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DEBATABLE PROPOSALS.

Last week we referred to two of the motions which are to come before the Central Council next Tuesday, and which, we think, are likely to meet with approval in principle. It is not so certain that the two other resolutions—one already on the agenda and one which may be brought forward by sanction—will commend themselves so readily to the approval of the members. The first of these proposals is that the Analysis Committee be asked to arrange, if possible, that each peal be credited to the Association in whose territory it is rung. Without going into the question as to whether this would be an advisable course or not, one can foresee difficulties in the way of the practical application of such a proposal. The most obvious are the obstacles that arise in areas covered by more than one Society, and the trouble that may arise through the men who ring the peal not being members of the Society in whose area they are ringing. Suppose, for instance, a peal is rung at St. Andrew's, Holborn, to whom should it be credited—to the College Youths, the Cumberlands, the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, or the London County Association? Or again, if a band from Birmingham pay a visit to Norwich, and none of them happen to be members of the Norwich and Ipswich Association, is the peal to be counted as a Norwich peal? We do not know what the Council will say, but, subject to the enlargement of the idea by the proposer, the suggestion on the face of it scarcely seems practicable.

The proposal which Mr. Pulling hopes to have the opportunity of bringing forward, is framed with the object of inducing all associations to hold their annual meetings within the space of three months before the meeting of the Council. We think Mr. Pulling will have to advance some strong arguments if he is to persuade the Council to interfere with the internal arrangements of the individual associations. At present, each association fixes its annual meeting to suit the convenience of its members and not the convenience of the Council; and while anything that would increase interest in the doings of the Council would be all to the good, there are, in some cases, local circumstances which would prevent the adoption of a date just prior to Whitsun. Then, too, there are some associations so little concerned in the doings of the Council, that the Council is seldom if ever mentioned at their meetings except when triennial election of representatives takes place. Associations such as these would not be in the least concerned to make a change. If Mr. Pullen could, by his motion, galvanise wider interest in the Council among the Associations, he would serve the Exercise a good turn, and we hope, when he comes to move his resolution, that he will have some useful advice to give on this point.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 52 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE 6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. ... 2	SANDEL BOOTH 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 8
BEN THORP 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. ... 9
FREDERICK PAGE 5	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

The thanks of the band are due to the tower-keeper, Mr. Walter Billinge, for having the bells in excellent ringing order.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5760 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	BERT HORTON 6
*ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	JAMES GEORGE 7
HERBERT KNIGHT, 3	WILLIAM FISHER 8
GEORGE HUGHES 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
GEORGE GARRISON 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Royal. Longest peal on the new bells. The composition in 12 courses has the 2nd at home throughout, and is now rung for the first time. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Albert Walker, Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. The composer hails from Leicester, and was especially invited to take part in the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5824 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ALEX. MARTIN Treble	WILLIAM TAYLOR 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 2	FRED HARWOOD 6
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG 3	*ROBERT SANDERSON 7
E. ROGER MARTIN 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

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

NORTH MYMMES, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5840 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH Treble	HENRY S. REEVES 5
WILLIAM NASH 2	ARTHUR SHEPHERD 6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 3	JAMES PARKER 7
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 4	*REV. C. G. WARD Tenor

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight. The band were kindly entertained by the Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Ward at the conclusion of the peal.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

CHARLES ABLETT Treble	GEORGE ABLETT 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	ALBERT FLEMING 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	GEORGE FLEMING Tenor

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL... .. Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
PERCY H. DOICK 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
JAMES BURDFIELD 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Major.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

SAMUEL CORBETT Treble	BENJAMIN GODGH 5
GEORGE HUGHES... .. 2	JAMES GEORGE 6
ALFRED ROWLEY... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7
JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. 4	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. W. T. De Vine, for many years Vicar of the parish, and also to the late Mrs. J. T. Homer, wife of the Rev. J. T. Homer (curate). Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 (LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT RILEY Treble	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 5
WILLIAM E. JUDD 2	JAMES BULLOCK 6
HARRY FRANKS 3	ALBERT TURNER 7
LEWIS W. GOODWIN... .. 4	ALFRED JOYCE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT TURNER.

* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (EX-SERVICE MEMBERS OF THE READING BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

PTE. F. POUNDS Treble	CPL. A. BAILEY 5
V.A.D. NURSE E. GOODSHIP 2	MAJOR C. JENKYN, S.C.F... 6
PTE. L. OSBORNE 3	CPL. A. CULLOM... .. 7
PTE. R. RUNHAM... .. 4	SERGT. R. BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by CPL. A. CULLOM.

First peal peal as conductor.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM IRELAND Treble	GEORGE CATTERMORE 5
WILLIAM C. WISKENS ... 2	JOHN SOUTER 6
CHAS. MILLS 3	CLEMENT J. MORE 7
WILLIAM ROSE 4	ERNEST F. POPPY Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by C. J. MORE.

* First peal in the method.

CHARLBURY, OXON.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandair, Doubles (1,260 changes): L. Conduct (first quarter) 1, H. Shaylor 2, F. Widdows 3, W. Busby 4, J. Keyte (conductor) 5, A. Shaylor 6.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*CLAUDE I. DAVIES Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 5
HERBERT LUDKIN 2	*ARTHUR LINTOTT 6
*JOHN COOKE 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
JAMES R. GRIFFIN 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, which are the front eight of the twelve.

GREMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN W. SEAMER Treble	STEPHEN BROMFIELD 5
*FRED OVERTON 2	*FRED METCALFE 6
CHARLES TAYLOR 3	JOHN E. KENNINGTON ... 7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD 4	WILLIAM BOLTON Tenor

Composed by F/SERG. F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

* First peal away from treble. † First peal of Major.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHALLIS WINNEY Treble	EDWARD HARRIS 5
EVERED J. WALSON 2	HORACE BELCHER 6
*PERCY E. CLARK 3	GEORGE SPENCER 7
THOMAS BEADLE 4	JOSEPH MILNER Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS WINNEY.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Beadle.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE CLARK Treble	HENRY WOODHOUSE... .. 5
†LEWIS BEARDSMORE 2	FREDERICK CLARK 6
FRANCIS BEARDSMORE ... 3	GEORGE HALKSWORTH ... 7
REV. A. RHYS JAMES 4	*HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Conducted by G. HALKSWORTH.

First peal of Stedman by all except the conductor. * First peal. † First peal on eight bells. L. Beardsmore was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM COOK Treble	WILLIAM DOUGLAS 5
BENSON DOUGLAS 2	JOHN ROTHERY 6
GEORGE W. TENNEY 3	JOHN SPEDDING 7
JOHN JOS. SPEDDING 4	WILLIAM T. HOLMES Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by WILLIAM T. HOLMES.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells. Rung at the first attempt by the above band. First peal by the conductor for the Association. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Douglas for their hospitality in entertaining the ringers to tea on the completion of the peal, also Mr. J. D. Baxter, one of the pioneers of change ringing in this county and for many years Hon. Sec. for the Association, who was waiting outside to congratulate the band, and the conductor, who hails from Cockermouth, and who cycled 34 miles to call the peal.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS'.

