfry and to practise and sing in the choir without a great deal of self-denial, giving up a good deal of time and giving up many amusements with which he might otherwise have occupied his time. As a bellringer, George Henry Pagett called people living round that church to worship, as a choirman he helped to lead the praises in that church for 50 years—half a century—and he ventured to say he had his reward in life, not in hard cash but in soul, in the inward satisfaction of rendering service to God. He did it because he believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and loved Him. Now he had passed away from both choir and belfry; he had been called home, and one could feel sure he was one who would hear the welcome sentence pronounced, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

The church bells were rung prior to and following the dedication service, the ringing including a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. W. Gibbs 1, L. W. Turner 2, Jas. W. Smith 3, N. G. Leech (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, H. T. Amphlett 5, A. L. Dunn 6, A. E. Whatmore 7, A. Reynolds 8.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

VISIT TO STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

A rare event in the history of the Warwickshire Guild took place on Saturday, July 16th, when a meeting was held at Stratford-on-Avon. Visiting ringers are discouraged there, but, permission having been obtained to ring the bells at intervals, good use was made of the concession, and a number of ringers journeyed to Stratford from all parts of Warwickshire. Various methods were rung during the afternoon until five o'clock, when ringers and friends adjourned to the Riverside Cafe for a splendid tea arranged by Mr. A. W. Wright, the enthusiastic captain of the local band.

The business meeting was held upon the return to the belfry. Mr. J. Chandler (Rugby) was voted to the chair, in the absence of the president and the Ringing Master. Apologies were received from the president (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.), Messrs. J. H. W. White, F. W. Perrins, E. H. Adams, E. Pearson, J. Hinde.

The following meeting places were arranged: Southam for August, Burbage for September, to be a joint meeting with the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association, and Stoke-in-Coventry for the October quarterly.

Three new members were elected, one from Stratford, one from Rugby, and one from Ilmington, Shipston-on-Stour, while three names were ratified after their election prior to peals.

Mr. A. H. Beamish gave notice of motion that he would propose at the next quarterly meeting that the sum of one guinea be allocated to the Davies Memorial Fund.—This was seconded by Mr. J. B. Fenton.

The Chairman asked if the members present would do their best to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World' in their own towers.

Mr. T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton) spoke of the loss of Mr. Walter Martin, he being the third of that band to 'pass on' in the last eight months. A few moments' silence was observed.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar and to the local captain. Ringing continued after the meeting till about eight o'clock.

THE LATE MR. ALFRED PALMER.**MR. C. F. WINNEY'S REMINISCENCE.**

'By the death of Mr. Alfred Palmer, recorded in your last issue, one is reminded,' writes Mr. C. F. Winney, 'of Lord Lonsdale's pugilistic prowess. He once knocked out John L. Sullivan, and on another occasion stopped a motor van driver for being rude (in road manners) to a lady who was nearly wrecked in trying to pass him. The noble lord dragged him off his van and gave him a good hiding. "The e'rl bain't a man, 'e be a demon sledge 'ammer," was the battered man's comment.

'One night, walking home to Maidstone from Aylesford, Alf Palmer and I were busy talking, when a man asked him for a light. Alf politely told him he had not got one, whereupon the impatient man struck him and broke his pipe in his mouth. Almost before I realised what happened, Alf had floored the intruder and followed this up by knocking out his companion, a sailor, who had come to his assistance. Palmer was a powerful man and very lovable. Both he and Tom Mannering were correct handlers of a bell.'

AN EXPERIMENT WITH TWELVE BELLS.**MINOR ON FRONT AND BACK SIXES.**

The imposing, privately owned Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Birchington, was the scene of the summer meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association on Saturday last, by the kind permission of Major P. H. G. Powell-Cotton. The 26 members who attended the meeting formed a good representation of the district.

During the afternoon an interesting experiment was tried out with the twelve bells. They were set going to two sets of Minor, the leading bell in the last six striking in 7th's place, after the back bell of the first six, and the leading bell of the first six leading off the back bell of the last six. Although the attempt came to grief, owing to the back six encroaching upon the first six's field, enough was rung to show the sceptics that such a manner of ringing 12 bells was, after all, possible.

Three new members from Wickhambreux were elected: R. Dixon, A. G. White and R. Walter.

Before the meeting closed, the secretary was asked to convey to Major Powell-Cotton the meeting's appreciation and thanks for the use of the tower. A vote of thanks was also accorded Mr. Spice, who acted as chairman.

Lyminge was selected for the next meeting.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The July meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Drighlington on Saturday. Owing to the holiday season, the attendance was not up to the usual standard. The business meeting was held in the tower. The president being unavoidably absent, the chair was taken by Mr. H. Marsden (vice-president), and 32 members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bolton, Bradford, Calverley, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, Northowram, Pudsey, Rothwell, Queensbury, Idle, Almondbury, Headingley St. Michael's, and the local company.

Five new members were elected, viz., Messrs. A. Garner, J. Newton and F. Boothroyd, of Almondbury, J. Palfreyman, of Bolton, Bradford, and Miss Mary Jagger, of Northowram.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Drighlington for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the other arrangements, was proposed by Mr. J. Baxendale, seconded by Mr. J. C. Carter, and acknowledged by Mr. J. Stitson.

DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

On Tuesday, July 19th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, on the back eight bells, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1,932 changes) in 1 hour 17 mins.: E. C. Birkett 1, T. Hammond 2, J. Martin (composer) 3, E. Caunce 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, L. L. Gray 6, J. C. E. Simpson 7, A. Lintott 8.

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The last four courses four times repeated.

This date touch is interesting because of the fact that it not only works out to a complete six, but to a complete course.

At Middleton, Lancashire, on July 12th, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. F. Stansfield and Miss M. I. Cox, a date touch of Bob Major (1,932 changes) in 1 hour 5 mins.: J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, J. Jacques 3, N. Bastow 4, J. Smith 5, T. A. Ogden 6, T. K. Driver 7, J. H. Bastow 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The names of eight Harolds have been received for a 'name' peal, and Mr. Harold Marcon, of 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln, would like to hear of four more to make up a band of twelve. It is suggested that the peal should take place at Leicester on Saturday, September 24th.

