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## AN OPPORTUNITY.

A very valuable suggestion has been made by Mr. Stephen Wood which might serve a double purpose. It is that, in the larger areas, at any rate, ringers might, with advantage, give some help to unemployment centres by running short courses of lectures. These centres are only too grateful for help, and lectures of an interesting and educational character are particularly welcomed. Mr. Wood ventilated his proposal at Warwick, and his idea is that in populous areas a few ringers should get together and work up a 'show.' Its form must necessarily depend upon the individuals concerned and the amount of local talent available, but even if it is only of a simple kind it would, without doubt, be greatly appreciated, for anything that will help to wile away the tedium of idle hours and create a new interest is a boon.

There are various things which ringers could do to make up an interesting evening. A lecture on bells, bell founding and bell history can be made instructive as well as interesting. With Nicholl's 'Bells through the Ages' and Morris' 'History and Art of Ringing' at hand, there is plenty of material obtainable for the purpose, which, supplemented by lantern slides, which all the leading bell founders are always ready to loan, can be worked up into a really good 'talk.' Another subject which would be likely to take on would be a lecture, given in a simple style, on the rudiments of change ringing, illustrated with demonstrations on handbells, and for this purpose it is not essential that a band of ringers, each capable of ringing a pair of bells, shall be available. It is more showy, of course, to do the thing 'double handed,' but it would probably give the uninitiated audience a better idea of the art if the handbell performers rang only one bell apiece. We mention this detail in order to show that the subject need not be beyond the capacity of even moderate ringers, given the will to attempt something on behalf of their less fortunate brethren. Another thing which also goes down well and can be incorporated in any lecture connected with bells is tune ringing, which is a never-failing source of delight to an audience.

Here, then, is a useful piece of work which ringers could do in many places to help lighten the weary hours which thousands of unemployed have to pass. Nor is it likely to be without good result in other directions. Seed sown in this way may produce a harvest by bringing recruits to the belfry, for it would be a poor lecturer who did not improve upon his opportunity to enlist the practical interest of members of his audience. If people can be shown that there is really something in the ringers' pursuit, some fascinating interest far beyond

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anything they had imagined, it would be strange if some tangible result in the shape of men ready to learn was not achieved. And what better than offering a new sphere of activity to men tired of wasting their time in idleness? There would be many hours in which they could practise on bells with clappers lashed as a means of making themselves proficient in ringing with the bells open. We are quite sure there must be many ringers up and down the land who will be willing to act upon Mr. Stephen Wood's suggestion, for anything that will give a little pleasure or a new interest to the unemployed is surely worth the doing—even if not one single new ringer is got as a result.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

*RONALD GOODMAN ... .. 1	WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 6
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... .. 2	HARRY HUBBIE ... .. 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... .. 3	FRANK G. BURLEIGH ... .. 8
ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. ... .. 4	GILBERT T. GUEST ... .. 9
HENRY GOODMAN ... .. 5	HARRY HILL ... .. 10

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Goodman, jun., the esteemed Ringing Master of the Guild; also as the annual peal for the Guild. At the close of the peal Mr. Goodman received the hearty congratulations of his fellow ringers. Mr. Guest has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... .. 1	ALBERT E. SELLERS ... .. 6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	JOHN W. HOBSON ... .. 7
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 3	GEORGE T. MILLER ... .. 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 4	LEONARD RODMELL ... .. 9
HARRY GIBSON ... .. 5	WALTER GODDARD ... .. 10

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. Tardrew.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen, Hackington,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALBERT E. JARMAN ... .. 1	H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
WILLIAM BIDNELL ... .. 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. 8

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 1	FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 6
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 8

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	*GEORGE L. GROVER ... .. 5
SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... .. 6
WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 7
ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

\* First peal of Stedman. A birthday peal for W. M. Stone.

## CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, August 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST CADOC,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

HAROLD FORBES ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. DAY ... .. 5
FRANK MILLARD ... .. 2	*JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6
ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 7
FREDERICK BOLLOCK ... .. 4	†WILLIAM F. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

\* 400th peal. † First peal and first attempt. On January 12th, 1889, the ringer of the sixth rang his first peal on these bells, ringing the same bell, which was the first peal on the bells and first by all, and the same method, Grandsire Triples. Of that band there are now only three survivors.

## ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, August 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 2	AMBERN WILSON ... .. 6
WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... .. 7
PERCY J. JERVIS ... .. 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN.

Conducted by A. KNIGHTS

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of respect to the composer, who died on August 2nd, aged 68, and was interred at Killamash on August 4th. The composition is now rung for the first time.

## STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	*CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 5
†MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 2	†THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 6
*ALAN R. PINK ... .. 3	†FRANK CORKE ... .. 7
*WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	*LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Spliced Major. † First peal of Spliced Major in these methods. These two methods are now rung spliced by the association for the first time.

## SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble	WILLIAM ROOT ... .. 5
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 6
*REGINALD JELLEY ... .. 3	J. LESLIE WILLARS ... .. 7
SIDNEY COX ... .. 4	RICHARD GRANT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. O. CHENEY.

\* First peal in the method. The ringer of the treble has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal. The quickest peal yet rung on the bells, the previous record being 2 hours 44 minutes.

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD ... .. Treble	BERNARD COLLISON ... .. 5
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 2	WILLIAM KITCHENEIDE ... 6
LOTHAR J. HONESS ... .. 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 7
WILLIAM LATTER ... .. 4	ALEC RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ALEC RICHARDSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife and daughter of the ringer of the sixth, also to the son of the ringer of the second.

## BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. EDWARD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM E. WISEMAN ... Treble	*F. CECIL MOGFORD ... .. 5
EDGAR GUISE ... .. 2	†LEONARD DERRICK ... .. 6
NORMAN H. COOMBS ... .. 3	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... .. 7
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 4	RICHMOND ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal.

## BISPHAM, BLACKPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

CHARLES SHARPLES ... Treble	JOHN H. FOSTER ... .. 5
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 2	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... .. 6
MISS ANNIE CROOK ... .. 3	*JOSEPH JACKSON ... .. 7
*ARTHUR PARKINSON ... .. 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 158). Conducted by P. CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

## CLAYBROOK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in E flat.

*WM. ERNEST RAWSON ... Treble	RICHARD F. ROE ... .. 5
EDWIN LLOYD ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... .. 6
KENNETH ROE ... .. 3	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... .. 7
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOSEPH S. CARTER.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by the ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, as conductor and on the bells.

## BRINHAM, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 5
EDWARD W. BIFFEN ... .. 2	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. WILLS ... .. 3	HERBERT J. HOLE ... .. 7
A. WILLIAM MYERS ... .. 4	*BERTRAM H. COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells, which have lately been augmented to eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Treble ringer is from Buckfastleigh, 2nd and 3rd from St. Thomas', Exeter, 4th and 6th from St. Andrew's, Plymouth, 5th and tenor from Newton Abbott, and 7th from Paignton.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

WASHBROOK'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... ..Treble	CECIL E. CARR ... .. 5
C. HENRY WEBB ... .. 2	ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 6
JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
A. JOHN TIMSON ... .. 4	FRED PERRY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Specially rung as a 'welcome home,' after their honeymoon, to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Darby. Also rung on the local annual 'Feast day.'

