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AMBITION.

Life without ambition is a deadly dull affair, but it is strange how many ringers have little desire to get out of their own little groove. They are content to ring for the services at their own church—that is, of course, to be accounted a merit—but beyond that ringing does not interest them. From their stage to that of the real enthusiast is a far cry, but what those with an indifferent outlook upon ringing miss is the increasing interest in a fascinating art and the broader spirit of fraternity that exists between those who mix freely with their brethren from other belfries. Those who will visit other towers than their own; who will attend meetings of their association; who will be ready to make some progress in their ringing, all gain in varying degrees in the pleasure and intellectual profit which they get from their activities. Ambition in ringing is as desirable as in any other walk of life, and if pursued it brings its own reward.

It was not without a sense of gratification at ambition rewarded that a band of ringers accomplished a peal at Melbourne, Derbyshire, on Saturday. It was, in a sense, a crowning achievement to events of two years ago and a performance which may, perhaps, never be put up again. Melbourne, the little town among the folds of the Derbyshire hills, is the parent in name of the great city of Australia which, with over a million people, is capital of the State of Victoria. This historic link between the two has been cemented from time to time in a variety of ways, and not least in the course of the present year by the generosity of a Melbourne, Australia, citizen who defrayed the cost of rehanging the bells in the fine old parish church of the English town. This restoration made possible the fulfilment of a desire by the ringers who visited Australia in 1934 and rang peals in the Cathedral at Melbourne to ring a peal also in the English mother town. It was ambition that impelled it; it was ambition that achieved it, for it is no mean thing that eight ringers should travel between them 2,750 miles for just one peal.

They had travelled to the other side of the world together and made ringing history. They made ringing history of a sort on Saturday, for it is remarkable that eight men should ring peals in two Melbournes which are twelve thousand miles apart. We know quite well that such opportunities are unique—have been given up to the present, in fact, only to this favoured few, but while, in its particular direction, this 'double' must be the limit of ambition, there are many other spheres in ringing in which much could be done to add to their own achievements by those whose opportunities are far more re-

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stricted. The moral of last Saturday's success is that there is always scope for the ringer with ambition, and it begins when he goes out to mix with the ringers of other towers or makes up his mind that he will ring another method.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Clement Danes, The Strand,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON Treble	LAWRENCE B. PORTER 6
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 2	EDMUND J. MORRIS 7
WILLIAM S. LANGDON 3	HENRY G. MILES 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	ALFRED B. PECK 9
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
This peal was specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. L. Pennington-Bickford.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD Treble	RAYMOND G. COUSIN 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 8
ERNEST J. KING 4	JACK A. WAUGH 9
EDWARD R. MACKRILL 5	ERNEST W. FURBANK Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPILERS, 5057 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK V. NICHOLLS Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY 6
GILBERT GUEST 2	HERBERT SHEPPARD 7
NORMAN G. LEECH 3	HARRY HUBBALL 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	HENRY GOODMAN 9
JOHN GOODMAN 5	*ARTHUR E. REED Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.
* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Sheppard, the esteemed secretary of the Guild, also to commemorate 50 years as a Sunday service ringer by Mr. A. Rowley.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Abbey Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

HECTOR G. BIRD Treble	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 5
RALPH HARRIS 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 6
JOHN HALL 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
JAMES HEMMING 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as the quarterly peal of the Branch.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TEBUSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRED HINDLE Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
JOHN BROWN 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 6
JOHN BOOTH 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
*ISAAC WHALLEY 4	*LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY ... 2	ARCHIBALD J. GARRETT ... 6
*MERVYN G. PALMER 3	CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 7
†ERNEST J. MUNDAY 4	CYRIL S. WEST Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal of Triples away from tenor. † First peal of Triples. Both at first attempt.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composer unknown.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

This method is No. 507 in the Central Council's MSS., and is believed to be now rung to a peal for the first time.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BALDREY Treble	LEONARD C. WEBB 5
HAROLD J. JERMY 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
GEORGE LEE 3	RICHARD W. R. COATES ... 7
ANDREW L. WHITLING 4	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALBERT E. COLEMAN.

First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band since installation of the bells. Unfortunately, Mr. Richard T. Woodley, one of the keenest members, was unable to take part.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
RONALD A. TUFFIN 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	WILLIAM G. GRACE 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	PERCY J. SPICE 6
HARRY HOSKINS 3	EDMUND MOUNTER 7
WALTER F. TYLER 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

Rung in honour of Trafalgar Day. This composition is now rung for the first time.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BENJAMIN BEEBE Treble	EDWIN MARTIN 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 6
D. HAROLD ARGYLE 3	ALFRED KING 7
*ARTHUR ROWLEY 4	*LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. THOMAS' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*ARTHUR PATRICK Treble	SIDNEY COX 5
JOHN E. CLARKE 2	WALTER ALLEN 6
†WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7
REGINALD JELLEY 4	J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by B. THORPE.

Conducted by J. L. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † 200th tower-bell peal.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	EDMUND MOUNTER ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	CRCIL C. MAYNE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK CRAPNELL ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOODS ... 5
A. STANLEY WOODARD ... 2	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 6
CHARLES CLARKE 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 7
FRANK L. FISHER 4	ROBERT MALSTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

RICHARD E. JONES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
WILFRID STEVENSON 2	LIONEL CLOUGH 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 7
KENNETH LEWIS 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 56). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 6
JOSEPH HARCASLE ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... 7
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The ringers of this peal took part together in a peal at Melbourne, Australia, on October 24th, 1934.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

*CHARLES H. LATHEY ... Treble	CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 5
*JOHN E. PHILBRICK ... 2	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 6
†H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 7
*GEORGE H. WHITMORE ... 4	FRANK PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major in the method.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALFRED HANNINGTON ... Treble	GEORGE TALBOT ... 5
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	*ROBERT E. COLES ... 6
ERNEST STITCH ... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 7
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 4	BERT WEAVER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSEPH W. LAWRENCE ... Treble	WILLIAM NEWTON ... 5
†CLAUDE E. COE ... 2	†ERNEST E. PICKERING ... 6
GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 3	T. HENRY WRIGHT ... 7
*REUBEN WIGHTMAN ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First in the method. Rung to mark the local patronal festival and annual 'Wakes.' All the ringers are local except the conductor.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in D.

HENRY TOOKE ... Treble	*K. WILLIAM BARBER ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	WALTER R. FARROW ... 6
GEORGE S. MAYERS ... 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 7
*ARTHUR G. KING ... 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for a peal of Surprise Major.

DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	THOMAS H. REEVES ... 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 7
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 4	ADAM DEAS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

PERCY L. HARRISON ... Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 6
*ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Arranged by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal of Bristol. Rung on the anniversary of the weddings of H. J. Poole and J. F. Milner, which were suitably celebrated.

WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

REGINALD W. WORRALL ... Treble	*HARRY W. HOWARD ... 5
ALBERT BOOTH ... 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 6
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 3	JOSEPH ASHMOLE ... 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 4	HARRY PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Triples. The ringers wish to congratulate Mr. Ashmoles on the way he rang through the peal despite his 74 years. He is the 'father' of the Northwich Branch.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES MARSH ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
*FRANK VARTY ... 2	*JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 2	*ALFRED L. SIMMONDS ... 6
JOHN W. WARD ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SAM LONGBOTTOM Treble	HAROLD EDWARDS 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	FRED HODGSON 6
ERNEST H. SIMPSON 3	WILFRED HALLIWELL 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

First peal in the method on the bells. Specially arranged to commemorate the tercentenary of the church, which took place on October 21st. First peal on the bells for 17 years.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN BAGNALL Treble	J. GORDON WEITAM 5
WILLIAM T. CLARK 2	WILLIAM LANGHORNE 6
M. GEORGE WHEAT 3	ARTHUR STEDMAN 7
NICHOLAS M. C. NEWBY 4	JAMES E. BURLS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. B. Horne, newly inducted to this church.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*ARTHUR DURLING Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
JAMES E. BAILEY 2	NORMAN SUMMERHAYES 6
*MISS JEAN M. THOMPSON 3	HERBERT E. ADSLEY 7
HARRY HOVERD 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt. The ringer of the fourth has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE WARD Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	ALBERT WORMALD 6
GEORGE WM. STEEL 3	PERCY MASSAM 7
GEORGE COPLEY 4	HARRY HOMER Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by P. MASSAM.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. BLOOR Treble	HAROLD ROSE 5
HAROLD HOUSON 2	† EDWARD STEEL 6
ALAN D. STEEL 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
JAMES WILLIAMS 4	* EDWARD CHEADLE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' It is just 40 years since the conductor's father, the late Henry Page, called the first peal of Stedman on the bells. The band wish to thank Mr. E. Steele for his kindness after the peal.