There is competition for the smiles of Kate. A band describing themselves as 'respectable' and 'dignified' bachelors, whose average age is only 27, have rung a peal in London. Kate, however, should not be beguiled too easily. Most of the company have already been ensnared, and wedding bells will ring for one of them, at any rate, next Monday.

Since, according to Mr. J. A. Trollops, Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire is obsolete (presumably on account of its Singles), the new method of ringing the peal, arranged by Mr. H. W. Wilde, may commend itself to the Methods Committee when they publish their new book on Triples.

By the way, lots of fun has been poked at ringers over 'Grandfather's Triples'; there will be even more scope for the humorists if the inverted method becomes permanently named as now suggested, for we shall then have Grandmother's as well as Grandfather's Triples.

Writing in the 'Daily Express,' Melson Godfrey, of Luton, suggests that no church of the twentieth century should have a tower unless it is to serve some useful purpose. The original uses of church towers have become merely history. What, therefore, he asks, is to be the use of Guildford's new Cathedral tower?

Some day, Mr. Godfrey, we hope it may contain a peal of bells, even if you think their uses are obsolete. In any case, it may help to hold the roof down, or form a landing place for those who go to the Cathedral by airplane.

RINGERS AND THE S.P.A.B.

**ST. BENEDICT'S RESTORATION DISPELS CHANCES OF
FUTURE MISUNDERSTANDING.**

The fifty-fifth annual report of the committee of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, which has just been issued, contains interesting reviews of works of restoration and preservation in which the society has been concerned, and it is illustrated by numerous striking photographs.

The only quoted instance of bell restoration is that at St. Benedict's, Cambridge, carried out by the ringers of England in connection with the Stedman commemoration, and the report is specially interesting in view of the conflict of opinion which sometimes arises between the society and those who have to deal with church bells from the point of view of practical use. The report says:—

'The bell-ringers of England have not in the past always approved of the society's recommendations regarding ancient "rings," bell cages and bell towers. A newspaper representing this fraternity has sometimes used its weight and perhaps displayed a little acrimony in criticism of the society's recommendations and beliefs in this matter. The conflict of opinion eventually led to personal meetings when the common interest in bells, bellringing and bell hanging proved, because of its genuine character, the means of stilling mere controversy. The evidence of this better understanding was shown by the action of the president of the Central Council of Church Bellringers, together with the Editor of "The Ringing World," when they informed the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings that it was proposed to put the bells of St. Benedict's Church tower, Cambridge, in proper ringing order in commemoration of the great campanologist, Fabian Stedman, who was born in 1631, and developed there the English system of "change ringing."

'The society welcomed this approach, and the joint bodies caused a report to be drawn up upon the tower and bells showing how the work could be done. This report was approved by all authorities concerned, and the work has been completed in accordance with it.

'The sentiment which bellringers have for these bells, which the great Stedman, father of that Exercise, swung full circle in rhythmic motion, is akin to that which members of this society have for old buildings; and the way in which the problem of the bells at St. Benedict's was approached by both parties has done more to dispel the chances of misunderstanding than could have been effected by a process of reasoned argument.

METHOD NAMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have several times published methods without names, so that any band ringing the first peal might name the method; and on other occasions, where a method had been named, I have given permission for those ringing the first peal to alter the name if they wished to do so.

It was impossible for the Boddington band to ask Mr. Craven's permission, but, seeing that there is already a 'Lincolnshire' Surprise, I think Mr. Craven would have willingly agreed, had he been alive, to the name given by the Boddington band.

That there is a precedent for the name of a method to be changed is part of my experience. In March, 1900, I published a method in 'Bell News' which I called 'Brighton Court Bob'; when the first peal was rung in September, 1922, without asking any permission from myself, the name was changed to 'Cambridge Court Bob.'—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

THREE ASSOCIATIONS FRATERNISE. JOINT MEETING AT ST. ALBANS.

At least thirty-five towers—there may have been others—were represented at a meeting held at St. Albans on Saturday, when the members of three associations fraternised—the Hertford County Association receiving the Bedfordshire Association and the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. Unofficially, also, the Ladies' Guild shared in the proceedings, and altogether there were about 80 ringers present.

St. Albans has some distinct attractions for ringers: its fine old Abbey with a peal of eight bells; St. Peter's Church, with a ring of ten, which once were twelve; and two rings of six. Only the Abbey and St. Peter's bells were available on Saturday, but they amply served the visitors, and touch after touch followed in quick succession in each tower during the afternoon and evening. While ringing at St. Peter's one wondered if the day would arrive when the spacious tower—surely one of the larger parish church belfries that can be found—would once more house a ring of twelve bells. Modern founding could easily provide trebles of balance and quality to harmonise with the rest, and modern engineering would ensure, if there be any doubt about it, the safety of structure.



ST. ALBANS ABBEY

Where the members of three associations rang together on Saturday.

The climb to the heights of the Abbey tower is characteristic of most of our cathedrals, but if the final stairway were built by the monks for their own use, they were not of the spaciouly rotund variety so commonly depicted; indeed, we heard of one London ringer—unhappily now no longer with us—who had to be literally pushed through the final stages of that staircase. The ringing room, formed in one corner of the tower among the heavy timbers that carry the bell frame, is unlighted except by artificial means, but from a gallery outside the low door the imposing length of the nave roof provides the foreground of an expansive view.

St. Albans was once a Roman stronghold, Verulam, and the Abbey was built in the eleventh century, in connection with the monastery that was founded some centuries earlier, in memory of Alban, one of the first Christian martyrs in England. The building is remarkable for its great length, measuring 548 feet from east to west.

VISITING ASSOCIATIONS WELCOMED.