LONDON.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*LEONARD ROBERTS ... ..Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 5
JOHN FOSKETT ... .. 2	†WATT TYLER ... .. 6
HARRY WARNETT, SRN. ... .. 3	JACK DAFTERS ... .. 7
EDMUND MOUNTIER ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JACK DAFTERS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Watt Tyler.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

HAROLD PENNACK ... ..Treble	AMBROSE MASON ... .. 5
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 3	PERCY GREEN ... .. 7
GEORGE GREEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. R. A. Arnold, a former ringer, and Miss L. Pitts, a former lady chorister at this church, which took place at St. Mary's prior to the start of the peal; also to celebrate the 73rd birthday of Mrs. W. Elliott, of Kelvedon, the band wishing her—a real ringer's wife—many happy returns of the day.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

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

Being 720 each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... ..Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... ..Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. W. Lewis.

NEW RADNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Ten callings.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*WALTER EVANS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 3
ALFRED GOODING ... .. 2	TREVOR JONES ... .. 4
LEWIS JONES ... ..Tenor	

Conducted by ALFRED GOODING.

\* First peal and captain of the local band. First peal on the bells. Ringers of 2 and 3 from Lyonshall, and of 4 and 5 from Kington. The ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar after the peal.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Forty-two six-scores.

FRANK COLE ... ..Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 4
FRED BLOWING ... .. 2	JOHN BALLINGER ... .. 5
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 3	ARTHUR STOPPORD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

ARTHUR BALLAM ... ..Treble	WILLIAM STANNARD ... .. 4
CHARLES STANNARD ... .. 2	HORACE W. FOULGER ... .. 5
GEORGE LILLY ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

DOWNE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE ... ..Treble	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... .. 4
*JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 5
*ROBERT H. VIGOR ... .. 3	†A. PATRICK CANNON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. The only previous peal rung on these bells was a seven-method one in February, 1914. The bells have recently been rehung by J. Taylor and Co., the 'go' being excellent.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY W. HOWARD ... ..Treble	*JOHN BROUGH ... .. 4
ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 2	ARTHUR JERVIS ... .. 5
REGINALD W. WORRALL ... .. 3	HARRY PARKER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First peal 'inside.' H. W. Howard has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

SYMONDSBURY, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

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

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

COTHBERT W. H. POWELL Treble	†STEPHEN LONG ... .. 4
*JOHN E. PHILLBRICK ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... .. 3	FRANK PRICE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

\* First peal of Minor in the method and first peal 'inside.' † First peal of Minor and in the method. Arranged for Mr. Stephen Long.

TILSWORTH, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

REGINALD J. SCOTT ... ..Treble	CHARLES W. CLARK ... .. 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 2	HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 5
JAMES G. NEWMAN ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.



**TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

*At the Church of All Saints,*

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

Ten different callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

CYRIL E. LAXON ... .. Treble	MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 4
*WILLIAM J. SANDERS ... 2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... .. 5
†MISS GRACE CHURCH ... 3	EDWARD SANDERS... .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LAXON (aged 16).

\* First peal and aged 14. † First peal of Doubles and from Waltham Cross. First peal as conductor. A. S. Roberts' 50th peal. A wedding peal for Miss L. Angwin, sister of the fourth ringer, and in honour of the engagement of Miss L. Willoughby, a member of the Truro Cathedral Company.

**NASH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt.

*RICHARD WEAGER ... .. Treble	†LESLIE BAINHAM ... .. 4
CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 2	KENNETH KNOWLES ... .. 5
†FRED GREEDY ... .. 3	*CORNELIUS COX ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Arranged for C. Cox, who has been clerk of the parish for over 40 years, and was his first attempt for a peal. First peal on the bells since the adding of a new treble.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

**STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thursday, August 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

*At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT.*

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2	FREDERICK PAGE... .. 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY... .. 3-4	*ERNEST JONES ... .. 7-8

Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

Witness—Mrs. Ida Bailey.

\* First peal in the method. This was the 100th peal together by the ringers of 3-4 and 5-6.

The following handbell peals were rung as an aid to 'convalescence.' It is good evidence of Mr. Walter Ayre's progress on the road to recovery after his recent operation.

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**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, August 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

*At TRENTWOOD,*

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5032 CHANGES;**

BURTON-ON-STATHER VARIATION. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
FRANK LORD ... .. 3-4	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8

BERNARD GILLATT ... .. 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

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**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tuesday, August 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,*

*At TRENTWOOD*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
WALTER AYRE ... .. 3-4	ERNEST BRITTAIN... .. 7-8

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

**LINCOLN.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, August 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

*At 56, MOORLAND AVENUE,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	*WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	JACK BRAY ... .. 9-10
FRANK LORD ... .. 5-6	HAROLD MARCON ... .. 11-12

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques and first attempt. First peal of Cinques as conductor.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thursday, August 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

*At TRENTWOOD,*

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

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
FRANK LORD .. .. 3-4	*WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* 350th peal.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thursday, August 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,*

*At TRENTWOOD,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
WALTER AYRE ... .. 3-4	ERNEST BRITTAIN ... .. 7-8

Arranged by J. BRAY.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

**OAK FRAMES AND THEIR CARE.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I should be glad if you can find space for a few remarks on this subject and a few other points connected with bells. While admitting that we have had two exceptionally dry summers—and winters as well—the weather has proved the quality of workmanship. In my own tower the bells were increased to six in 1894 and to eight in 1900 in oak and iron frame, and only one bell, the 5th, has had screwing up since, and the bells go as well as on the day the bell-hangers finished. This kind of workmanship speaks for itself and needs no further comment from me.

Take the other side. A nearby tower has a peal of eight rehung some few years since. The frame has to be screwed up, and, worse still, three clappers have parted company. What have the bell-hangers to say to this? Screwing up will not remedy this fault or defect, whichever name you call it by.

I might add that in the former case the rehanging in 1894 was in a new frame, but in the latter case the old frame was only tightened up. My conclusion is, therefore, that many old frames are not worth the time and money spent on them. It would be interesting to hear other readers' views on this important subject.

W. KEEBLE.

Feering, Essex.

**MACHINE 'RINGS' PEAL.**

**5,024 DOUBLE NORWICH ON MR. G. WOODHOUSE'S INVENTION.**

The first true peal on a ringing machine has been accomplished. Mr. G. F. Woodhouse's invention (which was described in these columns a fortnight ago) has performed a perfect peal of Double Norwich Major, a 5,024 which the inventor composed himself. It occupied 2 hours 52 minutes.

It followed another attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise, but in this, after about 600 changes, a key, as on a former occasion, failed to function, and a change course took place. Mr. Woodhouse, however, went on and completed a round block of 5,088, but the peal, of course, did not 'come round.'

Ring long lengths, Mr. Woodhouse tells us, has a curious mesmeric effect on the human performer. During the Double Norwich he went clean asleep on one occasion and woke up just in time to 'call' a bob at 6.

He hopes soon to try a peal of Stedman, which will be a great test for the bob keys, but such a performance will be rather a strain on the mind of the operator, who has to actuate the bob-making key.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, August 19th, for matins at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): C. H. Shephard 1, F. W. Stemp (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. H. Cassidy 3, P. Giles 4, L. P. Cook 5, E. G. Williams 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, W. Tate 8.

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## JOHN BUNYAN.

### HIS LOVE OF BELLS AND RINGING.

By R. A. DANIELL.

