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THE EDITORIAL CHAIR.

It is instructive, as well as being sometimes amusing, to learn, from the letters which reach the Editor, the varying views upon what a bell ringer's journal should contain. The writers are all unquestionably very sincere, but their opinions as to what constitutes matter of general interest seem to be as diversified as they are numerous. One thinks too much space is given up to the doings of the peal ringers, another can find no use for reports of meetings. Some want more touches published, others cannot understand why space is utilised for subjects like the Minor methods controversy. Some do not care for historical articles—their interest lies in the present, not in the past—others think that compositions are the most interesting feature that the paper could present to its readers. And so we could go on. What pleases one, displeases another; what interests one, bores another to tears, but what most of our correspondents forget is that 'The Ringing World' has to endeavour to cater for all interests, and that, as far as space permits, it should be the object of the paper to give the best of everything.

But beyond this a journal occupying a position which 'The Ringing World' occupies in the Exercise has an obligation to discharge. Take, for example, the peal reports, which take up a considerable portion of almost every issue. Peals are the one thing of which, since ringing papers became established, a consistent record has been kept. Peals, as performances in the art of change ringing, are the most important feature of the ringer's pursuit; they have always, from the earliest days, been looked upon, not only as the height of a ringer's ambition, but as something above all others worthy of special recognition. Therefore, in the columns of 'The Ringing World' peals are given a place of preference, and, in most quarters at any rate, the reports are treated as official records.

Or, again, take the publication of correspondence upon controversial subjects. Where, except in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' can both sides of a question relating to ringing be ventilated? What constitutes a peal of Minor may not interest the man who seldom or never rings on six bells, or even the six-bell ringer who admits nothing as a peal except that which he himself is in the habit of ringing; but that does not alter the fact that other people are interested in any fresh development which fertile brains may furnish, and it is only when the pros and cons have been openly discussed that the value or otherwise of some new departure can be arrived at by those capable of forming an opinion. We could go

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on at much greater length to show that the space devoted to this or that phase of ringing can be justified, and we refrain from saying anything which would be likely to touch the susceptibilities of those whose desire cannot be satisfied for more of the items in which they would be specially interested. What we are anxious to do is to assure our readers that from the Editorial chair very divergent tastes have to be catered for, that the claims of the art itself cannot be ignored, and that the paper could not fully serve its purpose if the likes and dislikes of one section of the Exercise were considered to the exclusion of another.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

EXETER.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Four Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 72½ cwt.

ALBERT WALKER...	...Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ...	... 7
ALBERT W. COLES ...	... 2	FRANK E. PERVIN ...	... 8
GEORGE R. PYE ...	... 3	JAMES BENNETT ...	... 9
FRANK W. PERRENS ...	... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	... 10
CHARLES T. COLES ...	... 5	REUBEN SANDERS ...	... 11
ALFRED E. REEVES ...	... 6	WILLIAM PYE ...	... 12
		EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Maximus in the county and by the Guild, and the heaviest tenor yet turned in to a peal. Mr. R. Sanders' 100th peal on 12 bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ...	...Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	7
EDWIN H. LEWIS...	... 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES ...	8
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ...	... 3	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, SEN. ...	9
RICHARD T. HIBBERT...	... 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	10
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD...	... 5	HERBERT LANGDON ...	11
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ...	... 6	THOMAS J. SETTER ...	...Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS...	...Treble	GEORGE A. CARD...	7
THOMAS NEWMAN ...	... 2	LEONARD W. BAYBUT...	8
*JOHN POTTER ...	... 3	WALTER SEAR ...	9
*MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ...	... 4	GEORGE W. SIBERE ...	10
GEORGE H. CROSS ...	... 5	HARRY SEAR...	11
*DR. E. LEONARD TAYLOR ...	... 6	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	...Tenor

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First attempt for Stedman Cinques by the ringers of the 4th.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5020 CHANCES;

THOMAS BALDWIN ...	...Treble	TREVOR PRICHARD ...	6
HARRY PHELPS ...	... 2	ALFRED HANNIS ...	7
ALBERT WRIGHT ...	... 3	THOMAS WITTS ...	8
GEORGE ORCHARD ...	... 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER ...	9
THOMAS PRICE ...	... 5	LESLIE BARRY ...	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung in connection with the church festival and in honour of the diamond wedding of ex-Sergt. and Mrs. J. Williams.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES... ..	Treble	* CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	6
TOM WILDE	2	FREDERICK PAGE	7
* DONALD BROWN... ..	3	* FREDERICK R. WILLIAMS... ..	8
ALLEN F. BAILEY	4	BEN THORP... ..	9
* WILLIAM PYE	5	* JAMES TURNER	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by BEN THORP.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	Treble	WALTER G. ROWE	6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL	2	REGINALD BROWN	7
* FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	3	JOHN R. RODWELL	8
GEORGE POLLINGER	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	9
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	5	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* 200th peal. The 51st anniversary of the conductor's wedding. This is the first peal of Bob Royal in the county of Hants, also first peal of Bob Royal by ringers of 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY BROWN	Treble	VICTOR APPELGATE	5
FRED NEWTON	2	CHARLES BROWN	6
JOHN H. LENTON	3	HARRY C. WALTERS... ..	7
WILFRED APPELGATE... ..	4	* EDWARD ATKINSON	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the Rev. A. G. Shipley, M.A., on the completion of 21 years as Vicar of All Saints' Church.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT	Treble	H. ERNEST COX	5
CHARLES EDWARDS	2	ALFRED T. POULTER	6
CHARLES L. SADLER	3	HENRY J. TAYLOR	7
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS	4	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN... ..	Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY	5
ALAN V. BROMLEY	2	JOHN O. WELLER	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	FRANK BELSEY	7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS	Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

A birthday peal for the youngest daughter of Robert T. Lambert.

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PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. W. STRANGEWAY... ..	Treble	GEORGE W. STEEL	5
FRED NEWTON	2	HARRY BROWN	6
WILFRED APPELGATE	3	HARRY C. WALTERS... ..	7
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE... ..	4	* HARRY HOMER	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

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

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

* CHARLES H. COX	Treble	ARTHUR ALFORD	5
ERNEST COX	2	JOHN J. WEBB	6
GLYN SHAW	3	WILLIAM POSTON... ..	7
ALFRED T. POULTON... ..	4	HARVEY H. WINNEY	Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal on eight bells. A compliment to Mr. J. Williams, of Newent, on the 80th anniversary of his wedding.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* GEORGE S. JOY	Treble	* RONALD J. C. HAGLEY	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	MAURICE SMITHER	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	7
P. S. FRANCIS C. HAGLEY . .	4	WILFRED BARTLETT	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal and first attempt. C. E. Smith's 150th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. G. Rosier, churchwarden of this church for several years, who was interred the same day.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

A. BARNES "	Treble	W. BROWN	5
TOM WILDE... ..	2	* F. R. WILLIAMS	6
WILLIAM PYE	3	FREDERICK PAGE	7
HAROLD JACKSON... ..	4	† GEORGE PYE	Tenor

Conducted by H. JACKSON.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

G. EYRE	Treble	STEPHEN PARRY	5
FRANK BEAUMONT	2	VERNON SYKES	6
ARTHUR TAYLOR	3	HERBERT BARLOW	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	4	GEORGE BARLOW... ..	Tenor

Composed by E. FRANCIS.