After the afternoon's ringing on Saturday, the ringers assembled in St. Peter's Church for service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the customary form of the Herts Association being used. The hymns used were, 'We love the place, O God,' 'Glorious things of thee are spoken,' and a ringers' special hymn—

'Hark, the bells are softly pealing
From the steeple, dark and high.'

The blending of so many men's voices in the singing was something to be remembered. The Vicar gave a short address, in which he extended a special welcome to the members of the visiting associations. Basing his remarks upon the words from the lesson, 'Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God' (Isaiah xl. 1), he referred to the power of Christian fellowship, and urged ringers to seize

every opportunity they could to spread abroad the message of Christ in this very materialistic age.

Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. treasurer of the Herts County Association and one of its earliest members) presided over the tea served at the Clarendon Hotel, and among those present were Miss Steel (vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association and president of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president of the Middlesex Association) and Mrs. Pickworth, Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president of the Middlesex Association), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Coles, Mr. A. E. Sharnian (hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire Association), Mr. W. Pye (Master of the Middlesex Association) and Mrs. Pye, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. A. W. Coles (Master of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association), Mr. G. R. Goodship (assistant secretary), Mr. W. Nash (district secretary of the Herts County Association), etc.

The Chairman said that was the first time the three associations had met in one place and practised together, and on behalf of the Hertfordshire Association he extended a hearty welcome to their brothers of Middlesex and Beds. He apologised for the absence of the secretary of the Herts Association (Mr. G. W. Cartmel), who was away on holidays, and also the president. He hoped that meeting would not be the first and last of its kind, but that they would meet again in some place or other. Such gatherings, as Mr. Cartmel had written to him, renewed old friendships and established new ones. He was very pleased to see so many young ringers present. It

was astonishing what they could do if they liked to try, but it was only by coming out and taking part in ringing at other towers that they could become known to one another.

Mr. Walter Ayre endorsed the welcome expressed by the chairman to the Middlesex and Bedfordshire Associations, and regretted that there were so few representatives of the Herts Association present.

JOINT MEETINGS IMPROVE RELATIONS.

Mr. C. T. Coles, in acknowledging the reception extended to the visitors, said when they first instituted joint meetings a few years ago they started with a small gathering at Northaw; since then they had gradually grown. The Middlesex Association had combined with the Hertfordshire Association in meetings at North Mymms, Hadley and Barnet, but that gathering at St. Albans had beaten the lot in size and enthusiasm. He was pleased indeed to see so many present, especially of his own association. While it was the first meeting of the three, he saw no reason why it should be the last, but as it might be difficult for Bedfordshire ringers to get to Middlesex, or Middlesex ringers to get to Bedfordshire, he suggested it would be convenient to continue to meet in Hertfordshire. It was Mr. Nash's idea to meet in the central city of the diocese. He was pleased to see present so many prominent members of the Ladies' Guild, including the president and the hon. secretary, so that they might almost say that it was a meeting of four associations. Joint meetings were like spliced peals—they grew—and he did not see why they should not splice in even more than three associations at a similar meeting. He thanked the Hertfordshire Association for their welcome, and said the joint meetings had been the means of extending the cordial relations between the two associations and removing the little jealousies that used to be caused when they rang in each other's territory.

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A CAMBRIDGESHIRE RING REHUNG. SWAVESEY BELLS IN A NEW FRAME.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the reopening of the rehung six bells at St. Andrew's Church, Swavesey, Cambs, took place, great interest being displayed in the event. Ringers were present from Buckden, Cambridge, Chatteris, Cherryhinton, Harlow (Mr. G. Dent), Histon, Oakington, Over, Springfield (Mr. and Mrs. E. Runter), Sutton, Somersham, Trumpington and Willingham, with a good muster of Swavesey ringers. The bells, a fine ring cast at the former St. Neots foundry, date back to the year 1753, and have been almost silent for nearly ten years. Great joy was manifested among the parishioners when they heard their cheerful note once again. Many people attended the dedication service, which was intoned by Rev. C. E. O. Finch, M.A. (Vicar), attended by the Rural Dean (Rev. A. C. Hair, M.A.) and Rev. F. G. Weston, M.A. The dedication ceremony was performed by Bishop Price, of Ely, and as the choir and clergy proceeded to the chancel rounds were rung by six local ringers: H. Key 1, E. Prior 2, B. Hodson 3, T. Fromant 4, F. Hemington 5, R. Mitham 6. The lesson was read by Rev. A. C. Hair. In his address, based on the words, 'Freely ye have received, freely give,' the Bishop explained how the church had been handed down from generation to generation, and it was the duty of all to keep it in a state of good preservation. Much had been done to this church of late years, and here was another instance of more good work in placing a new frame, etc., for the bells in the tower.

Tea was provided at the Vicarage, the local ringers doing their finishing rounds and rejoicing on the bells. After tea, Mr. F. Warrington (Over), acting on behalf of Mr. B. Hodson, selected a band for Stedman (the opening touch by request): Miss K. Willers (Trumpington) 1, G. Dent (Harlow) 2, E. Runter (Springfield) 3, A. J. Abrams (Chatteris) 4, F. Warrington (Over) (conductor) 5, W. Dyer (Croydon) 6. Everyone was very pleased with the 'go' of the bells, their verdict being one word, 'perfect.'

The work was done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon fame, and it reflects great credit on the firm, as the boring and balancing had to be done in the tower by hand, which is a test of skill and patience.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. C. Johnston (head of the firm), he was represented by Mr. W. Dyer, who also did the work of rehanging. Ringing was indulged in until about 9.20 p.m., the methods rung including Plain Bob, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Norwich and London Surprise, and rounds for the beginners. The approximate weight of the tenor is 14 cwt. Thus it has grown smaller, for it was over a ton according to local gossip years ago.

A very successful day was brought to a conclusion by the first 720 on the bells since rehanging: R. Smith 1, B. Hodson 2, D. Adams 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, M. Ginn 5, R. Mitham 6.