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

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 5
THOMAS W. LEWIS 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
C. HOWARD STANLEY 4	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung on the first anniversary of the birth of Master 'Bobbie' Dowding, grandson of the ringer of the fifth.

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

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS Treble	RICHARD C. INGRAM 5
* WILLIAM PETTIGREW 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
ALLAN SHORT 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	FRED PRICE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*H. ALLRED Treble	*R. ALLRED 5
*T. ALLRED 2	FRED GRUNDY 6
*C. RIDYARD 3	J. H. RIDYARD 7
*E. YATES 4	P. H. DERBYSHIRE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells. Rung on the back eight.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BURNHAM, BUCKS.)

On Monday, October 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob (methods rung alternately).

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

*P. A. BLAMEY (aged 16) Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER 4
†BRYAN O'NEIL (aged 15) 2	J. D. TAYLOR (aged 16) 5
JOHN E. TAYLOR (aged 15) 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal away from treble. Arranged and rung specially for the wedding of Major R. H. O. Hanbury, M.C. (eldest son of Col. Lionel Hanbury, C.M.G., of Hitcham House, and donor of the bells), and Miss Esmé Leila Gertrude FitzRoy, which took place during the day at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz., two extents of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

REGINALD W. PYE Treble	CHARLES W. BURTON 4
*REGINALD GRAINGER 2	AMBROSE J. MASON 5
WILLIAM T. ELLIOTT 3	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by A. J. MASON.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William Elliott, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

NORMAN TOWNSEND Treble	*WILLIAM DUDLEY 4
*ROBERT WATTS 2	ALBERT NORTH 5
WALTER TAYLOR 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Minor. First 720 of Double Bob and St. Clement's by all. First 720 of Double Oxford by all except W. Dudley.

HOLT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*HAROLD SMITH Treble	NORMAN G. KNEE 4
JESSE FRANCIS 2	PERCY HARDING 5
ERNEST F. WHITE 3	WILLIAM C. WEST Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

* First attempt for a peal.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT J. HURD Treble	ANDREW THOMPSON 4
THOMAS HURD 2	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE 5
GEORGE HULME 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

DAVID ARKLES Treble	REGINALD H. HEWITT 4
THOMAS W. CROWE 2	KENNETH ARTHUR 5
NORMAN FAIRMAN 3	PETER WISHART Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

First peal of Minor by all except 4th ringer. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Oswald Simm, of Cramlington. The band desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. Simm for their kind hospitality after the peal.

RESTORATION IN NORFOLK.

DEDICATION OF SAHAM TONEY'S BELLS.

On Sunday, October 18th, the bells of St. George's Church, Saham Toney, were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich. The bells have been hung in a new frame with new fittings on a concrete floor, and because of the floor having been 'set' for only three months, the bells were chimed, though it is hoped to have them rung on New Year's Eve.

In spite of the bells being chimed, however, a number of ringers attended the service, and some for the first time tried their hands at chiming. Mr. A. L. Coleman, general secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Diocesan Association, was supported by Mr. N. Golden (secretary of the North and South Norfolk Branches), Messrs. R. W. Cooke, S. Flint and C. S. Tuthill (West Norfolk Branch), Mr. G. Bailey (North Norfolk Branch), Messrs. E. G. Bennett and A. G. Harrison (South Norfolk Branch) and ringers from Fakenham, Coston, Shropham, Rockland All Saints, Winfarthing and Shelfanger.

The ringers, with their wives and friends, were entertained to tea following the service. Later ten of the party rang touches for evening song on the six bells at Watton.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples from Carter's Odd Bob peal: H. George, sen. 1, A. A. Watts (first 'inside') 2, K. G. Sheldon 3, J. J. Turner 4, F. F. Hill 5, *W. Beresford 6, A. Hutcheson (conductor) 7, *G. H. Taylor 8. * First quarter-peal. Rung for harvest festival.

FOR BEGINNERS.

A STEP FOR MINOR RINGERS.

In the article in our issue of September 25th, in which we tried to interest ringers of Plain Bob in other varieties of Minor, we explained that this method could be rung both in reverse and double.

There are other methods which can be rung in the same way; that is to say in their construction they can be varied in the same manner as the Plain method. Bob Minor has 2nd's place when the treble leads, Reverse Bob has 5th's place when the treble lies its whole pull behind; Double Bob has both the 2nd's place when the treble leads and 5th's when it lies behind.

There is a series of methods in which places are made 'each side of the treble,' or 'across the treble' as it is sometimes called; that is, when the treble hunts up a bell makes 4th's and then 3rd's (a whole pull in each place) as the treble passes up through 3-4, and another bell makes 3rd's and then 4th's (a whole pull in each place) as the treble hunts down through 4-3.

Perhaps you will see it better if we set it out in skeleton form:—

1	.	x	.	.	.	.	.	x	.	1
.	1	.	x	.	.	.	.	x	.	1
.	.	1	x	.	.	.	.	x	.	1
.	.	.	x	1	.	.	.	1	x	.
.	.	.	x	.	1	.	.	1	.	x
.	.	.	.	x	.	1	.	1	.	x

The figure 1, of course, represents the treble, the x the bell making the places, and the dots the other bells. The bell that makes the places is going in the same direction as the treble, but stops and recrosses the treble, after which it continues in the same direction as the treble has gone (unless some variation is introduced into the method to prevent it). Actually, these 'places across the treble' change the coursing order of that bell and the treble exactly as 2nd's place in Bob Minor turns it about.

Now, just as there are three methods constructed with plain hunting pure and simple, with the variation of 2nd's, or 5th's, or both, so there are three methods obtained from this simple place making 'across the treble'—one with 2nd's place made when the treble leads (in addition, of course, to the other places), one with 5th's place made when the treble lies behind, and the other with both 2nd's and 5th's. In addition there is a method in the group, making four in all, without either 2nd's or 5th's.

The effect of these places is to cause the other bells to dodge. The 'places across the treble' cause the bells both in 1-2 and 5-6 to dodge, and, as in Plain Bob, the 2nd's and 5th's also cause a dodge in the other pairs of places.

The contiguity of these places is such that the 'places across the treble' plus 2nd's cause the two bells behind to dodge from the time the treble goes away until it gets back again. Similarly the 'places across the treble' plus 5th's cause the two bells in front to dodge from the time the treble goes away until it gets back again. Second's plus 5th's causes this lead-long dodging to be carried on both in front and at the back.

Now what we would like those of our readers, who are interested in investigations of this sort, to do is to endeavour to construct them on their own account.

First write out (1) a lead of the method in which only 'places across the treble' are made, that is 4th's and 3rd's as the treble hunts up and 3rd's and 4th's as the treble hunts down. Then write out (2) a lead of the same method with 2nd's place introduced when the treble leads, causing the bells in 3-4 and 5-6 to dodge. Next write out (3) a lead of the method with 5th's place when the treble is behind, and last (4) the method with both 5th's and 2nd's.

In order that you may check your work, we will say that the first lead heads of these methods are (1) 156342, (2) and (3) 164523, and (4) 142635.

