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It is sometimes said that the hour always produces the man. This may not be strictly accurate, but history has provided many examples which support the statement, and it was never truer in regard to ringing than when in the early 'seventies' Jasper Snowden appeared on the scene. His advent coincided with the beginnings of the revival of ringing and belfry reform which took place in the last thirty years of the nineteenth century, when there was great need for leaders of strength and ability. Jasper Snowden possessed both the force of character and the genius, and while in the great county of Yorkshire he became the natural leader in the forward movement, he was destined to play a far bigger part in the development of the art. By his efforts, the practice of change ringing was opened up in an unprecedented manner. He had found a great need for text books and he supplied the want. Others had written on the subject before him, but none had dealt with the elementary phases of ringing in simpler or more direct style; while his more advanced work still stands as the foundation upon which many subsequent investigators have worked, and worked with confidence, because they have known that any statement which Jasper Snowden made could be relied upon.

No author had contributed so much to the expansion of ringing since Shipway, but Shipway was in advance of his time and the Exercise was not ready to take advantage of his work. But Snowden, coming at the beginning of the revival, gave it an opportunity and impetus from which it happily profited and from which, even at this date, it is still reaping the advantage. The effect of Jasper Snowden's efforts, like the ripples from a stone dropped into a pond, has gone on in ever widening circles, which doubtless will continue to assist the progress of the art, even if imperceptibly, for generations to come.

But in addition to his instructional work, Snowden has earned the lasting gratitude of the Exercise by his labours on the historical side of ringing. Much of our present information was made available by his painstaking efforts and a good deal might still have been hidden had it not been for his investigations. Those who to-day share in the pleasures of the art, and find interest in the extension of the science are sometimes apt to forget what they owe to the men whose labours in the past have opened the way to them and first made possible the expansion of ringing to its present dimensions. Many of these men have left us not even their identity; others are to this generation merely names. What would we not give to know more about them; if not of their personality, at least of their exact contribution to our

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knowledge? We should have been poorer still but for the work which Jasper Snowdon did, which gave us for the first time something like a connected history of the various methods and the early performances. And when we remember that Jasper Snowdon's ringing career was less than fifteen years, that in addition to the claims of his profession he was actively engaged in numerous other affairs which made calls upon his time and energy, we can only wonder at the marvellous results which he achieved for the benefit of ringing. In all the long line of famous men he occupies a unique position and it is well that we should from time to time be reminded of his greatness and his contribution to the art and Exercise.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

EDWARD J. BEER ... .. Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 8
FREDERICK J. BRETT ... .. 3	CHARLES W. FLAYER ... .. 9
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 4	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... .. 10
* EDWARD J. SPICE ... .. 5	* FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 11
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 6	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal above eight bells.

Great credit is due to him for the excellent way in which he rang.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST J. KING ... .. Treble	HARRY GIBSON ... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	* WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... .. 7
* MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... .. 3	* JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... .. 8
GEORGE A. CARD ... .. 4	HARRY MANCE ... .. 9
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 5	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

* REGINALD CHANCE ... .. Treble	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 2	HOWARD STANLEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 3	* JOHN LLOYD ... .. 8
GEORGE E. FERN ... .. 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 9
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 5	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Royal. Arranged and rung to welcome the new Vicar of Dudley (the Rev. A. F. Shepherd, M.A., D.D.), a previous attempt being lost after nearly three hours' ringing. The band also wish to associate with this peal Mr. Harry Price, of Bromsgrove, who, after making all arrangements, was unfortunately unable to stand in.

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CREWE, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. Treble	HARRY OVERTON ... .. 6
*R. THOMAS HOLDING ... .. 2	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 7
*GEORGE A. PACKER ... .. 3	*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 8
JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 4	J. WILLIAM EDGE ... .. 9
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 5	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... Tenor

Composed by J. Wood.

\* First peal of Kent Royal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

TONY PRICE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 6
JOHN SPARROW ... .. 2	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 7
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 3	*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 8
*RICHARD A. POST ... .. 4	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... .. 9
ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

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

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Mr. W. H. Hewett has rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13 cwt.

J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. Treble	JOHN BREARLEY ... .. 5
WM. BURGAR ... .. 2	JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 6
J. ALBERT HELLIWELL ... .. 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. 7
GEO. HOLMES ... .. 4	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the bells by the Archbishop of York.

HARMSTON, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 12 cwt.
*MRS. C. MCGUINNESS ... Treble	*GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 5
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6
*C. BERT CHESTER ... .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7
LEWIS SNELL ... .. 4	HAROLD MARCON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 50th peal together. Arranged to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

MARK LANE ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. SMITH ... .. 5
CHARLES W. CLAREE ... .. 2	ALBERT FLEET ... .. 6
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 3	HARRY TYSON ... .. 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4	HORACE H. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HORACE H. SMITH.

First peal on the bells since two new trebles were added by Messrs. Taylor and Co to complete the octave. The bells were given and the tenor put in ball bearings by a friend who wishes to remain anonymous. The peal was rung on the anniversary of dedication of bells and as a birthday compliment to conductor's wife. A. E. Sharman's 150th peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH MARKS ... .. Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
RONALD H. BOLLEN ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method by all the band and by the association.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ERNEST W. PYE ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
ERNEST W. FORBANK ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\* First peal of Major.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ALMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TEN-PART, No. 7.	Tenor 17 cwt.
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 7
MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 4	JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, October 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM C. DARKE ... .. Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. 5
*CHARLES E. UDELL ... .. 2	ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 6
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... .. 3	JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 7
E. CHARLES PATTEN ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by a local band.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt.

*FREDK. J. CATTIERMOLE ... Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD ... .. 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 2	FRANK CORKE ... .. 6
HENRY C. CHANDLER ... .. 3	ERNEST R. GLADMAN ... .. 7
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal. Rung to commemorate the granting of a Charter incorporating Heston-Isleworth as a municipal borough.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER ... .. Treble	CECIL BARRETT ... .. 5
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 2	CHARLES LOOME ... .. 6
FREDERICK ROOPE ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
WILLIAM FLATT ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The St. Augustine's, Kilburn, Guild).

On Thursday, October 6, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Augustine, Kilburn.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... Treble	†F. GORDON MOON ... 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 2	†RICHARD H. GILBERT ... 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	CYRIL D. NICHOLS ... 7
†CYRIL G. CONWAY ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* 250th peal. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the church.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR.  
5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ILKESTON VARIATION.	
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE Treble	FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 5
MISS LUCY M. KELLY ... 2	LESLIE HAYWOOD ... 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 3	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 7
J. E. LEWIS COCKREY ... 4	FRED WATKINSON ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

Arranged by Mr. G. Robinson (Leeds) and rung on the occasion of the eleventh annual commemoration dinner of the above association.

## CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD F. MARTIN ... Treble	*REV. E. GROFFREY BENSON 5
DENIS R. MORRIS ... 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	CYRIL TANSBELL ... 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

## WITHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

CHARLES P. CHALK ... Treble	WILLIAM CHALK ... 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 2	*JAMES CHALK ... 6
*WALTER H. CHALK ... 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 7
ERNEST W. BRIGHT ... 4	FRED CHALK ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to 8 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Chalk, who attained the age of 83 the previous day and is the mother of the ringers of the treble, 3, 5 and tenor, and aunt of the 6th ringer. At the conclusion of the peal the band were kindly entertained to tea at the White Horse by Mr. F. Chalk.

## BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Illtyd.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL ... Treble	ALFRED W. HEATH ... 5
FRANK ROWELL ... 2	ERNEST W. STITCH ... 6
JOHN W. JONES ... 3	REES JAMES ... 7
CHARLES H. PERRY ... 4	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Rung specially as a distinct mark of the highest possible regard and honour to ex-Serjt. Joseph Williams, of Newent, Gloucestershire, an esteemed member of the Exercise, this being the 60th anniversary of his wedding day. The band wish both Mr. and Mrs. Williams many more happy years together.

## GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY GREEN ... Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 5
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 2	GEORGE GREEN ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	ALBERT W. COLES ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Saviour,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 6
HARRY L. SMITH ... 3	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 7
L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... 4	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.  
Arranged for Messrs. Bottrill and Bagworth, of the Metropolitan Police Force.

## LEESFIELD, OLDHAM.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

OGDEN MOORES ... Treble	HENRY CORSER ... 5
WALTER EGERION ... 2	*GEORGE BARLOW ... 6
ERNEST MOORES ... 3	ABRAHAM BROMLEY ... 7
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR ... 4	WALTER E. HOWARTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by OGDEN MOORES.

\* First peal in method on a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

## LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6080 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM GAYES ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
WILLIAM RIGBY ... 2	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 6
REGINALD WORRALL ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
*HARRY PARKER ... 4	ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by S. WOOD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* 80th peal. Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Robert J. Arrowsmith to Miss Eva Daniels, which took place previous to the peal. Mr. Arrowsmith is a member of the local band. Longest length by all the band and on the bells.

## SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*GEORGE T. LEADER ... Treble	*ALFRED BATEMAN ... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... 6
*THOMAS G. HAWKINS ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. Fussell's 888th peal, rung in 62 counties of Great Britain. Rung for the anniversary of this church, also as an 'In Memoriam' peal for the late James Elliman, born Oct. 18th, 1849, a great benefactor to the town of Slough. By kind consent of the Rector and wardens this successful attempt was advanced ten days in order to join in the conclusion of the Elliman Commemoration and Empire Shopping Week, mutually organised by the whole town.



## SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. 5
*FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 6
†ROBERT W. E. DAWE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 7
‡C. ALFRED LEVETT ... .. 4	KENNETH PATTENDEN... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

\* First of Major 'inside.' † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

## HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... .. Treble	VINCENT R. HITCHMAN ... 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 7
JOHN NOBES ... .. 4	RICHARD G. RICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung to commemorate the restoration of the chancel roof and the erection of oak panelling in the sanctuary by the lay rector, General Sir Philip Chetwode, Bart. The dedication by the Archdeacon of Berkshire took place at the harvest festival on Thursday, Oct. 6th.

## DARTFORD, KENT

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY HOVERD... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHRESMAN ... .. 5
*FRANK ELLIS ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE... .. 7
JOHN WHEADON... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHRESMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Edward Jenkins. The band much appreciated his kindness after the peal.

## FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

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

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
*REGINALD KYNASTON ... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 6
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4	*GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. Arranged for the brothers Kynaston, of Oswestry and Swindon.

## LEYTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES ... .. Treble	GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 2	JOHN MOUER ... .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 3	PHILIP H. AVEY ... .. 7
JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Philip H. Avey.

STALYBRIDGE.—At St. Paul's Church, on September 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in commemoration of the enthronement of the Lord Bishop of Chester: H. Hinchliffe 1, J. Simister 2, A. Hodgson 3, W. Fielding 4, G. E. Shaw 5, A. Roberts (conductor) 6, S. Hodgson 7, R. Lees 8.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

## KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Michaelmas Day, September 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*H. GRIFFITH ... .. Treble	E. WEBB ... .. 4
A. KEEN ... .. 2	A. GOODING ... .. 5
*L. E. JONES ... .. 3	T. JONES ... .. Tenor

Jointly Conducted by A. GOODING and T. JONES.

\* First peal. Rung for the tercentenary service of the Lady Hawkins' Grammar School, by six old boys.

## STEVENTON, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Being 20 extents with ten callings and eleven 240's of Pitman's.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*HARRY G. BUNCE ... .. Treble	PERCY W. FLETCHER ... 4
FRANK W. BUNCE ... .. 2	ERIC J. F. HANKS ... .. 5
JOHN NOBES ... .. 3	T. FRANCIS HANKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung in new metal frame and ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

## BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

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

Being 720 each of Norfolk, Ipswich, Norwich, Bourne, Hull, Primrose and Cambridge.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MRS. P. HUMPHREY ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... 4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... 2	HORACE M. DAY ... .. 5
†JOHN E. ALLEN ... .. 3	ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* 25th peal. † First attempt. First peal in seven Surprise methods by all except 5th ringer, and first as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to Miss Humphrey, who has now left the district for London.

## ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent, three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL ATKINS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM PAUL ... .. 4
WILFRED BOWERS ... .. 2	JAMES BROWN ... .. 5
THOMAS STAGG ... .. 3	JAMES W. PAUL ... .. 6

\*REGINALD WELLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. PAUL.

\* First peal. First peal in three methods by all. Rung with tenor covering.

## GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Being 720 of Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS ... Treble	ARCHIBALD A. FITCH ... 4
GEO. W. BLOOMFIELD ... 2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
ERIC W. AMBROSE ... .. 3	THEODORE E. SLATER ... Tenor

Conducted by T. E. SLATER.

Arranged and rung to enable R. V. Johnson, who now lives at Balcombe, Sussex, to ring a peal on the bells of his native village.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKS.—For harvest thanksgiving service, in the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Cooper, jun., 1, R. G. Cross (first 720 Kent) 2, V. Darvill 3, W. Mortimore 4, G. Martin 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6. The ringers of the 2nd bells from Twyford, Berks, and the tenor from Deal, Kent.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Treble	CHARLES FREEMAN ... 4
JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5
GEORGE GARDNER ... 3	FRANK E. PERVIN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Arranged and rung specially as a welcome to the new Rector of Allesley, the Rev. R. B. Winsor, who was inducted to the living the previous Friday.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two 720's each of London Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

WILLIAM G. GRIDLEY ... Treble	REGINALD G. HARVEY ... 4
HARRY STEEBINGS ... 2	HARRY S. BARKER ... 5
STANLEY W. BIGMORE ... 3	EDWARD J. HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY S. BARKER.

First peal in four methods by all the ringers, who belong to the local band.

DECKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 20 six-scores of St. Simon's Doubles, each called differently, 12 six-scores Old Doubles, each called differently, and 10 six-scores of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

DAVID WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE BARRETT ... 3
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 2	WILLIAM MUSK ... 4
WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Musk on their silver wedding day.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

In ten different callings (42 six-scores). Tenor 14 cwt.

*COLIN C. LOVELL ... Treble	*THOMAS S. BASS ... 3
*ERNEST F. YORK ... 2	*CHARLIE R. SMITH ... 4
FREDK. W. P. BROWNING ... Tenor	

Conducted by F. W. P. BROWNING.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band; also the first since the bells were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

EARLS CROOME, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being four six-scores of Stedman, 23 of Plain Bob and 15 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD MAUND ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 3
FRANK LAWRENCE ... 2	FRED HAWKES ... 4
CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor	

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

First peal on the bells.

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FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Being two 720's of Double Oxford Bob, one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*HENRY B. WHITNEY ... Treble	ALFRED KING ... 4
*GEORGE H. SENTANCE ... 2	*FREDERICK VICARS ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal in four methods. Rung for the induction service of the Rev. E. Scott to the vicariate of this parish.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 7, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Kent, Woodbine, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

OWEN WILLIAMS ... Treble	CHARLES S. RYLES ... 4
*SAMUEL B. BAILEY ... 2	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 3	JAMES WALLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE.

\* First peal with a bob bell.

BRAMSHOTT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 4
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 5
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the late Mr. Ernest Woods, a much respected parishioner and honorary member of the Guild.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(ARCHDEACONRY OF WISBECH.)