THREE ASSOCIATIONS AT ST. ALBANS.

(Continued from previous page.)

Miss Steel thanked the Hertford County Association for the invitation extended to the members of the Bedfordshire Association. They had enjoyed themselves very much, and it was very nice to be able to come to St. Albans. The annual meeting of the two associations always clashed on Easter Monday, but this meeting had given them the opportunity of meeting their Hertfordshire friends and ringing in the towers of St. Albans. It was also a pleasure to meet so many ringers from Middlesex, and she hoped, when next there was a joint meeting, there would be more Hertfordshire ringers present.

Mr. Coles expressed pleasure at the presence of the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' and made an appeal to all present to use every endeavour to extend the circulation of the paper, first of all because it was the only ringing paper, and they could not do without it; and, secondly, because if sufficient additional support were forthcoming they were promised a larger paper, and those who now were disappointed that they could not get their touches and small reports published would be disappointed no longer. Incidentally, Mr. Coles was able to 'get one back' on the Editor over the report which appeared last week in connection with certain happenings in Lincolnshire.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith spoke of the increased scope and value which could be given to 'The Ringing World' if the appeal now being made for wider support for the paper was adequately responded to.

Mrs. Fletcher acknowledged the greeting and welcome extended to the Ladies Guild, and the proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks, proposed by the chairman, to the Vicar of St. Peter's, to the organist, to Mr. Nash, and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

Further ringing brought the pleasant meeting to a close, but this report would not be complete without the recognition of the efforts of Mr. W. Nash in organising the local arrangements. Among the towers represented were the Abbey and St. Peter's, St. Albans, Bedford, Barton-le-Cley, Bromham, Cardington, Chalfont, Chipping Barnet, Deptford, Dunstable, Ealing, Enfield, Edmonton, Harrow Weald, Harpenden, Hemel Hempstead, Kilburn, Kimpton, Leytonstone, London (St. Margaret's, Westminster; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; and St. Giles-in-the-Fields), North Mymms, Pinner, Ravensden, Ruimsip, Romford, Staines, Sittingbourne, Tring, Twickenham, Willesden, Woking, Woburn and Walthamstow.

GRANDAM TRIPLES.

A NEW WAY OF RINGING HOLT'S TEN-PART.

BY H. W. WILDE.

1234567
2143657
2416375
4261735
4627153
6472513
6745231
7654321
7563412
5736142
5371624
3517264
3152746

Grandam is the companion method to Grandsire. In this variation the bell in the hunt is coursing before the treble.

Third's place is made at the handstroke lead of the treble; the bells above 3rd's place dodge together.

At a bob, 3rd's place is made when the treble is in 2nd's place after leading; the bells above 3rd's make an extra dodge.

Single, same as Grandsire.

The following are the figures of the peal of Spliced Triples rung at Eccleston, Cheshire, as recorded in the peal columns this week.

1357264
1532746

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

1st half.	2nd half.
Grandam.	Grandsire.
234567	324567

752634-1	753624-1
346257-2	247385-2
236745-5	342576-5
726534-5	543627-5
457326-1	765243-1
347652-5	267354-5
526743-2	542736-2
756324-5	745623-5
376452-5	647352-5
346275-5	346275-5

Each to be repeated four times, Grandsire Single half way and end. In this peal both halves are called alike (the calling must not be reversed for the second half or the peal will be false).

It is believed to be the first time Holt's Ten-part has been rung with the ordinary Grandsire Singles, also the first with all the ten parts called alike.

As the Bob at 1 in Grandam is made at the first row after rounds, the conductor should call it immediately after calling 'Go.'

This composition may be rung the other way about, Grandsire for the first half and Grandam for the second half; the Bob at 1 in the first part of the 2nd half then comes immediately after the Single is made.

The above plan may be adopted for peals in most of the regular seven-bell methods, such as Double Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, and other methods.

The Grandam Variation is also very suitable for ringing on five bells, as six-scores can be got with all the ten different callings as used for Grandsire Doubles, and if the 4th's place Single is used there are sixteen different callings, as given in the new Central Council 'Collection.'

A large number of different six-scores may be got by ringing them on the spliced plan, half Grandsire and half Grandam.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

On Saturday, July 16th, about twenty members and friends of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild attended a very enjoyable meeting at Harlington. Ringing on the peal of six bells (tenor 8 cwt.) took place during the afternoon, and the church, with its fine Norman doorway and the yew tree, reputed to be over one thousand years old, in the churchyard, was much admired.

A short service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Hector W. Reindorp, and the lesson was read by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, vice-president of the association. The Rector, in his very interesting address, gave the association a warm welcome to Harlington.

After the service tea was ably served in the Church Hall by Miss Esam, Mr. C. Portsmouth, of the local band, and Mrs. Portsmouth. The chair was taken by the vice-president, supported by the Ringing Master, the hon. treasurer, the assistant hon. secretary and others, and the Rector was just able to partake of a cup of tea before leaving to fulfil another engagement.

At the business meeting which followed, discussions were held upon the Central Council resolution urging ringers to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and upon the attempts being made by the Vicar and parishioners of West Drayton to raise the necessary funds to recondition the six bells at West Drayton Parish Church. Both matters were adjourned for further discussion at the next meeting.

The Rev. L. E. Prout, Vicar of West Drayton, was elected a life hon. member, and the election prior to a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Mary's, Ealing, on May 28th, 1932, of Mrs. G. H. Cross as a non-resident member, was confirmed.

Cordial votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to Miss Esam and Mr. and Mrs. C. Portsmouth for preparing the tea, and to Mr. H. Payne, of the local band, and the members returned to the tower for further ringing.

DEATH OF MR. J. R. JERRAM.

A WILTSHIRE 'PIONEER.'

We deeply regret to announce the death at his residence, The Close, Salisbury, of Mr. J. R. Jerram, who passed away at the advanced age of over 80 years. Mr. Jerram, who had been in ill-health for a considerable time, was one of the original members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and only at the jubilee meeting in May was re-elected on the committee as a recognition of his long and valuable services and for the sake of his extensive knowledge of the work of the Guild.