Tenor 37 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. NIPPER... ..Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 5
ALBERT STOWELL 2	WALTER FARLEY... .. 6
SIDNEY M. ABRAHAM 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
PERCIVAL W. CAVE 4	THOMAS M. GRIFFINTenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters. * First peal of Stedman and first attempt. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCAHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*TOM STANCLIFFETreble	*FRED RIGBY 5
ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 6
EMMANUEL DUTTON 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
FRED CHAMBERS 4	JOHN WATSONTenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. F. Rigby hails from Chorley, the rest belong to the Blackburn Branch. This peal was rung as a token of esteem to Mr. Tom Redman, of Burnley, former vice-president of the Lancashire Association, on his retirement from the Exercise through ill-health.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*SIDNEY JARRETTTreble	CHARLES NORRIS... .. 5
RICKS PAINE 2	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 3	CHARLES WINNER 7
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 4	WILLIAM HAIGHTenor

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since augmented to eight by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

CITY OF LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON-IN-THE-EAST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*WILSON RUSHTONTreble	GEORGE A. CARD... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ISAAC J. ATTWATER 6
JEFFREY R. GAMMON 3	HARRY MANCE 7
ROBERT G. CHAPPELLE 4	WILLIAM H. PICKETT... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal away from tenor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MALINS LEE, SHOPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
On Tuesday, April 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK HARLEYTreble	FRANK MOLE 4
EDWARD WOODVINE 2	ALBERT WOODVINE 5
*ERNEST ATTWOOD 3	*RICHARD PLANT... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WOODVINE.

First peal as conductor. * First peal.

BATHEASTON.—At St. Saviour's Church, for morning service, on May 1st, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples was rung in 42 mins.: J. Taylor 1, H. E. Holder 2, J. W. Bell 3, T. Grant 4, G. Janes 5, H. D. Taylor 6, C. W. Bell (conductor) 7, H. Mills 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

HERBERT E. DAYTreble	ERNEST W. DAY... .. 4
*ERNEST J. NEWELL 2	GEORGE T. CROFT 5
*LEONARD FIDLER 3	WILLIAM J. CROFTTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. CROFT.

* First peal on six away from the treble. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Arthur Croft, a local ringer and brother of the conductor, who was killed in action on April 25th, 1917.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 3 six-scores of Stedman, 4 of Canterbury Pleasure, 4 of Old Doubles, 4 of Plain Bob, 17 of Extreme and 10 of Grandsire, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK J. BOWLEY, SEN. Treble	CHARLES ALLSOPP 4
ARTHUR CATTELL 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
FRED COTTON 3	HARRY PEACHTenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in 6 methods of Doubles on the bells and by all the band.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

GILBERT DANDOTreble	EDMUND KING 4
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	THOMAS GRIFFIN 5
STANLEY CARTER... .. 3	*GEORGE DANDO... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

TEYNHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of College Single, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Oxford Single Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*EDWARD W. TUMBERTreble	EDWIN J. HARTOP 4
WILLIAM LAKER 2	CHARLES TUMBER 5
WILLIAM WOOD... .. 3	WILLIAM NYETenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

* First peal. Rung on the 23rd wedding anniversary of C. Tumber and as a birthday peal to the conductor W. Wood and E. Hartop hail from Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey, and the rest are members of the local company.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

WALTER MARSHALLTreble	ALBERT RELFE 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
ANDREW MARSHALL 3	JAMES WAGHORNTenor

Each ringer called 720, starting from the treble, and each called one part of the 720 of Plain Bob in the same order.

GRIMSBY.—On Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal Stedman Triples: F. Overton 1, J. W. Seamer 2, A. W. Long 3, S. Bromfield 4, J. B. Budd 5, F. Metcalf 6, R. S. Long (conductor) 7, W. E. Wiffen 8. First quarter, as conductor in any method.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*THOMAS W. ROWLEY Treble	*ALFRED T. POULTON... .. 4
JOHN BEVAN 2	JOHN CLARK 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Minor.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHRIS. BOWERS Treble	DAVID HORNE 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	E. WILLIAM TURNER 5
CHARLES LAYTON 3	GEORGE JORDON Tenor

Conducted by E. W. TURNER.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 4 six-scores of Plain Bob, 8 of Extreme and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

*CHARLES CATTELL Treble	ARTHUR CATTELL 3
WILLIAM H. CLARKE 2	FRED J. BOWLEY, SEN. 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

The first 32 six-scores were called by ERNEST MORRIS and the last 10 by WILLIAM H. CLARKE.

* First peal. First peal on these bells.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

This peal was rung especially in honour of Ascension Day.

FARMBOROUGH, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

*WILLIAM ROSEWELL... .. Treble	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN... .. 4
*GERALD F. GRIFFIN 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE... .. 5
STANLEY CARTER 3	*FRANK F. FLOWER Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells. The ringer of the 2nd is only 13 years of age.

YEALMPTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Plain Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. COOK Treble	WARREN S. HORNEROOK 4
WALTER H. MARSH 2	FRANK W. HOCKADAY... .. 5
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE 3	REV. E. S. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

First peal on the bells.

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

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores called in ten different ways. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST WILKSHIRE Treble	CHARLES CAMM 4
ERNEST GIBBS 2	CHARLES ALLEN... .. 5
JOHN BAYLIS... .. 3	*ARTHUR SLATER... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. A. Pitt, aged 80, who had been a ringer at the above Church from the age of 18 until recently.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Sandiacre, Hull, Bourne, Cuneacastre, Annable's London, Netherseale and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 5
T. A. HOWSE-SMITH 3	CHARLES SEVERN... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

The methods Hull and Bourne were rung at the first attempt without any previous practice, not a blow having been struck in either of the methods till the peal attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS of Leicester. Conducted by the performer, Umpire: WALTER SPARROW, Stowmarket.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT STATION BUILDINGS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, viz.: seven each of April Day, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Original, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

PERCY LANE... .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4
REGINALD HARRISON 5-6	

Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.

First peal in six methods by all and rung at first attempt. First in six methods in the county and for the Guild 'in hand.'

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fourteen and a half Mins.
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5048 CHANGES;

CAM VARIATION.

W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 1-2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.)... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHAY (Trin.) 3-4	*H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in this variation, which is the same as the Granta variation, except that Kent places are made in 3-4 instead of a dodge, when the treble is in the slow.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, May 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE.

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHAY (Trin.) 1—2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 5—6
REV. E. BANKS JAMES (Caius) 3—4 | * REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 7—8

Composed and Conducted by the REV. E. B. JAMES.

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

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS of Leicester.

Witness: WALTER SPARROW, Stowmarket.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS of Leicester.

Umpire: WALTER SPARROW, Stowmarket.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, May 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART

EDWIN H. LEWIS... 1—2 | CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 5—6
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 3—4 | HERBERT LANGDON ... 7—8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: HENRY G. MILES.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, May 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS RUSSAM ... 1—2 | * J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7—8

ALBERT WALKER ... 3—4 | * GEORGE F. SWANN ... 9—10

* PERCY O. LAFLIN ... 5—6 | * ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee: MORRIS J. MORRIS.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus on handbells by all the band, by the Guild and in the city of Birmingham.

ARMLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT 10, MITFORD ROAD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1—2 | GERALD MOORHOUSE ... 5—6

JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 3—4 | MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 7—8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (2616 Y.A.R.).

Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

DEATH OF MR. WALTER WISE.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Walter S. Wise, at Croydon, on Thursday, May 5th, after a lingering illness.

It will be remembered that an appeal was made in our last two issues for assistance for Mr. Wise, on account of the straitened circumstances in which his long illness had placed him. Any assistance which the Exercise can give to the widow, who is sadly in need of it, will be welcomed by Mr. Arthur Mason, 99, Northcote Road, West Croydon.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Eleventh Council (29th annual meeting) will be held in the Upper House of Convocation, at the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, 17th May, 1921, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

The entrance will be from Dean's Yard only.