John Bunyan, the 246th anniversary of whose death occurs on Aug. 31st, was a member of the Exercise in its early days, and his name is more widely known than that of anyone else who has ever been connected with it. He was one of the most remarkable Englishmen of his day, and much has been written about him. Bodily, he was tall and athletic, and mentally he was gifted with keen observation, a retentive memory and vivid imagination; and though his education was of the scantiest, and he never had any appreciation of literature and never even knew anything about it, he became a master of English prose writing. He wrote about sixty books and pamphlets, and one of them, 'The Pilgrim's Progress,' ranks among the greatest imaginative productions of any age or country.



WHERE BUNYAN RANG.

Elstow Church, Beds. The tower is detached from the Church.

It is not, however, with his life at large that we are now concerned, but with his connection with bells and ringing.

Bunyan was born at Elstow, a village near Bedford, in 1628. His father was a brazier, or tinker, and Bunyan was brought up to the same trade. When he was sixteen he was drafted into the Parliamentary Army at Newport Pagnell. In 1647 he returned to Elstow, where he took an active part in the village sports and dancing, and, as he tells us, took much delight in ringing. A year or two later he married a young woman who came of a Puritan family and brought with her two Puritan books, which Bunyan began to read. Puritan theology is somewhat gloomy, and after a time he became morbidly introspective and suffered from a sort of religious mania.

This disturbed state of mind led Bunyan to abandon ringing, and there is no doubt about the attendant circumstances, because he has recorded them in his 'Grace Abounding.' Dr. John Brown, in his 'Life of Bunyan,' has this comment:—

'When a man comes under the dominion of conscience and is a stranger to love, conscience is apt to become somewhat of a tyrant; a false standard is set up, and things right enough in themselves seem to become wrong to the man.'

'Bunyan had hitherto taken pleasure in the somewhat arduous diversion of ringing the bells in the tower of Elstow Church. He began to think this was wrong, one does not quite see why; still having this misgiving about it, he gave up his bellringing but not the love of it.'

Dr. Brown did not quite see why—nor did Bunyan; he had no intelligible reason to give to himself. His reading had left him a stranger to love and had infected him with fear; and there ensued in his mind a struggle between fear and reason. He had to 'force' himself to give up ringing, and then it was only half-heartedly, for he continued to go into the belfry till he became frightened lest a bell should fall and kill him, and then he watched the ringing through the open doorway till he was afraid the tower itself might fall on him. This was final; fear had conquered reason, and he turned away to come back no more.

From this unhappy condition of mind he became delivered through a friendship he made with some good and kind women at Bedford. They were members of a Baptist community, and with them and their circle he was calmed; love came to him and cast out fear, and his mind was again normal. But he did not resume ringing; the scheme of his life was altered, and he eventually became a Baptist minister.

But notwithstanding this great change in the setting of Bunyan's life, the love of ringing remained with him. He heard plenty of it, and he understood and appreciated it; he had had much delight in it, and he was permanently recovered from the mental illness which had severed him from the practice of it. And so, in 1678, when writing his 'Pilgrim's Progress,' having brought his pilgrims into sight of the heavenly city, he wrote 'they thought they heard all the bells therein to ring to welcome them thereto,' and after they had entered, 'then I heard in my dream that all the bells in the City rang again for joy.' Bunyan had risen to the conception of an everlasting home of love, and in seeking for imagery to express the joy of it his mind went back to his happy ringing hours at Elstow, and he hung bells in the towers of the City of God and gave ringing a part in the life of Heaven.

In 1682 Bunyan wrote another religious fiction, 'The Holy War.' This contains a description of a siege of a town which was in the hands of rebels, and was captured by an army under the command of Prince Emanuel. The inhabitants expected to receive severe punishment, and when they found that they were to be pardoned the young men were ordered to ring the bells for joy. Later he wrote 'A Book for Boys and Girls,' a small volume of songs in which familiar things are treated as emblems, one of which is headed, 'On a Ring of Bells.' The bells, he says, are like the powers of the soul, and the body is the steeple, where they hang. The ringers are graces who are good strikers, and

If these ringers do the changes ring,  
Upon my bells they do such music make,  
My soul then, Lord, cannot but bounce and sing,  
So greatly her they with their music take.  
But unskilled boys who grasp the ropes produce only disorder, and these boys are lusts.

Then, Lord, I pray thee keep my belfry key,  
Let none but Graces meddle with these ropes.

(Continued in next column.)

**HILLINGDON RINGERS' OUTING.**

St. Andrew's ringers, Hillingdon, held their annual half-day outing on Saturday, August 11th, when, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Home), they left at 2 p.m. and travelled via the Chalfonts and Amersham to Stoke Mandeville, where a musical light peal of eight were rung to touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Stedman Triples and a course of Double Norwich. Resuming the journey via Aylesbury, they reached Buckingham for tea. The Parish Church was afterwards invaded and the grand peal of eight was soon going to Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob. The beautiful church was then inspected and greatly admired.

The journey was continued through the beautiful countryside via Bicester and Thame to Haddenham, where, again, ringing took place. On the homeward journey a halt was made at Princes Risborough for refreshments. Uxbridge was reached all too soon, after another successful outing, which was thoroughly enjoyed. The writer would like to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents of the churches, and also those who met the visitors and had everything in readiness.

F. C.

**A FAREWELL.**

At Chatham, on Sunday evening, August 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: V. Jarrett 1, J. Kidd 2, H. Hogarth 3, A. Fisher 4, S. Shellock 5, C. Norris 6, F. Beisey (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by Arthur Fisher, and rung as a farewell to him on his joining H.M.S. 'Valiant.' The Chatham ringers wish to thank him for the interest he has taken in ringing during his short stay, and also congratulate him on the progress he has made.

**JOHN BUNYAN**—Continued from previous column.

And the last stanza runs:—

O Lord, if Thy poor child might have his will,

And might his meaning freely to Thee tell,

He never of this music has his fill;

There's nothing to him like Thy ding, dong Bell.

Surely, no one has appreciated ringing more highly than John Bunyan appreciated it, and it supplied him with happy thoughts throughout his career; for his children's song appeared in 1686, and he died on the 31st of August, 1688.

**RIPPINGALE NEEDS HELP.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I wonder if I may through your columns commend the little competitive scheme which we have forwarded to a number of towers throughout the country and ask the very kind and brotherly co-operation of my fellow ringers.

We have to raise a large sum for the very urgent restoration of our bells. We have under 500 parishioners, and no monied ones, and after raising over £100 we find we must appeal for outside help. We have launched our appeal in faith, trusting to the comradeship of our fellow ringers to aid those in difficulty. I trust, therefore, they will not leave our appeal unanswered, but will do their utmost to help us. We shall be so grateful for their assistance.

S. LAXTON, Bells Secretary,  
Rippingale Parish Church, Lincs.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****THREE DISTRICTS MEET AT SWAVESEY.**

A very happy gathering of Ely, Hunts and Central District members of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Swavesey, Cambs, on Saturday. The bells being in good ringing order, good use was made of them, many visitors getting something fresh. One achieved a first 360 of Plain Bob. Both Hunts and Central Branch Masters were present (Mr. H. Fields, St. Neots, and Mr. A. J. Ginn, Over), but Mr. C. W. Cook, Ely Branch Master, was unavoidably absent. Also present were Miss K. Willers, Mr. J. W. Ward and Mrs. E. Wakeing, of Somersham.