Conducted by GEORGE BARLOW.

First peal in the method for G. Eyre. First peal for F. Beaumont. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Fred Crossland, Edwin H. Shaw and George Barlow, who respectively celebrated their 77th, 74th and 22nd birthdays.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT RAINBIRD Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
FRANK G. RINGE 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

The conductor has now rung a peal on every day in the year, i.e., 366 different dates.

GRIMSBY, LINGS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*WILLIAM FISHER Treble	JOHN B. BUDD 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 6
FRED OVERTON 3	JACK BRAY 7
HERBERT I. MINGAY 4	CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to H. Mingay.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. SHERWOOD ... Treble	*J. EDWARD REDFERN ... 5
G. WILFRED SLACK 2	*JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD ... 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	GEORGE ROBINSON 7
PERCY J. JOHNSON 4	*JOHN MARSHALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method.

MESHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S FIVE-PART, No. 25. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. CHARLES DICKEN Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	WALTER WALLACE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
KEITH HART 3	WALTER CHARMAN 7
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
JOHN CHARNOCK 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR 6
J. RICHARD TAYLOR 3	PETER CROOK, JUN. 7
WILLIAM SHARPLES 4	P.S. PETER CROOK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor 37½ cwt. in C.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	JAMES F. DUFFIELD 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A farewell peal to the Rev. D. L. Saberton, for 6½ years curate at this church, and a peal of welcome to his successor, the Rev. — de Voil. Fred Howchin's 100th peal in the method.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
H. W. WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble	GEORGE TILLSON 5
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
HARRY L. SMITH 3	ROWLAND BARROW 7
W. ARTHUR SKINNER 4	KENNETH LAWSON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Special arranged and rung half-muffled to the respected memory of the officers and men of the 4th Leicestershire Regt. who fell at Hohenzollern Redoubt, October 13th, 1915.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 13, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Treble	ERNEST E. HOLMAN 5
JOHN H. WILKINS 2	ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 7
JAMES C. ADAMS 4	FRED C. MAYNARD Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. C. Maynard, the respected Ringing Master of the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society; also to Mr. J. H. Wilkins and Mr. R. Maynard, jun., with the good wishes of the band.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. SAVIOUR'S GUILD.)

On Thursday, October 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE W. STOKES Treble	HAROLD S. HOBDEN 5
EDWARD W. BRAY 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 6
*FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 3	ERNEST GOWER 7
ARTHUR K. GOWER 4	BENJAMIN HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by E. GOWER.

* First peal in the method. Arranged as a compliment to G. W. Stokes and also to Mrs. Stokes, whose birthdays fall on the 13th and 19th respectively.

IRCHESTER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, October 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Katharine,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

AMOS SMART Treble	JOHN R. SHARMAN 5
*FRANCIS BALL 2	HARRY CHAMBERS 6
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
CHARLES W. CLARKE 4	ARTHUR TOMPKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in the method.

CHARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF DEXTER'S.

Tenor 23 cwt.

MISS IRENE HASTIE Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	EDWARD J. WYATT 6
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	PERCY MERSON 7
JAMES HUNT 4	GEORGE COLES Tenor

Conducted by A. H. REED.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
*CHARLES W. BURTON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
FREDERICK REDGWELL 3	WALTER ARNOLD 7
AMBROSE MASON 4	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BRIMLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 5
HECTOR G. BIRD 2	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
JOHN BASS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung for the harvest festival; also a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. E. Parsons, W. B. Cartwright, J. Smith and the conductor. Clifford Skidmore's 150th peal.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... Treble	† NATHANIEL T. MOXON ... 5
HAROLD DENMAN 2	* ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... 6
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 3	TOM BARTHOLOMEW 7
* MISS CONSTANCE ELING ... 4	LEONARD PIERREPONT ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal of Major and first attempt. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. T. H. J. and Mrs. Eling on their silver wedding. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking them for their kind hospitality after the peal, and also wish to associate with the peal the name of Mr. E. A. Midwinter, who was unfortunately prevented by an accident from taking part.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

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On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* ARTHUR NEWTON Treble	ARTHUR G. JAMES 5
† A. REGINALD BLABY 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
JAMES W. WILKINS 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	VICTOR EVANS Tenor

Conducted by P. NEWTON.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. All are members of the local band except the ringer of the 3rd, to whom the band are grateful for standing in after meeting short. Rung on the eve of the sixth anniversary of the conductor's wedding, which took place at this church.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
GEORGE OLIVER 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	Cecil NICE 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5
ROBERT WALLWORK 2	WILLIAM HORAN 6
THOMAS WALLWORK 3	* LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of London. Quickest peal on the bells.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

DAVID WRIGHT Treble	* ALFRED J. CLAYTON 5
EDWARD G. TALBOT 2	TONY PRICE 6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
* RONALD H. DOVE 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BENTLEY, SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 4½ cwt.

GEORGE WYATT Treble	* ROBERT HEAZEL 3
ALBERT RAINEBIRD 2	* ALBERT PRYKE 4
	* CHARLES PRYKE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HEAZEL.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Alfred G. F. Wyatt, only son of the ringer of the treble, to Miss Violet Shute, which took place at Leeds Parish Church on September 24th. This unique occasion was his birthday and the anniversary of the wedding of his father.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(STROUD BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores each called differently.

GEORGE DOWDESWELL ... Treble	HARRY NEWMAN 4
TREVOR PRICHARD 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	WILLIAM BANYARD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a 70th birthday peal for the Vicar, who is chairman of the branch. Rung after meeting short for Triples.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY C. JONES Treble	*FREDERICK W. LEACH ... 4
FREDERICK J. REEVE 2	C. JESSE PUPLETT 5
JAMES W. WILKINS 3	FRANK WEST Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

* First peal. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival, and as a farewell peal for the ringer of the 5th, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. C. Jones, wife of the ringer of the treble and local foreman.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANCIS BROMLEY Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4
PERCY TAYLOR 2	ALAN BROMLEY 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	EDWIN BROMLEY Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung for the harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to Francis Bromley, Percy Taylor, R. E., R. T. and T. Lambert.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob.

MISS EDITH K. KNIGHT Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
CHAS. W. CLARKE 3	HERBERT SHARP Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. T. Boston, who was churchwarden at St. Peter's, and who was interred on this day.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise and three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ALFRED G. GORDON Treble	HAROLD FRADGLEY 4
HAROLD DOUGHEY 2	JOHN W. ENGLAND 5
ARTHUR B. JUDGE 3	TOM CLARK Tenor

Conducted by TOM CLARK.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. Thomas H. Evans, and Mrs. Evans, formerly of Norden, Rochdale, Lancs.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FREDERICK HANNINGTON ... Treble	ERNEST COOMES 4
JOHN W. JONES 2	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ALFRED W. HEATH 3	JOHN PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, London, Wols, York, Durham, Cambridge and Beverley.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

*CECIL N. AUSTIN Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	ROBERT HOWARD 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	EDWARD H. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal.

STANDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS Treble	SYDNEY CARTER 4
JEFFREY WILLIAMS 2	BARNARD PATMORE 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE 3	JOHN WELCH Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's with different callings.

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr.

*ALBERT C. BAKER Treble	†GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE ... 4
PERCY C. WILLIAMS 2	JOHN G. JEFFERIES 5
SAMUEL PHILLIPS 3	FRANK SKIDMORE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKIDMORE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. R. Stevens), who was 90 years of age on September 28th. These bells were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in May of this year.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*CHAS. W. CLARKE Treble	*DON C. MEARS 4
*HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	†W. G. BYGRAVE Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal. Mr. C. W. Clarke has now rung a peal of Stedman on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. First peal on the bells.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ARTHUR E. PEGLAR, JUN. Treble	ROBERT SPERRING 4
ROBERT L. FAIRLIE 2	JAMES H. MIDWINTER 5
EDMUND LODGE 3	L. JOHN EVANS 6

ARTHUR E. PEGLAR, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal and first attempt, age 14. Rung on the back seven. Second and 3rd ringers from Llandudno, 4th from Chester, 6th from Rhyl.

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FRATERNISING AT HILLINGDON.**A 21st BIRTHDAY PARTY!**

A very enjoyable gathering of the clans took place at Hillingdon on Saturday, October 8th, when members of the Middlesex County Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild held a joint meeting. A couple of hours' ringing preceded a brief service, which was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Wadsworth in the absence of the Vicar, who, unfortunately, was seriously ill. Miss D. G. Feltham accompanied the singing with organ music.

An adjournment was then made to the Church Hall, where Dr. Wadsworth presided over a very jolly tea party. After tea, handbells were brought into use, and a thoroughly informal atmosphere prevailed.

The vice-president of the Middlesex Association (Mr. J. A. Trollope) briefly welcomed the visitors, the thanks of whom were voiced by the Branch Ringing Master of the Oxford Guild (Mr. Fowler).

Among other things, it was mentioned that 21 years ago on October 7th the very fine ring of ten bells that they had been ringing that afternoon were dedicated and rung for the first time.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Hillingdon for use of the bells, together with the hope that he would recover his health in due course. Dr. Wadsworth was thanked for his attendance, as also was Mrs. P. W. Goodfellow and her assistants for preparing and serving an excellent tea.

The tower was again visited and further ringing took place. Over forty ringers were present, both Guilds being well represented.

FIRST 720 SINCE THE WAR.

At Kirkby Malzeard, on Sunday, October 2nd, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Langshaw 1, E. Hudson 2, C. E. Howroyd 3, J. Metcalfe 4, G. Langshaw 5, E. Burnett (conductor) 6. Also on Sunday, October 8th, for harvest festival evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Langshaw 1, F. Tingle 2, C. Howroyd 3, J. Metcalfe 4, G. Langshaw 5, E. Hudson (conductor) 6. The conductor's first attempt to call a 720. The above are nearly all members of the Ripon Cathedral Company, their bells being at present in the hands of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. No 720 had been previously rung on these bells since the Great War.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Warkton, Northants, on Saturday, October 15th, at St. Edmund's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles with half-muffled clappers by the local band: A. S. Toseland (first 720) 1, H. Patrick 2, R. W. Lawrence 3, H. O. Mutton 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5. Rung as a last tribute of respect to the late Rev. Thomas Lane Coulson Bridges, Rector of Warkton from 1882-1909, who was interred at Warkton that afternoon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DIVISION'S RECORD IN NEW MEMBERS.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Sept. 24th, when the towers represented were Conisborough, Ecclesfield, Handsworth, Ranmoor, Killamarsh, Rawmarsh, Arksey, Sheffield Cathedral, Rotherham and Wortley. Touches of Bob Major, Little Bob, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were rung before service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. Thomas). Tea was served in the schoolroom by the wives of the local company, and was very much appreciated.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, the following were elected members of the association: Messrs. J. Saswell, C. Alder and T. Cooper, of Eastwood, H. Holbrook, of Shelley, W. Steel, of Hoylandswaine, D. Smith, of Felkirk, and W. Lewis, of Conisborough. This brings the number of new members to 27 for the current year—a record for the division, and speaks well for the future welfare of change ringing in the area. It was decided to hold the next meeting jointly with the Sheffield and District Society at Rawmarsh on Saturday, December 3rd.

A circular was read from the president of the Yorkshire Association (the Rev. C. C. Marshall), with regard to the proposed testimonial to the late hon. secretary of the association, Mr. P. J. Johnson. It is hoped that it will be a great success, so that a fitting recognition can be made to Mr. Johnson for his many years of real hard work for the association.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the ladies and to the local company for the very excellent arrangements made concluded the meeting.

A RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Tuesday, September 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. James' Church, Badsey, as a mark of respect to Mr. C. Knight on the occasion of his golden wedding. He has been 51 years a ringer, and 21 years foreman of the tower. J. Pethard 1, W. D. Sparrow 2, J. Perkins, sen., 3, W. Hardiman 4, A. Taylor 5, J. W. Heath 6, G. A. King (conductor) 7, G. Meisey 8.

STEDMAN DOUBLES IN SHROPSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I certainly appreciate the correction by Mr. T. R. Butler to the footnote of the peal at Stockton, Shropshire. I am sorry the error was made. Would it be asking too much from the compilers of 'The Ringers' Directory' to include a list of first peals in each method by the various associations and guilds?

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Members of the Police Guild will find an interesting short article on 'Our Pealing Peelers' in the October issue of 'On and Off Duty,' written by Ernest Morris, author of the 'History and Art of Change Ringing.'

The first peal on the bells at Wallington, Herts, was rung on Saturday. The bells have been put into a new frame and hung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Mr. W. G. Bygrave, the donor of the treble bell, and Mrs. Bygrave entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

Grimley, Worcestershire, has a ring of six with a pre-Reformation tenor dating back to 1482. The bells have been recently overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the first peal was rung on them on Sunday. Afterwards the ringers enjoyed the hospitality of the Rector (the Rev. W. Herald).

Very few ringers have rung a peal on every one of the 366 dates that go to make a year. Mr. William Pye and Mr. James George had done it; last Monday week Mr. G. R. Pye completed it. Are there any others?

Arthur E. Pegler, jun., of Bangor, has just rung his first peal, at the age of 14. Is he the youngest ringer to ring a peal in Wales? The peal was Grandsire Triples, rung without a cover!

A peal on seven bells, with or without a cover, is recognised by the Central Council, but as long ago as 1893 the Council passed a resolution discountenancing such performances.

Mr. Harold Walker, of Doncaster, has been appointed to take charge of the Carriage and Wagon Department, West Riding District, L.N.E.R. (G.N. Section), with headquarters at Holbeck, Leeds.

The dedication of the augmented and rehung peal at Stagsden, Beds, is to take place on November 4th. A ringers' festival will be held there about the third week in November.