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of St. Clement's, two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HUBERT BIRD ... Treble	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4
*ALFRED E. BACON ... 2	ALBERT MASON ... 5
FRED MATTHEWS ... 3	EDWARD BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED E. BACON.

\* 140th peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Buckenham, who were recently married at this church. Also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Beverley, Lancashire, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ARTHUR BIGLEY ... Treble	WALTER PERKINS ... 4
MISS EVELYN STEBLE ... 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
AMOS SMART ... 3	†PEARL INSKIP ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven Surprise methods away from the treble.

PEALS OF STEDMAN DOUBLES IN SHROPSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal rung at Stockton, Shropshire, on the 24th ult., may I be permitted to point out to my friends who took part in it that it was not the first peal of Stedman Doubles in the county as stated.

A peal of Stedman Doubles (12 callings) was rung by the Ellesmere band, assisted by an Oswestry ringer, at Whittington, Shropshire, on October 27th, 1923, for the then Salop Archdiocesan Guild, and was reported in 'The Ringing World' dated November 9th, 1923.

I know Messrs. Wallater, Saunders and Co. will appreciate and not mind this correction.  
Anfield, Liverpool.

T. R. BUTLER.

## PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate Mr. C. T. Coles on his return to orthodoxy in the matter of rows and changes? This is a question, in deciding which it is absolutely necessary to keep quite clear in one's mind the difference that these words, rows and changes, convey.

And, further, may I congratulate him on touching the spot, in his query, as to why the row 123456 should be singled out above all others?

We must remember that only on seven bells is there a peal which is a natural one, that is, subject to natural limitations alone. As we all know, 5,040 is the extent of possible changes on seven bells. Above seven bells the number 5,000 has been quite arbitrarily chosen. As far as the principles of change ringing are concerned, any other number could have been chosen equally well as the limit.

Similarly the figure of 5,040 has been arbitrarily chosen for the limit in ringing on five and six bells. There is an appearance of natural limitation here which does not exist in the higher numbers, because 5,040 is seven times 720, and 42 times 120. At present this is an appearance only, for it has not been utilised in formulating any rules for ringing these so-called peals.

An attempt is now being made to utilise this natural limit, but it appears to be a half-hearted one, and to rely mostly on rhetoric (not to use stronger language) rather than on logic. Those who support this attempt are fond of repeating that the Central Council did not know its own mind on the matter. Now if they know their own minds, let us have a thoroughgoing proposal from them. As for instance:—

'Every peal of Minor shall consist of seven 720's, between which rounds shall be rung either two or three times, and no more.'

Until this is done, we must agree with Mr. C. T. Coles, that rounds is one row in the peal, and one row only, and therefore it does not matter how far apart its different positions are from one another, any more than it does with other rows.

In some towers the bells are not hung in the natural order. Supposing a band from another tower came to one of these, and rang a peal of Minor by following the ropes in the order in which they were accustomed. Of course, the music would be quite different from the usual ringing, but its change ringing properties would not be altered. Would your correspondent say that this was a false, or illegal or illegitimate, or irregular peal because the times when rounds came up-were not exactly the same distance from one another?

H. DRAKE.

Other letters on this subject are unavoidably held over.

## DRIVEN OUT v. ROPED IN.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It is often said that certain people will walk where angels fear to tread. One would think, did they know the exact facts, that Mr. Cooper would have remained in the obscurity into which he had seemingly retired. No good is ever done by washing soiled linen in public, but if Mr. Cooper has a genuine grievance let him attend a district meeting, where no doubt he will get an impartial hearing and fair play. I suggest to him that there were good and sufficient reasons why he was requested to resign and hand over the key. If he had bent his energies in a more enlightened way he might have had the pleasure of saying, 'I roped that one in; that is another pupil taught.' But, sir, some people like the limelight. I would remind Mr. Cooper that failure or success is not only brought about by one's ability to teach and the pupil's keenness to learn. There are other factors to be taken into consideration, among them not only one's conduct in a belfry but outside as well. One more point, and this is all. I have yet to meet the individual who wants it proclaimed from the housetops that he did this or that in teaching ringers. Results will always speak for themselves.

W. KEEBLE.

Feering.

## POLICE INSPECTOR'S PROMOTION.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Godalming on Wednesday evening last week in honour of the promotion of Police-Inspector C. P. Hilton to the rank of superintendent in the Surrey Constabulary, also as a farewell to him. He had been a member of the Godalming band for almost a year, having come to Godalming from Weybridge about a year ago, and he has rung regularly since. His promotion necessitates his moving to Dorking.

The quarter-peal was rung by R. H. Pamment 1, E. Etheridge 2, C. J. Pugsley 3, V. H. Smith 4, C. Childs 5, Insp. C. P. Hilton 6, C. E. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Balchin 8.

## THE HEREFORDSHIRE TOUR.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am sorry an error was made over the footnote of the Colwall peal. I can assure Mr. Saunders that we had no intention of making any false claims; it was quite accidental. I had not the slightest idea of what had been done, and the footnotes were based entirely on local information.

W. PYE.

# John Taylor & Co.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new peal of ten bells, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., for the famous Boston 'Stump,' are now in position. They were given a trial run on Saturday, and will be formally opened in December.

A great task is to be undertaken at Exeter to-morrow, when an attempt is to be made for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the bells of the Cathedral. The tenor is 72 cwt, and a bell of this weight has never yet been turned in to a peal. All previous single-handed attempts have failed, and on this occasion there will be two men—two of the best heavy-bell ringers in the country—at the rope ends.

The peal at St. Mary's Without-the-Walls, Chester, published in last week's issue, was Grandsire Triples (not Stedman), and was the first peal with a bob bell by ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

Almost unique must be the ringing career of ex-Sergeant J. Williams, of Newent, Gloucestershire, who on Saturday last celebrated the 60th anniversary of his wedding day, and to whom honour was shown by the ringing of a peal at Bridgend on Saturday last, as recorded elsewhere. The sergeant will be 80 years of age on the 29th of this month. He did not ring a peal until he was 60 years of age, and since then he has rung 119 peals. Should anyone meet him anxious for a course of Triples on the handbells, providing he can ring four, the sergeant will oblige by ringing the other four.

## WILL OF THE LATE MR. J. R. JERRAM.

£17,000 ESTATE.

Mr. James Richard Jerram, of The Close, Salisbury, Wilts, librarian of the Clerical Library, Salisbury, who died on July 11th last, son of the late Rev. James Jerram, Rector of Fleet, Lincs, left estate of the gross value of £17,461 (net personality £17,407). Mr. Jerram, who was one of the founders of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and a member of the committee until his death, left

Certain books, including the works of Galen, in five volumes (1525), the works of Hippocrates in two volumes (1665), the works of Dioscorides (1549), and the Natural History of Pliny in five volumes (1685), to the Salisbury Clerical Library, and £20 to be expended in providing a bookcase for them.

To the Vicar and churchwardens of Sutton St. Mary, or Long Sutton, Lincs, 'Holland, Lincolnshire' (partly MS.), and other books, 'for the use of the Library in the Parvise of St. Mary'; and a small bell cast from part of the metal of the old tenor bell of the said church, and inscribed 'Henricus Penn Peterburgensis Fusor, 1716.'

He left to his nephew, Rev. Charles James Sturton (Orston, Notts), 27 volumes of 'Bell News' from 1881-1911 inclusive, 'Campanologia' 1705, 'Clavis Campanologia' (Jones, Reeves and Blakemore, 1788), his gold watch and a set of twenty-six handbells and £1,000; all his other books to the Rev. Charles Albert Clements (Grappenhall, Cheshire), and also a large bell cast in 1899, his striking clock (by Savoury), and £1,000.

£500 to his housekeeper, Mary Sylvester, if still in his service.