The feature of the meeting, so rare and notable in the Ely Association, was the presence of the local company, who are only at the Plain Bob stage. Mr. B. Hodson, the local captain, hopes, however, to get Treble Bob rung during the coming winter.

Methods rung at the meeting included Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise.

**FIRST BY A LOCAL BAND.**

At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Wing, Rutland, on Monday, August 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. Sewell 1, W. J. Tugwood (conductor) 2, F. Sewell 3, F. Hubbard 4, H. Goodman 5. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble, 3rd and 4th; first quarter-peal with inside bell by ringer of tenor, and believed to be the first quarter-peal ever rung on the bells by a local band.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

After being parish clerk for over forty years at Nash, Monmouthshire, Mr. Cornelius Cox has just rung his first peal at the age of 57. Canon C. C. Marshall, the genial president of the Yorkshire Association, was the preacher in the service broadcast from his church, St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on the North Regional on Sunday evening.

As the outcome of a collision between his car and a motor-cyclist at a road junction in Northampton on Friday week, which resulted in the death of a motor-cyclist, Mr. J. T. Dyke, of Chilcompton, near Bath, the popular hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, has been charged with manslaughter. The case has been adjourned, and was to come on for hearing again last Wednesday.

Comdr. John D. R. Davies, son of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, whom many will remember as the soloist at the Tewkesbury Abbey service, when the new bells and chapel were dedicated in memory of his father, has recently accomplished an extraordinary feat. He has climbed the four highest peaks in the four countries of the British Isles in four days, covering the road journey between each on a lightweight motor-cycle.

On Wednesday, August 1st, he climbed Carnlough, in Ireland (3,414ft.), and travelled 308 miles to Snowdon, in North Wales. On August 2nd he climbed Snowdon (3,560ft.) and rode 174 miles to Scafell. On August 3rd he climbed Scafell Pike (3,210ft.) and travelled 210 miles to Ben Nevis (Scotland), which he climbed on August 4th.

Those who spend a hectic 'holiday' in peal ringing for a week will have to look to their laurels. Two peals a day on consecutive days in Ireland, Wales, England and Scotland has not been done yet! And that, coupled with doing the intervening distance by steamer and motor-cycle, is about the equivalent of Capt. Davies' feat.

For the benefit of those who, owing to the holiday season, did not care to exercise their mental faculties in guessing the titles which appeared in abbreviated form in this column last week, here are the solutions:—

A.O.P.G.—Ancient Order of Peal Grabbers.

I.O.T.M.—Independent Order of Tenor Measurers.

S.S.D.S.—Select Society of Date Snappers.

We hear that one of the N.U.T.S. failed to keep an appointment at Cambridge on Sunday, and that, failing satisfactory explanation, he has, consequently, been fined 2s. 6d. for non-attendance.

Messrs. Stephen Long and Frank Price rang in a peal together at Symondsburry, Dorset, on Saturday. The last peal in which they rang together was in 1906. After the Symondsburry peal the ringers were entertained by Mr. Long, and they wish to thank him for his hospitality.

Mr. John W. Jones, hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, whose genial personality is known to ringers in nearly every corner of England and Wales, rang his 400th peal last week. It has taken him more than 45 years to do it, but in the interval he has done a vast amount of spade-work, and is never without learners in his own tower. Incidentally it is interesting to read that his 400th peal was rung on the same bell as his first.

The time record for a peal at South Wigston, Leicestershire, has been lowered from 2 hours 44 minutes to 2 hours 43 minutes, so a footnote to a peal rung last week tells us. What we should like to know is, which is the best peal on the bells! That is the more important thing.

Although all veterans' records were easily surpassed by the performance at Hart Street, London, at the end of last year, an interesting peal was rung on August 24th, 1868, when a band whose united ages amounted to 553 years rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major 'in masterly style' at Guiseley, Yorks.

The ringers were J. Hanson (Huddersfield), aged 78; J. Kendal (Otley), 73; C. Iles (Leeds), 74; W. Senior (Earlsheaton), 68; H. Hubbard (Leeds, formerly of Norwich), 64; T. Dawson (Bradford), 62; I. Illingworth (Bradford), 62; W. Dumbleton (Pudsey), 68. H. Hubbard was the conductor.

Sunday is the anniversary of a very famous peal of Grandsire Triples. It is thus recorded on a tablet still to be seen in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich:—

'On the 26th of August, 1718, was rung that Harmonious Peal called Grandsire Triples, which have been ye study of ye most ingenious men of this Age, who delight in ye art of Variations, but all their projections have proved errors until it was undertaken by JOHN GARTHON, who with long Study and Practice have perfectly discovered those Intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all the ringers in England; the extent of this peal being 5,040 changes have oftentimes been rung with changes alike, but the first time that ever it was rung true was in three hours and a half, without any changes alike or a bell out of course by these men whose names are underwritten against their Bells as they rung: James Brook, treble; John Briggs, 2nd; William Palmer, 3rd; Robert Crane, 4th; Henry Howard, 5th; Wm. Callow, 6th; Tho. Melchior, 7th; Tho. Barrett, tenor.'

One hundred and twenty years ago next Monday eight Yorkshiremen rang a peal of 12,320 Treble Bob Major at Otley, in 7 hours 15 minutes. The method was 'Yorkshire Glory' even in those days.



## THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

### PREVIOUS PEALS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

We referred last week to some of the bells which it is hoped will be available, either for touches or peals, for the English tourists who, on September 14th, leave this country upon a ringing visit to Australia. Some account of the peals that have been rung there and of the pioneers who made them possible, will doubtless be of further interest to our readers.



MELBOURNE ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL.

There are 13 bells, forming a ring of 12 and a light 8.

The first peal rung in the Commonwealth was Holt's Ten Part peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Philip's, Sydney, on April 9th, 1890, conducted by James L. Murray. On December 29th and December 31st of the same year, two peals of Grandsire Triples were rung at Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, Tasmania, the only two peals that have been rung in that island. They were both Grandsire Triples and are recorded on a bell-shaped tablet in the tower. The ringers in these two peals were William Shenton, Henry Adams, John Beechy, Joseph Clarke, Thomas B. Hall, William Atkinson, James C. Murray and S. Wilkinson. The only difference between this band and that which rang the first peal at Sydney was that F. M. Guest and F. H. Joyner, who rang at Sydney, were replaced at Hobart by H. Adams and S. Wilkinson.

### THE SEVENTEENTH ATTEMPT.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, in his article below, gives particulars of some of the other peals rung in the Dominions, but, as showing the difficulties met with by ringers in those expansive and distant parts, we quote from a letter written in 1898 and published in 'The Bell News.' It is dated from Melbourne:—

'On Saturday evening, September 10th, 1898, a band of the Victorian Association of Change Ringers met and rang at St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples,

5,040 changes, in 3 hours 18 minutes. Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. in C sharp. \*Sylvester J. Hallissey (Victoria) treble, \*Matthew M. O'Shea (Victoria) 2, \*James P. Nolan (Victoria) 3, \*John C. Nolan (Victoria) 4, James L. Murray (Victoria) 5, \*Arthur E. Barnes (England) 6, \*Joseph Freeman (England) 7, \*Walter Woollard (England) and \*Isaac Davis (England) tenor. Composed and conducted by A. Barnes. Referees: Messrs. E. O'Shea and W. Shenton, who ticked off every lead as the peal was rung. \* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal by the association.