When you have done this construct a diagram, that is a line drawn on the track of one bell from beginning to end of the full course. If you don't want to write out all the leads in full for this purpose you can do it by tracing the course of one bell through a lead and then continuing the diagram by taking up the work from the beginning of the bell into whose place the line falls at the first lead head. Thus if you start with the 2nd in method (1), this bell gets to 6th's place at the lead head; you therefore carry on with the work of the 6th for the next lead, which will leave your line in 3rd's at the next lead head; then go back and pick up the work of the 3rd, and so on. Constructing your own diagrams is the quickest way of learning the work of a method, and, in doing it, do not forget to mark the places where the treble passes across the path of the other bell.

RINGING AT EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Sunday, by members of the Scottish Association: *A. Mauran 1, *Miss A. I. Whitson 2, †B. F. Vernon 3, *Miss M. Holland 4, *H. White 5, *M. A. K. Simpson 6, W. C. S. Heathcote 7, †G. Marshall 8, C. R. Raine (conductor) 9, †J. Pryde 10. * First quarter-peal of Caters. † First quarter-peal in any method. First quarter-peal of Caters as conductor.

DEATH OF AN AMERSHAM RINGER.**FORTY YEARS MEMBER OF ST. MARY'S COMPANY.**

The death took place at Amersham on October 15th of Mr. Alfred Elburn, aged 57 years. Deceased, who came from a ringing family, was for over 40 years a member of the band at St. Mary's, Amersham. He will be much missed by the local band, as he was a most regular attendant, until a serious operation in December of last year curtailed his ringing activities. He was also a member of the local fire brigade, for which he held a long service medal.

The funeral, which was attended by the fire brigade and his fellow-ringers, took place at Amersham on October 17th. At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by E. C. Ayres, L. R. Betts, W. E. Redrup and A. D. Barker, hon. secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild. After the burial the bells he loved so well were rung half-muffled to his favourite method, London Surprise Minor. The 'whole pull and stand' was then rung. On Tuesday, October 20th, an attempt for a half-muffled peal unfortunately came to grief after two hours and eight minutes' good ringing through a 'shift.'

Deceased leaves a widow and one daughter, to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

SHOULD LADIES RING WITH HATS AND COATS ON?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—This question came to me when I visited St. Mary's Church, Wimbledon, on Wednesday, September 30th, on the occasion of a joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild and Surrey Association. This was an official meeting of ladies, and there seemed to be some difference of opinion, for some were ringing with hats and coats on, while others had them removed.

To most ringers to see a man ringing with his coat on appears to be completely out of order, and to me a lady appears to be equally out of order ringing with a hat and coat on. Some may hold the view that a lady must always wear a hat in church, but I think there is a danger in the belfry, especially where the room is congested. The ringing of church bells is a service of praise quite different to other services held in church. For instance, a ringer would never think of appearing at any other services with his coat off, although he removes it before ringing. That, to me, is an indication that ladies should remove their hats and coats before they actually take part in the ringing of church bells, and especially at Guild meetings.

CHARLES TURNER, Captain,
St. Mary's Ringers, Dover.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**JOINT MEETING AT BUCKFAST ABBEY.**

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, October 17th. The meeting was held jointly with the South-West Branch, and there was an excellent attendance of ringers and friends from Plymouth, Plympton, Colleton, Paignton, Newton Abbot, Cockington, Buckfastleigh, Ide, Christow, Exeter, Brampford Speke, Sidmouth, Bath, etc.

The glorious peal of bells was kept going to a variety of methods during the afternoon, including a well-struck course of Grandsire Cinques. The great Bourdon bell also created a good deal of interest.

About 64 sat down to tea in two relays at the Abbey Cafe, and the Mid-Devon Branch subsequently held their business meeting, presided over by the Rev. W. R. D. Mills (chairman).

A letter was read from the general secretary regarding collections at meetings for the Bell Restoration Fund. The president of the Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox) explained the object, and it was recommended that collections be taken at the services. A collection at the conclusion of the meeting amounted to 6s. 5d.

A certificate was presented by the president to Mr. L. Wensley, of Cockington band.

The place and date of the annual meeting were next discussed, and it was resolved to hold this at Ipplepen on Saturday, February 13th, 1937, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

The election of Mr. H. C. Collyer, of Newton Abbot, as an unattached performing member prior to starting for a peal was confirmed.

In accordance with the recommendation of the General Committee, Mr. C. R. Walker was elected auditor of the branch, and Mr. A. L. Bennett was elected Ringing Master.

It was unanimously resolved on the recommendation of the chairman that the secretary write the Lord Abbot of Buckfast expressing the great appreciation of the visitors in allowing the meeting to be held at the Abbey. Hearty votes of thanks were also accorded the ladies who carried out the tea arrangements, to the Vicar of Buckfastleigh for the use of his bells, and to the secretary of the branch for making all the arrangements.

The Chairman announced that one of his ringers, who was a member of the branch, had met with an accident resulting in the loss of two fingers, and the members present expressed their regret.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding concluded the meeting. Some of the visitors returned to the tower for further ringing, whilst others visited Buckfastleigh tower to ring. The meeting was much enjoyed by all.

Ringings at the Abbey now takes place from the floor on which the bells themselves formerly stood.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells at Harthill Church are to be recast into a peal of eight, and rehung with new fittings in a new frame, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Vernon Taylor, the brilliant young conductor of the Lincolnshire band who recently rang 61 methods in a peal of Minor, met with a rather serious accident in the belfry at Frampton about a fortnight ago. The rope of the tenor got under his foot and he was pitched on to his head, sustaining concussion. He is, happily, making good progress towards recovery.

The peal of Treble Bob Major at North Wingfield on October 17th was rung for the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield District Society.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques in Cheshire was rung on handbells on February 14th, 1935, at Stockport. This information is supplied by Mr. A. F. Bailey, of Stockport, who adds: 'Congratulations to the Macclesfield band on ringing the first in the county on tower bells.'

Mr. W. Poston has conducted a peal in every eight-bell tower in Herefordshire. He completed them on Saturday, when he called a peal at Lugwardine.

From one young ringer to another, Ernest W. Pye, son of the late Mr. William Pye, writes: I should like to congratulate E. A. Barnett on his 200 peals.

Mr. Jesse Puplett, whose address is now High Street, Stewkley, Bucks, informs us that the six bells of Stewkley Parish Church are to be retuned, etc., and two trebles added, to complete the octave. This is to be carried out through the generosity of Mr. Bliss, a former resident of the parish.

PEAL STANDARDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is quite possible that I shall be credited with being the correspondent who was mentioned in your leader of last week, referring to peals that should not be reported as such. May I plead with that gentleman to send his name and yourself to publish the letter, even if the conductor of the peal in question does have his weekly appearance in the peal columns?

This happens in all classes of peals from Surprise to Doubles, although I was informed some time back in 'The Ringing World' that it was not possible to ring a second-class peal of Surprise. Rot! We all have ears and so have the general public. A bit of scouring would do a world of good.

Maidenhead.

GEORGE GILBERT.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN MONK.

'A FINE OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMAN.'

On Tuesday, October 20th, passed away a notable stalwart of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in the person of Mr. John Monk, of Witney. He will be missed in the town itself as a genial, kindly man, while as to ringing, he had done more 'spade work' than will ever be realised except by ringers of 30 (or more) years' standing.

John Monk had rung more than 150 peals, Stedman and Grandsire Triples mostly. He called many peals of Grandsire in the Witney district and was for many years secretary and treasurer of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Guild. Whatever he did he did well, and after a peal or a meeting no member could feel dull when once John started to tell the little tales of his experiences of a long life. A born wit, he would keep a company roaring with laughter. Albeit, John was a Christian gentleman.

The interment took place on Thursday, October 22nd, but owing to the very short notice very few ringers were present. Messrs. George Hollisfield, sen. and jun., W. Evetts and Frank Smith, of the Royal Cumberlands (who was one of John's pupils more than 40 years ago), with the writer, attended the service held in the fine old Parish Church, and the committal service in the cemetery. Looking down on the name plate, 'John Monk, aged 76,' made one feel that a real old friend had gone. In the words of an old song, 'He was a fine old English gentleman, one of the olden time.' May he rest in peace.