Mr. Jerram's association with bells was intimate and almost lifelong. He was an authority on bell archæology, and had a wonderful collection of rubbings of bell inscriptions and decoration. He had written many articles on bell history for 'The Ringing World.' He was for a long period librarian of Salisbury Cathedral.

In his younger days he was a keen change ringer, and took part in a number of early peals in Wiltshire and by the Salisbury Guild. He conducted the first 720 ever rung in the city of Salisbury. In 1883 he was appointed inspector of belfries and instructor in change ringing, but a year later handed over the duties of this latter office to Mr. Tom Blackburn, on becoming general secretary of the Guild. He had also represented the Guild on the Central Council. Although he had ceased, for reasons of age and infirmity, to take any active part in ringing, Mr. Jerram maintained a close interest in the art up to the very end, and his death removes a distinguished figure from the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A DELIGHTFUL DAY IN DORSET.

A very successful by-meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held on Saturday week, Maiden Newton being the centre and meeting place, with five other towers for practice, all of which are situated in country known as the Groom Valley. All six rings of bells were available during the afternoon and evening. Most of the members came in motor conveyances and rang at the churches en route. The first call was at Bradford Peverell, but, unfortunately, a crack in the spire had been observed, and it was found advisable not to ring there.

Stratton was the next place, and here the five bells were rung. At Frampton, the Vicar and local ringers were waiting to receive the members, and, following a few short touches on the six bells, the Vicar conducted them around his landscape gardens and the beautiful church, for which Frampton is noted, and where, it is believed, stood a Saxon church.

Maiden Newton Church has a large central embattled tower, and combines Perpendicular and Norman architecture. The pillars and chancel arch and north door are also Norman. Here some good practice was obtained. The six bells were rehung and tuned by Mears and Stainbank about five years ago, and 'go' like the proverbial top. A short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. B. J. Langham). He gave the members a warm welcome, and remarked it was the first time the Dorchester Branch had visited Maiden Newton. He thought it was only right they should have their beautiful service to ask God to give their work His blessing.

Tea followed on the Rectory lawn, 55 members and friends being present, representing 20 towers, while welcome visitors outside the Dorset branches were Messrs. C. W. Denyer and W. H. Viggers (Aldershot), J. H. Sheppard (Swindon), W. E. Proke (St. Giles-in-the-Fields), J. T. Fulford and F. C. Smith (Salisbury).

At the conclusion, the Rev. A. F. Godly proposed the usual vote of thanks, which was seconded by the hon. secretary, and especially referred to the kindness of the Rector in providing tea. The motion was carried with acclamation.

The hon. secretary gave all the visitors a warm welcome. As there was no business, the members at once repaired to the tower (while the friends were given permission to stroll round the Rectory gardens), and some good practice in Doubles and Minor was indulged in. By this time other parties had arrived to swell the number to nearly 80. Some went on to the other towers, the great attraction being Cattistock, where the members inspected the carillon and rang on the eight bells. Triples was the order of the day here, as the tenor was going none to well. The members were enraptured by this magnificent and ideal tower.

'The Frome, wi' ever-watered brink,
Do run where shelven hills do zink,
Wi' housen all a-closen roun',
The parish tow'r below the down.'

Barnes (the Dorset poet).

The bells were lowered at 8 o'clock, so that the carillon of 35 bells might be played by the clockwork arrangement, while the members assembled outside to listen. They then went on to Sydling, where the local band had everything in readiness, and the Vicar was also there to welcome them. Some good practice was put in with the North Dorset 'fans' and to the credit of one of them, who had rung in the peal of Stedman Caters at Yeovil during the afternoon, he was at the back end helping the learners. This was continued until about 10 o'clock, when a very happy day ended, some good spade work having been put in.

ANCIENT BELLS AT GREAT NESS.

AUGMENTATION AT A SHROPSHIRE CHURCH.

The dedication on July 15th of the augmented ring of six bells at Great Ness will not soon be forgotten in this small Shropshire village. Indeed it was of such importance to the inhabitants that special services were held on the following Sunday. Their enthusiasm must have been catching, as forty ringers attended the dedication service, some from more than forty miles away, this despite the fact that the service did not begin until 7.30 p.m. The Lord Bishop of Lichfield performed the dedication, and gave an eloquent address on the uses of bells through the ages, much to the enlightenment of the crowded congregation, and perhaps to many ringers present.

Up to a few months ago the fine old 13th century tower contained three bells, the frame and fittings of which were in a badly decayed and dangerous condition. The Vicar, the Rev. F. Brighton, recognised this, and called in the leading bell founders to give a detailed report and estimates for their restoration. The Vicar, and, indeed, the whole parish, have long wanted a suitable way to perpetuate the memory of benefactors to the village. They therefore decided to add three lighter bells to the existing ones for this purpose, and equip the whole with a new iron frame and fittings. It was decided to accept Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's tender.

When the old bells were dismantled it was found that the tenor was cracked in its crown, and had therefore to be recast. The old No. 1, which is now the 4th, is of great antiquity, probably 500 years old. Tradition says it came from the Valle Crucis Abbey. There are five words inscribed on it: 'Santa Marir Ora Pro Nobis.' Also six figures: The sign of the Cross, two grotesque winged figures, a lion's head with protruding tongue, and the heads of Henry VI. and Margaret Anjou.

The old No. 2, now No. 5, is inscribed as cast by William Clibury, 1634.

Because of the age of these two bells, special precautions have been taken to preserve their form by fitting the firm's patent canon retaining headstocks.

With the completed work, the church has now a ring of six with a tenor a few pounds under 8 cwt., mounted on a very massive iron frame, and all the latest design of fittings.

It was the unanimous opinion of all present that the 'go' is perfect, while the tone could not be surpassed. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated on the wonderful way they have tuned the new bells to blend with the old ones.