'Nearly eight years have passed since a peal was rung in Australia, and this is the first peal that has been checked while being rung and it is also the first time a purely local band have rung a peal on the bells of their own city in this country. The composition was by a local ringer.

'We have been two years trying to get this peal; the difficulties of getting a band to practise together has greatly retarded us, and we often had intervals of from two to six months between the attempts. Seventeen attempts in all have been made, in which we have rung over 42,000 changes. Time for all attempts: 27 hours. On three occasions we have had to stand owing to men becoming exhausted on account of the excessive heat of our summer months. We owe our present success to the fact that we have had four good practices in a month. The striking throughout was good, and Mr. Shenton and myself, as referees, who watched the coursing order, declare that not one bell was wrong in taking the lead right through the peal. The peal was transposed to make the 3rd the observation. Mr. Woollard took the tenor for the first hour and a quarter, then Mr. Davis relieved him for the next hour and a quarter, when Mr. Woollard again took her till the bells ran into rounds. As you will see, Messrs. Barnes, Woollard, Freeman and Davis are Englishmen, the rest Australians.

EDWARD W. O'SHEA.

Hon. Sec., Victorian Association.'

The six-bell peal at Ballarat, on February 1st, 1897, consisted of 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Delight, Violet, Plain Bob, New London Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob. It was rung by: James Thomsett, Charles Fleay, William Strick, John Pattison, Harold Sandberg and Thomas Biddle (conductor). It is the only peal rung of Minor outside the British Isles, and it is noteworthy that the ages of the ringers (except the 5th) ranged only from 17 to 20 years.

Altogether five peals of Grandsire Triples and one in seven Minor methods have been rung in Australia; two of Grandsire Triples in Tasmania; one of Grandsire Triples, one of Bob Triples and one of Grandsire Triples (all conducted by T. W. Biddle) at Christchurch, New Zealand. In addition there has been one of Grandsire Triples at Woodstock, South Africa (1904) and one of Grandsire Triples at Vancouver, Canada (1914). This is the sum total of peals rung in the British Empire outside the British Isles.

### AUSTRALIAN CONDUCTORS.

The name of James L. Murray, of Melbourne, writes Mr. W. H. Fussell, is destined to live long in the annals of Australian change ringing, not only as a conductor of the first peal in all Australasia, but the first throughout the whole of the Colonies of the British Empire. He was ably assisted by Mr. Harry Adams, of Kidderminster, with whom I had the pleasure of ringing at St. Mary's Church just prior to his going abroad.

In this first peal the band consisted of Sydney and Melbourne men, and the bells were not going any too well at St. Philip's Church under tropical conditions. Adams rang the 7th, whilst two men tackled the tenor of 20 cwt. to the Whitechapel octave erected in 1858.

James Murray followed up this success by taking part in most of the performances that followed in Melbourne, including peals in Tasmania and South Africa (rung at Woodstock in 1909), a unique record worthy of Empire recognition.

Naturally the honours of the first peal were amicably reversed when, as the 'Victorian Society,' the ringers spent a Christmas holiday at Hobart, Tasmania, in December, 1890; Murray rang the 7th at Holy Trinity Church to Adams as conductor on December 29th. New blood was brought out in Mr. J. B. Clarke, who called the second peal on December 31st on the same bells.

To carry on the good work next appears Mr. J. M. Guest—a Staffordshire man—who does not seem to have had the energy and perseverance of his fellow Victorians. His share of the honours consisted of calling 'Holt's Ten part' at Melbourne Cathedral, January 1st, 1891, and taking part in 'Reeves' Variation' on the same bells, when he was over 80 years of age, in 1925, which was the last peal rung 'down undef,' and was conducted by a New Zealander, Mr. A. C. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Guest's peal brought forth a treble man in Mr. A. E. Barnes, who emigrated from Devonshire, and was afterwards to become the 'star of the South' in ringing. He did much to keep it shining in a country where ringers were few and far apart. Mr. Barnes' leadership led to the first peal on the heavy eight bells at the Cathedral, Melbourne, in September, 1898, which was also first by the Victorian Association. To him belongs the honour of composing the peal

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## THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR

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(No. 33 in the Central Council Collection), with the 'tag of 350' rung at the end of Part V. instead of at the start. Baines did most of his ringing in Melbourne and also conducted the 'Original' when the heavy tenor was rung single-handed for the first time in July, 1904.

Whilst the Victorian Society were slowly progressing in the art, their neighbours in New Zealand were also keenly following the long long trail under the able conductorship of Thomas W. Biddle, who called the first peals in the Colony at Christchurch Cathedral and who introduced Plain Bob in January, 1903. All the previous peals in the far South had been performed in the Grandsire method. It is of interest to note the epidemic of peals that occurred in 1890, when 'firsts' were rung in all three colonies—Sydney in April, New Zealand in July, and Tasmania in December of that year. It was a valuable effort to spread the art in the Commonwealth, broken for about 20 years, until the peal in Melbourne in 1925. Australia has been passing through a very serious depression, financially and industrially; good ringers have had to wander from their towers and good bells have been neglected or only sounded by makeshift appliances in too many instances.

Perhaps the Anglo-Australian gathering of church bell ringers in Melbourne in 1934 to celebrate the centenary may lead to a fuller appreciation of the English practice of bellringing proper such as the men of the Motherland have followed for three centuries.

### RINGING CONDITIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

Mr. R. F. Deal, who lived in Australia for some time, writes:—  
I read with interest your article on the forthcoming Australian tour, and as I have some experience of Australian towers and ringing conditions, I hope your correspondent will pardon me if I correct him in one or two statements. Perhaps, also, you will allow me to supplement his information somewhat. I admit that my acquaintance with affairs 'down under' is not up to date—I left Sydney early in 1915—and while there may be improvement in some respects, probably no startling changes have occurred since that time.

Regarding St. Paul's, Melbourne, your information is correct. This is a fine tower, and when I was in the city a peal could have been rung without difficulty. My own experience in this tower was not, however, a happy one, but at the present time visitors will no doubt receive fair play, and the support of the local company.

Your correspondent, perhaps, is not aware that St. James' Church was moved some years ago to a fresh site. The bells went with the church, but through incompetent advice were left in an unringable condition, and probably no improvement has been made. The bells at St. Patrick's (R.C.) did not go at all well, and were quite devoid of music. I do not think the eight at Toorak are hung for ringing, which perhaps would not be appreciated in that aristocratic suburb.

Information relating to Ballarat is correct—I was not fortunate in getting any ringing at the City Hall, but believe the bells were in fair order. This is considered a fine eight. At Bendigo and Geelong the bells were quite unringable, and will still be so unless substantial repairs have been carried out in the towers.

I have no knowledge of Perth, but once rang at Walkerville, South Australia, and found the bells going very badly. Darling Point is not near Adelaide as stated, but is a district of Sydney. This mistake probably originated in the founders' list.

St. Philip's, Sydney, has a handsome tower, and is situated in a quiet square in the centre of the city. It is surrounded by business premises and hotels, hence the difficulty in getting permission for ringing. Possibly the tower would be reopened as a concession to visitors, but arrangements should be made well in advance. I cannot say if ropes are still in existence, and I assume that some overhaul would be necessary.