The bells were rung muffled in the afternoon and evening by the local ringers. The sympathy of many ringers will go out to the widow, John's wife for 53 years, and his three sons.

R. T. H.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Towcester Branch of Peterborough Diocesan Guild, held at Cosgrove on Saturday, proved a success. In addition to members of the branch, visitors from North Bucks and Central Bucks Branches of the Oxford Guild were present.

Cosgrove, a small village about two miles from Stony Stratford and the Watling Street, has just had a new treble added to the bells to make a ring of six, and in the opinion of ringers present they are a nice peal, thanks to the work of Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Ringings commenced about 2.30 p.m., and service was conducted later by the Rev. E. V. Feun (hon. secretary), who preached a practical sermon.

Afterwards at tea the ringers were joined by the Rector (the Rev. H. N. C. Hewson) and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Winterbottom, of Cosgrove Hall. The hon. secretary thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, etc.

Handbell ringing and more tower-bell ringing concluded the meeting.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA—MELBOURNE, ENGLAND.

REUNION OF 'A GREAT ADVENTURE' PARTY.

Another Ringing Link Between Mother Country and Commonwealth.

On Saturday a memorable 'double' was completed by English ringers who, two years ago, toured Australia. On October 24th, 1934, two days after they had landed in Melbourne, they rang their first peal in the Commonwealth—a peal of Bob Royal at St. Paul's Cathedral.

On October 24th, 1936, exactly two years afterwards, eight of this band rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Melbourne, Derbyshire, and thus forged another link between the parent town and the daughter city on the other side of the world.



The CENTRAL TOWER of Melbourne Parish Church, Derbyshire, from the north.

When Melbourne, Australia, was founded a hundred years ago, it took its name from the then Prime Minister of England, Lord Melbourne, who was born at Melbourne Hall, Derbyshire, and whose title came from his native village.

Since their return to England, the tourists have had a growing desire to complete their association with Australia by linking up the two Melbournes in a ringing sense, and this was made possible by the rehanging of the Derbyshire bells early this year at the expense of Councillor Nettlefold, of Melbourne, Australia. Nothing seemed to be lacking to bind closer together the bells of the two Melbournes.

The Vicar of the Derbyshire parish (the Rev. Lt.-Col. John Morris, D.S.O.) not only gave his ready acquiescence to the project, he welcomed the opportunity of giving it effect, and in this he was enthusiastically supported by his churchwardens and ringers. Everything that could facilitate the peal attempt was offered and done, and our columns record the success that was achieved.

But this is getting a bit ahead of the story. When it was found possible to visit Melbourne, the hospitality of Glyn Garth, Surfleet, once more exhibited itself, and Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson invited the whole party to make their home the headquarters for

the week-end. Thus on Friday afternoon they began to foregather at this delectable spot for ringers. Bill Linter, having travelled by train from Fareham, Hants, was the first to arrive. Joe Hardcastle and Ralph Maude rolled up on wheels from Bradford, Yorks, an hour or two later. About half-past seven a contingent from the south, Bill Fussell from Slough, George Martin from Maidenhead and their chauffeur from Pyrford came on the scene, only to find much perturbation at the absence of Charles Sharples and his better half from Blackpool, who were due some time before.

A LOST COUPLE.

It is extraordinary what vagaries are played by the railway companies upon people travelling to Lincolnshire. Several times the Surfleet 'bus' went to Spalding to meet likely trains—reminiscent of an occasion a little more than a year ago—but in vain.

The Vicar of Surfleet and Mrs. Clark came to Glyn Garth to add to the heartiness of the welcome. It is unnecessary to dwell on the warmth of the greetings between the members of the much-travelled party and the great pleasure it was to meet again. But what had happened to the Sharples? The party supped amid speculations, and at half-past nine Rupert made one more almost despairing journey to Spalding. And there they were waiting at the station! They had gone to the wrong terminus in Manchester—it will be remembered they nearly missed the 'Barrabool' at Fremantle—and been brought to Lincolnshire by a route that took them nearly all round England, if one may judge by the time occupied. Railway travelling, however, is not the only thing that gets upset when Lincolnshire is the objective. Visitors to Surfleet on a former occasion will recollect the mystery of a telegram that arrived one Saturday afternoon, some hours after its dispatch. Last Friday a telegram, sent from Manchester, which would have elucidated the whole situation, failed to arrive at all, and, as far as we know, is still somewhere on the 'wires.'

However, with the party complete, spirits rose high, and the only source of regret was the absence of the Rev. E. Bankes James, who was unable to travel on account of the effects of a heavy cold.

An early start—at least it was early for some of the party—was necessary next morning for the 70 miles' drive to Melbourne. The run to Melton Mowbray was the story of the hare and the tortoise over again. The 'hazes,' there were two of them, stopped for petrol, the tortoise, oblivious of the 'pull up,' dashed by at quite 25 miles an hour, the driver clinging to his steering wheel like grim death and his passengers, with their hair on end, clinging wildly to their seats. The tortoise won the race to Melton by a short head and thereafter was content to bring up the rear of the procession.

At Melbourne the Vicar was waiting, with representatives of the local ringers, to welcome the visitors, and the three cars disgorged the eleven travellers—Mrs. Sharples, Ralph Maude and Enid Richardson making up the party with the eight ringers. To add to their pleasure they also found waiting to greet them a lady, now of Derby, who was present at Bishopcote, Melbourne, when the tourists were entertained there by the Archbishop of Melbourne the day after their arrival.

MELBOURNE'S MAGNIFICENT CHURCH.

It will be of interest to say something about St. Michael's Church, an early Norman building reputed to be one of the finest examples of its type of architecture in the country. It was not inaptly described by Mr. Fussell, who knows what he is talking about in these matters, as Durham Cathedral in miniature.

The church was built about the year 1090, and before alterations, carried out probably in the 16th century, had three apsidal ends at the east end, with a room over the chancel. The nave is of five bays, with stilted arches, ornamented with a zig-zag and plain roll moulding. There is a Norman clerestory on the north side and an Early English one on the south, with a passage over all the nave arches, and continued round the central tower on the same level, which led to the room over the chancel.

The interior of the tower is a fine example of Norman arcading in three tiers. Above that the upper part of the tower is probably 17th century work. A curious feature of the church is that it is entirely unenclosed, none of the original churchyard being in existence as a churchyard. The Vicarage, a large stone building, with an unexpectedly fine prospect from the rear, stands in the south-east corner of the space surrounding the church.

The bells are by Taylor and Co. Six of them were cast in 1882 to replace four which dated back to the 16th century. The trebles were added as a jubilee memorial in 1887. Early this year the bells badly needed rehanging. An appeal for funds brought in a certain amount, and then, by a happy thought, Melbourne, Australia, was invited to contribute. 'The Sun' newspaper sent the first £25, but, on hearing of the appeal, Councillor Nettlefold, of Melbourne, asked to be allowed to bear the whole cost. 'The Sun' newspaper's donation was diverted by the givers to charity, and the excellent work done by Messrs. Taylor and Co. was thus paid for by a citizen of Melbourne, Australia. The bells were put on ball bearings and go like the proverbial tops. But there is just a snag for those unused to ringing there. The bells are rung from the floor of the chancel and there is 56ft. of rope up to the wheels and only guides in the upper part of the tower. Unless

THE PEAL AT MELBOURNE

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a perfectly straight and long pull is applied, the sallies have a tendency to wander into the centre of the chancel or come down behind the ringer's back. At Melbourne one has to think of the actual ringing as well as of the method. The fronts of the choir stalls have to be removed before ringing can begin, and the seats are folded back to give leg room.

Well, after a few preliminaries, including a flashlight photograph of the ringers at their ropes, the many onlookers in the church took their departure, the door was locked and the peal was rung in 3 hours 19 minutes.

Poor Joe had a rotten time. Two or three days before, he had had an argument with the business end of a carpenter's chisel—and got the worst of it. He had a badly cut finger, which, despite surgical bandaging, split open again while he was ringing, but with true Yorkshire doggedness he 'stuck it out' in spite of the pain and the difficulty of handling his rope under such conditions. More than one of the peals which this band have rung together have produced a 'hero,' and the laurels fell on Joe on this occasion. It was, of course, only fitting that the peal should be rung for the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, of which, at a memorable gathering on the evening of their arrival in the Australian city, the ringers had been made life members.