THE LIVERPOOL 'PILGRIMAGE'

NEARLY 300 VISITORS EXPECTED.

Owing to the large number of visitors who will attend the great gathering of ringers at Liverpool on Saturday (nearly 300 tickets have been sold), it will be impossible to hold the service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral. The arrangements have, therefore, had to be slightly altered.

An organ recital, commencing at 3 p.m., will be given by Mr. Goss Custard on the great organ. Seats free on application to Mr. R. S. Dawson, Guest Master at the Cathedral.

Immediately after the recital the Pilgrimage party will tour the Cathedral. At 5 p.m. service will be held in the Cathedral.

Supper will be served at 6.15 at Bear's Paw Restaurant.

The bells at St. Nicholas' Church will be available for visitors from 2 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

MAGNIFICENT GIFT FOR RESTORATION SCHEME.

£20,000 FOR BISHOPWEARMOUTH PARISH CHURCH.

Owing to a subsidence caused by colliery workings, the Parish Church at Bishopwearmouth is in need of restoration on a large scale, towards the cost of which the Rector (the Rev. Preb. Wynne Willson) has received from an anonymous donor the magnificent sum of £20,000. The restoration work will include a new side chapel and a new aisle on the south side, a new aisle on the north side, while a northex is to be added to the west end.

The peal of eight bells, six of which were put in by Mears and Stainbank in 1810, are to be recast and hung in ball bearings. As the tower will not be interfered with, it has been decided to get on with the bells at once, and the Whitechapel firm are again being entrusted with the work. They are starting to remove the bells this week, as the Rector wants the new ones in by Christmas, so that they can be kept going for the services which are to be held in the Church Hall during the alterations, which it is estimated will take two years.

ESSEX SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—To whom should the method Essex Surprise be credited? The reason I ask is that I have a belief that it was published some four years ago by Mr. A. Craven. The method is in my collection under his name, but I cannot give any date. The only clue I have is that it closely follows 'Norton,' 'Ripon,' 'Lincoln' and 'New London,' by Mr. Craven. 'New London' was immediately claimed by Mr. George Baker as 'Bellthorpe.' We then have 'Leek' and 'Chesterfield,' and then the above mentioned method, entered up by me as 'No 2, A. Craven.' I have a notion that No. 1 was 'Chesterfield.' Perhaps you or some other interested person may be able, from the above clues, to place the method and give the date of publication. It was certainly published; if not, how did it come into my possession? By the hand of providence, upon opening my book at random to enter the above, there was the method before my eyes. I am sorry I cannot give more precise details, but perhaps others who keep a record of methods can supply these facts. I am sorry that it has fallen to my lot to open up the matter, but I consider it is quite in the interest of the Exercise. The late Mr. Craven, I am sure, would have claimed the method had he been spared.—Yours truly,
Lutterworth.

E. W. TIPLER.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, KILBURN.**DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION.**

The diamond jubilee celebrations of St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, which lasted for a week and began on Oct. 2nd, are not without interest to the Exercise, as the church is generally regarded as one of the finest examples of modern Gothic architecture, and has quite the most conspicuous spire in North-West London. The church was built from the designs of Mr. J. L. Pearson, R.A., the architect of Truro Cathedral, and the spire was completed in 1898, when a ring of eight bells and a Bourdon were cast by Messrs. Vonnachodt, of Louvain (Belgium), and placed therein. They were not intended for our style of ringing, but the hanging was subsequently altered so that they could be rung with difficulty.



THE IMPOSING TOWER AND SPIRE OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, KILBURN.

In 1926 the fourth bell was recast, the whole peal tuned and rehung by Messrs. Taylor, and the weights are now as follows:—

- Treble.—1 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.
- 2nd.—1 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.
- 3rd.—2 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb.
- 4th.—3 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.
- 5th.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.
- 6th.—5 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

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CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.**72½ cwt. TENOR TURNED IN TO A PEAL.**

The Exeter Grandisson was turned in to a peal for the first time on Saturday last. This enormous bell of 72½ cwt., weighing nearly five tons inclusive of headstock and fittings, has resisted more than one single-handed effort to turn it in to a peal, and it was after these failures that the Dean and Chapter decided that this bell should only be rung by two men. Prior to this, however, Mr. William Pye rang it through a peal of Stedman Caters some 29 years ago, and this remains on record as the only occasion on which a single-handed attempt has been successful. It says a great deal for Mr. Pye's long record as a heavy bell ringer that he now, at the age of 62, can stand his full share of ringing this bell through a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

The idea of making this attempt took definite shape about two years ago, when twelve of the band, after a peal at Buckfast Abbey, rang a trial course of Maximus at the Cathedral with the assistance of Mrs. E. S. Powell to make the thirteenth ringer. It was then felt that if an attempt was made there would have to be strengthened back end, and Mr. R. Sanders, who as an 'eleventh' man may be equalled but not surpassed, was invited to complete the band. Early this summer the Dean and Chapter were asked to permit the attempt to be made, and permission was given for October 15th. By a strange coincidence this date was the fifth anniversary of a peal of Stedman Cinques in which seven of the band took part, when Mr. Pye was assisted in ringing the tenor by Mr. A. Mitchell, of the Cathedral company.

At the Cathedral the visitors were met by the Rev. E. S. Powell (president of the Devonshire Guild) and Mrs. Powell, Mr. T. Laver (hon. secretary, Devonshire Guild) and several of the Cathedral ringers, who very kindly raised the bells. Shortly after 4.30 all was ready, and 'Go' was called. Before a lead had been rung, however, it was found necessary to stop to adjust the auxiliary rope on the tenor, which was in danger of becoming entangled. After this all went well, and soon the bells got into a steady beat, which was maintained fairly evenly throughout the peal. There was a slight slowing up in the sixth course to ease the men on the tenor, but this was, perhaps, only noticeable in the tower. After nearly 4½ hours, 'That's all' was called, and a very fine peal was brought round.

There was an invasion of the belfry and many congratulations for the band, especially for the ringers of the eleventh and tenor. The ringing of Grandisson was a two-men job in every sense of the word. Each man took his full share of pulling, both at back and handstroke, and neither could afford to take any rest. They fitted in well, and at no time did they appear to be at 'sixes and sevens,' as might have been expected with less experienced ringers. The 11th man had his own task to do, and did it well, and went back to London with bandages round five badly blistered fingers. The conductor was most emphatic in his 'No' when he was asked if he thought it possible for one man to ring the tenor to a peal of Maximus, and added that he had always been of that opinion.

It was in 1902 that Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, carried out the rehanging of the Cathedral bells. Since that time the peal has received no bellhanger's attention, and the fact that a peal of Maximus has been accomplished on them after a lapse of 30 years speaks volumes for the way in which the work was carried out.

The sincere thanks of the band are due to Mr. T. Laver for his untiring efforts to ensure the success of the peal; and to the Cathedral ringers for raising and falling the bells, and for giving up their monthly practice to enable the attempt to be made. The welcome extended to the visitors by Exeter ringers generally will long be remembered.

The Great Western Railway Company must have heard something about this peal, for the train back to Paddington on Sunday was drawn by the King George V., which engine has a large brass bell mounted on its front platform. C.