I am not aware that the bells at Camden are hung for ringing. This place is, I believe, some distance from Sydney. The St. Mark's referred to is Darling Point, where the bells should be in good order. St. Jude's, Randwick, cannot be recommended for peals, being a steel ring, heavy going and musical qualities nil. The late A. E. Baines referred to these bells as the 'Camp Ovens.'

There is a nice light six at Parramatta (15 miles from Sydney). At the time I rang there the treble had a nasty slip-wheel habit, and 720's were impossible. There is another light six at Christ Church (City), a poor lot, but in good order.

The six at St. Benedict's, which is given in the Whitechapel list, disappeared years ago.

I hesitate to tender opinions or advice for which I have not been asked, but I respectfully suggest to the tourists that it is unwise to expect great success in peals. Their best chances are, I should say, Melbourne (St. Paul's), Sydney (St. Mary's R.C., a fine eight) and Hobart. It is advisable to give personal attention to lubrication and ropes; these details should not be left to local ringers, who, in some places at least, will not realise their importance.

Were I personally able to take part in such an undertaking, I should want to go out with a 'cast-iron' band, preferably with a bellhanger or two in the party! However, I wish all success to the tour.

RICHARD F. DEAL.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### WEDDING GIFTS TO DISTRICT RINGING MASTER.

The North and East District meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at Barnet on Saturday last, was undoubtedly a popular fixture, some 50 ringers attending during the afternoon. The ringing was varied to suit all tastes and abilities, with rounds for those just beginning. The usual service was very well attended, after which a good tea was 'put away.'

At the business meeting two new members were elected, including Mr. Frank Barratt, an old member of the association, who is to be Ringing Master of the band which it is hoped will soon be ringing the bells at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury (formerly St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London).

Items of business were the choosing of St. Mary's, Enfield, for the next meeting on October 27th; the announcement of a four-association joint meeting arranged to be held at Waltham Abbey on September 29th; and a statement on the position at Kingsbury, where the church is to be consecrated and the bells opened on October 13th.

Attention was drawn by the hon. secretary to a recent article in 'The Ringing World' on the large variety of plain methods which ringers, who had not reached the Surprise stage, might practise, and suggested that at least one of these methods might be chosen as a special method for district meetings, a new method for each meeting. As a preliminary, he announced that a special practice meeting had been arranged at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday, September 10th, the special method being 'Double Bob Major,' with Plain Bob and Double Norwich as 'variations.'

The next item of business was one of great interest. The Chairman (Mr. W. Pickworth) called on Mr. J. Bennett to make a statement.

### FUTURE FIXTURE 'RIGHT OFF.'

Mr. Bennett referred to an important event which had recently taken place, namely, the wedding of their District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles). It was not everybody's job to be District Master, said Mr. Bennett, but they were all agreed that Mr. Coles carried out his duties efficiently and well, and to the satisfaction of most. On such an auspicious occasion it was thought that they should give Mr. Coles something to show their appreciation of his work. He (Mr. Bennett) had endeavoured to approach everybody who might be interested, and Mr. Reuben Sanders had consented to act as treasurer. Mr. Sanders was at present away on holiday, and until he returned it would be impossible to say if the fund was complete. They were, however, able to purchase for Mr. Coles a handsome clock (which he had himself chosen), and hand to him with the clock the balance of about £5 up to date, to enable him to purchase anything else he desired. Mr. Bennett also referred to a certain bachelors' peal rung two years or so ago, and a fixture which was arranged for 1936 which was now 'right off.' He wished Mr. Coles and his wife a long and happy life.

The Chairman, on behalf of members of the association, asked Mr. A. W. Coles to accept the clock and purse as a token of their goodwill, and wished him and his wife every happiness.

Mr. Tom Collins (Master of the South and West District) said that the members of his district had requested him to convey to Mr. Coles good wishes for his future happiness, and hoped that he would still spare some time to visit them now and again.

Mr. A. W. Coles thanked the chairman and the members for their handsome present. He said that when he was in a certain peal he never thought he would be in this position (loud laughter). He said that it had been stated that seven old crusty bachelors and one handsome one were in that peal, and, as one of the seven, he had not thought he even had a chance. He was, therefore, in hopes of seeing the only handsome bachelor in a similar role very soon. He thanked members very much for their kindness, and added that as regards the peal in 1936 he believed there was a candidate for the vacant place in the room (laughter).

The Chairman proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the Rev. P. C. Dean (Barnet) and the Rev. G. Richardson (Hadley) for the use of their bells; to the Rev. Young for taking the service; to Mr. H. W. Strickland (one of their own members) for officiating at the organ; and to Mrs. Wicks (widow of one of their late members) for arranging tea.—This was carried unanimously.

Afterwards ringing took place at Hadley as well as at Barnet, and it was noticed that Double Bob had its tricky points, and even surprised Surprise ringers.

## PEALS AT HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With all due compliments to my friend, Mr. A. Waddington, may I say that the last peal rung at Hollingbourne, Kent, was a seven-method one, rung in either 1923 or 1924, and conducted by William Nye, of Teynham. Also although the tenor is reputed 21 cwt., she only measures 45 inches in diameter, and that would make her about 15½ cwt. I have rung her, and do not think she goes any more than this. The quick time of the peal—2 hours 48 minutes—should bear this out.

Forest Hill.

A. P. CANNON.

**STEDMAN'S BELLS.****A CALL TO CAMBRIDGE RINGERS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It must be a source of great regret to many ringers to read that the bells of St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, have already suffered so much from neglect that they have become loose on the stocks, and that even after some preliminary attention it was not thought safe to continue a peal on them.

The Central Council and all the leading bell founders do their best, by the issue of printed instructions, to inform ringers of the necessity of constant attention to wooden frames, and it can only be assumed that in the case of St. Benedict's there can be no regular ringers there to watch over these historic bells, which more than any others ought to be carefully tended.

What has become of the young band that was started at Stedman's Church, after the ringers of England had restored the bells in memory of this father of our art? If my information is correct, they were frightened off by the speeches of Mr. E. D. Taylor, who, as a bell founder, we must admit, spoke with knowledge, but whose warning has had the result of leaving the bells without regular ringers, and, therefore, without anyone in a position to report upon their condition.

A thoroughly good job was made of the restoration, and a thoroughly good band ought to have been trained to ring there. Had there been only a young band with a competent instructor ringing regularly at the church, there would have been someone to put the necessary spanner on the nuts, or at all events to tell the authorities that the bells needed this little attention.

The ringers of England not only restored the bells, but relieved the authorities of St. Benedict's Church of the cost of restoring the tower. If I remember aright, as much or more was spent on the tower as on the bells. Surely we may expect that the church authorities will keep the bells in order, and if they have been unaware up to now that they needed attention, will forthwith call on the bell founders to put them right, before more serious dilapidation occurs. Perhaps an official communication from the Central Council might lead to something being done.

But not only do we want to see the bells put in order again and maintained in good ringing condition; there ought to be a band to ring them. I have heard it said that Cambridge is not an altogether happy place in the promotion of change ringing—exactly how far this is so I have no personal knowledge—but there ought to be ringers in and around Cambridge with sufficient real interest in the art to render whatever voluntary service is necessary to get a band started at this church. The ringers of England honoured the memory of Stedman by making it possible to hear again the bells he rang on, and upon which, in all probability, his famous method was first heard. But no memorial to him could equal the regular ringing of St. Benedict's bells for the services of the church and instructing 'the young idea' in the art he did so much to improve and foster. Cambridge ringers—go to it!