After the dedication service, tea and refreshments were provided for the visitors on the Vicarage lawn. Meanwhile the bells were in continuous use.

Regrets were expressed that Mr. C. F. Johnston could not be present, owing to illness. Mr. S. R. Roper deputised for him.

On the following Sunday the services were conducted by the Rev. B. C. Dorrell, Vicar of Ruyton-XI-Towns, and the Rev. P. A. Parrott, Vicar of Little Ness.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles was attempted during the afternoon under the conductorship of Mr. Bungay, of Ruyton-XI-Towns, but unfortunately this came to grief after an hour's ringing.

A special appeal, from the pulpit, was made for recruits to form a band of ringers, the teaching of which is being undertaken by Mr. Bungay.

The Vicar and his parishioners are to be heartily congratulated on the results of their efforts and providing Shropshire with another good peal of bells.

The inscriptions and weights are as follow:—

		cwt. qr. lb.
1. G sharp.	To the glory of God and in loving memory of Samuel James Lewis, of Wilcot Hall. Died August, 1919. And of John, his son, who gave his life in the Great War, September, 1918.	3 0 14
2. F sharp.	To the glory of God and in memory of the Stephen Price family.	3 2 14
3. E.	To the glory of God and in memory of F. J. Stanley, Vicar; J. Jones, Schoolmaster.	3 3 19
4. D sharp.	Sancta Marir ora pro nobis.	4 2 1
5. C sharp.	William Hyghes, John Hymfresvs, Wardens, 1634.	5 1 15
6. B.	William Broome, John Woofe, Chvrch Wardens, 1655. This peal restored and enlarged 1932. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.	7 3 17
On bells 1, 2, and 3, 'Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1932.'		

A UNIQUE QUARTER-PEAL.

A family quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Tunstall, Kent, on Sunday, July 24th, for divine service, the ringers being W. Spice, sen. (father), W. Spice, jun. (son), G. H. Spice (son), Mrs. G. H. Spice (daughter-in-law), E. H. Spice (son), Mrs. E. H. Spice (daughter-in-law), J. W. Unwin (son-in-law), and W. Gorman, who obliged with the tenor, in the absence of another Spice. The quarter-peal was fittingly conducted by the father of the family. Is this the prelude of a family peal?

BIG BEN.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I listened in to the opening of the Ottawa Conference, and was struck by the harmonious chimes and clock bell, which were far more melodious than those of Westminster, now so familiar to listeners.

Is it not time that the authorities took steps towards recasting 'Big Ben,' whose inharmonious tone is unworthy of its prominent position and does no credit to its founder?—Yours obediently,

A 'RETIRED CLERIC.'

'OUR NEW VICAR.'**REJOICINGS AT FARNHAM ROYAL.**

Considerable rejoicing took place amongst the inhabitants of Farnham Royal during the week ending Saturday, July 23rd, to celebrate the presentation and induction of the Rev. Francis D. Valsey, M.A., into the Rectory of Farnham Royal. On Tuesday evening a crowded church, with many of the neighbouring clergy and the Rural Dean, escorted by the churchwardens, gathered to witness the ceremony which was conducted by the Bishop of Buckingham. The actual 'knocking' at the door and handing of the key took place at the entrance to the tower; on the other side of the door a bright-coloured sally hung, and was employed for telling the bell to signify his 'taking possession.'

Before service the bells were fully manned, with the help of three ladies, and a variety of musical touches rung under the leadership of Mr. J. J. Parker. As the congregation left the church, further joy 'peals' were rung, whilst the clergy unrobed at the adjoining schools and the parishioners gathered together at the Village Hall for the reception and social introductions all round.

Special permission having been granted to attempt a full peal on the bells (a rare event), this was successfully accomplished on Saturday, July 23rd, by a team of Oxford Diocesan Guild members, and the first peal of 'Cambridge' on these bells duly brought home. Thanks are due to the veteran towerkeeper, Mr. Parker, for organising the ringing and preparing bells and ropes, also for locking the band in the belfry in case of an 'attack.' The new Rector was educated at Tonbridge School, is an M.A. of St. John's College, Oxford, and was a layman at Bethnal Green under 'Dick' Sheppard, who afterwards became Rector of St. Martin's and Dean of Canterbury, and has seen war service. At the conclusion of the 'peal of welcome,' an *al fresco* supper was enjoyed at the Crown Inn, with Mr. Parker in the chair. Mr. Martin thanked the authorities for the use of the bells and their hospitality. During the intervals of smoke and chat, it was gleaned that the author of the famous 'Twelve-part' had helped to 'ring in' six Rectors and to 'ring out' 60 old years, whilst his two sons and a daughter had mastered ringing, and now two grandchildren are trying their best to excel grandad. It is thus that 'Father Time' continues to ring his own changes.

W. H. F.

EDMUNDSBURY SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

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21436587

12346857

21438675

24136857

42316587

24135678

42315768

24351786

42537168

45231786

54327168

45237618

42536781

24357618

23456781

32547681

35246718

53427681

54326718

45236178

54321687

53426178

35241687

53214678

35124768

53217486

35127846

31528764

13257846

31527486

13254768

13527486

Bob.

12357486

5,024 Changes.

23456 W. B. M. H.

42356

35264

26354

32654

63254

56234

23564

Twice repeated, calling the second part from

43265

52436

64235

23645

The first peal in this method was rung by the Suffolk Guild at Helmingham, Suffolk, on Friday, July 22nd, 1932.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16th, a quarterly meeting of the Southampton District was held at Eling. Service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. T. Thistle). Tea and business meeting were held in the Lexby Club Room, presided over by the Rector of Dibden.

Two ringers from Dibden were elected members of the Guild. Those present included the Vicar of Eling, Mr. E. E. Yeoman (churchwarden), Mr. G. Williams (vice-president) and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pullinger and members from Bishopstoke, Brockenhurst, Dibden, North Stoneham, Southampton and Eling.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the interesting address at the service. The methods rung were Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

The next meeting will be held at Romsey on October 15th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Hambledon on Saturday, July 23rd, when members were present from Bishop's Waltham, Hambledon, North Stoneham, Portsmouth, Petersfield, Swanmore, Titchfield, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd from Swindon.