Although not specially arranged in honour of the event, the ringers desire to record the peal as a birthday compliment to Miss Frey Shimmie on her 'coming of age.' Miss Shimmie took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Melbourne on Armistice Day, 1934, and is the only Australian lady who has rung a peal.

As soon as the door was opened there was a flood of listeners, who came in to offer their congratulations, but none were more welcome than the Rev. R. Sherwood, now Vicar of Bleasley, Notts, and Mrs. Sherwood. In the days when the tourists visited Australia, the Rev. R. Sherwood was Precentor of St. Paul's Cathedral. He was the 'liaison officer' between the church authorities and the ringers, and to him and Mr. Arthur Savage, hon. secretary of the society, the visitors were specially indebted.

A LUNCH PARTY.

After the peal, the Vicar very kindly entertained the visitors to lunch, to which a party of over 30 sat down at the Melbourne Hotel, the company including, in addition to the tourists, the Rev. R. and Mrs. Sherwood, the churchwardens of Melbourne (Messrs. T. Pearce and G. Denzil Robinson), the local ringers, and Mr. A. H. Ward, of Derby.

The Vicar, who presided, extended a hearty welcome to the guests and spoke of the historic interest of their visit to Australia. He was delighted at their success that day and hoped they would be able at some future time to visit Melbourne, Derbyshire, again.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, on behalf of the guests, thanked the Vicar both for the readiness with which he acceded to the request for the peal attempt to be made and for his hospitality, which they all greatly appreciated. It had been their ambition since their return from Australia to complete the unique 'double' by ringing a peal in Melbourne, Derbyshire, and they were all delighted that it had been successful. They were greatly pleased to meet the local ringers, and he congratulated them on having had their bells put into such excellent order. He hoped they would go on and progress in the art of ringing so that one day they might be able to visit Melbourne, Australia, and ring a peal there. (A Voice: 'Some hopes,' and laughter.) Mr. Goldsmith referred to the presence of the Rev. R. Sherwood and said how greatly delighted they were to meet him again under such happy circumstances. In Australia Mr. Sherwood did a great deal to smooth the way for their ringing at the Cathedral, and he would probably remember the peal two years ago that very day, when the Gas Company tried to get him to stop the bells, because, they said, they could not carry on their business. Some of the rooms in the company's huge offices were right opposite the louveres of the belfry, and he (Mr. Goldsmith) believed if they could have done so they would have liked at that moment to set Mr. Sherwood on the top of one of their gasometers and blow him up (laughter). He was blown up on the telephone, however, and they were glad to see him still alive and well and able to join them that day as the Vicar of an English country parish (applause).

Mr. W. H. Fussell seconded the vote of thanks to the Vicar and the local ringers and referred to the wonderful ties between the two Melbournes, held together in no small measure by the Church in the two countries. That day, he thought, the ringers by their activities had added another link.

The Rev. R. Sherwood added his thanks to the Vicar for permitting Mrs. Sherwood and him to join the happy gathering. He said he felt they did not do enough in Australia for the English ringers, who brought far more than they received in return.

Both churchwardens endorsed the welcome extended by the Vicar, and Mr. Whitehead, a ringer and former churchwarden, expressed delight at the visit and said how much he had enjoyed listening to the peal, which was the first rung there for a great number of years.

GREETINGS TO AUSTRALIAN RINGERS.

Before the party broke up the following cablegram was dispatched to Mr. A. A. Savage, hon. secretary of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne: 'Tourists assembled Melbourne, Derbyshire, send (Continued on next page.)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S NEW PRESIDENT.

TO-MORROW'S GATHERING IN LIVERPOOL.

The new president of the Lancashire Association (the Rev. Arthur Scott) will take the chair at the association's fifth annual dinner, which is to be held at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool, on Saturday.

The Rev. Arthur Scott, who was elected a month ago, succeeds the late Canon Elsee, who filled the office for 45 years. Mr. Scott, who is 'Lecturer of Bolton' and senior curate of Bolton Parish Church, is the only son of Mrs. Scott, of Batley House, Newport, Brough, East Yorkshire, and of the late Mr. Arthur Scott. A Yorkshireman by birth, being born in Hull in 1907, Mr. Scott has Lancashire blood in his veins through his grandmother, the late Mrs. Margaret Scott, a daughter of William Lawton, of Holcroft Hall, Culcheth, near Warrington.



Rev. Arthur Scott, M.A.

In 1926 he entered Queen's College, Cambridge, obtaining a third class in Part I. of the Historical Tripos in 1928, proceeding to his B.A. in the following year, and his M.A. in 1933.

In 1929 Mr. Scott entered Ridley Hall, Cambridge. He was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Manchester in Manchester Cathedral in 1930, and priest the following year.

From 1930 to 1934 he was curate of Christ Church, Harpurhey, a large urban parish in the North of Manchester, under the Rev. H. S. Wilkinson, now Rector of Chester-le-Street. In 1934 the Vicar of Bolton invited Mr. Scott to join the staff of Bolton Parish Church, and six months later he was appointed 'Lecturer of Bolton.'

It was at Bolton that Mr. Scott first became a ringer. Although a beginner in the art of change ringing, Mr. Scott is very keen and means to master it, hoping to ring his first peal in the near future.

Mr. Scott is also keenly interested in Toc H, and was appointed Padre of Bolton Branch in 1934, and of the Bolton District in 1936.

To-morrow's programme in Liverpool will include a visit to the tower of the new Cathedral at 2 p.m. and a civic reception at the Town Hall at 3.30. At this function tea will be served by the kindness of the Lord Mayor, and the Police band will be present to render a programme of music.

The speakers at the dinner will include the Lord Bishop of Liverpool and the president of the Central Council, as well, of course, as the new president of the association.

Our photograph is by courtesy of the 'Bolton Evening News.'

FROM MELBOURNE TO MELBOURNE

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greetings to ringers Melbourne, Australia. Peal successful for Cathedral Society on bells restored by Councillor Nettlefold.—Sherwood.

A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells and some tunes by Bill and George brought this part of the happy proceedings to a close.

The visitors afterwards, through the kindness of Mr. T. Pearce, the agent for the estate, who acted as guide, made a hurried inspection of the famous gardens of Melbourne Hall. The hall itself stands but a few yards from the east end of the church and was at one time a palace of the Bishops of Carlisle, to whom the church and all its belongings were given when that See was founded. It was later the seat of Sir John Coke, a Secretary of State to Charles I., and afterwards became the home of the Lamb family, of which Lord Melbourne was a member. Lord Palmerston, another Prime Minister, also lived there.

As dusk was falling the visitors piled into their cars, and Rupert led them successfully through the narrow and tortuous roads to Loughborough, and thence to Grantham, where he decided to allow the other two to make their own way home, while he went ahead to prepare for the coming of the rest of the party—although we rather think it was Mrs. Richardson who did the actual preparation. The two remaining cars separated, but after a time when the 'tortoise' was due home, and overdue, and had not arrived, there was talk of a search party going out to scour the countryside for the missing ones. The search was not a protracted one. The car was found safely parked in the forecourt of the Crown at Surfleet, and the occupants comfortably engaged in the bar parlour.

At dinner that night 'Australian friends' were toasted, and the health of the host and hostess was drunk with gusto.

Next morning four of the party, including Mr. Fussell, who had rung in the Rev. H. Law James' first peal, rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells round the grave of the late Vicar of Surfleet. This tribute paid, ringing for service gave the visitors, new to the Lincolnshire village, the opportunity to hear Surfleet's little ring of twelve bells.

With the afternoon came the first departures, but some of the party extended their visit until Monday before returning to distant corners of England.