£20 to St. John's School, Leatherhead.

£30 to the Homes for Working Boys, London.

£100 to the Church Pastoral Aid Society.

£100 to the Church Missionary Society.

£50 to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

£20 to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

£50 to the Society for Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews.

£50 to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

£30 to the Jerusalem and East Mission.

£20 to the Lord's Day Observance Society.

£100 to the Rector and churchwardens of Fleet, Lincs, 'for repairs as may be from time to time necessary.'

Both the Rev. C. J. Sturton and the Rev. C. A. Clements are well known ringers.

## AFTER 40 YEARS.

On Saturday, October 1st, 1892, the Archbishop of York dedicated at Bolsterstone a peal of eight bells, by Taylor, to the memory of the Rev. John Bell, a former incumbent—an event which created widespread local interest. On that occasion a peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung by the Sheffield Cathedral company (then the Parish Church). The following ringers took part: Chas. H. Hattersley, Wm. Burgar, Thos. Hattersley, Geo. Holmes, Sam Thomas, John Holman, David Brearley and Arthur Brearley (conductor). Of these ringers five have gone from us, but three remain. They are Wm. Burgar, Geo. Holmes and John Holman, and on Saturday, Oct. 1st, 1932, these three rang the same bells to the same peal of Kent as that rung 40 years ago. The ringer of the 5th and 7th are the son and grandson respectively of David Brearley, and nephew and grandnephew of Arthur Brearley, who conducted that first peal.

After the anniversary peal, the ringers, together with the other members of the local band and the Vicar and churchwardens, were entertained to tea at the Castle Inn, to celebrate what was felt to be an historic occasion.



### SOLIHULL'S NEW BELLS. DEDICATION OF THE RECAST PEAL.

Saturday, October 1st, was a great day in the annals of Solihull, when the recast peal of ten bells was dedicated. In the sixteenth century there were three bells in the tower. By 1659 the peal had been increased to six. In 1685 these bells were recast by Henry Bagley, a new bell provided for No. 5, and two trebles added to make a ring of eight, with a tenor nearly a ton in weight. It was on this ring that Samuel Lawrence called a peal of Bob Major in 1786. In 1894 two trebles were added, mainly owing to the energy and enthusiasm of Mr. Geoffrey Martineau. To-day, Mr. Martineau has the satisfaction of seeing his work brought to a splendid conclusion. The entire peal has been recast, tuned upon the modern principle and rehung in an iron frame in one of the noblest towers in the land.



SOLIHULL CHURCH.

At 3.30 p.m. the nave of the church was crowded with parishioners and visiting ringers. The service opened with the singing of Hymn 166, followed by Psalms 122 and 150. The lesson was taken from 1 Chronicles xxix: 'Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord.'

The Bishop then ascended the tower where the local ringers were standing to their bells. Taking the ropes, he handed them to Mr. Martineau with these words: 'Mr. Ringing Master, I give these bells into your charge. So long as they ring may there be peace and goodwill among your ringers.'

Returning to the congregation, the Bishop proceeded to dedicate the bells. 'In the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ we do solemnly set apart and separate the bells now hung in this tower from all profane and unhallowed uses, and do now dedicate them to the Glory of God and the service of His Holy Church. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.'

Then, while the congregation sat, the bells broke forth into well-struck rounds, and for a few minutes all marvelled at the majesty

of the great musical instrument. Long absent in the hands of the founders, then lying silent for three months in the tower, it now poured out its message to the village and the surrounding countryside with a new and richer voice: 'Canticum novum cantate Domino.'

The opening rounds were rung by V. W. Rigg 1, T. Warner 2, C. W. Bragg 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, H. Bragg 5, H. Shepherd 6, S. Bragg 7, J. Bragg 8, R. Bragg 9, A. Bragg 10. All were delighted with the beautiful tone of the recast bells, and thoughts turned to Mr. Geoffrey Martineau, unfortunately unable to ring, but happily present to witness the consummation of his years of toil.

The service continued, and the gathering in the church raised a great song of praise:

'Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,  
In earth, and sky, and sea!'

The address was given by the Archdeacon of Aston, who pointed out the great antiquity of bells. He drew some interesting comparisons between bellringing in olden days and modern methods of change ringing, and vastly amused the ringers present by alluding to the 'hundreds of bells' at Bournville Carillon Tower. He concluded with an appeal to the parish to complete the work so ably begun.

After the Blessing the local ringers rang a plain course of Grand-sire Caters. Visiting ringers were then admitted to the tower. The first man up the steps was Mr. Albert Walker (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild) with breezy congratulations on the opening ringing and a fervid desire for Stedman Caters. For the next hour and a half the bells had no rest, while a great gathering of parishioners joined the Bishop, the Rector and the churchwardens at the Masonic Hall of the George Hotel.

In his speech the Bishop stated that he had paid an unofficial visit to the tower before the service and had even been to see the bells. Although no builder, he could see quite clearly that the work throughout was honest and thorough. He threw some light on the methods and habits of mediæval workmen, with special reference to the poor conditions in which they so often lived. He concluded by pointing out that one portion of Solihull's great scheme had been wonderfully completed, and urging that there should be no slackening of effort until the whole work had been carried through.

At 6 p.m. more than a hundred visiting ringers sat down to tea. After the meal Mr. Albert Walker moved a vote of thanks to the churchwardens for their hospitality. He pointed out that on that happy day the happiest man of all must be Mr. Geoffrey Martineau.

Mr. Martineau, in replying, told how he had determined that, in the completion of this part of the church, the bells should certainly be adequately dealt with. He was now satisfied, and very happy to find that Solihull had such a splendid peal.

Ringling continued at the tower with great enthusiasm until nearly 9 p.m., and everyone was delighted with the tone and the 'go' of the bells.

The entertainment of the parishioners and the visiting ringers was provided by the churchwardens, Mr. Robert Bragg, J.P., and Mr. Howard Heaton, and the excellent arrangements made contributed largely to the success of a day that certainly stands as one of the most notable in the history of Solihull Church.

The restoration of the bells is only a part of the great scheme undertaken by the parishioners of Solihull. This scheme is nothing less than the restoration of the whole of the beautiful and ancient Parish Church at an estimated cost of £20,000. They have completed the tower, an operation involving the underpinning of the whole structure and renewing the foundations with reinforced concrete. From foundation to battlements the masonry has been repaired and grouted with cement, while the inside has been strengthened with a reinforced concrete frame, on the grids of which are set the new floors of the ringing and bell chambers. The base of the spire has been surrounded by a deep concrete ring.

The recast peal of ten bells have been hung on a new frame with all the latest fittings, and this work has been carried out with characteristic skill by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

The tower and bells have cost £6,500 — £1,500 more than was originally expected.

The next step is the restoration of the chancel roof, which is in a dangerous condition. The chancel cannot be used for services until the roof is restored. Funds are urgently needed at once, so that this can be proceeded with. There is also the cost of the repair and replacement of the organ to be faced, the electric lighting of the church, the improvement of the heating apparatus, and last and greatest effort of all, the restoration of the nave.

E. C. S.

### RINGERS' PILGRIMAGE TO LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the pilgrimage of bellringers to Liverpool Cathedral on Saturday, October 22nd, I would like to say that the bells of St. Nicholas' (12) will be available for visitors from 2 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

Also Mr. Goss Custard is giving a recital on the great organ of the Cathedral at 3 p.m. The Guest Master at the Cathedral, Mr. R. S. Dawson, invites visitors to this, and will reserve places for any who inform him.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES.

# YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER.

## BIG GATHERING AT SHEFFIELD.

### JASPER SNOWDON'S CONTRIBUTION TO RINGING PROGRESS.

The first of the big social events of the season among ringers took place on Saturday, when the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner was held at Sheffield. Despite the prevailing depression, the party of 145 was one of the largest that has assembled for this event, which is held in rotation at York, Leeds and Sheffield.

Much of the success achieved was due to the enthusiastic efforts of the local hon. secretary, Mr. S. F. Palmer, and the work done by the other members of the dinner committee, which consisted of Messrs. George Lewis (local president), R. Harrison, sen., R. Harrison, jun., and M. E. Wilson. The dinner was the eleventh of the series, and, in addition to ringers from a wide radius in Yorkshire, attracted visitors from many other parts of the country. Full use was made during the afternoon of the facilities for ringing offered at the Cathedral, where the twelve bells were rung in Maximus, Cinques, Royal and Minor, and at St. Marie's (R.C.) Church, where numerous touches of Triples and Major were rung. A peal was also rung at Handsworth.

The dinner was held at Stephenson's Exchange Restaurant, and was presided over by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (President of the Yorkshire Association). He was supported by the Archdeacon and Provost of Sheffield (Dr. A. C. E. Jarvis) and Mrs. Jarvis, Mr. J. Cotterill (hon. treasurer of the association) and Mrs. Cotterill, Mr. J. E. Cawser (hon. secretary), Mr. George Lewis (vice-president of the Southern Division) and Mrs. Lewis; Mr. F. Clark (hon. secretary of the Southern Division) and Mrs. Clark, Mr. P. J. Johnson (late hon. secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Palmer, Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. C. D. Potter (Barnsley), Mr. G. Harrison, Mr. J. Fidler (Loughborough), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Rev. J. Thompson (Rector of Bradford), Mr. J. Swift (churchwarden, of Bradford), Rev. Foster (Vicar of Rammoor), Mr. W. H. Arnison (Cathedral warden) and Mrs. Arnison, Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield), Mr. T. Maude, Mr. and Mrs. Hardcastle (Bradford), Mr. J. E. L. Cockey (Dore), Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. G. Thorber and Mr. and Mrs. G. Robinson (Leeds), Mr. F. Perrens (Coventry), Mr. W. H. Burt (Bristol United Ringing Guilds), Mr. H. Fearn (Birmingham), Messrs. G. and A. Horner, E. Ayre and J. Douglas (York), Mr. J. W. Rowbotham and Miss Rowbotham (London), Messrs. J. Lawson (Lightcliffe), W. Dransfield (Almondbury), J. W. Coulson (Keighley), A. Nash and S. Briggs (Rotherham), W. Barton (Pudsey), W. A. Wooler (Wortley), J. R. Brearley (Bolton), F. W. Dixon (Guiseley), J. Marshall (Edinburgh), A. Mitchell, S. Walker and C. Wilson (Rawmarsh), Mr. and Mrs. H. Stenton and Mr. C. Fowler (South Anston), Mr. and Mrs. H. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. McGuinness (Lincoln), Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dyson and Mr. and Mrs. W. Pearson (Pontefract), Mr. and Mrs. G. Clark and Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), Mr. W. Biggin (Norton), Mr. and Mrs. J. Thorpe, Mr. and Mrs. J. Holman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hurst, Mr. R. Harrison, sen., Mr. R. Harrison, jun., Mr. A. P. Knights, Mr. and Mrs. G. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. W. Burgar, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dixon, Messrs. T. O'Hara, T. Lee and C. H. Lake (Sheffield), Mr. F. Watkinson, Miss Noel Cawthorne, Miss Kelly, Mr. J. Cardwell, Mr. C. Smith and Master J. Gilbert (Handsworth), Mr. H. Huddleston (Ecclesfield), Messrs. W. Barber, C. Barber, G. Fretwell, J. Fretwell, R. Swift, J. Homer, G. Worrall, N. Worrall, B. Ellis and W. Sanderson (Bradfield), etc.

### OUR DEBT TO THE CHURCH.

After the toast of 'The King,' Mr. Colin Harrison proposed 'Church and State.' Although, he said, it was to Fabian Stedman that credit was due for the advancement of change ringing, it was to the Church that they were indebted for those towers which led to the installations of bells upon which they practised their art, enabling those talented men to come to the fore in whose memory they were met to pay homage. When they looked back in history and read of the religious persecutions which our forefathers had to undergo, of the devastation caused by plagues and the wanton destruction by civil wars, they could not help but realise how fortunate they were to have still standing those glorious examples of minsters and abbeys which were to be seen in almost every county of this country; buildings which were tokens of the labour of love expended in their erection and symbols of the faith of those who built them; they should be for ever grateful to the monks of old, who, by their craftsmanship, had caused to be handed down from generation to generation those magnificent specimens of architecture which arouse the admiration of rich and poor alike. As for their position as ringers, he thought most of the clergy regarded them

as the unseen choir; perhaps they were somewhat more noisy than those who sat in the choir stalls, and although it could be dispensed with was, nevertheless, doing a valuable work which was better inside the church than out. Such recognition of the part which ringers took in the service of the church had become better appreciated since the introduction of belfry reform some 50 years ago, and gentlemen of high attainments and social standing had not been unwilling to join their ranks. Since that time, the clergy had taken a greater interest in their work and in the matter of seeing that the bells in their towers were, whenever possible, put into proper ringing order, a condition which they realised was necessary if they were to perform their services worthy of their intended purpose. From a national standpoint, they had to thank the Church, amongst other things, for what it had done in the way of education; the parson had invariably been regarded as the fountain of knowledge, and in days gone by he was often the only man in the district with scholastic attainments and frequently took the role of village tutor. There must be many in that room who could well recollect going to a church or chapel school before the old board schools came into being, and so, whenever they were handing out bouquets to the present day system of education they should not forget the spade-work done by the Church years and years ago (applause). As for the State, it had not always been so non-partisan in religious affairs as it was to-day, but that, he thought, was a chapter best closed. Rather let them be grateful that the Church was enabled to pursue its religious activities without the interference of political intrigue such as existed in many of the countries abroad. It was usually during a period of national misfortune that they saw the Church at its best, dispensing charity and goodwill and exercising its influence for good, and through the very difficult times which the country was now passing they could confidently hope that the Church would lend all its hands to helping the Ship of State to ride the tide of Prosperity (applause).

### MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP.

The Provost, in reply, expressed his pleasure in finding himself in such genial company. They were, he said, all allies in the same great work. He conveyed to the gathering the paternal greetings and the episcopal blessing of the Bishop of Sheffield (applause). At that moment they were engaged in Sheffield in a colossal effort and were in the throes of a four days' bazaar, by which they were endeavouring to raise £5,000 towards a diocesan fund of 100,000 guineas. Although the Bishop was consequently unable to be with them he was anxious that he (the Provost) should convey that message to them (applause). He congratulated the proposer of the toast upon the felicitous way in which he had done it, and added that he supposed the subject of Church and State was about the most complicated that could be chosen for a toast. It had been his privilege to serve both. For 18 years he had the honour of serving as Chaplain of the Forces, and for the latter part of the period as Chaplain General of the Forces. At the moment, he was privileged to embody in his person not only the offices of Provost, Archdeacon and Vicar of Sheffield, but was also chaplain to His Majesty the King (applause). It was in the seventh century of their history, he continued, that Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury, succeeded in unifying the turbulent elements in the Church of the Northumbrians with those of Mercia, and thus brought about a unified Church in the country, and it was out of that unified Church that the State was born. England became England, and the Heptarchy dissolved. Thus, from the beginning of our history the tie between Church and State had been well-nigh indissoluble. If the day should ever come, which God forbid, that disestablishment should be imposed upon them, then, honestly, he feared it would be a loss to the State. It might bring certain gains to the Church, it might restore to them a certain spiritual freedom which in these days they had not got; but surely the better way would be for them to find a way out by a measure of spiritual autonomy given to the Church and that the State should remain supreme, as in Scotland. Whether that day came or whether it did not, he for one hoped that the bells of their churches in city, town and village would still hold their places in the national life, which he regarded as unique and supreme. To him the bells were one of the greatest charms of their national life, and there was nothing more beautiful to him than on a Sunday morning to hear the bells of a village church calling the people to the highest duty of which they were capable. He regarded the ringers' job, which they so magnificently rendered, as one of the highest tasks to which a man or woman could be committed—helping their fellows to attain the highest and best that their natures were capable of. He wished the association and its members every blessing (applause).