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- 7th.—6 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.
- Tenor.—8 cwt. 1 qr.
- Bourdon or Angelus.—23 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb.
- Total.—55 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

No peal had been attempted since the rehanging, as it had not been considered fair on the teeming population around the church, but this occasion was regarded as worthy of an exception, and, after due deliberation, the special service for the guilds and societies connected with the church was considered to be the most appropriate occasion for an attempt. This was successful, as recorded last week, and the peal is noteworthy in that four regular service ringers of the local Guild took part; the other four are honorary members and often assist; it was Mrs. Fletcher's 250th peal, and the weight of her bell, 162 lb., is somewhat of a contrast to Lincoln tenor, which she recently rang to a peal.

The bells were also rung on many other occasions during the week—notably before and after the great Eucharist on October 2nd, and the final evensong on October 9th, when they were 'fired.'

The Middlesex Association have been invited to hold a meeting at St. Augustine's on November 19th.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A COMPETITION.

The autumn meeting was held at Felixkirk, a village lying at the foot of the notorious Sutton bank, well known to motorists in Yorkshire for speed trials and otherwise. This meeting is usually arranged for a six-bell tower and the benefit of the six-bell ringers. There is a ringing competition arranged for instruction in the raising and falling of a peal of bells and the first lead of Plain Bob Minor, which is greatly neglected in a great many districts, but which to the ear of the general public in this area is considerably more appreciated than all the changing that the best of bands can produce.

The bands who entered the competition were Felixkirk (a), Felixkirk (b), Thirsk and Kirby Wiske, Thirsk coming out first, Felixkirk (a) second.

Tea was provided at Mount St. John, through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Walker, the use of their private residence being greatly appreciated by the members and the officials of the association.

The secretary acted as adjudicator, and his decision was given at the tea. He pointed out where improvements could be made if only men would put more energy into the work and not be quite so 'touchy' when spoken to about their striking. Ringers attended from Ripon, Sharow, Thirsk, Kirby Wiske, Middlesbrough and Felixkirk.—The Rev. A. J. Metcalfe proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. A. J. and Mrs. Walker for their kindness in providing tea, which was replied to by Mr. Walker.

The president (Mr. J. Stoll), who was supported by the Vicar of Felixkirk, Mr. A. J. Walker and the secretary, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the use of the church and bells for the occasion, which was replied to by the Vicar.

The president also moved that the best thanks be given to the adjudicator for the great interest taken in the competition.—Mr. Sanderson, Kirby Wiske, and Mr. E. Hudson, Sharow, complimented the winning teams on their ringing, the latter stating that the time for the raising, ringing rounds, twelve changes and the falling took 15 minutes.

After the tea and meeting the ringers returned to the tower, where several were got through their first course of Plain Bob Minor. The lady ringers present were specially successful.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Cirencester Branch was held at Coln St. Aldwyns on Saturday, October 8th, when the following towers were represented: Cirencester, Coln St. Aldwyns, Chedworth, Down Ampney and Fairford. Among the visitors who put in a welcome appearance were Mr. E. H. Adams, of Warwick, Mr. A. W. Bond, of Leamington, Mr. W. Stote, Coventry, and the Rev. N. E. Hope, of Shedworth, a practical change ringer (late of Sussex). Ringing took place until 4.30, when the Vicar of Coln (the Rev. A. H. Vizard) conducted service and gave an interesting address. Tea at the New Inn was followed by the business meeting, the Rev. N. E. Hope taking the chair.

A message was read from ex-Sergeant J. Williams, of Newent, who is a native of Coln, and who was that day celebrating his diamond wedding, wishing the meeting every success.—The secretary was asked to convey the best wishes of the members to Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

The Rev. N. E. Hope was elected a performing member, and Cirencester was chosen for the annual meeting in January.

An appeal was made on behalf of 'The Ringing World' and a discussion followed. The general opinion of those present was that a whole page should be devoted to the Sunday service ringing and miscellaneous touches to encourage young ringers by seeing their performances in print and thereby stimulating their interest in the paper and hoping thus to increase the circulation.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. A. H. Vizard for his kind welcome, for granting permission to ring and for arranging the service, and the hope was expressed that he would take up ringing himself.

The tower was again visited, and during the afternoon and evening touches were rung of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. Before dispersing, a social hour was spent with the handbells.

WEDDING OF WATFORD RINGER.

On Wednesday, October 5th, the marriage took place at Watford Parish Church of Mr. E. Stanley Edwards, Deputy Master of the Watford band, and Miss Helen K. Bryon, well known locally for her services in connection with Toe H.

The bells were rung as the happy couple left the church, and as only a short touch was possible at the time, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a compliment to them on the following Sunday evening, the band wishing them a very happy future: W. E. Oakley 1, E. P. Palmer 2, C. N. Leman 3, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 4, H. L. Long 5, F. H. Crook 6, R. G. Bell 7, J. Horlen (first quarter-peal) 8.

HOOLE.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, October 2nd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob: E. Priestner 1, W. Weetman, jun., 2, J. Benyon, sen., 3, S. D. Edwards 4, W. Weetman, sen. (conductor) 5, J. Benyon, jun., 6.

FORWARD—OR BACKWARD?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am glad that my last letter pleased my friend Mr. C. T. Coles. This ought to make him uproariously happy. If he sees no analogy between a seven-course dinner all mixed up and seven peals of Minor mixed ditto, then metaphor is lost on him, and he would be well advised to consult an oculist at once—if not sooner. I agree that my association ought to bar the false Doubles and Minor—and it is doing so. No more trash of that kind will be booked. Let us marshal the facts so that your readers can cut out this part for future reference:—

- (1) There is no such thing as 'A Peal' of 5,040 Doubles (or Minor). It takes 42 peals of Doubles, or seven peals of Minor, to make 5,040.
- (2) Any attempt to mix them makes them false in every case.
- (3) The Banks James Cambridge Minor has six false peals out of seven.
- (4) Whether you count rounds (before the start) as the first row or not makes no difference. The last lead in every case is a bob lead, and the bob is made at the back-stroke change, which makes that change inclusive—or why is it there?
- (5) If rung in the orthodox way, the 720th row appears twice in each.
- (6) The mixed Doubles are false at sight.
- (7) The 5,040 Oxford T.B. Minor is ditto. It is so afflicted with 'T.B.' that no sanatorium would accept it.

It makes no difference to the ringer where the bobs (or singles) are made. It is no help to him to substitute one for other. The only person it can 'help' is the peal-hog conductor, who, given a weak hand—the weaker the better—and a clock, can book the 'peal' (sic) before he starts. In my opinion, if one was inclined to include an unorthodox peal of Minor, it would be the 5,040 of Bob Minor rung by Mr. M. Atkins, which consisted of seven in-course blocks of 360 each, turned with a single, then the out-of-course blocks rung likewise. In his case, he obtained seven true and complete 720's with the minimum number of singles, and unobtainable otherwise.