It was a 'great reunion,' the success of which was in large measure due to the great hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**ARCHDEACON OF COVENTRY APPOINTED PRESIDENT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild at Bedworth on Saturday, October 17th, was very successful in every way. The ringing was somewhat curtailed, as, owing to the funeral of a prominent local resident, the bells were not rung until after tea. However, the handbells were made good use of until the time for the service. This was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Brodie-Good) and his curate (the Rev. C. Stammers) in the side chapel of the church, and a short but interesting address was given by the Rector.

After tea, to which about 40 members and their friends sat down in the Church School, the company adjourned to another room for the business meeting. The Rev. C. Stammers was in the chair, and members attended from Stratford-on-Avon, Stoke, Nuneaton, Rugby, Chilvers Coton, Allesley, Bulkington, Erdington and the local band. Several visitors were also welcomed, including Mr. J. Hunt, of Manchester.

Meeting places were arranged as follows: Allesley on November 21st, and Nuneaton on January 16th. The December meeting was cancelled owing to the proximity of Christmas.

The committee's action in appointing the Archdeacon of Coventry to be the president of the Guild in succession to the Rev. J. A. B. Davies was approved by the committee, on the proposition of Mr. L. J. Hinde.

Four new members were elected, namely, W. Leeson, J. Jukes, S. Bragg and W. Vann. The election of the Rev. C. E. Wigg, of High Wycombe, Mr. A. P. Cannon, of Brockley, London, and Mr. A. S. Richards, of West Wickham, Kent, prior to a peal at Hear Cross, Staffs, was ratified.

The Ringing Master announced that an invitation had been extended to ringers to attend the rededication of the bells at Leamington Hastings on November 1st.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for his address, to the chairman for conducting the meeting, and to the ladies who had kindly prepared tea, was proposed by Mr. J. H. White.

Muffled ringing on the tower bells followed the meeting.

REOPENING OF LINDLEY BELLS.**RESTORATION OF A YORKSHIRE RING.**

On Saturday last the Lord Bishop of Wakefield rededicated the ring of eight bells at St. Stephen's Church, Lindley, on the outskirts of Huddersfield, after rehanging by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

For some time past these bells had been in indifferent condition, having done service since 1874, when they were presented to the church by Thomas Varley, of Egerton House.

The peal, which has a tenor bell of approximately one ton, has now been retuned, quarter-turned and cleaned, and equipped with entirely new fittings in a new metal frame, the work being carried out in the traditional 'Taylor' manner, and, of course, leaving nothing to be desired.

A large congregation was present, including visiting ringers from Friezland, New Mill, Armley, Headingley, Ashton-under-Lyne, London, etc., and the bells were made good use of after the service and during the evening.

It was fitting that the generous donor of the bells, who died only a few months after making his gift, was not forgotten last Saturday, and a wreath, made in the shape of a bell, was placed upon his grave, which is close to the church.

FUNDS RAISED BY RINGERS.

It is pleasing to put on record the unflagging and determined efforts of the Lindley ringers to get the bells into ringing order again. It may give other ringers, who are in the same position, the necessary hope and fighting spirit to get their own bells restored, for it is a good example of perseverance and grit. The bells had got to such a condition that it was agreed that no more ringing could be done until they were made safe again.

The ringers held a meeting and decided to raise the necessary funds by holding whist drives and distributing collecting envelopes throughout the district. At last they had sufficient money in hand to undertake the work and they are now able to handle their own bells once more. Hard work, perseverance and enthusiasm have been their motto.

They are naturally very proud of what has been accomplished, and gladly say that they have 'the finest peal in Yorkshire, bar none.'

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Holloway, on Sunday, September 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, Miss E. Dixon (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, R. Newman 3, H. Franks 4, G. Charge 5, A. Turner (conductor) 6, F. Akers 7, H. Brown (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss V. M. Cay to Mr. Alfred Johnson, which took place at SS. Peter and Paul's Church.

SURREY BELLS IMPROVED.**RESTORATION IN A TWO-TIER FRAME.**

On Sunday, October 25th, the Rt. Rev. C. H. Golding-Bird rededicated the eight bells of Yorktown Church, Camberley, Surrey, after they had been rehanged and retuned by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The bells were rung in a few rounds during the service by the local ringers, also after the service in rounds and call changes. While the congregation were leaving the church, touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were afterwards rung by the visitors, which, considering the mixed nature of the band, were good, especially the Stedman.

The bells are hung in two tiers. The lower tier is in an H frame and the upper in a side frame, each mounted on steel girders running north, south, east and west, thus bracing the tower. Each bell pit is also cross braced. All fittings are new throughout. The 'go' of the bells is perfect, and they all handle exceptionally well considering the very long draught.

The bells themselves have been very much improved by tuning and are now a very musical peal. The whole lay-out has been carefully thought out and carried through on thorough engineering lines.

DEATH OF A LEIGHTON BUZZARD STALWART.**A PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING.**

By the passing on the morning of October 20th of George Bonfield, Leighton Buzzard lost one of its pioneers of change ringing.

Commencing his ringing career at St. Barnabas', Linslade, in 1886, he transferred in the following year to All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, where he was a member of that band for 36 years. He conducted the first two peals of Grandsire Triples by the local band in 1903 and 1910, and in May, 1904, he called the first touch of Grandsire Triples at St. Barnabas', Linslade, when the bells were augmented from six to eight.

During the Great War he ably deputised for Mr. J. Nicholls, the foreman of All Saints' belfry, and instructed a band of lady ringers to carry on whilst most of the men were absent.

In 1922, it became apparent that his failing health would cause him to give up ringing, and to the regret of all he handled a bell for the last time on Christmas Day of that year. He also retired from the L.M.S. Railway, in whose service he had been on the foot-plate for so long.

During his years of retirement he never ceased to take interest in local ringing, and he frequently criticised the efforts of the younger ringers in the town.

His death was quite sudden and unexpected, following an operation in Aylesbury Hospital. He lived, however, to see the completion of the schemes of rehanging the two local peals of bells in 1935.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at St. Mary's Cemetery, Old Linslade, and during the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, rung as a mark of respect, was brought home on the back 'eight' of All Saints' Church: Miss D. Lidbitter (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, P. Vickers 2, F. Dedman 3, W. Botsford 4, F. Plummer 5, E. Bilson 6, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 7, W. Jeffs 8. Ringers of 2, 3, 6 and tenor belong to St. Barnabas' belfry, Linslade.

ASHOVER CHURCH BELLS.**A RESTORATION APPEAL.**

A public meeting was held in the Parish Room, Ashover, Derbyshire, on Wednesday, October 14th, presided over by the Rector, the Rev. J. B. Nodder, M.A., to consider a report received from Messrs. John Taylor and Co., bell founders, Loughborough, on the condition of Ashover church bells.

It is now 34 years since two additional bells were added and the rest of the peal thoroughly overhauled, and in consequence of local reports to the Rector that some attention to them was necessary, the bell founders were invited to make an examination, as a result of which it is revealed that wear and tear has made necessary certain work which would involve an immediate cost of approximately £50. In addition the bell founders pointed out that practically the whole of the bearings are showing wear to such an extent as will render it necessary for these also to receive attention and renewal within a comparative short period. In view of this they strongly advised that the bearings should be renewed at the same time and thereby avoid the double expense of providing the necessary tools, tackle and appliances for carrying out the work of complete restoration.

At the meeting it was decided to accept Messrs. Taylor's estimate of approximately £140 for the complete work of restoring the peal to a first-class condition, including the placing of the bells on ball bearings, and to endeavour to raise the necessary money by public subscription.

It was considered that anyone who had visited the old-world village of Ashover, and was interested in its delightful old church and beautiful peal of bells, which have a tenor of about 18 cwt., might like to subscribe to this worthy project which is immediately being taken in hand. Any subscriptions thereto would be gratefully acknowledged by Mr. A. W. H. Bowler, Eastwood View, Ashover, near Chesterfield, who has been appointed treasurer of the fund.

HERTS ASSOCIATION 'FAMILY PARTY.'

At a meeting held at Abbots Langley, a peal tablet was unveiled recording the first peal rung on the bells by an entirely local band.