The President asked the Archdeacon to convey to the Bishop the thanks of the members of the Yorkshire Association for his kind message and to assure the Bishop of their own services and continuous loyalty to him and the Church which he represented.

### JASPER SNOWDON'S SERVICES TO RINGING

In proposing the toast of 'The memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association,' Mr. J. S. Goldsmith

said Jasper Snowdon came into the orbit of the ringing Exercise at a time when it was emerging from a period of 'depression.' Ringing in the middle of the nineteenth century had reached a low ebb. The Exercise was at that time almost without leaders, without organisation and with little means of instruction. They had only to read the early pages of 'Church Bells,' the first publication that seriously devoted attention to bell ringing, to observe the state of indifference that generally existed towards ringers and their art. Jasper Snowdon entered ringing at the end of 1870, but when he was called out of it in 1885, by his efforts and the efforts of others, ringing had been put upon a new foundation, given new prospects, new promise, and new organisation, and ringers a new means of gaining knowledge. As one particularly interested in the literature of ringing, the speaker said he had been amazed at the output of Jasper Snowdon's genius in his comparatively short ringing career. Ringing was to him an unknown science when he entered it at the age of 26, and there were few facilities for getting information except by one's own research and the hard school of experience. In less than three years, however, he had mastered some of the most intricate problems and had given the world an exposition on 'the in-and-out-of-course of changes' and the proof of Treble Bob, and those investigations, embodied later in his text book, had remained an unchallenged authority. He tackled other problems of his time in the same manner, and all that he wrote bore the imprint of clear and penetrative thinking, while his gift of direct expression made his books, even to-day, the best examples of their class. Moreover, he had a great capacity for putting himself into the place



JASPER SNOWDON.

of the man for whom he was writing, and as a result his text books were a model of simplicity and clarity. Jasper Snowdon was a man of facts and not of theories, and had infinite capacity for taking pains. He was probably the first to introduce the idea of using diagrams for the purpose of teaching methods, a system which was now largely adopted by ringers when learning advanced methods. Many ringers in these days rang peals in methods of which they had never seen the figures; they relied entirely on the diagram. Before his death Jasper Snowdon had published 'Treble Bob,' 'Ropesight and Standard Methods,' and had prepared the ground for other books which followed, 'Grandsire,' which was already in the press, 'Stedman' and 'Surprise Methods.' It was largely through the work of Jasper Snowdon that the ringing Exercise had reached its present dimensions, and there could be very few ringers who, either

directly or indirectly, had not gained some of their knowledge from his work. It was impossible to evaluate what the Exercise, as a whole, owed to him, but they in Yorkshire were even more deeply indebted to him. It was largely through his efforts that the Yorkshire Association was founded in 1875: he was the first president, their guide and inspiration until his lamented death. Jasper Snowdon had left them a great legacy which had grown with the years and he left them a great example, for while he doubtless got great personal pleasure out of his ringing, it was not what he got out of it, but what he put into it which made him great.

#### DISTINGUISHED YORKSHIRE RINGERS

Yorkshire, continued Mr. Goldsmith, had been the home of many honoured men in the ringing Exercise, and the Yorkshire Association had been fortunate in having had a series of distinguished ringers to guide its destinies. Among them had been Mr. William Snowdon, who not only succeeded his brother as president and held the office for 25 years, but completed Jasper's task by supervising the production of his unfinished works. In this connection the speaker mentioned that another link with this undertaking had been broken by the death of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who contributed so much to the work begun by Jasper Snowdon. Among others whose names they would specially honour that night were William Howard, of York, the first vice-president of the association, and William Whittaker, their first secretary; the two brothers Hattersley, of Sheffield, and many others who through the years had given their best to promote the welfare of the association. They honoured their names and would ever remember them with gratitude. He called upon the company to drink a silent toast to their memory.

This having been done, the President read a letter from Mrs. Snowdon (widow of the late Mr. Wm. Snowdon) and her daughter, sending their hearty greetings, and saying how much they valued the message sent to them every year, and without which they would feel very much poorer. The President added that he felt sure it

was the desire of those present that he should send to Mrs. Snowdon and her daughter their thanks for the message and their best wishes (applause).

#### THE VISITORS.

Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed the toast of 'The Visitors and kindred Ringing Associations,' but first expressed the regret which all felt on the passing of an old Sheffield ringer during the last year, in the person of Mr. J. T. Rue, who was known and respected by many of them. Continuing, Mr. Johnson paid a tribute to Mr. S. F. Palmer, the local secretary, and the committee in getting together that successful gathering. In these times of depression it was exceedingly difficult to organise gatherings of that kind, and he was at a loss to understand the motive which brought together such a large assembly in such difficult times until he discovered the secret that for the first time in the history of those dinners they had been able to get draught beer at a reasonable price (laughter). Mr. Palmer by what he had achieved, would endear himself to them, for all time (laughter). Sheffield, continued Mr. Johnson, was one of those places which could always be relied upon to supply something in the way of greatness, and it was not unworthy of notice that one of the most mysterious things in mathematics first saw the light at Sheffield. How it was done, nobody knew. He referred to William Hudson's famous sixty course-ends. No peal of Stedman had ever been composed with course-ends that were not Hudson's particular rows. The most profound mathematicians had explored the subject. They could not tell them why it was so, but in every peal these 60 course-ends were identical and no others had ever been got. Mr. Johnson added that they had among them that evening visitors from the Lancashire Association, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, the Midland Counties Association, the Essex Association—they were pleased to renew acquaintance with Mr. George Dent—the North Notts Association, the Bristol United Guilds, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and, representing the Guildford Diocesan Guild, one who held a position unique in the Exercise—the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' He (the speaker) would very much like to see the labours of Mr. Goldsmith more appreciated, because he did not know a paper that was read with more interest by the people for whom it was provided, but unfortunately in many cases the people who read it did not buy it. 'Nobody else,' added Mr. Johnson, 'reads mine; other people can get a copy at the same price, and it ought to be a golden rule with everybody to do so' (hear, hear). Continuing, Mr. Johnson said they also had with them members of the Warwickshire Guild, represented by Mr. Perrins, the Surrey Association, represented by Mr. Cyril Johnston, and for the first time the Scottish Association, represented by Mr. Marshall, whom they welcomed most heartily (applause).

#### THE COLLEGE YOUTHS IN YORKSHIRE.

Last, but not least, continued Mr. Johnson, they had represented the Ancient Society of College Youths. Talking once about the formation of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. Wm. Snowdon told him that prior to 1875 there was a suggestion among Yorkshire ringers—Jasper Snowdon, the Hattersley brothers and other worthies—to establish a branch of the Ancient Society in Yorkshire. Instead, however, they decided to form a county association. That decision had never for a moment been regretted. It gave a great impetus to ringing. They welcomed representatives of the College Youths at those gatherings, and were particularly glad to have with them that night their dear old friend Mr. John Rowbotham, who they hoped would be able to join them on many future occasions. The College Youths had been associated with ringing from its earliest days, and they had been responsible for many very original ideas. An article which he saw in 'The Ringing World' made him wonder at the subtlety some of the College Youths put forward in the guise of geniality. It was well known that at the College Youths' dinners ladies were not allowed, and the result was they saw a greater gathering of husbands at that dinner than at any other ringers' gathering in England (laughter). They had in Yorkshire what was known as 'The Henpecked Husbands' Club' (laughter), and he was wondering why it was the College Youths went out once a year to enjoy their liberty while their wives were kept outside the doors (laughter). In conclusion, Mr. Johnson extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and hoped they would enjoy their stay in Yorkshire.