**LONDONER.**

MICKLETON, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 19th, for morning service, 714 Grandsire Triples: L. Kinchen 1, S. Loynes 2, W. Large (conductor) 3, F. Kinchen 4, F. Tuffley 5, J. Keyte 6, H. L. Terry 7, J. P. Keyte 8.

**REOPENING OF STONE-IN-OXNEY BELLS.****MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. CHARLES PLAYER.**

A by-meeting of the Kent County Association and the monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild were held at Stone-in-Oxney in connection with the reopening of the bells after restoration as a memorial to the late Charles W. Player, and the unveiling of a tablet recording this fact, on Saturday, August 18th.

About a hundred ringers and friends attended the service in the very old church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. J. White. The service opened with the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' followed by suitable prayers and the lesson, taken from Ecclesiasticus 44, beginning 'Let us now praise famous men.' After this the Vicar spoke a few words of welcome, and explained the purpose of the service. Then followed the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' during which the Vicar, accompanied by Mr. C. Tribe, of Tenterden, and Mr. Smith, and followed by the congregation, proceeded to the tower, where Mr. Tribe unveiled the memorial tablet.

The Vicar then performed the dedication and offered suitable prayers. Mr. Tribe and Mr. Smith then, in a few well-chosen words, each paid tribute to the life and work of he whom this work of restoration commemorates.

The tablet bears the words, 'These bells were restored in A.D. 1934 by the parishioners, ringing friends and others in memory of Charles W. Player, for many years a member of the local company, the K.C.A. and the R.M. and D.G.' It is the work of Mr. Charles Mee, of Ipswich.

During the singing of the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' the congregation made their way back to their seats, and the very impressive service closed with the Blessing.

Touches were then rung on the bells until 5 p.m., when a splendid tea was served in the Memorial Hall. On the way from the church to the hall, four members of the two societies rang touches on the handbells, which were very effective.

After tea the business of the Romney Marsh Guild was dealt with. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and Mrs. Player personally thanked all who had helped with the memorial to her late husband.

The ringers then returned to the tower and made good use of the bells until 9 p.m.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP.**

The annual report of the Chester Diocesan Guild, briefly referred to in our last issue, expressed the deep sense of loss sustained by the Guild through the death of the Rev. A. T. Beeson.

The ringing activities generally, says the report, have been well maintained as far as Sunday service ringing and branch meetings are concerned, but we feel there is much room for improvement as regards practices, and we take the opportunity of reminding members that in every branch there are competent instructors who would only be too pleased to give every assistance in their power.

It is a matter of congratulation to all concerned that every branch shows an increase of funds. This is also true of the Guild itself, due mainly, in the case of the Guild, to saving on the cost of the report, including the receipt of substantial fees, partly arrears, for advertisements, and no grants to towers.

The total number of honorary members shows a decrease of three, nine having resigned or lapsed, as against six new members. Ringing membership has increased from 598 to 622, due largely to the re-entry of West Kirby with nine members, and the inclusion of Fairfield (Buxton) with seven members.

For the third successive year we regret to report a decrease in the number of peals rung—63 as against 71 in 1932. This does not necessarily mean that interest in peal ringing is diminishing, for, on the contrary, by the peals record and the number (namely 31) of first peals in the method, we think there must have been a large number of attempts in the advanced methods, with, however, ultimate success. One outstanding success which deserves special notice and congratulations is the peal of Minor in 38 methods rung at Knutsford. This constitutes a record of which the band concerned and the Guild may well be proud. The Editor of 'The Ringing World' has classed it as the most outstanding performance in the country during 1933. There have been fewer conductors—15 as against 23 in 1932, three conducting for the first time. The peals were rung by 162 members, 21 ringing their first peal, as against 26 in 1932.

A comparative summary in the report gives statistics for 1932 and 1933. The 1932 figures are here given in parentheses: Resident members' subscriptions, £45 3s. 9d. (£45 4s. 6d.); hon. members, 55 (58); ringing members, 622 (598); life members, 2 (2); members in arrears, honorary 2 (5), ringing 39 (32); peals rung, 63 (71); members taking part, 162 (182).

The bells of the diocese are reported to be in good condition. There has been only one restoration, the six bells of Davenham having been rehung on ball bearings. There is, however, room for improvement in some towers as regards the go of the bells, adds the report. Unnecessarily arduous ringing conditions mean that young ringers, who should be encouraged, are being discouraged and are turning away, and we venture to draw the attention of the Church authorities to this matter.



## ASSOCIATION GUIDE.

### SECRETARIES' NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

The following are the names and addresses of the secretaries of the principal associations of ringers. The list will be useful in many ways, but its publication is chiefly in order to facilitate the scheme for keeping ringers, who remove from one area to another, in touch with ringing and bringing them into contact with the tower nearest to their new place of residence. When a ringer goes to live in the area of another association, the local secretary should forward his new address to his general secretary, who will pass it on to the secretary of the association to which the member has gone, and, through him, the ringers in the town to which the member has removed will be able to hunt up the newcomer—if he needs it—and give him a welcome and an invitation to the local tower.

Any corrections to the subjoined list should be forwarded for publication:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.  
 Barnsley and District Society: Mr. A. Panther, 67, Avenue Road, Waltham-on-Deane, Rotherham.  
 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.  
 Bedfordshire Association: Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.  
 Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. W. R. Ingham, Middlewich, Cheshire.  
 Cleveland and North Yorks Association: Mr. E. Brown, 12, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.  
 Cumberland Association: Mr. W. T. Holmes, 31, Wordsworth Terrace, Cockerham, Cumberland.  
 Devon Guild: Mr. T. Laver, 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.  
 Doncaster and District Society: Mr. E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.  
 Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley, Staffs.  
 Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.  
 East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association: Mr. J. W. England, Welwyn, The Common, South Normanton, Derbyshire.  
 East Grinstead and District Guild: Mr. G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.  
 Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Walsoken Rectory, Wisbech, Cambs.  
 Essex Association: Mr. F. J. Pistow, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.  
 Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Mr. E. Guise, 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.  
 Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.  
 Halifax and District Association: Mr. L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.  
 Hastings and District Guild: Mr. C. A. Levett, 238, Priory Road, Hastings, Sussex.  
 Hereford Diocesan Guild: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.  
 Hertford County Association: Mr. G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, St. Albans.  
 Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff, 90, Eford Road, S.C.R., Dublin.  
 Kent County Association: Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.  
 Ladies' Guild: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.  
 Lancashire Association: Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.  
 Leeds and District Society: Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds.  
 Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln.  
 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones, Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.  
 London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild: Mr. C. O. Moore, 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.  
 Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild: Mr. C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.  
 Midland Counties Association: Mr. E. Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.  
 National Police Guild: Det. Sergt. H. J. Poole, 326, Narborough Road, Leicester.  
 Norfolk Guild: Mr. A. L. Coleman, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.  
 North Notts Association: Mr. R. W. Stockdale, c/o Mr. W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.  
 North Stafford and District Association: Mr. C. S. Ryles, Rhos, Leek Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.  
 North Wales Association: Mr. W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, North Wales.  
 Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.  
 Oxford Society: Mr. V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.  
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.  
 Romney Marsh and District Guild: Mr. P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

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### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, August 19th, for evensong, a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples: W. H. Stevens 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, P. J. Cattermoul 3, H. C. Chandler 4, C. F. Winney (conductor) 5, A. Jones 6, W. Lewis 7, W. W. Webb 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Ellingham.