Owing to the large number of ringers who did not attend, the meeting resolved itself into a family party, having tea in the beautiful dining room of the old vicarage. The afternoon and evening were spent in a very social way, ringing in various methods (Surprise and otherwise), and an excellent tea given by Mrs. Geddes.

The peal board was unveiled by Miss Glenister, who rang in the peal. It is a great pity that greater support was not given to the meeting in this charming church.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association was held at Lyminster on Saturday, October 17th, when 23 members were present from Arundel, Angmering, Billingshurst, Haeco, Warnham, Tarring and the local band. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. S. P. Duval, D.D.).

Tea was served at the Vicarage and was followed by the usual business meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies who served the tea.

The Vicar, in replying, said he was pleased to see so many young ringers present, and that ringers would always be welcome in Lyminster.

Ringling continued till 8 p.m. and ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

EIGHT METHODS IN SERVICE TOUCH.

On Sunday, October 11th, at St. Mary's, Willesden, for harvest festival: For morning service, 1,280 changes Cambridge Surprise Major: J. H. Riding 1, C. E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, E. B. Hartley (first in the method) 4, Miss K. M. Bradford 5, H. Kilby 6, E. H. Kilby 7, T. J. Lock (conductor) 8. For evening service, 1,312 changes of Spiced Surprise Major in eight methods, consisting of 256 Ealing, 192 London, 160 each of Bristol, Wembley, Rutland, 128 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire: C. E. Lankester 1, J. A. Trollope 2, G. M. Kilby 3, T. J. Lock 4, Miss K. M. Bradford 5, J. H. Riding 6, H. Kilby 7, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 8.

In connection with the harvest festival celebrations at St. Andrew's Church, Felkington, Lincs, on Saturday, October 10th, 720 of London Surprise: P. Humphrey 1, F. Humphrey 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, J. Botham 4, C. T. H. Bradley 5, T. L. Bainbridge 6. Also 720 spliced of Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne.

PORTISHEAD LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

A wedding took place at Portishead Parish Church on Saturday, September 26th, when Miss Gwendolin J. B. Staddon, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Staddon, of Portishead, was married to Mr. Leonard A. Simmons, third son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Simmons, of Bedminster, Bristol. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. S. Briggs (Rector of Wraxall), assisted by the Rev. Preb. H. W. Jukes (Rector of Portishead).

The Portishead band of ringers, of whom the bride has been a member for several years, rang before and after the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a gown of ivory satin and lace, with a veil and headdress of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of white heather and HARRISSI lilies. She was attended by a quartette of bridesmaids, who included the Misses V. and K. Simmons (bridegroom's sisters), Miss B. Staddon (bride's sister) and Miss A. Brown (aunt of the bride). The two latter are ringers.

After the ceremony a reception was held, at which some 50 guests were present, among whom were Mr. A. N. Staddon and Mr. R. Staddon (brothers of the bride), who carried out the duties of groomsmen and who are both members of the Portishead band of ringers, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brown (uncle and aunt of the bride), who belong to the SS. Philip and Jacob's Guild of Ringers, Bristol. Among the many presents were a magnificent oak chiming clock, suitably inscribed, from the Portishead bellringers, a tea service from Preb. H. W. Jukes and Mrs. Jukes, and an Italian rug from members of the Brotherhood, where the bride assisted in the orchestra.

5.082 GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

BY W. MATTHEWS, MACCLESFIELD.

23456

65324 2-5

52364	11 in and out with 4
35264	7 in and out with 4
23564	7 in and out with 4
36524	11 in and out with 4
62534	11 in and out with 4
56234	7 in and out with 4
43652	11 in and out with 3

Last seven courses four times repeated, omitting last course of all for 23456. Round by calling 10th and 11th before.

Rung at Macclesfield on October 13th, 1936.

A DEVONSHIRE EXCURSION.**VISIT TO LITTLE KNOWN TOWERS.**

We cannot bring the sunshine to others without enjoying it ourselves. Thus we thought, when heavy rain pelted around our 'chara' as we journeyed, away on the borders of Devon and Somerset, in the hunting preserves of the Dulverton pack, where in a bygone generation 'Passou' Jack Russell used to hunt.

The genial secretary of St. David's, Exeter, band (Mr. Gardner) was our guiding light, and all that the members of a party of 20 ringers, wives and friends had to do was to enjoy what sunshine there happened to be about. A case of bottles occupied a small corner near the driver's seat. Mr. Gardner made certain of no 'dryness' in the bus.

We left St. David's at 8.30 and our host led us—literally so, as he occupied the front seat—along the Exe Valley, through Tiverton to Washfield. The little grey tower frowned over a bit of landscape of inviting beauty, a churchyard of wondrous tidiness and a little grey church of Perpendicular style, containing a fine screen and a good Norman font. In a very unobtrusive corner of the 'god's acre' lie the mortal remains of 'Prinny,' Dr. Dangar, of St. Luke's. Readily the six tuneful bells responded to Grandsire Doubles.

Journeying onward o'er hill and dale, through trackways old and winding, wherein our bus brushed bracken on each side, and even brought us safely through a ford, we came by dint of determination on the part of our driver to East Anstey. On our way we passed the Gibbet Moor, on which the last gibbeting of a man in Devon is said to have occurred. At East Anstey we found in the Perpendicular church, perched on a hill, a very musical peal of six bells. The Vicar welcomed us, and though he argued that the tenor, contrary to our better judgment, was about 14 cwt., he produced evidence which proved that it was but 7½ cwt.

Molland, our next stopping place, is only a few miles from East Anstey as the crow flies, but the meandering journey took our driver fully half an hour, sometimes very hazardous driving. The ancient edifice, however, was worth his pains. It is a relic of the centuries worth gold to our great church, and if only the tall box pews, more common a couple of centuries ago, are preserved to future generations, it is worth while. Molland has a fine peal of five bells, with tenor near 18 cwt., and were they an eight what a glorious volume of melody would float across the valley below! The tenor was a handful to turn in in Doubles, and our 'Ringing Master' Richardson found the fourth a bit troublesome. The Vicar, who welcomed us, is evidently a votary in the footsteps of Parson Jack Russell.

High Bray was reached by a drive through the Bray Valley, with its towering coppices and woodlands, which reminded us of Lynton. The church stands on a hill, and many a time did our driver reverse to get round the bends and land us safe and true outside the churchyard gates. The sextoness seemed quite displeased that the party would not ascend the grey square tower to view the pastoral scene. We saw the Bray Vale beneath. High Bray bells responded well to our efforts, and our Doubles must have charmed the ears of the little maids who cleaned their Sunday boots beside the cottage door. But friend Searle was much concerned with his rope, and the huge knot he tied dangled precariously near his 'spectacles' at backstroke. Or was it at Charles when we attempted our Doubles on the five? However the locals contented themselves with such 'prodigious' ropes in length and size puzzled Mr. Ridler (of Thorverton).

We found Charles after a rambling route and many inquiries by our forbearing driver. It is away up somewhere, with South Moulton somewhere north or south, and it stands on a hill and overlooks a wonderful valley. The five bells go well and are very musical in what appeared to be a minor, with tenor about 8 cwt. And by the southern porch he rested and heard the Doubles on his village bells. How truly Gray's Elegy paints village life! Yes, the old sexton sat on a tombstone and heard half-pull ringing, perhaps for the first time in his life. Our driver questioned if ever the people of Charles had seen 'the pictures.'

I heard remarks of 'more civilised roads,' 'back to civilisation,' as we approached Filleigh. And we saw flannelled cricketers on the Castle Hill (Earl Portesque's) grounds as we passed on to the church, where we found a musical ring of six.

Tea at Barnstaple and the run of 40 miles along the Taw valley brought us to St. David's at 8.45. Mr. Ridler safely in the 9.30 for Thorverton, and 'Good night,' ended a very joyous day.

Thank you, St. David's band; thank you, Mr. Gardner! F. C. S.

HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church on Sunday, October 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. J. Ellis 1, F. Ramplin 2, A. Alderton 3, S. Jennings (first quarter-peal) 4, G. Thompson (conductor) 5, E. Scarfe 6, R. Elmer 7, G. House 8.