The Rev. J. Thompson, of Bradfield, who first responded, remarked that it was sometimes said that bellringing was a dying art. He could prove that it was not a dying art. Through the kindness and willing help of Mr. Palmer and his colleagues of Sheffield, they were training twelve young ringers at Bradfield, a parish of 64 square miles and containing less than 2,000 inhabitants. There was great keenness and enthusiasm among these young ringers, and ten of them were present that night (applause). He could assure them that if some of the slack ringers did not 'buck up,' these young ringers were going to make them jump (laughter and applause).

Mr. F. W. Perrins, who also replied, said it was sometimes urged that parsons should not be allowed to speak at gatherings of that kind, but they would be delighted to allow every parson to speak who could bring ten or twelve ringers with him as Mr. Thompson had done (laughter and applause). Mr. Perrins thanked the Yorkshire Association for the welcome extended to the visitors. Such gatherings, he said, helped considerably to get ringers together and did a tremendous amount of good. He was afraid, however, that if

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## A NEW HANDBOOK FOR RINGERS.

REV. E. S. AND MRS. POWELL WRITE FOR BEGINNERS.

The beginner of to-day has no reason to complain of lack of instructional literature. Since Fabian Stedman first produced his 'Tintinnalogia' in 1677 there have been text books to help the tyro over the initial—and most difficult—stages of the art, and now another small volume makes its appearance. It has been written by the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell, of Clyst St. George, Exeter, and covers what are generally described as the four standard methods—Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob. It teaches the elements of ringing from the first handling of a bell, and is a concise, yet sufficient, book of instruction. It deals not only with the ringing of the methods, but also with the conducting of them, and provides, in addition to a series of touches in each, a careful selection of peals.

The book is divided into two sections, the first for the six-bell ringers, which can be obtained separately (in paper covers, 1s. 2d. post free). The full edition (bound in cloth) carries the ringer to eight bells, and this, which extends to 120 pages, is 2s. 9d. post free.

In contrast to books which deal with one method only, this volume provides all the early stepping stones from rounds to the higher methods. Its merits will be obvious to instructors, while beginners will find its language simple, its directions clear and its illustrations pointed and helpful. The ability and care with which it has been written place it among the best of instructional books, and we anticipate that it will be in considerable demand when its usefulness becomes known.

Copies can be obtained from the authors. The Rev. E. S. Powell is president of the Devon Guild and a member of the Methods Committee of the Central Council, while Mrs. Powell is also a well-known ringer.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—For reasons into which it is unnecessary to enter here, the negotiations mentioned in 'The Ringing World' some months ago to bring out a revised edition of Troyte's 'Change Ringing' fell through.

It will therefore be understood that the 'Ringers' Handbook' announced in your advertisement columns is a completely new and independent publication.

E. S. AND M. POWELL.

**Yorkshire Commemoration Dinner**—(Continued from page 679). They were not careful they might overdo it by having the gatherings too close together. That might be all right for the ringers in the districts in which they were held, but it did not give others the chance to get round to them all. In conclusion, he thanked all those who had done so much for the success of that event.

At this point the president had to leave, and Mr. E. Harrison proposed a vote of thanks to him. The splendid harmony and good feeling which pervaded the gathering, he said, had been in a large measure due to the affable way in which Mr. Marshall had carried out his duties.

The President briefly replied, and said it was a great honour to be president of that association. He knew that in matters concerning ringing he was a very poor successor to those who had gone before him, but he tried to make up for it in other ways, and if they were satisfied he was more than satisfied.

## A HEFTY SOCIETY.

The chair was then taken by Mr. George Lewis, vice-president of the Southern District, and Mr. C. F. Johnston proposed 'Continued prosperity to the Yorkshire Association.' In the South, he said, they always imagined the men in Yorkshire to be rather hefty people, and they imagined the Yorkshire Association to be a hefty society. They had about 1,350 members. He was not sure whether they were the largest association in the country or the second largest. He had asked Mr. Shaker, the secretary of the Lancashire Association, but he did not know. However, wherever it came on the list, they wished the Yorkshire Association the greatest possible prosperity. The county had produced, possibly, as big a percentage of famous and clever men in the bellringing world as had been produced in any part of the country in the 300 years of ringing history. They had famous men among them still, and the visitors were delighted to come among them once a year.

The Chairman, replying in the absence of the president, said it was an honour to belong to that great association, and he and his colleagues tried to carry forward the good work begun by their predecessors. It was very nice to know they had a lot of youngsters coming along who would in days to come follow in their footsteps when they were no longer here.

The musical programme was filled by the Hallam Octet, who sang a number of part songs very effectively, and whose efforts were greatly appreciated, especially in such pieces as the 'Soldiers' Chorus' from Faust, 'Passing By,' and that famous Yorkshire ditty, 'On Ilk'la Moor Ba't 'at.' Mr. H. Muscroft's fine voice gave great pleasure in his baritone solos, and Mr. J. Jennings' rendering of 'Take a pair of sparkling eyes' was warmly applauded.

During the evening a course of Stedman Cinques was rung by Messrs. A. Nash, J. Thorpe, S. F. Palmer, S. Briggs, G. Lewis and R. Harrison, sen., while five veterans, all over 70 and all of whom knew Jasper Snowden, rang a course of Grandsire Caters. They were J. W. Rowbotham, G. Holmes, W. Bugar, F. E. Dawe and G. Dixon.

## NOTICES.

## THE LATE CANON W. W. C. BAKER.

VICAR OF SOUTHILL, FORMERLY RECTOR OF DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

## PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Bedfordshire Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place an iron staircase, to replace the old ladder in the tower of Dunstable Church, at the estimated cost of about £50.

The original proposal of two additional bells is impracticable, the diocesan architect stating that the tower would be unable to carry the strain of the extra bells.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

A. KING,  
6, Tavistock Crescent,  
Luton, Beds,

Hon. Sec. on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 20th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clevedon on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1/- each. All ringers cordially invited.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at Colsterworth. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the White Lion.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Henley on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ringers' service at Parish Church at 5 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Canon A. E. Dann. Tea to follow at the Chantry House. Ringing afterwards if required. All ringers are welcome.—Miss M. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Philip's Church, Hulme, Manchester (8 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited.—D. Brown, Branch Sec.

**A JOINT MEETING** of the Norwich Association and Suffolk Guild will be held at Diss on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells from 2.30. Tea (please advise) and meeting at 5.15 p.m.—Noian Golden, South Norfolk Hon. Branch Sec., 39, Winter Road, Norwich; and Alphæus J. Berry, Eye Dis. Hon. Sec., Thornham Magna.



**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Dse-worth on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) will be available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.** — Swindon Branch.—The monthly practice meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me early. — S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Fulney, Spalding, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.15. Business meeting afterwards. —George Ladd, Hon. Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 1/- a head.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Beckford, Saturday next, October 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—H. Wakefield, Secretary, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury.