AGENDA, 1921.

1. Election of President, of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and of Hon. Librarian.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting.
3. Apologies for Absence.
4. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
6. Introduction of new Members to the President.
7. Election of Standing Committee.
8. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees; and to re-appoint or alter the constitution of the Committees, as may be thought desirable, viz.:—
 - (a.) Peal Collection.
 - (b.) Literature and Press.
 - (c.) Legitimate Methods.
 - (d.) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e.) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f.) Bells of Belgium.
 - (g.) Records.
9. That the Analysis Committee be asked to arrange, if possible, that each peal be credited to the Association in whose territory it is rung.
10. That in every Diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning Church Bells, and that it is hoped that each Guild and Association will take steps to provide such authority.
11. To call attention to the need for a Ringing Defence Committee and to move a resolution.
12. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
13. Other business, if any.

Deane Rectory,

Overton, Hants.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Hon. Secretary.

RECORDS COMMITTEE: REPORT, 1921.

The resolution of the Council authorising the work of this Committee is as follows:—

'That the Central Council compile and keep up to date an official list of the first Peal and longest Peal in each Method, and on each number of bells.'

Your committee have noted the suggestion that 'progressive lengths' should be included in the list, and also the approval of the suggestion by the author of the resolution, and have accordingly ventured so far to extend the terms of reference.

Very early in our efforts we were faced with the difficulty of insufficiency of sources of information. Many such are only to be found in the British Museum, and were out of reach. Similarly so were the private records of the Ringing Societies and Associations. We hoped for an adequate response to the appeal for claims to first performances made in 'The Ringing World' last June, but were disappointed. Our joint possessions of the old books afforded us only limited assistance. We felt it to be necessary to search through the files of 'Church Bells' and 'Campanology,' but were quite at a loss to know where to find either, nor had either of us a complete set of the 'Bell News.' Under such circumstances we felt it would be advisable to confine the field of search to modern times. Two facts contributed in leading us to this decision; first, a reference made by the author of the resolution to the satisfactory character of the similar work of the late Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon in connection with the Standard Methods; and, second, an expression of his opinion that 'the main thing now is to catch the newer records before they are lost, and hunt up the older ones later.'

We have accordingly made the time reached in Mr. Snowdon's records our general starting-point. Even though limited, the inquiry has proved to be such as to make it impossible in the time available to collect and include all the details required. We have not been able, e.g., to deal with the handbell performances as thoroughly as we wished—the information now submitted pertains principally to greater lengths. We have not ventured even to touch Minor and Doubles peals. Perhaps it is better we have not. For we have felt the difficulty of deciding how to deal with them; or whether it is possible to deal with them at all.

Generally speaking, it may be understood that each performance in the list carries the claim to be the 'first' or 'greatest.' Respecting

some, the claim is qualified by such expressions as 'supposed to be,' or 'believed to be,' or 'on record.'

We have considered it to be outside our province to settle—even if it were possible—conflicting claims to 'first' performances. In cases where such conflict exists we have included both performances.

Difficulties connected with nomenclature have presented themselves. We have concluded that Double Oxford Hob and Double Oxford Court Hob are identical.

For the present we submit the results of our efforts in tabular form. But when the list is brought up-to-date each method on each number of bells will require a separate page. Each record performance in the method could be entered as in the present list. We think it advisable that a plain lead of the method should also be included, and the suggestion has also passed between us that the composition of each peal should be entered as well. Whether the inclusion of these details comes within the Council's view of the 'official list' we are uncertain. An expression of opinion would be helpful.

Our work represents a careful search through between 30 and 40 volumes of 'Bell News,' and several of 'The Ringing World.' Obviously it is too much even to hope that what we now submit is correct in all respects. Yet to be of real value it should be. We suggest, therefore, the advisability of publishing the list with an invitation to the Exercise to examine it and point out the errors.

We venture to bespeak the co-operation of the Exercise in the continuance of the work. Your committee would find it of great advantage to be in possession of the Council's authority to appeal in its name to each Association to authorise its secretary to furnish information respecting its claims to first and greatest performances. For the work of your committee, and most likely for other purposes, the addition of a complete set, as far as possible, of the annual reports of all Associations and Guilds, to the Council's library, would be of great value and assistance. We also ask the Council to consider the advisability of including in the committee someone residing within easy reach of the British Museum, to undertake that part of the work which can only be done there.

We conclude our report with a grateful acknowledgment of the kindness of those gentlemen who responded to the appeal for information made last June, and of those who by gift and loan of volumes of 'Bell News,' alone made it possible for us to obtain the greater portion of the particulars we now submit.

A. T. BEESTON, Convenor, New Mills, Stockport.

H. LAW JAMES, Surfleet, Spalding.

T. HERVEY BEAMS, Bradpole, Bridport.

ST. CLEMENT DANES VESTRY FOR USE OF MEMBERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Apparently delegates to the Central Council who may be in London on Monday, will be left to their own devices. I shall be pleased, therefore, to allow them to use the choir vestry of St. Clement Danes, Strand, as a place of call or rest. An attendant will be on duty from 12 to 6, and messages may be left with him if desired.—Yours truly,

W. PENNINGTON BICKFORD.

P.S.—There will be ringing on Whit-Sunday morning for service, and visitors will be welcomed.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS.

Visitors to London will be welcome on Tuesday evening at the College Youths' customary practice at St. Paul's Cathedral at 8 p.m., and afterwards at the meeting at 'The Coffee Pot.'

Westminster Abbey bells, through the efforts of the London County Association, will be open from 5 to 6 p.m., and there will be ringing at St. Clement Danes after the unveiling ceremony.

THE FREEMASONS' PEAL

TABLET TO BE UNVEILED.

The first peal by Freemasons, which was rung at St. Clement Danes, Strand, by ten members of the Craft, who were also College Youths, on December 4th, 1919, to celebrate the conclusion of the war, is to be fittingly recorded in the church by a marble tablet. The unveiling ceremony is to take place at 6 p.m. next Tuesday (after the Central Council meeting), and will be performed by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, of Birmingham, who holds the highest rank in Freemasonry which it is possible to attain to in England. The Bishop of Willesden, himself a very prominent Freemason, will give a short address, and it is expected that there will be a large number of ringers and Freemasons present. Tickets may be had on application to the Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford), The Anchorage, St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. 2, or to Mr. G. R. Fardon, 143, Percy Road, Shepherd's Bush, W.

Mr. Fardon, who was the composer and conductor of the peal, has already been presented with a very beautiful testimonial by the members of the Warrant Officers' Lodge, to which he belongs, in recognition of his efforts in connection with this unique peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The prolonged strike, with the restrictions of travelling facilities, is causing the postponement of association meetings. As announced last week, the Winchester Guild annual meeting, and the Norwich and Ipswich meeting at Lowestoft are postponed, and to these have now to be added the Essex Association annual meeting, which had been fixed for Walthamstow next Monday; and the Whit-Monday meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association, which was to have been held at Darlington.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths will hold their summer meeting at Waltham Abbey on the 9th July.

We hear that Mr. John Carter has returned to Douglas, Isle of Man, for the summer.

Mr. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol, does not, we regret to learn, make the satisfactory progress towards recovery that his friends would wish.