OVERSALL, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. Matthew's Church on Friday, October 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. W. Cotton 1, L. Freeman 2, H. Adams (first 'inside') 3, G. W. Clayfield 4, W. Brooker 5, W. E. Clayfield 6, W. H. Curson (conductor) 7, H. Curson 8.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS.—On September 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Corbin 1, Miss V. Marsh 2, L. H. Pink 3, W. C. Shute 4, E. Hoare 5, G. Wareham 6. First quarter-peal for treble, 5 and 6 ringers. First quarter-peal 'inside' for the 2nd ringer.

NOTICES.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) ready 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Pott's Café, at 1s. 9d. per head. Business meeting afterwards. —H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS and LADIES' GUILD. — Northern Branch. — Joint meeting at Cotgrave, near Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells recently rehung. Buses from No. 4 platform at 2.30, 3, 4, and 5.30. —I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. —A meeting will be held at Yorktown, Camberley, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) recently rehung by John Taylor and Co., available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Parish Room 5 p.m. All welcome. —C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

AT ASHTON, near Northampton, on October 31st, by permission of the Rector, a meeting of ringers at 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Please send numbers for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. —A ringing practice has been arranged at Maids Moreton (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 31st, from 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. —Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. A hearty invitation is extended to all members and friends, particularly learners. —Ernest Cooper, Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—All ringers are welcome at the meeting to be held at All Saints' Church, Hastings, during the quinquenary celebrations on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available 3-4 and 4.30-9. —C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. —Next meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. One shilling will be charged. —C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. —A. Jones, jun., Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, at Five Bells Hotel at 5 p.m. —W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. —The annual district meeting will be held at Frindsbury on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Election of district officers and other important business. Please notify me for tea not later than Tuesday, the 27th. —Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The restored ring of 5 bells at Leamington Hastings, near Rugby, will be rededicated on Sunday, Nov. 1st, at 3 p.m. The bells will be at the disposal of visiting ringers after the service. —M. Melville, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sunday service ringing: Nov. 1st, St. Clement Danes', Strand, 10 a.m. Practice: St. Clement Danes', Nov. 9th and 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. and St. Mary, Lambeth, Dec. 1st, at 8 p.m. —T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). —Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Nov. 5th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th (nomination night), St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 19th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 24th (election night) at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. —William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SHALFORD, GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Friday, November 6th, at 7.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Guildford will rededicate the new ring of eight bells installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. —A meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.; tea following. Nominations for district officers for 1937 to be made at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Notifications for tea to reach me by Wednesday, Nov. 4th. —F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. —F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 7th. For tea please notify Mr. H. Greaves, 7, Church Lane, Killamarsh, not later than Nov. 4th. All welcome. —M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch. —The next general meeting is at Winfarthing on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available at 2.30. Service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. H. Barber, at 4.15. Tea at the Fighting Cocks at 4.45, followed by business meeting. —Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Burslem on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. H. Box, 19, Brindley Street, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than Nov. 4th? —Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Conover, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All requiring tea, will they please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 3rd?—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. For tea please advise.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on Nov. 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea and business after. The District Committee will be elected at this meeting. May we have a good attendance?—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brampton on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the Black Bull at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (Alton and Petersfield District) **AND THE LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—A joint quarterly meeting will be held at Binsted on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, in the Parish Institute, at 5. Business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, Nov. 4th?—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 2, Cygnet Street, Wigan.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ibstock (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Good bus service from Coalville. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Nov. 7th. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Stephen's (8), St. Dunstan's (6), St. Alphage (6) from 3 p.m., and the Cathedral (12) after tea. Service at St. Stephen's 5 p.m. Tea (1s.) at St. Stephen's Parish Room. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, before Wednesday, Nov. 4th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Symonds-bury on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Methods: Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. All members and friends intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Nov. 4th.—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holmer on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., 6d. each to those notifying me not later than Nov. 3rd.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Froome, Mordiford.

SOCIETY FOR ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—An Armistice Day Service will be held in St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Sunday, Nov. 8th, at 11 a.m. Ringing from 10 till 11. All ringers cordially invited to attend and make this a representative service.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 299th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to November 9th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, E. P. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, L. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young, who will send names of ticket holders to Mr. Hughes on the 10th for the plan of allotted seats. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; St. Magnus', London Bridge; St. Clement Danes, Strand; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 3.30. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Please turn up and make it a meeting.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Woolton, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Bells (8). Service 5.30. Tea 6d. Meeting 6.30. Will all who hope to be present please notify the branch secretary not later than Nov. 11th? The new president of the association will be present.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

HALBERTON, DEVON.—The ring of 6 (tenor 17 cwts.) restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Exeter on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.

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ALRESFORD, HANTS.—Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the ring of eight bells will be on Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 11 a.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Winchester. The peal has been restored, including re-hanging in a new framework, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Bushey Heath, Saturday, Nov. 21st, 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tea and meeting.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.—The new ring will be dedicated on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Details later.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. E. Cooper, hon. sec. of the Doncaster and District Society, is now 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster, Yorks.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Joseph W. Parker, of Sunderland, has removed from 5, Amberley Street, to 61, Ewesley Road, Sunderland.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. W. Evetts, hon. sec. of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is now Sturdy's Castle, Tackley, near Oxford.

DEATH.

CUFFLIN.—On Oct. 25th, at 38, Bradgate Road, Anstey, Leicester, Alfred, beloved husband of Louisa Cufflin, aged 69 years; for about 33 years towerkeeper at St. Mary's, Anstey.

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FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry, on Sunday, October 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. H. K. Markwick: A. Allen (first quarter-peal) 1, H. K. Markwick 2, E. Murrell 3, G. Parsons 4, R. Allen 5, F. Shorter (conductor) 6, A. A. Hughes 7, E. Owen 8.

MARKET HARBOROUGH.—On Sunday, October 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Marjorie F. Miller (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss Marjorie I. Barrow 2, L. E. Rudd 3, C. A. Manning 4, F. Wallington 5, R. March 6, J. C. Chester (conductor) 7, W. Kilsby 8.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—At St. Mary's Church for morning service on October 25th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (540 Grandsire, 360 Canterbury Pleasure Reverse and 360 Plain Bob, called alternately: 1. Rolls 1, W. Woodley 2, G. J. Berry (conductor) 3, E. T. Barrett 4, R. Walker 5, D. Jaycock 6. First quarter-peal in three methods by a local band at this church. First quarter-peal in three methods by all except ringer of the 4th and the conductor. First quarter-peal in three methods as conductor.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 4th, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, R. Kynaston 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, R. Davies (Stanton-on-Hine Heath, first quarter-peal) 8.

STOCKPORT.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Church of St. George on September 29th on the occasion of the consecration of the Mission Church at Adwood: C. Harris (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Holton (first quarter-peal) 2, H. Meakin 3, L. G. Burgess 4, F. Twigg 5, P. Laffin 6, H. Ashton (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, A. F. Bailey 8.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—On Tuesday, September 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss Violet Shorter (first quarter of Stedman Triples) 1, R. Lathbury 2, A. E. Pitstow 3, F. Dench 4, L. E. Pitstow 5, Roland Ridgewell (first quarter of Stedman Triples) 6, A. L. Simmonds (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. Parish 8.

BANSTEAD.—At All Saints' Church for evening song on Sunday, September 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Cheesman (first quarter-peal) 1, S. R. L. Dearle 2, A. J. Adams (first quarter as conductor) 3, J. Hobden 4, N. Hobden 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, H. N. Pitstow 7, E. Wooloff 8. Rung for the 13th birthday of the treble ringer. The conductor is aged 15 years.

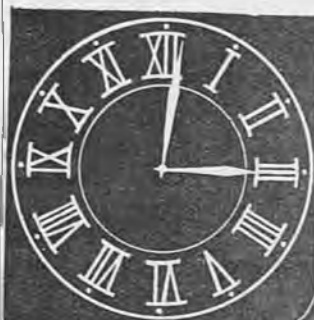
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