**GRIMLEY, Worcs.**—The Bishop of Worcester will dedicate at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16th, the ring of six bells restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District. — A meeting will be held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Tuesday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 6.30 to 9.30. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19th. Afternoon—St. Hilda's, South Shields, 3 to 5 p.m.; Evening—Christ Church, North Shields. All ringers cordially invited.—Geo. Siddle, Secretary.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Wimborne Branch.—A Wednesday practice is to be held at Corfe Mullen and Wimborne on October 19th. Ringing at Corfe from 3 p.m. Tea in the Old Mill at 5. Ringing at the Minster from 7 to 9. — C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.**—The ring of three bells restored and augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Southall, on Friday evening, the 21st inst., at 7 p.m.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stanwick on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, October 18th?—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Western District.—Next meeting, Apsley End, October 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. Numbers for tea by 19th. Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Cambridge.—W. Ayre, Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—Come to Goodrich and hear the flutes at the quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 22nd, at 3 p.m. You will be packed close together, hear good advice and have a good tea, if you let me know beforehand.—J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Swavesey on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, 10d. each. Special method, Ely Delight.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** —Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at East Coker on Saturday, October 22nd. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5, meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Secretary, North St., Martock.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5. All welcome. —Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wraysbury (8 bells) on Saturday, October 22nd, at 6 p.m. —A. D. Barker, Branch Secretary and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Grinstead on Sat., October 22nd. Ringing to commence 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Burrell Arms at 5.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Shedfield (6) also available from 3. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Upper Beeding on Sat., October 22nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. Will secretaries please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers? Half rail fare (maximum 1/6).—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bassaleg on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The six bells of Ottershaw Church will be reopened after rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15. Ringing after service and during evening. Bus services from Chertsey and Woking Railway Stations. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea not later than Wednesday next.—H. Hancock, Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Paignton on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, when a memorial tablet to the late Mr. F. T. Gover will be unveiled. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Those who intend to come to tea please advise me by Tuesday next.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Binsted on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Wickham Institute at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Will all who require tea please notify me by Thursday, Oct. 20th?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.**—The meeting at Deddington will be held on Saturday, October 29th, instead of 22nd.—E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) at the Bull Hotel after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary by Tuesday, Oct. 22nd.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Deddington on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30, followed by short business meeting. Kindly send in names for tea by Tuesday, 25th.—E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at the Waverley Hotel, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, October 25th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29th, at Wendon. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 29th.**—A joint meeting of the Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Ely Diocesan Associations will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Oct. 29th. The fine peal of 8 bells available at 3 p.m. L.N.E.R. main line service, and buses every 20 minutes from all parts. The usual tea arrangements at the Grange are being made, and a post-card if you require tea will be much appreciated. Don't miss this meeting! Notification for tea to Don. Mears, Offley, Hitchin, by 27th. — Miss K. Willers, A. E. Sharman, Don. Mears, Dis. Secs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Oxford, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Guild service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Ebbe's (8, tenor 4½cwt.) available in the evening. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, October 26th. Visiting ringers are cordially welcomed.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, DODDERHILL, DROITWICH.**—Ringers' Festival.—The recently re-cast and augmented peal of eight bells by J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be open to ringers on Saturday, October 29th, and will be available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room (1/- each) for those who notify me by Wednesday, October 26th. All ringers welcome.—S. T. Holt, Crowle, near Worcester.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, October 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, October 26th. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by invitation, will be reserved only for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, October 25th, first post.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 295th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Nov. 2nd from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, W. Roughton, Alb. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street; St. Michael's, Cornhill.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, at which officers for ensuing year are elected. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 1st.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****GOOD WORK IN THE DERBY DISTRICT.**

The second quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at the rather out-of-the-way place of Seals on Saturday, October 1st, and, although the weather was anything but kind, torrential rain pouring down all the morning, quite a good muster turned up, seven of the eight districts of the association being represented, viz., Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough and the Peak.

The bells of both Netherseal and Overseal were available during the afternoon, and good use made of them. The committee met in the Schools at Overseal at 3.15 p.m., and carried out various routine duties, and also made a grant of £2 2s. to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial Fund.

Tea was provided at the Robin Hood Hotel, and some 30 members did justice to the fare provided. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, the president, who had an important engagement that day at Solihull, the vice-president, Mr. Wm. Willson, took the chair, supported by the hon. treasurer, Mr. Wm. E. White, and the general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris. Soon after the meeting commenced, the Rector, Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert, and his curate, Rev. Dawson Bowling, made a welcome appearance.

In his opening remarks the Chairman regretted the absence of the president, also the local vice-president, Mr. W. W. Worthington, the latter not being well in health. He also referred to the loss which, during the last quarter, the association had sustained in the passing on of Mr. A. Archer, of Nottingham, one of the original members of the association, Mr. F. Johnson, of Nottingham, and one of their newest members, Mr. A. Arnold, of Great Glen, who had met with a motor-cycle accident and was burnt to death before he could be extracted from the wreck. The members present stood in silence to their respected memory.

The Chairman informed the members of the grant to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial Fund, which was ratified.

**DERBY HON. SECRETARY'S GREAT WORK.**

The Chairman, in calling on the hon. secretary to read over the names of the new members elected since the last quarterly meeting, paid an especial tribute to the magnificent effort of the Derby secretary, Mr. George Freebrey, who during the last quarter had gained no less than 32 new hon. members. The president had written his appreciation in a letter, and this was supported by the hon. treasurer, Mr. W. E. White, and the general hon. secretary also pointed out that during the year not only had Mr. Freebrey made over 50 new hon. members, but also had personally collected subscriptions due of practically all those already on his long list.

Needless to say, the members present received this news with acclamation. The new members elected since the last meeting were: Ringing 2, rejoined 3, life 3, and honorary 33.

The Chairman stated that Measham bells would be available after the meeting should any care to go there. He also said how pleased they all were to greet the Rector of Seals and his curate, and thanked the former for the use of bells, etc.

The Rector, in response, welcomed the visitors and trusted they would have a good time. He hoped the association would long continue in the good work they were doing, and ever increase their activities. He was proud of his local band at Overseal, and hoped soon to have a good set at Netherseal. He had brought along his curate, who had very soon met the members, he having only commenced his duties that day.—The latter then spoke a few words, thanking the members for their warm welcome, and gave an amusing experience in ringing he had had at his last curacy. He hoped (if his wife allowed!) to become more acquainted with ringers and ringing.

Further touches on the bells at both towers completed a successful meeting. E. M.

**A RURAL DEAN'S DEATH.**

The death has taken place at Linslade of the Rev. Canon Treffry Harvey, who until last year was Vicar of Ivinghoe, Bucks, where he had been incumbent for 35 years. Canon Harvey was 79 years of age and a bachelor. He was a native of Berkhamsted, and a son of the Rev. F. B. Harvey, a former Rector of Cheddington. He took his M.A. degree at New College, Oxford, in 1878, and was ordained in 1879 at Lichfield. He was appointed curate of Abbots Langley in 1880, and in 1893, on the death of his father, he took charge of Cheddington for six months. He then became Vicar of Pitstone, and held this appointment until 1896, when he became Vicar of Ivinghoe. He had been Rural Dean since 1915, and was an honorary canon of Christ Church, Oxford.

At the funeral the last rites were performed by the Bishop of Buckingham, and Bishop Shaw, of Oxford. There were also present Archdeacon Parnell, of Bedford, Rev. F. Hills, of Leighton Buzzard, and 14 clergy from the Oxford Diocese. The church was filled by the deceased's late parishioners and friends.

The bells of Ivinghoe were rung muffled before the service, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Barnabas', Linslade, with the bells half-muffled: E. Belson 1, F. Jeffs 2, W. Insley 3, H. Whitney 4, W. Jeffs 5, F. Vickers, jun., 6, F. Vickers, sen. (conductor) 7, A. Kemsley 8. First quarter-peal of Grandsire by ringers of 1, 3 and 8. The ringers of 7 and 6 are father and son, and it was their first quarter-peal.

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