Anything which adds to variety is to be welcomed. At Lamberhurst, last Tuesday week, a peal of Minor in seven different methods was rung. Each of the ringers called a 720, and then, in order to equalise the honours, each called one-sixth part of the final 720 of Plain Bob.

Last Wednesday was the anniversary of the record length of 14,111 London Surprise Major rung at King's Norton in 1903.

On May 15th, 1837, which was Whitsun Monday, the St. James Society rang 12,096 Grandsire Caters at All Saints', Fulham, in 7 hrs. 50 mins., and the peal was recorded on a tablet in the belfry as 'the greatest amount of changes ever performed by ten men only.' And this was after ringing over 9,000 changes on a previous date. Unfortunately for the record breakers, they were not aware that 20 years before the Painswick Youths had rung 12,312 Tittum Grandsire Caters single-handed.

Next Thursday will be the anniversary of the 11,080 Kent Treble Bob Royal, rung in 8 hrs. 2 mins., at Shoreditch, by the College Youths in the far-off days of 1777.

Considerable progress in change ringing, says the Hon. Secretary of the Salisbury Guild in his annual report, has been made during the year, especially at Devizes and in North and East Dorset, where combined practices were arranged, chiefly in six-bell towers during the summer. Good ringing was obtained in the standard Minor methods, and local ringers were in most cases piloted through their first course of Grandsire.

Next Wednesday, May 18th, is the anniversary of the peal of 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Mottram-in-Loudendale, Cheshire, in 1883. It was conducted by Samuel Wood, who only on Saturday last rang a peal at Manchester Town Hall, where the tenor is 52 cwt. The Mottram peal still remains the record length in the method.

Members of the Ladies' Guild are asked to note that Saturday, July 2nd, 1921, has been fixed for their annual meeting at Erdington, Birmingham, when a good attendance is requested.

The new 7th and tenor bells at Bishopstoke, Hants, will be dedicated to-morrow (Saturday) by the Bishop of Southampton. The tenor is 9½ cwt, in F sharp.

Mr. Tom Salter, of Kidderminster, who fractured a rib, has, we are glad to say, now recovered from the accident.

The Salisbury Diocese has just one hundred towers affiliated to it, and it is interesting to note that the condition of the bells, given in the annual report, is either 'good' or 'excellent' in no fewer than 82 cases.

Mr. Robt. Holloway, of Acton belfry, performed upon the tubular bells in Robert Planquett's opera, 'Les Cloches de Corneville,' at Ealing, April 30th.

AN ANCIENT RINGING BOOK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I have twice come across a small very old book which contains a pretty full description of ringing, giving several methods pricked out and much quaint instruction on the art. It contains also treatises on fowling, shooting (archery), fishing, bowling and billiards, and other recreations. The copy I saw last week had about one-third missing at the beginning, including the title-page, out of 202 pages.

Can anyone tell me the title and date of this book? I fancy it is called 'Recreations,' and must be of the 17th century. It mentions the College Youths in the article on ringing, which is about 40 pages, evidently written by an expert.—Yours, etc.,

JAMES F. HASTINGS.

Martley Rectory, Worcester.

WHICH IS THE OLDEST BELL?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I have been asked which is the oldest bell in Great Britain? The bell of the Town Hall, Llantwit Major, Glamorganshire, is believed to have been cast in the year A.D. 40, as a memorial to a Roman soldier whose name is engraved thereon. Can you tell me if this is correct?—Yours,

HENRY S. ELIAS.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**HENRY JOHNSON'S TOMBSTONE TO BE RENOVATED.**

The first quarterly meeting for the year of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Aston on Saturday, April 30th, and, as is usual when meetings are held at this favourite tower, was well attended. The 15th century tower of Aston Church has been a happy hunting-ground for ringers for considerably more than a hundred years, as its ancient records tell, and several old St. Martin's 'Youths' lie at rest in the beautiful old churchyard, including the immortal Henry Johnson. Thomas Reynolds and James Jones are also buried here, the latter having passed away only a few months ago, while the former, who at the time of his death had rung more peals of Stedman Cinques than any other man, was 'rung to his last sleep' in 1912. One feels it is always a duty, when at Aston, to visit the graves of these 'Youths,' and to spare a moment from the bustle of the present to survey the past and what has been. And it is not always a sad duty, for someone is almost certain to recall an anecdote or two which, instead of leading to tears, lead on to laughter, and we have a feeling that our old friends would rather have it that way if they knew—which, perhaps, they do. On Saturday, then, it was agreed that the lettering on Henry Johnson's tombstone ought to be re-gilt or blacked in, as may be advised by an expert, and it was decided that it should be done. The inscription, which is deeply incised, reads as follows:—

This Stone is erected by the Ringers of England
in grateful memory of
HENRY JOHNSON,

To whose ability and perseverance the Art of
Change Ringing is widely indebted.

Born at Lichfield, Feb. 28th, 1809, died at Aston, Jan. 7th, 1890.

'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do
Do it with thy might.'

The stone itself is in an excellent state of preservation, quite as good as when it was erected, but the atmosphere of Aston has seriously affected the gilding of the letters, which is not to be wondered at. It would affect anything. It reeks of the smell of all sorts of things that are manufactured, and some that are fried—with chips. Of the manufactured things, beer is perhaps the predominant note, Aston being a sort of imitation Burton-on-Trent, having almost as many breweries, but, thank goodness, not nearly so many level crossings!

One of the said breweries is right next to the Vicarage garden, and the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Cole, remarked that if anyone present did not happen to be a teetotaler he had only to take a walk round his garden, when he would, by taking long sniffs, be able to fill himself without going to a 'house,' and that it would be cheaper, too. It was said that several members went for a stroll in the pleasure, but found it rather 'mild.' The writer of these notes reminded Canon Cole that this condition of things was quite in accordance with tradition, as there were several men in the room who remembered when the two churchwardens were brewer and maltster respectively.

Tea was provided in the Vicarage Rooms (not in the garden), the wardens, Messrs. Phillips and Poole very generously defraying the cost.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Alderman Pritchett proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of his bells, room and garden, to the wardens for so kindly providing tea, and to the ladies for waiting at table.

In reply, Canon Cole said how pleased he was to welcome the St. Martin's Guild to his tower. He appreciated very much the work that his ringers did Sunday by Sunday, and he wished them to know that though they were out of sight, they were recognised as doing a good Christian work. He hoped the Guild would make their visit an annual one.

Mr. Churchwarden Phillips replied for himself and his co-warden, who was unfortunately prevented by illness from being present. He said nothing gave him more pleasure than to listen to the bells, and he was quite sure that the majority of people liked them. Bells had the faculty of taking one back in thought to things long since gone by, and he was certain ringing must be a very fascinating and, in his opinion, a noble hobby. He seconded the Vicar's wish that this might be made an annual event. He would like to become an honorary member of the Guild, and he would answer for his co-warden also (cheers).

Mr. Godden having intimated his desire not to be re-elected as representative on the Central Council, the Chairman proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to him for his long and most useful services to the Guild, formerly as secretary and lately as Central Council representative. This was carried with acclamation, and Mr. A. Paddon Smith was elected to the vacant office.