The bells were available during the afternoon, and an excellent tea was served on the lawn of the George Hotel, after which the business meeting was held.

J. Wilcox and J. Pearce (Hambledon) were elected new members, and Sheddfield was selected for the next meeting, to be held on October 22nd.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Hambledon (who was unable to be present) for the use of the bells and to the local band for having everything in readiness were accorded by the district chairman.

Methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

ENTHRONEMENT OF BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK**PEAL IN CELEBRATION AT MANCHESTER.**

The peal of Stedman Triples at St. James', Birch, Manchester, was rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. R. G. Parsons as Bishop of Southwark. Dr. Parsons was formerly Vicar of St. James', Birch, and also Bishop of Middleton, Suffragan of Manchester and Sub-Dean of Manchester Cathedral.

After the peal, the band, with the local company, were entertained to tea by Mr. E. G. L. Mosely and ladies of the parish, the Vicar being away at the enthronement.

During tea a telegram of congratulation was sent to Dr. Parsons from the company.

St. James' Church possesses a young and enthusiastic band, and they were given some sound advice and encouragement by the peal ringers, who urged them to keep together and become good, first-class men, both for the tower and ringing in general.

After tea, the handbells were got out, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples were rung.

Mr. Mosely thanked the visitors on behalf of the Vicar and the churchpeople for coming along to ring a splendid peal, which, he said, was a credit both in striking and music to all concerned.

The visitors replied, thanking the Vicar the ladies who provided the tea and waited on the party, Mr. Mosely, the local company for the use of the bells, and Mr. Richard Longden for getting the band together and making all the arrangements with the people of St. James'.

The peal is recorded elsewhere in this issue. The treble and 6th ringers belong to St. Mark's, Worsley, 2nd to Stretford, 3rd to St. Mary's, Eccles, 4th to Manchester Cathedral, 5th to St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, 7th to St. Paul's, Walkden, tenor to St. John's, Miles Platting.

MALDON RINGERS' OUTING.

The All Saints', Maldon, ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, June 18th, when they made a tour through part of Hertford. Leaving Maldon by coach at 7 a.m., a party of 23 ringers and friends journeyed to Bishop's Stortford, where breakfast was served at Long's Restaurant, and before starting off again the handbells were rung to short touches of Triples, Major and Caters. The towers visited during the day were Hunsdon, the Abbey and St. Michael's at St. Albans, Watford and Waltham Abbey. At St. Albans Abbey a diocesan children's festival was in progress in the afternoon, and the visitors had the privilege of helping to ring for the service. During the day touches of Triples and Major (Treble Bob and Double Norwich) were rung, with rounds on the twelve bells at Waltham Abbey. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' the Maldon ringers would like to thank those who so kindly met them and helped to make the outing such an enjoyable one.

DEVIZES.—On Thursday, July 14th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Hillier: J. Culley 1, G. England 2, W. Greenland 3, S. Smith 4, G. Winter 5, S. Hillier (conductor) 6, P. S. Smith 7, F. Edwards 8. All the above are Sunday service ringers at St. John's, except P. S. Smith, who is from High Wycombe, Bucks.

THE BELLS O' LONDON.

BY 'CASCABLE.'

What would we do without them all?
 I'd really like to know.
 If silent were 'the noble "rings".'
 Of 'Martin's,' 'Paul's,' or 'Bow.'
 *Since 'Grandsire' or 'Bob Maximus'
 No longer charmed their ears,
 Those fat stone cherubs would, I know,
 Turn laughing praise to tears.
 The ghosts, themselves, would make a 'sett';
 A most historic band!
 Here, Admiral Francis Geary,
 There, 'Butcher' Cumberland,
 John Hardham, see, to 'prentice hands
 His famous snuff confides,
 While changing 'music for the nose'
 To that rung out at 'Bride's'.
 With Slingsby-Bethel, Henry Tulse,
 Or Watkin William Wynn.
 Just pick them out of any year.
 They would again join in;
 We ringers with 'the second gift'
 Would man the 'listening posts'
 In Benet, Sermon, Distaff Lane,
 And we would hear our ghosts.
 No need for that. For yet we fill
 The towers they have filled.
 'Royal Cumberlands' and 'College Youths,'
 With others of the Guild.
 'Love of the thing'—our innate strength:
 A harmony unmarred:
 For, with 'The Exercise' it's ruled
 'That politics be barred.'

* Note: As these methods were the Campanological Mellin's Food on which the infants were first brought up, I hope I may be pardoned for not mentioning the more advanced—and sometimes—indigestible fare.

A DATE TOUCH.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Mere, Wilts, on Thursday, July 14th, in 1 hr. 18 mins., a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,932 changes): A. Bunce 1, J. Ralph 2, H. Parsons 3, A. Trotman 4, J. Gray 5, W. Shute 6, E. Coward 7, W. Keates 8. Composed by H. Brown, of Bath, and conducted by E. Coward. Arranged for the ringers of the 3rd and 4th; also rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the third.

ELTHAM VETERAN'S DEATH.

The death occurred on July 16th of Mr. Francis Fraser, the veteran ringer at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Eltham, Kent, who passed away at the age of 82. Mr. Fraser had been connected with the church at Eltham for 64 years, and was laid to rest on Thursday, July 21st, in the churchyard not far from the tower and bells he loved so well.

In the evening, eight members of the Kent County Association rang a muffled peal to his memory.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCH.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, June 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: Nelson Bourne (first quarter-peal) 1, C. H. Sone 2, B. Thirkell (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, H. Baker 4, J. Head 5, T. E. Sone 6, W. Wenban (conductor) 7, A. J. Honess 8. Rung on the 12th anniversary of the conductor's wedding at Staplehurst.

NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Gransden on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Please advise how many will be present to tea by Wednesday, August 3rd.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots, Hunts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. at moderate charge. All welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.**PROPOSED MEMORIAL.**

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Newington on Saturday, July 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea generously provided by the Vicar, Church Council, and bellringers, followed by business meeting.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

RANMORE.—On July 30th, combined meeting of the Surrey Association (N.W. District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Leatherhead District).—Well-known bells and scenery, and Sunday and Monday to get back home. Tower open at 3 o'clock, tea at 5. Same place, but under new management, so please let me know early how many will require tea.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton Parish Church on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30, everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available from noon. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. Carbutt, 17, Sackville Street, Barnsley. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

RINGERS' GARDEN PARTY at Barnsley. By the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon A. E. and Mrs. Hone, the Rectory grounds will be open to all ringers and wives on Saturday, July 30th, at 2 p.m. Bells available all day. Barnsley, St. Mary's (8), Monk Bretton (6), Darton (6). Service 4 p.m. Photographs 4.45. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath.

ASHTON - UNDER - LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 30th, at Oldham Parish Church. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. — Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. The Bolton police again invite ringers and friends to their Bowling Green, Bromwich Street, on Saturday, August 6th. Usual arrangements for food. Names, please, not later than August 3rd, to Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Frequent bus service from Tramway Centre (Colston Street). Return fare 1s.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Cottenham on Saturday, July 30th. Usual arrangements. Please look up Ely Delight. I will send diagram to anyone who applies to me for same. —K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Lichborough (6), near Towcester, on Saturday, July 30th. Will those members requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual branch meeting for the election of officers will be held at Titchmarsh (8) on Saturday, July 30th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. It is hoped all members will make an effort to attend. — J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, July 30th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. The next ringing meeting will be held at Selston (Notts) on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at East Keal on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. All ringers welcome. John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Southwold on Monday, Aug. 1st. Bells (8) available all day. Tea at Chapman's Restaurant at 4.30, 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Crewe on Monday, August 1st. Service in Christ Church at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Warrington. Business meeting, Christ Church School, 12 noon. Luncheon at the Euston Restaurant, 1 p.m. Tickets, 2/- for non-members, 1/6 members, may be had from the Branch Secretaries, or the General Secretary, the Rev. W. R. Ingham, Middlewich Vicarage, Cheshire.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop (8 bells) on Bank Holiday, August 1st. For tea please notify Mr. Johnson at meeting. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittlesey on Bank Holiday, August 1st. The bells of St. Mary's (8) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available during the day. Service at St. Andrew's at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

HINTON WALDRIST, FARINGDON. — Grand fete on August Bank Holiday for Church Funds. Tower (6 bells) open all day to ringers. Bells recently rehung by Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION AND NOTTINGHAM SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—A joint meeting will be held at Newark-on-Trent on Monday, August 1st. The bells (10) will be open for ringing at 2 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark. It is hoped that a nearby 6-bell peal will be obtained for ringing on the day. Good attendance requested.—F. Blood and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 4th, *The Coffee Pot on the 9th (8 p.m.), St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—Dedication of peal tablet will take place on August 6th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (free). Those intending to be present please notify me. All ringers welcome. — H. C. Jones, The Gardens, Chequers, Ellesborough, Bucks.

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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Westerham on Saturday, August 6th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, August 3rd? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.—Dedication of the augmented ring of 8 on Saturday, August 6th, at 3 p.m., by Right Rev. Bishop Roscow Shedden, D.D. Visiting ringers requiring tea are asked to notify Rev. J. C. Cohen, Harwell, near Didcot, not later than Wednesday, August 3rd. Tower open for ringing after tea. Thanksgiving services, Sunday, August 7th, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Ringers welcome.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Bishop's Canings on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Next meeting Castleton, Saturday, August 6th. Church of St. Edmund (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.), available afternoon and evening. Tea 5 p.m., Payne's, Peak Cavern Road. Visitors welcome. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —Owing to illness at Hythe the next meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, August 6th. Tower open 2.30. Travelling allowances will be allowed. Tea at 5 o'clock. A card would be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Meetings at St. Clement Danes', Strand.—Aug. 7th, Sunday morning service, 10 a.m.; Aug. 8th, practice, 7.30 p.m.; Aug. 22nd, practice, 7.30 p.m.; Sept. 4th, Sunday morning service, 10 a.m.; Sept. 5th, practice, 7.30 p.m.; Sept. 19th, practice, 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. O. Moore, Hon. Sec.

TALATON, DEVON.—The ring of 6, rehung in a new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bermuda on Thursday, August 11th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after the service. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for visiting ringers. Notification to be sent to the Rector by Tuesday, August 9th.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at Offley on August 13th. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Green Man Inn. Mr. L. Fidler, 11, Victoria Road, Hitchin, will be in charge of ringing and tea arrangements, so will those persons requiring tea please note his address and send a card? Bus service from Luton and Hitchin every 20 mins.—Don Mears, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Tilbury (nearest station Low Street, old L.T. and S.) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me, in order that adequate arrangements for tea can be made? —E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar. For tea please notify Mr. J. Leather, Potter's Lane, Halebank, near Widnes. Please make a special effort to attend to support the new Vicar. Crosville buses half-hourly from Liverpool.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Eight Bells Hotel (1s. 3d. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, August 16th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Book the date now. October 22nd, 1932. Pilgrimage of bellringers to Liverpool Cathedral by kind invitation of the Very Rev. the Dean of Liverpool. Meet in Lady Chapel 4 p.m. Short service. Conducted tour round the Cathedral. This will be followed by the first annual Lancashire hot pot supper and social evening at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool, at 6.15 p.m. Tickets 4s. each. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester, the Very Rev. the Dean of Liverpool and the Ven. Archdeacon of Warrington will be present. Visitors welcome. Further particulars from Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool. (Stamped addressed envelopes please.)

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