Just a word to those who think it a huge joke to rail at 'grandfather.' The old man was young once. He had traversed the same course and knew of the same pitfalls. He didn't do these things because he had more sense. There is a graphic account in the Old Testament of what happened to those who 'forsook the counsel of the old men.' Freak peals were rung over 70 years ago, while Sottan-stall's book of 1864 gives spliced Oxford and Kent. If every conductor is to be a law unto himself, it spells chaos, and it would be a waste of time and money to run a Central Council, which was originated to bring all associations into unity.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

SIDE ISSUES.

Sir,—I, PERSONALLY, have no wish to appear in this matter either for or against, and think too much space has already been taken up in 'The Ringing World' that could be used for better purposes. Both sides use foolish analogies which are irrelevant and beside the point. Mr. Coles would make his side of the argument much more convincing if he stuck to the point and not keep getting on side tracks. The M.C.A. performances of several years ago, and Mr. Willson's attitude towards them, have nothing whatever to do with the matter. Since he mentions this side issue, however, as general hon. secretary of the M.C.A., I would refer him to your issue of May 16th, 1930.

Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

5,040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trollope is very sorry to contradict the statement I made, that if 123456 is taken as the first change in Mr. James' peal of Cambridge, we produce a true 720. May I ask him to give us any rows that are missing from a 720 produced by calling a 720 W.R.W.? He might also let us know how many leads are rung in the reverse way.

I had no intention of misquoting Mr. Coles, but as he has now made himself quite clear on the matter, may I suggest he arranges seven 720's of Oxford in the following way (both contain only two 5-6's at hand):—

23456	O	4th	W	H	23456	O	4th	W	H
54326	3	4	2	2	42356	2	2		
23456			2	2	53246	—	—	1	2
					23456			2	1

and then give us his opinion as to which tests the ability of the conductor the most.

Mr. Coles asks me to let your readers know how I called the peal of Cambridge at Killamarsh on February 18th, 1928. If he will refer to your issue of August 23rd, 1929, he will find my explanation there. The answer to his last question is, 123456 takes exactly the same place as it does in Mr. James' arrangement.

Killamarsh.

C. SEVERN.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 52 minutes for the visit of the Bishop of Dover: C. Tribe 1, C. Brown 2, A. J. Battin 3, R. Edwards 4, C. Ballard (first quarter-peal 'inside') 5, W. Tickner 6, K. Patenden (conductor) 7, R. Breeze 8.

BOSTON 'STUMP' BELLS RESTORED.**RECAST RING OF TEN 'TRIED OUT.'**

After a silence of five years, the bells of Boston 'Stump'—the stately tower which overlooks the waters of the Wash—were heard again on Saturday week, when the magnificent new peal of ten, which have been recast from the old peal of eight and installed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were 'tried out.' They have not yet been dedicated, but it is hoped a date will be decided upon shortly, probably when the scaffolding has all been removed from the tower, which should only take a few weeks now to clear away. Everyone had looked forward to hearing the new peal, and all were high in their praises for the grand scheme which has been so successfully carried out by the renowned Loughborough firm.

The restoration has been complete and thorough. The old iron frame has been scrapped, the bells recast and hung in a new iron frame on stout steel foundation girders with all the latest fittings, and is undoubtedly one of the finest schemes of bell restoration carried out by this great firm during recent years. What is more, although the old peal was hung at a great height, the new one has been taken up some 6ft. higher, so that an improved ringing chamber could be constructed.

Instead of Boston possessing the worst chamber in the country, it has now one of the best; excellently fitted up with electric lighting, etc. The visitors on Saturday week included Mr. E. Denison Taylor (head of the founders), Mr. J. Oldham (manager), Messrs. Collins and Smith (Loughborough), S. Proctor (Grantham), W. White (Cotgrave), G. Ladd (Pinchbeck) and J. Phillips (Butterwick). The local ringers included Messrs. F. Dewey, W. E. Clarke, F. Leggett, H. Harper, F. P. Harwood, R. Howard, S. Jessop and others. The ringing commenced with some well-struck rounds, followed by several courses of Grandsire Caters, and concluded with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples on the back eight.

Inside the tower the sound of the bells is heard with just that clarity which is the joy of all ringers who love good striking, while outside their tones announced to all that the glorious tower stands once more securely restored to the beauty that men had given it.

The new bells are of beautiful tone, with a tenor of 20 cwt., which sounds a rich E flat.

After the ringing all were invited to tea at the Scala Restaurant, when, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Rev. R. N. Daniels presided, supported by the churchwardens (Messrs. J. H. Donnington and E. Steele) and Mr. Pratt (secretary to the Church Council and Restoration Fund).

In a brief speech the Chairman spoke highly of the Loughborough firm, who had, without doubt, carried out their work in their usual excellent manner, and had added one more to their long list of great triumphs.

Mr. Taylor, in responding, expressed appreciation of all that had been said, and stated that everything that was possible had been done to ensure the whole scheme being brought to a successful conclusion.

BISHOP CONGRATULATES RINGERS.

During the week of September 12th to the 18th the Bishop of Winchester made a walking tour through the Christchurch Deanery, visiting Christchurch on Saturday, 17th, when the following ringers greeted him by ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,320 changes) in 62 minutes: A. Bishop 1, Miss Sparshott 2, W. Stone 3, F. Sparshott 4, Mrs. Williams 5, R. O. Street 6, C. Forfitt 7, F. Pitman 8, H. Bird 9, E. Waters 10, G. Preston (conductor) 11, W. Fowler 12. C. Forfitt and E. Waters were from St. Peter's, Bournemouth, Mr. Bird, Heston, W. Stone, Guildford, and R. O. Street, Liverpool. It was the first quarter-peal of Cinques by all except F. Sparshott, W. Fowler and G. Preston.

The Bishop stayed at Christchurch during the night, and on Sunday morning was given a civic reception by the Mayor and Corporation. He marched with various public bodies, headed by a band, to the Priory church, where he preached to a crowded congregation. Meanwhile another quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,320 changes) was rung in 58 minutes: A. Bishop 1, Miss Sparshott 2, W. Stone 3, Miss M. Rouse 4, Mrs. Williams 5, E. Hinton 6, F. Sparshott 7, R. O. Street 8, F. Pitman 9, W. Fowler 10, G. Preston (conductor) 11, H. Gillard 12. First quarter of Cinques by Miss Rouse and E. Hinton. Also a 590 Grandsire Cinques, with Miss Hodges 1, A. Bishop 6, and A. Pye (Seven Kings) 8. The Bishop afterwards congratulated the ringers on the ringing. For evensong 575 Grandsire Caters was rung by: R. O. Street 1, Miss Sparshott 2, E. Hinton 3, Miss Rouse 4, Mrs. Williams 5, H. Bird 6, F. Bennett (Brighton) 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston 9, H. Gillard 10.

BEGINNING EARLY.

At Witham, Essex, on Sunday, September 18th, at the residence of Mr. W. Mellin, 720 Bob Minor on handbells: F. Mellin (first 720) 1, W. Mellin 2, A. Evers 3, W. S. Butler (first 720 on handbells) 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5-6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer on the eve of his 11th birthday. He is the youngest in the county to ring a 720.