**COWDEN, KENT.**—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church on Sunday morning for service, 720 Bob Minor: E. J. Oliver 1, H. D. Whyte 2, W. J. Ladd 3, J. Wren 4, G. Lambert 5, E. J. Ladd (conductor) 6. Treble ringer from Hartfield, rest from East Grinstead.

### RINGERS FAREWELL GIFT.

#### PRESENTATION TO A BRANCH PRESIDENT.

Members of the Thrapston branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild met at Twywell on Saturday week to bid farewell to their president, the Rev. F. H. Lang.

The members assembled on the Rectory lawn, where refreshments were served by the Rector and Mrs. Lang, after which the secretary (Mr. J. Nickerson) spoke of the good work their president had done during the 11 years he had been with them, and hoped he would 'carry on the good work' where he was going.

The secretary asked Mr. Lang, on behalf of the members, to accept a case of pipes, and also handed to him tobacco, cigarettes and matches.

The Rector said he would always remember the happy times he had spent with the bellringers. He hoped they would continue the good work, and thanked them all for their splendid gift.

Mr. H. Short endorsed all their secretary had said and wished Mr. Lang the best of luck in his new sphere of work.

Mr. Cyril Wilson thanked the Rector and Mrs. Lang for entertaining them.

The members, after hearty handshakes with the Rector and Mrs. Lang, returned to the church tower and rang several more touches, ending a pleasant evening.

### PRITTLEWELL PIONEER.

#### DEATH OF MR. W. BEDWELL.

Prittlewell, Essex, has lost a pioneer of change ringing by the death of Mr. W. Bedwell, who passed away on August 9th at the age of 74 years. Fifty years ago Mr. Bedwell taught himself and five others to ring on the old six bells at Prittlewell, and finally got his first 720 of Minor in the year 1887, a performance of which he was very proud. Prittlewell now has a ring of ten bells, and Mr. Bedwell continued to ring regularly every Sunday for service. He had rung between 30 and 40 peals.

After evening service on Sunday, August 12th, a half-muffled quarter-peat of Bob Major (1,260 changes) was rung by N. Townsend (first quarter-peat) 1, W. Dudley 2, W. Perry 3, J. Fowler 4, A. North 5, F. Lufkin (conductor) 6, G. Welson 7, G. Bacon 8. On the following evening, with the bells again half-muffled, 1,248 Kent Trouble Bob Major was rung by W. Perry 1, J. Fowler 2, G. Wilson 3, H. Wilson (conductor) 4, A. North 5, S. Baybutt 6, F. Lufkin 7, G. Bacon 8.

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St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham: Mr. T. H. Reeves, 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

Scottish Association: Mr. W. F. M. Stenhouse, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee, Angus.

Sheffield District Society: Mr. M. E. Wilson, 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

Shropshire Association: Mr. R. R. Pole, 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury, Salop.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. G. A. Card, 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford: Mr. H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

Society of Sherwood Youths: Miss I. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Surrey Association: Mr. C. H. Kippin, Ebbisham, Woodmere Avenue, Shirley, Croydon.

Sussex County Association: Mr. A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. L. Havard, 5, St. Mary Street, Brecon.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Rev. W. H. R. Trewella, St. Paul's Vicarage, Truro, Cornwall.

Warwickshire Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Greenways, Gypsy Lane, Nuneaton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth, Hants.

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Yorkshire Association: Mr. J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.



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**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick to-morrow, Saturday.—H. Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By the kind invitation of Rev. E. Abbey-Tindell a meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—A by-meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.0 by kind invitation of Sir H. Miller, Bart. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Maidney's Road, Romford, Essex.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Laceby on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. A good meeting is hoped for.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Sulgrave on Saturday, August 25th. Service 3 p.m. Number for tea to Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Barking, Needham Market, on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30; also at Baylham (6). Tea at Barking Rectory at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Marlow (eight bells), on Saturday, August 25th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, August 25th, at Barnes, Surrey. Bells (8) at 3.30. Short service 5. Tea for those who notify me at 5.30. Meeting and more ringing after. Buses 9, 33, and 37 from town; S.R. station half-mile. A welcome for everyone.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**QUIET AFTERNOON** for ringers at Theddingworth, Leicester, Saturday, August 25th, commence 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 9d. each, ringing afterwards. For tea, notify E. Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Members will please make own arrangements for tea.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Eyam on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers invited.—A. G. Wallace, Monyash Rd., Bakewell.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Leek (10 bells) to-morrow, Saturday, August 25th. Service and unveiling of peal tablet 5 p.m., and tea 5.30 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 30th at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea please notify me on or before Wednesday, August 29th? —H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dist. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Uplowman on Saturday, September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present for tea kindly notify me by Monday, August 27th?—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoxton, near Neath, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., business after. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea, please, by August 28th.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Budleigh on Saturday, September 1st. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 4.45 (1s.). Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than August 25th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

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**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington (six bells) on Saturday, September 1st. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, September 1st, at All Saints' Church, Rainford. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Will ringers requiring tea notify Mr. J. W. Hall, Bank Villas, Rainford, not later than Wednesday, August 29th? This is an ideal tower for those ringers requiring Stedman practice. Please roll up.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Secretary.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Ringing at Cosby (six bells) from 6.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Bird, Broughton Astley, Leicester, for tea by Thursday previous.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head. Bus from Worcester Street at 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than the 28th inst.?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upavon on Saturday, September 1st. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Netheravon, Fittleton and Enford bells available during the afternoon. Please advise for tea.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. H. Smith, 22, High Street, Thatcham, near Newbury, by Wednesday, August 29th, for tea. Good bus service from Reading and Newbury.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone (eight bells) on Saturday, September 1st. A new peal tablet recording two long peals will be dedicated at this meeting. For tea (1s. 6d. each) please notify Mr. J. A. Brearley, Frank Hillcock Field, Deepcar. A good attendance is requested.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Clifton Keynes (six bells) on Saturday, September 1st. Service 3.30 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. All ringers will be welcome. Those for tea please notify in good time.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemmingsford Grey on Saturday, September 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, September 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after. Those requiring tea (provided by the association) must notify me by not later than first post on Friday, August 31st.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Aldwincle on Saturday, September 1st. Service 4.30. Tea five o'clock. It is hoped members will make this a good meeting.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—A joint meeting of the Burton and Derby Districts will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Tea provided only for those who send their names to J. H. Swinfield, 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent, by Tuesday, August 28th. No name, no tea. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Curson, Dis. Sec., Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available at 1 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 29th, latest.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Charlbury on Saturday, September 1st.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

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**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Branch meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, September 1st, at 3 p.m. Please advise me not later than the 30th inst. if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Godalming, Saturday, September 8th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at the Institute, Queen Street, 4.30. Service at 6 o'clock. Please note change of programme and send me numbers for tea by September 3rd.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dawlish on September 8th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s.). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by September 3rd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d., arranged for all who send word to Mr. W. Billington, Hospital Cottages, Goosnargh, not later than Thursday. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Cot Dairy. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by September 5th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, September 8th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head).—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, September 8th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3 Nall Street, Milnrow.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be on Saturday, September 29th, at 6 p.m., in Worcester. Further particulars later.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Severn Stoke, Worcester.

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