After the meeting members went their various ways, some to the tower, where many methods were touched upon, others to the heretofore-mentioned garden to take the air, others elsewhere, where tales of olden deeds were told and retold. As for the writer, he was engaged in trying to picture the surroundings of Aston Church and Aston Hall as they looked only a little over a century ago, and found it a mighty difficult proposition. In April, 1818, the Hall and 1,539 acres of the estate, together with a herd of 150 fine deer, were dis-

posed of, so says the chronicler. And the acres and the deer have been replaced by teeming humanity with all its sniffs, smells, strikes, lock-outs, motor chaps-a-hances, smoking chimneys, and all the other 'advantages' of civilisation.

But the grand old church and the stately Elizabethan Hall still remain to remind us of the days of Aston's departed glory, when royalty, in the person of King Charles I., could be entertained there, and the ringers of those far-off days doubtless gave him a right royal welcome, albeit they would not be members of the St. Martin's Guild.

A. P. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DORCHESTER BRANCH AT WYKE REGIS.**

A successful quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held on Saturday, April 30th, at Wyke Regis, when the following towers were represented: Buckhorn Weston, Charmminster (including two lady ringers), Dorchester, Fordington, Swanage, Upwey, West Lulworth, Wool, and Wyke Regis. Good practice was made in Grandsire Triples during the afternoon, and the special Guild form of service was held in the church, at which the Rector, the Rev. E. de B. Thurston, assisted by the Rev. D'Arcy Collins, officiated. The Rector gave an admirable address on the words, 'Whatever thy hand findeth to do do it with all thy might,' and dwelt on the use of the bells in Divine service. The service was attended by the full choir, and Mr. A. B. Russ (organist) presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Memorial Hall, and 55 ringers and friends sat down. Excellent arrangements had been made by the Women's Union.

The business meeting followed, and in the absence of the chairman of the district (Mr. R. N. Dawes), Major Hughes D'Aeth (Master of the Guild) presided. He was supported by the Revs. E. de B. Thurston, D. A. Collins and — Phillips (Charmminster), Miss Barclay, Miss Thurston and Mr. W. P. Rose (churchwarden). Several apologies for non-attendance were read, including one from Mr. Martin Stewart (late Master of the Guild), who had met with an accident the previous day by falling off a ladder and through a window.

Messrs. E. T. Griffin and R. G. Maunders, of Yeovil, were elected life members of the Guild, and seven ringing members were also elected. For the next meeting Puddletown and Upwey were the competitors, the former being chosen, after the chairman had given his casting vote.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for conducting the service, for the use of the bells, and to the local band for their hospitality; also to the churchwarden for the use of the hall, to the organist and choir, and the Women's Union.—The Master, in proposing the vote of thanks to the Rector, gave an excellent address, and referred particularly to the ringing of the 'Peace' bell on Fridays at noon, to the memory of those that made the supreme sacrifice in the great war.—The Rector, in reply, heartily welcomed the Guild to his parish, and the captain of the local band (Mr. Alf. Rose) hoped they would all come again shortly.

Mr. Wiffen inquired if it was possible to get Sherborne Abbey band to again join the Guild, and the Master promised to do his best to get them to affiliate.

Further ringing took place in the evening, several members of the six-bell towers making good practice with Grandsire Triples, under the conductorship of Mr. Wiffen.

Wyke Regis is the mother church of Weymouth. It is a fine structure of considerable antiquity. It is Perpendicular in style, the oldest portions, the aisle arcades, being of the 15th century. It is exceedingly well placed, its tower being a prominent object for some distance, especially seawards. Several members ascended to the top to view the fine panorama that is to be seen from there, one member remarking it was worth while coming the 35 miles to witness that alone. To the south was to be noticed Portland Bill, and part of the grand fleet riding at anchor in the harbour, with the late German dry dock, the largest in the world. St. Aldhelm's Head, Weymouth Bay (the Naples of England), West Bay, and the Dorset and Devon cliffs, were also visible, while northwards the Dorset Downs, with Blackdown Hill and Admiral Hardy's Monument, loomed up, and this lovely scenery was greatly enjoyed by the visitors.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the N.E. Division was held at Mistley on Saturday, April 30th. Service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the curate. Tea was served at the Church Institute, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. W. J. Nevard, District Master, presided, supported by the Rector, and the hon. secretary (Mr. H. T. Pye, Colchester). Mr. Frederick Bowell, of Ipswich, was elected a non-resident life member of the association, and Messrs. A. Honeywood and C. W. Beckett, of Mistley, ringing members.—The Master made an appeal for the Finchingfield Relieving Fund, and the sum of £21 was subscribed.—Great Bentley was proposed as the place of the next meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, etc., and to the ladies for assisting at tea. Touches on handbells and tunes by Mr. Bowell and his son were afterwards rung. On the tower bells touches of Bob Minor, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent and Cambridge Surprise were brought round by members from Ardleigh, Colchester, Great Horkeley, Great Bentley, Great Bromley, Ipswich, Langham, Tendring, Thorington, etc.

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PEAL REPORTS.**EXPLANATION OF AN ERROR.**

An elucidation of one of the errors that crept into a peal report last year, and was referred to in the Analysis Committee's report in our issue of April 29th, comes from Mr. H. Hoare, of New Fletton. The committee remark: 'Among other evidently incorrect statements, we find a peal of Minor which is said to consist of "two 520's of St. Clement's, and two 520's of Plain Bob." 'I feel sure,' says Mr. Hoare, 'that this refers to a peal that I conducted at Woodston, Peterborough, on August 30th, 1920, the report of which I sent to "The Ringing World." This was published exactly as I sent it, with one exception, the word "two" was used instead of the figure "2." In my report I said: "A peal of Minor, 5,040 changes, etc., consisting of 2,520 changes of St. Clement's Bob and 2,520 changes of Plain Bob." It appeared as two 520's, etc. I called the rest of the band's attention to its not being published as I sent it, and we were under the impression it was a misprint, and I left it at that. That is where I made a mistake. I might say that was the second peal that I had conducted, and, as we are not old hands, and do not ring peals once a week, I make this apology for a mistake.' Mr. Hoare adds that the peal was a good one, and owing to the very bad gas that we were getting at that time, it was a credit to the band for getting through it successfully.

Thus, once more the printer must take the blame. The thing that we wonder at most is not that mistakes creep in, but that there are not a great many more. In the case of the peal at Woodston the 'copy' was written as Mr. Hoare explains, but there are very many instances when there would be every excuse for error.

We would suggest to correspondents that when writing out reports of peals for publication they should do so with a copy of 'The Ringing World' before them, so that they can see exactly the particulars that should be given, and the form in which they should appear. This would often save the omission of essential details.

WESTBURY BELLS.**A GREAT RESTORATION SCHEME.**

A scheme to make the bells of the Parish Church of All Saints, Westbury, Wilts, one of the finest rings of eight in the country has been adopted by the parishioners. It had been decided to rehang the old six, recasting two of the bells and adding two new trebles. The bells were sent to the Loughborough Foundry, but it was found by Messrs. Taylor and Co. that the bells were so much out of tune that it would be impossible to make a satisfactory job without recasting the whole six, and they submitted two schemes, viz.: (a) To recast the old six bells plus two new trebles to a weight of approximately 125 cwt. Tenor 34 cwt. 'C' Natural; (b) The same with the exception, weight approximately 110 cwt. Tenor 30 cwt. Key 'C' sharp or 'D'.