TWO TREBLES FOR NEWBURY.**AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.**

The present eight bells at Newbury, Berks, are to be augmented to ten. The ringers have undertaken the raising of the funds, and a sum of £190 is required. Of this amount the Newbury men are giving £102, and they appeal to ringers and friends outside the town to contribute the remaining £88. Help from the parishioners is not to be expected, as they are already engaged in raising £4,000 to put a new roof on the church.

When the augmentation is completed, Newbury will have a fine peal of ten, with tenor 21½ cwt. in D. The work is to be done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Donations should be sent to Mr. H. W. Curtis (captain and secretary), Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A good meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, October 15th, members attending from Allesley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Lillington, Nuneaton, Rugby, Shilton, Warwick, together with the local band. Various methods were rung on the tower bells (a light eight, tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.) during the afternoon until 5 o'clock, when a halt was called for tea, which was served in St. Andrew's Hall. This was a splendid meal, kindly arranged by Mr. E. H. Johnson, captain of the local band. The business meeting followed the tea, Mr. J. H. W. White (Ringing Master) taking the chair.

The following meeting places were fixed: Bodworth for the January quarterly meeting, and Fillongley for November, the December meeting being dispensed with owing to the proximity to Christmas.

The election of Messrs. J. H. Lucas, F. Corke, E. Hancox, of Uxbridge, and F. Perry, of Lutterworth, prior to peals was ratified.

Mr. A. H. Beamish, having given notice of motion at the previous quarterly meeting, proposed that the sum of one guinea be sent to the Davies Memorial Fund.—This was seconded by Mr. J. B. Fenton and carried unanimously.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea.

Some of the members stayed in the tea room for handbell ringing, while others returned to the tower until about 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Glastonbury Deanery Branch was held at West Pennard on Saturday, October 15th, when members and friends were present from Pilton, Croscombe, Glastonbury, West Pennard, Doulting, Shepton Mallet, Binegar, North Cadbury and Evercech. Good use was made of the bells and a short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock (Master of the Association), the lesson being read by the Rev. L. S. Lewis, St. John's, Glastonbury (chairman of the branch). Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, when about two dozen sat down to an excellent spread, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. B. Dunkerton and friends. The Rev. L. S. Lewis presided over the business meeting, supported by the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, Binegar (a former chairman of the branch), the Rev. C. W. Wootton (Croscombe) and Mr. F. D. Rickards (hon. secretary and treasurer). It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Glastonbury, and it was left to the secretary to arrange the date.

On the proposition of the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, seconded by Mr. H. J. Trim, it was decided to advertise the meetings of the branch in 'The Ringing World.' Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address; to the organist and choir; to Mr. and Mrs. Dunkerton and friends for providing tea, all of which were carried with acclamation.

Further touches on the bells were rung during the evening, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. A successful and enjoyable meeting came to a close about 8.45 p.m.

EAST ILSLEY RINGERS' WEDDING.

A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church, East Ilsley, on October 15th, when Miss Hilda Mary Alice Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Curtis, of The Star, East Ilsley, was married to Mr. Edward Thomas Oliver Sneller, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Sneller, of East Ilsley. The Rev. A. Ogle officiated. Both bride and bridegroom were actively associated with the Parish Church and village life, the bride having been school teacher, chorister and bell-ringer, and the bridegroom a chorister, bandsman and bell-ringer. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by Miss Hilda Chaisley and Miss June East as bridesmaids. Mr. W. T. Hibbert was best man. Mrs. W. East, the bridegroom's sister, was the organist, and the choir led the singing. The bells rang out merrily as the happy couple left the church, the ringers being W. Hibbert 1, E. Warwick 2, Miss R. Hazell 3, R. Warwick 4, Miss S. Davis 5, Miss P. Holloway 6, C. Hibbert (conductor) 7, W. Warwick 8.

Later an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was unsuccessful, but afterwards a quarter-peal was rung by W. Hibbert 1, E. Warwick 2, R. Warwick 3, Miss R. Hazell 4, Miss P. Holloway 5, Miss S. Davis 6, C. Hibbert (conductor) 7, W. Warwick 8. The happy couple are spending their honeymoon in London.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Melksham on Saturday, October 8th. Good use was made of the excellent ring of eight bells (tenor 18 cwt.). At tea the members were joined by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Aston, M.A., D.S.O.), Mr. E. D. Aust (churchwarden) and Dr. C. F. Rumbold, the company numbering 47.

The usual business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (branch chairman) presiding. He welcomed the visitors and specially mentioned two who had made the journey from Buckland Newton. Apologies were received from the Rev. C. A. Plaxton (Southbroom) and Mr. C. J. Pretty (Holt), the latter having met with a painful mishap. It was unanimously decided that the secretary should communicate with him the sympathy of the members and wish him a speedy recovery.

The places of the next two monthly meetings were provisionally decided upon—Market Lavington, with ringing at West Lavington, in November, and Bradford-on-Avon in December.

Before the meeting closed it was reported that Mr. F. Barns had passed away. He had been a member of Seend tower for many years. The meeting stood in silence for a few moments in honour of his memory.

The usual votes of thanks being passed, the members returned to the tower.

The Guild service, combined with evensong, was conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. Wilbe Jones, Mr. Pearce being at the organ. This was much appreciated and enjoyed by the members who attended.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), St. James', Southbroom, Rowde, Trowbridge, North Bradley, Warmminster, Westbury, Urchfort and Melksham; and the methods successfully brought round included Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, also, by special request, 'a whip round on the beorder zix.' The branch was pleased and indeed honoured by the presence of visitors from Chippenham, Frome and Buckland Newton. The bells were lowered at 8 p.m. after a successful and most enjoyable meeting.

FOUR WEDDINGS IN A YEAR.

At Benilton, Sutton, on Sunday, October 16th, for evening service at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by members of the local band: H. Smerdon 1, Mrs. E. Enticknap (first quarter 'inside') 2, H. Good 3, G. Chiverton (first quarter-peal) 4, G. Reed 5, E. Enticknap 6, W. C. Smith (conductor) 7, R. Foreman 8.

This was rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 5th, who was married at this church on the previous day, he being the fourth member of the local band to be married within 12 months.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Sunday, October 16th, for morning service, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Woodley 1, P. Jaycock 2, G. J. Berry (conductor) 3, H. Webb 4, C. Barrett 5, R. Walker 6. First quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band and by the ringers of treble and tenor, also first as conductor. Ten different callings were used.

TAUNTON.—At St. James' Church on Sunday, October 16th, on the occasion of the visit of Bishop J. Taylor Smith, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the St. James' Guild: H. W. Burden 1, J. Hunt 2, W. H. Poole 3, A. H. Reed 4, A. R. Thorne 5, J. Roy 6, W. G. Gigg (conductor) 7, S. Pridde 8.

BURFORD, OXON.—On October 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): T. Bond 1, W. Nipper (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 2, W. Brunson 3, T. Midwinter 4, A. Bishop 5, W. Dixon 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, G. Faulkner 8. Rung by the local band.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On October 16th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, J. Williams 2, S. Head 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, S. Carter 5, A. Phillips (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Duke of York: W. Williams 1, J. Williams 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Sunday, October 9th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1,344 London Surprise Major: A. Harris 1, W. Coley 2, Tom Greenhall 3, W. Brown 4, Eric Forrest 5, J. Cox 6, W. Webb 7, A. Hackett (conductor) 8. All are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 9th, for harvest festival services, the following 720's were rung: Before 7 a.m. Choral Eucharist, 720 Norwich Surprise and 720 Ipswich Surprise; before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Bourne Surprise and 720 Lincoln Surprise; before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 Durham Surprise and 720 Cambridge Surprise. The ringers were L. Camp, H. Wright, C. Harrington, G. Camp, J. Sitch, E. Sitch and A. Bradley, the conductors being L. Camp, E. Sitch and A. Bradley.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday, October 9th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): I. Cooper 1, A. Stamp 2, L. Parkin 3, E. Williams 4, J. Coad 5, G. Lee 6, P. E. Dave (London) 7, A. G. W. Measures (composer and conductor) 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**VALE OF WHITE HORSE BRANCH.**

The autumn meeting of the Vale of White Horse Branch was held at Buckland on Saturday, October 8th. The tower was opened at 2.30, and at 3.30 a special ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. L. C. Newhouse), who also gave an appropriate address. After tea there was a short business meeting, the chairman of the branch (the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne) presiding. There were ringers present from five local towers and a visitor from London.

The Chairman spoke of the practices held at three towers, and said they had been very encouraging. He had hoped to see a larger attendance at the meeting that day. It was decided to arrange further practices at different towers on week nights during the winter.

The next meeting was fixed for Stanford in February.

The Chairman thanked the Rev. Newhouse for allowing them the use of the bells and for his helpful address.

The ringers afterwards adjourned to the tower, where further ringing continued until 8 o'clock.

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH CHAIRMANSHIP.

The autumn meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch was held at Stanton Harcourt on Saturday, October 1st. In spite of very cold and bad weather, a good attendance was recorded. Service in the old Parish Church, which was beautifully decorated for the harvest festival, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Farrer), who gave a most inspiring address on the words, 'For the edifying of the Body of Christ,' in the course of which he pointed out the necessity for ringers to remember their work as a duty unto God. The lesson, taken from Ephesians iv., 1-17, was read by the secretary of the branch (Mr. W. Evetts).

After service a short touch was rung on the bells by Kidlington ringers, who the members of the branch welcomed again at their meeting. Tea was served at the Harcourt Arms.

The business meeting was held immediately after tea. In the absence of the chairman (the Rev. F. R. Marriott), the Vicar was voted to the chair. A letter was read by the secretary from the Rev. F. R. Marriott, stating that he wished to be relieved of his office as chairman of the branch. Owing to the many calls on his time, he was unable to attend the meetings as often as he felt he ought. He was sure a younger man would be able to render greater assistance to the branch than he.

This decision was received by the members with deep regret, and a resolution was passed requesting the secretary to write to Mr. Marriott expressing their sincere regret. It was stated that Mr. Marriott had been chairman since 1925.

In proposing a new chairman, the secretary read excerpts from a letter received from the Master of the Guild urging the members to appoint a new chairman at that meeting. The secretary, in proposing the Rev. C. H. Stuart Gmelin, Rural Dean of Woodstock, said he had been in consultation earlier in the year with this gentleman, who had agreed to accept the office if elected.—The secretary's proposal was seconded and carried unanimously.

Wootton, Cassington and Kidlington were proposed for the annual meeting in the spring, and, by a show of hands, Cassington was most favoured by three votes. The date was left to the secretary to arrange with the Master of the Guild.

Mr. Evetts then expressed his desire to further the art of ringing in the branch by offering the use of his set of handbells to the tower foremen. This offer was received with applause and hearty thanks, and several applications for their use were received.

Mr. John Monk proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Stanton Harcourt for his address, and expressed his pleasure at being in that village again.—This was carried unanimously, and the Vicar suitably replied.

The secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the organist and visitors, and coupled with the latter the new Rector of Standlake (the Rev. Pearce), who thanked the members for their hearty welcome, and said he hoped to be present at their meetings on many occasions. He also mentioned that in his younger days he used to be a ringer.

The members then dispersed to neighbouring towers for ringing.

THE RINGERS' HANDBOOK

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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.—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, Amberst, 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, Cobour 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. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege and St. Stephen's bells available. Service at St. Stephen's at 4.15 p.m. Tea (members 7d., non-members 1s. 3d.) and meeting at The Beverly at 4.45 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The six bells of Ottershaw Church will be reopened after rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15. Bus services from Chertsey and Woking Railway Stations. All ringers welcome.—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.—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.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

BROOKFIELD CHURCH, GORTON, MANCHESTER.—Commencing Tuesday, Oct. 25th, the weekly practice will take place on Tuesday evenings instead of Wednesdays until further notice. Will visitors please note?

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.—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 $4\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.) 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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) ready at 5.30 p.m. Method for special practice Double Norwich. Everybody welcome.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, near Doncaster.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Netherbury on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea at 4.30. No meeting. Bradpole (8) also open. All welcome.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

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.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29th, at St. Thomas', Leesfield, Oldham. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7.30 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Mansfield Woodhouse on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock, price 1s. each, to those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lowick (6) on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea advise me by Wednesday, Oct. 26th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Next meeting, Scunthorpe, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) ready 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Potts' Café, at a moderate charge. Business after tea. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Lord, 142, Mary Street, Scunthorpe, by the previous Wednesday. A lovely ring. Come in crowds.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea to follow.—Theo Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2 p.m. Tea will be reserved for those who notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop. The Haigh Memorial, it is hoped, will be on view. Good attendance requested.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who send in their names to me by Oct. 26th.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Abbot's Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know how many for tea by Wednesday, 26th inst. Frequent bus service from Prince Street. All ringers welcome.—Frank Skidmore, Branch Sec., 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting will be held at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a good one.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Sat., October 29th. Bells open 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent St., Bacup.

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, STAGSDEN, BEDS.—The Lord Bishop of St. Albans will dedicate the ring of six bells, augmented and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, on Friday evening, Nov. 4th, at 7.30 p.m., on the occasion of the Induction of the Rev. W. A. Limbrick, F.R.Hist.S., to the benefice of Stagsden. Bells available after the service. All will be welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

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.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Killamarsh on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6). Tea will be free. Those requiring tea please send postcard to Mr. C. Severn, 34, Bridge Street, Killamarsh, not later than Nov. 3rd. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Walsham-le-Willows on Nov. 5th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Bodenham on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. (free). Please notify me not later than Nov. 1st.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bardney (6), Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea guaranteed only for only who send names by Oct. 31st to Harold Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bretforton on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service, with an address, at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided. Will those intending to be present please oblige by letting me know by the Tuesday previous?—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, near Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kendal Parish Church on Nov. 5th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d., to all who notify Mr. E. Jennings, 15, Castle Oval, Kendal, not later than Nov. 4th.—E. Swain, Branch Sec.

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