The firm's original report and estimate did not embody such drastic restoration, but merely suggested that only two of the six bells needed recasting. Fortunately, or unfortunately, or perhaps both, they found that no bell was true or capable of being made of true harmonics in its present condition. A deputation was, therefore, sent to the foundry, consisting of: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Mr. J. W. Washbrook, of Manchester; and Mr. E. H. Arnold, hon. secretary of the Restoration Fund, the object being to go into the matter on the spot, to see if such drastic action as recommended by the firm was absolutely necessary, and, if so, to report as to which of the two schemes that were put forward was the more suitable in all respects. The deputation visited the works on April 6th, and duly submitted their report to a subsequent meeting of the parishioners.

This report stated: After close scrutiny and careful consideration we beg to submit to your committee the following report on Westbury bells: (1) We are satisfied that no satisfactory result could be obtained without recasting the six old bells, and we recommend that all the six be recast and tuned on modern principles; (2) if there be any serious difficulty in raising the sum required for the more costly scheme, the committee need have no hesitation in accepting that for a ring of 8 with tenor 30 cwt. in C, or even D; it would make a fine and very musical peal, and a handy weight for ringing; (3) at the same time such a ring would not occupy any position of pre-eminence in the neighbourhood, whereas a tenor of 34 cwt. in C would possess a grandeur and a depth of tone that would tend to render Westbury bells famous throughout the South-West of England; (4) also there may be a desire at some future date to augment the 8 bells to 10. In that case it would be a great advantage to have the heavier tenor in 'C.' Though this point may appear somewhat remote and problematical, we suggest that the committee will be well advised to take it into consideration.

The parishioners adopted the larger scheme, and Westbury should shortly be the proud possessor of one of the finest peals of eight in the country.

A sum of £300 is still needed to complete the work, and an earnest appeal is made to all ringers for help, so that the bells may be opened free of debt. Mr. E. H. Arnold, of 4, Church Terrace, Westbury, is the hon. secretary.

NORWICH & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**MR. A. J. NAUNTON'S RETIREMENT.**

A meeting of the Southwold District was held at Wrentham, on Saturday, May 7th, members being present from Aldeburgh, Knodishall, Leiston, Stoven, Beccles, Barham, Kessingland, and the local company. Various touches were rung throughout the afternoon and evening, the methods ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise; and, on handbells, touches of Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters. The business meeting was held in the Church School Room, the chair being taken by the Rector (the Rev. E. R. Yerburgh, M.A.), supported by Mr. A. J. Naunton (hon. district secretary).—The Chairman said the chief business was to elect a new district secretary, owing to the resignation of Mr. Naunton on account of his advanced age. Mr. Naunton had held the office for 25 years, ever since the formation of the district. The Chairman read a letter from the general secretary of the association, Mr. A. L. Coleman, expressing the great regret of the general committee of the association to hear of his resignation on account of his great age, and also conveying the appreciation and thanks of the association for the services Mr. Naunton has rendered for so many years, with their best wishes for his future welfare and happiness in the eventide of life.—Mr. Naunton, in returning thanks, said although he was resigning from the office of secretary, he was not giving up ringing, and his interest in the association, etc., would still continue.—Mr. Sharman proposed that Mr. F. W. Naunton be elected secretary.—This was seconded by Mr. E. Bailey, and carried unanimously.—Mr. A. J. Lincoln proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Naunton for his services during the last 25 years as district secretary.—This was seconded by Mr. Goate, and carried unanimously.

Mr. John Ford, of Brampton, was elected as a performing member to the association, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting.

A hope was expressed that Mr. Naunton might be spared to see his old peal of bells increased to eight. It is hoped to start a scheme for this purpose in the near future.

Mr. Naunton celebrates his 77th birthday on Saturday, May 14th, when his many ringing friends will wish him many happy returns.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SUBSCRIPTIONS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSED.**

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Radcliffe on April 30th, when 21 ringers were present.—The Vicar (the Rev. J. Bamber) gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and told some humorous anecdotes about ringers he had met in different parts of the country.

Mr. J. H. Banks, the ringing secretary, referred to the difficulties of carrying on the association at the present rate of subscription, and also suggested that a committee of about nine members was large enough to do the work of the association.—After discussion, it was decided to leave the matter over for future meetings.

Christ Church, Barlow Moor, was selected for the next meeting, on Saturday, May 28th.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and allowing the use of the bells, also to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, closed the meeting. Ringing was indulged in in the standard methods during the afternoon and evening.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A meeting of this society was held at Hatfield on Saturday, April 30th. In spite of restricted train services there was a good attendance of members, upwards of 50 being present, representing 12 towers. The bells, a peal of eight, with a 20 cwt. tenor, were kept going all the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Treble Bob being rung in good style. Tea was served in the Schoolroom, and was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. F. M. Brookes). At the business meeting which followed, a resolution was carried, that in future notices of meetings shall be published in 'The Ringing World' only, and the hope was expressed that all members would support the ringers' paper by each buying a copy every week.—The Vicar of Arksey (the Rev. A. Rhys-Jones) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Hatfield for the use of the bells, and also to the local band and ladies for making arrangements for the meeting and providing such an excellent tea.—Before ringing was resumed a short service was held in church, at which the Vicar of Hatfield gave an interesting and instructive address.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the Northampton District was held at Hardingstone on Saturday week, when 35 members attended from Northampton, Weston Favell, Kingsthorpe, Coggeshall, Collingtree, Wootton, Ecton, and the local ringers, together with the vice-president (the Rev. J. P. Frend, Rector of Collingtree), the Rev. Canon Dodson (Rector of Wootton), Rev. Arthur Kitchen (Vicar of Hardingstone), Mr. Fred Hopper, Mr. Fred Wilford, and Mr. Tom Law. Touches in several methods, including Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, were rung during the afternoon. Evensong was conducted by the Rev. A. Kitchen, who gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Hardingstone, and a collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to 7s. 7½d.—The next meeting will be held at Old Duston early in June.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, 1,299 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: W. H. Hollier 1, H. Belcher 2, W. H. Wood 3, A. Outmore 4, W. Judd 5, G. C. Iles 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, J. W. Driver 9, P. E. Clark 10. Composition by A. Walker, from 'The Ringing World,' April 29th.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, May 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Belcher 1, G. Spencer 2, P. E. Clark 3, C. J. Tricker 4, A. Beckensale 4, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, W. H. Hollier 7, A. Lewin (first quarter-peal) 8.

LONDON.—London County Association. — On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, at St. John the Divine, Kennington, S.E., 924 Stedman Triples: T. W. Taffender (longest touch in any method) 1, G. W. Wild 2, J. E. Gammon 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, E. J. King 5, R. G. Chappelle 6, W. H. Pickett 7, W. Rushton 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 8th, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: H. L. White 1, W. Ayles 2, Miss L. Kemp 3, F. W. Burnett 4, H. L. W. Aitken (first quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt) 5, A. Rose 6, W. Tate 7, E. O. Edney 8.

SURFLEET.—On Sunday, May 8th, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal, in 50 mins.: G. Ladd 1, J. W. Wood 2, A. J. Farr 3, J. T. Brown 4, J. Curry 5, J. G. Ames 6, E. Flowers 7, S. G. Flowers 8, W. Hollingworth 9, R. Richardson (conductor) 10. Rung for the dedication of the war memorial.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. Willey 1, W. Hammond 2, J. W. Smithson 3, E. Shackleton 4, T. Chown 5, W. Stubley 6, W. Chown (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 7, F. Rippon 8.

NORWICH.—At St. Peter Mancroft, on Sunday, May 8th, for morning service, 414 Stedman Caters: G. Claxton 1, G. Sparks 2, Miss F. Bill 3, Miss H. Bill 4, J. Snelling 5, H. Borrett 6, J. E. Burton 7, G. Burton 8, G. H. Cross (conductor) 9, F. W. Curtis 10. For evening service, 537 Stedman Caters: J. Snelling 1, C. E. Borrett 2, G. Sparks 3, F. J. Howchin 4, G. Mayers 5, D. T. Potter 6, F. H. Knights 7, G. P. Burton 8, G. H. Cross (conductor) 9, F. W. Curtis 10.

BELTON, RUTLAND.—On Sunday, May 1st, on the occasion of the unveiling of a war memorial cross, erected on the village green adjoining the church, a quarter-peal of Minor was rung with bells half-muffled before the ceremony, consisting of 360 Single Court, 180 Plain Bob, and 720 Oxford Bob. For evening service, 720 spliced Plain Bob

and Oxford Bob. Both touches were conducted by Corpl. H. J. Churchill, who lost his right arm on the Somme in July, 1916. The latter was the 209th 720 on the bells, and the 100th rung by the conductor. The ringers were: C. Jelley 1, H. J. Churchill (conductor) 2, I. Grocock 3, A. Buzzard 4, F. Burdley 5, J. J. Jackson 6, with H. Kendall in place of F. Bindley for the 200th 720.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, at the Church of St. Alphago with All Saints, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 22 mins.: P. Paine 1, H. Fairbrass 2, C. W. Brett 3, F. G. Brett (conductor) 4, F. Jenkins 5, B. Buesden 6.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—For evening service, on Sunday, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): M. Cooper 1, Miss M. Parnaby 2, Miss A. K. Wilkinson 3, Miss D. Bulman 4, A. Coates 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, Miss B. Wellburn 7, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 8. *First quarter-peal. Previous to the above, on handbells, 630 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Parnaby 1-2, Miss D. Bulman 3-4, A. Coates 5-6, Miss B. Wellburn 7-8. Rapid progress has been attained lately by the seven lady ringers of this tower, who are deeply indebted to Mr. A. Coates, of Whitby, for his kind and frequent assistance, and recently they rang a touch of 350 Grandsire Triples.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins., with tenor covering (18 bobs, 2 singles): A. Savage 1, Rev. J. F. Amies (first 720) 2, G. Hollis (conductor) 3, W. Palmer 4, A. Knights 5, G. Thompson 6, F. E. Smith 7.

HIGHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, May 1st, with the bells half-muffled, for the memorial service for the late Vicar of Higham (the Rev. Allen, M.A.), who was buried the day previous, 720 Plain Bob: F. A. Mitchell 1, F. Hayes 2, G. Ambrose 3, H. Argent 4, J. Avis 5, G. Morrad (conductor) 6. The ringers came from Milton-next-Gravesend.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: W. Atterbury 1, J. Dove (first in the method) 2, W. H. Auslin 3, J. C. Dean 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. Farey (conductor) 7, J. Wilkin 8.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church, for evensong, on Rogation Sunday, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Grove's variation): C. Dearlove 1, G. Nichols 2, E. A. Etheridge 3, E. Radford 4, W. Melville 5, S. Radford 6, G. Tomsett (conductor) 7, G. Petter 8.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, May 1st, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 576 London Surprise Major: J. Woodberry 1, G. Davies 2, T. J. Salter 3, K. Salter 4, J. Smith 5, E. J. Brooks 6, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 7, J. E. Sykes 8.

THE VOICE OF THE LEADER.

'I am the Good Shepherd,' St. John x. 11.

The relation of God to His children is portrayed in that of the shepherd to his sheep. Communities of mankind are thus described without any disparagement to the individuals of which each community is composed. Communities are in dire need of leadership, and the idea of leadership runs through the parable of the Good Shepherd. The parable is a type of the world. So long as there is harmony everything works smoothly; but this cannot be if either leadership or followers are at fault. To-day the difficulties through which the industrial world is passing, and the apparent confusion which has resulted from them, has been accentuated by the defects in the qualities of the leaders; different voices have spoken to different groups, and misunderstandings have arisen in consequence—and the groups have lost touch. The two qualities of good leadership are honesty of purpose and fidelity to the end, and this is where the message of the bells comes in. They speak not only to individuals, but to the whole community gathered up in a corporate life. In them we seem to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, the one great and true leader of men who lived and died for men and never led men astray. He spoke in the Sermon on the Mount, in His death upon the Cross, and in His resurrection, not only to individual men, but to all men gathered together in a corporate brotherhood. Have we given Christ the same obedience as other leaders? Are our leaders guided by His principles? Have they the interests of their followers at heart? Are they ready if need be to die for them? Eternal love is the key. Until we learn to love one another, we shall never learn to live with one another in peace. The bells, to those who can hear the message, are the voice of Him who was the leader of men. What kind of followers are we? How far do we strive to follow His example? Are our hearts with Him? Is our purpose honest? If not, our service is merely cold and formal; we do not hear the Shepherd's voice, we are not the true followers He would have us be.

THE REV. A. TAYLOR, St. Bride's,
(Preaching at the meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.)

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1280 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

23456	1	4	5	6
65324	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—
43528	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
53216	—	—	—	—
32516	—	—	—	—

Repeated.
J. George.

1280 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

23456	M	B	W	H
24536	—	—	1	2
54326	1	—	—	1
53246	1	—	2	2
23456	1	—	—	1

H. Hapgh.

521 STEDMAN CINQUES.

231456	1	5	8	10	11	13	14	15	16
134285	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
123465	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	—	—
142365	2	813	—	815	18	—	—	—	—
134265	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	—	—

W. H. Barber.

377 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567	1S	3
345287	2S	3
235476	2	3
345276	2	3
245376	1S	3
435276	2	3
325476	2	3

John Carter.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—POSTPONEMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING.—In view of the drastic reductions in main line and suburban railway services, it has been decided to postpone the Annual Meeting at Walthamstow, on Whit-Monday, May 16.—H. T. W. Eyre, The Temples, Witham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Business important.—W. Hughes and J. Halsall, Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, May 14th, instead of Heywood, as arranged at last meeting. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Rochester Cathedral. The new Ring of Ten will be dedicated by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester on Whit Saturday, May 14th, at 3.30. H.E. the American Ambassador and the Lord Bishop of Rochester will be present.—A. Osborne, Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Mangotsfield bells.—Opening Ceremony by the Rev. Bishop Clifford, Saturday, 14th May, 1921, at 3.30 p.m. The Vicar extends a hearty invitation to all ringers. Meat tea in Schoolroom at 1/6 per head.—P. C. Williams, E. Guise, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Darley Dale, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers invited.—A. Braines, Hon. Dis. Sec., 140, Parker St., Derby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Drayton, Berks, on Saturday, May 14th. Service at 3 p.m. Business meeting 3.30. Tea 4.30. Towers at Drayton, Milton, Stevenston, Sutton and Abingdon available. Will all requiring tea notify H. R. Cooper, Milton, Stevenston, Berks?

WESTHAM, PEVENSEY.—The recast ring of six—tenor 10 cwt., by Gillett & Johnston—will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Hastings to-morrow, Saturday, May 14th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m., to which all ringers will be welcome. Ringing before and after tea.—C. F. Lucas, The Vicarage, Westham, Pevensy.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit-Monday, May 16th. The bells at the Cathedral (10) tenor 20 cwt., Sharrow (8) tenor 13 cwt., are available for ringing. Committee meeting will be held at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, at 11 a.m.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesborough.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Committee meeting at 11.15 a.m. in Upper Vestry (All Saints' Church). Service at All Saints' Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel at 1 p.m. Business after luncheon. Bells available: St. Giles (10), St. Peter's (8), St. Edmund's

(8), St. Sepulchre's (8).—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Peterborough, on Whit-Monday. Char-a-banc will leave Roman Catholic Church, Cambridge, at 10 a.m. sharp. Fare 8/- return. Lunch 2/6 at 1.30. Service 4 o'clock, tea 4.30, 1/3, at St. Mary's. Bells of St. John's (8), Woodston (6). St. Mary's (6), open for ringing.—V. Shorter, Hon. Gen. Sec., 3, Pembroke St., Cambridge.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Torquay, on Whit-Monday. Guild service at St. Luke's at 12.15. Dinner and meeting at 1. Towers open: St. Mary's Church, Babbacombe, Paignton, etc.—Rev. E. S. Powell, Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

SUFFOLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds, on Whit-Monday, May 16th. By kind permission the bells of St. James' Cathedral (10), St. Mary's (8), St. Leonard's, Horringer (8), will be available. Dinner will be served at the Griffin Hotel, at 2/6 per head at 1 p.m. Business following.—A. Symonds, Lavenham, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Postponement of Meeting.—In view of the continuance of the Coal Strike and the consequent drastic reductions in the railway services, it has been decided to postpone the joint meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Branches at Lowestoft on Whit Monday, May 16th, 1921.—Edward Evans, Branch Secretary; Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Faversham and Ospringe, on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—The bells of All Saints', Northampton, will not be available for ringing on Whit-Monday, the tower being under repair. Kingsthorpe will be open for ringing.—S. J. Lawrence, District Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission of the Dean, the bells of Westminster Abbey will be available on Tuesday, May 17th, from 5 to 6 p.m., for Central Council visitors. There will be no practice at St. Clement Danes, on Whit-Monday, but visitors will be welcomed on Tuesday, from 6 to 7.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next Meeting of the branch will be held at Gosberton, on Whit-Monday, 16th. Service in Church at 3.30. Dinner in the Public Hall at one o'clock.—Geo. Ladd, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of above will be through the Marsh on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Appledore 10 a.m., Ivychurch 12 noon, Lydd 2 p.m., New Romney 5 p.m. Tea will be available at Lydd at 4 p.m. Ringing friends will be welcome at this meeting.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral (members of the Central Council and friends heartily welcomed) on May 17th; Southwark Cathedral on May 24th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on May 31st, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley, on Saturday, 21st May. Bells available 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. L. A. Walker, Railway Terrace, King's Langley?—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Sec., Tring.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21st, next, at St. Andrew's, Holborn. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. at 1/3 per head. Will all wishing for tea kindly let me know by 16th May? All welcome.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 57, Market Street, W.2.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A Ringing meeting will be held at St. Laurence, Thanet, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Will all members please look up Double Norwich for this meeting?—E. C. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The Quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Henbury, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 Tea 5. Business meeting to follow. Westbury bells available from 7 p.m.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The Spring meeting will be held at Witney, on Saturday, May 21st. Service in St. Mary's Church, at 4 p.m., preacher, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. Tea at the Central Hotel, at 4.45 p.m., at 1/3 each. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Those intending to be present please notify not later than Thursday, May 19th. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. R. Bacon, District Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wolsey (six bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Guilsborough on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (six) available 2.30 p.m. All ringers invited. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. District Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Bigby (Barnetby Station) on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available all day. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge. Service at 5 p.m., when the Rev. J. Barber, M.A., Rector of Stow, will preach. Those requiring tea please notify the Rev. H. T. Parry, The Rectory, Bigby, on or before Wednesday, May 25th.—J. W. Seamer, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bexhill, St. Peter's, on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea by kind invitation at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. W. Stokes, Div. Hon. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Kinver, on Saturday, May 28. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church 4.30. Business meeting after tea.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hadlow, on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open at 3. Service in Church at 5. Tea in the King's Head Inn at 1/3 per head, followed by business meeting. All members wishing tea must notify the District Sec., not later than Tuesday, May 24th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, May 28th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells at Waddington will be available from 3 to 5 in the afternoon.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, May 28th, to consider the financial state of the Association and other business. Particulars next week.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Hunton on Sat., June 4th. Bells available at 3. Service at 5, with an address by the Rector (Rev. F. A. Dale). Tea at the Court at 5.45, given by Mrs. Bannerman; business meeting after. All those intending being present must let me know not later than Tuesday, May 31st.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer meeting of the Newbury Branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 4th. Evensong 4.30. Tea at 5. Special preacher, Canon Coleridge. Intending visitors kindly notify Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading, not later than June 1st.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the association will be held at Bath on July 2nd, at which the War Memorial will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A by-meeting of the Hinckley district was held at Chilvers Coton, on Saturday, May 7th. It was intended to hold the monthly meeting at Nuneaton, but owing to illness near the church the bells were not available, so Coton was chosen as substitute. Members and friends attended from Croft, Coventry, Desford, Higham-on-the-Hill, Hinckley, Nuneaton, Earl Shilton, Leckleton and Wigston. The methods rung ranged from Doubles to Surprise Major.—Mr. C. H. Webb, vice-president, presided over the business meeting, at which it was decided to hold the next meeting at Sapcote, on Saturday, June 4th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Coton for the use of the bells.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Thurleigh on Saturday, May 7th, members being present from Bedford, Turvey, Riseley, Bromham, Clapham, Roxton, Great Staughton. At the short business meeting which followed tea, Mr. C. W. Clarke presided, and two new members were elected. Great Staughton was chosen for the next meeting, on June 11th.—The Secretary urged that the members should support 'The Ringing World,' as all notices will appear in that paper.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close.—A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, by: C. Mortimer 1—2, H. L. Harlow 3—4, C. W. Clarke 5—6, F. Webb 7—8, F. Mortimer 9—10.

SOWERBY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Sowerby and District Association was held at Sowerby (Yorks), on Saturday, April 16th. During the afternoon the 'youngsters' had excellent opportunities for instructive practice.—After tea, a brief business meeting was held, at which Mytholmroyd was selected as the next place of meeting, on May 28th.—Mr. Mitton proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. T. Marsden) for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for officiating at the tea-table.—The Vicar, in reply, remarked that when next the meeting was held at Sowerby he hoped to know more about ringing. There is reason to believe the Vicar will then be one of the Sowerby band. Before returning to the tower four of the Todmorden ringers rang well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major on handbells, after which Mr. Mitton gave a few selections of tunes. On returning to the tower touches of Oxford, Kent, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Woodbine, and Plain Bob were rung, three ladies standing in the latter. This is the first occasion on which ladies have rung on Sowerby bells, which have been in the tower 140 years.

The towers represented were: Todmorden Parish Church, Todmorden Unitarian, Cross Stones (ladies' band), Mytholmroyd, Heptonstall and Sowerby.

LATE NOTICES.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday Meeting at Darlington is cancelled.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Eversholt on Saturday, May 21st. Bells at 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The postponed Annual general meeting will take place at Winchester on Monday, July 4th.—J. C. W. Herschel, Hon. Sec.

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