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METHOD NAMING.

At the meeting of the Central Council, at Whitsun, a resolution was passed authorising, after a lapse of six months, the naming of all the methods in the Council's 'Collection,' for which a name had not been claimed before the expiry of that period. Less than two months remain for those who have rung 720 in either of these methods to make their claims; and in order that those who have the right to name them—the right going to the band that first rings the extent—we publish in another column, at the request of the Council's Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) the list of those methods which, unnamed when the 'Collection' was published, have, as far as he is aware, since been named. In view of the resolution of the Council, it is important that those who have any claim to give the title to any method not appearing in the list, or who dispute an existing title, should at once communicate with the Librarian.

Of the Minor methods, which form by far the largest section, 36 were already named when the 'Collection' was published. As far as can be ascertained, 77 others have since been rung and named, leaving 47 still without titles. Some of these methods may have been rung, and, if they have, their names should at once be sent to Mr. Jenkyn. In the opinion of the Council it is quite time now that names were found for the remaining methods, and no one is likely to quarrel with this decision. The list, as it at present stands, will be of interest to the majority of ringers, especially the six-bell men, who will doubtless desire to bring their own copies of the 'Collection' up to date by adding the information now published.

While it is difficult to suggest a more satisfactory way of providing titles, where the authors have not done so, than that adopted in the past—of leaving it to the choice of those who first ring the methods—it is likely to result in the vast majority of the hundreds of Plain Major methods, which are awaiting publication, going title-less for a very long time. When, however, the publication comes about, doubtless the responsible Committee will see to it that those methods which are extensions of existing Minor methods will appear with their correct names. Only a small section of them is likely to be affected, for those methods in the Minor Collection which have a plain hunt number but 27. At the same time, although it is a small point, it ought not to be lost sight of, for it will have still greater importance if the Major methods of one of the other sections are undertaken. The haphazard naming that has been adopted in the past has led to a good deal of confusion, and if the Council, through the Committee, can now begin to bring order out of chaos and utilise a certain class of names for a particular class of methods, it would be an excellent step.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.	
ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	GEORGE ADES 6
WILLIAM WATTS 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
HERBERT RANN 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 8
ALBERT H. WARD 4	ROBERT J. DAWE 9
ERNEST GOWER 5	HENRY STALHAM Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.	
ROBERT RICHARDS Treble	JOSEPH RICHARDSON 6
*RICHARD THOMPSON 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7
JOSEPH ROWELL 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 8
JOHN MCKEAG 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9
WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR 5	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. Rung on Mr. Richardson's silver wedding day, also the 19th anniversary of the conductor's wedding. This composition, in 69 courses, contains a 6798 and a 7698 alternately.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 6
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 7
EDMUND HOLIFIELD 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
ALBERT A. HUGHES 5	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

EVEESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.	
*JOHN PERKINS Treble	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 6
HERBERT JORDAN 2	FREDERICK JORDAN 7
JAMES HEMMING 3	HENRY J. PHIPPS 8
†MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON 4	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 9
*JOHN HALL 5	*GEORGE ASHLEY Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON. Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters on tower bells. Rung as a compliment to Miss E. M. Johnson on attaining the age of 21, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal of Caters as conductor. Composition No. 1,086 Worcestershire Report.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Sept. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
FREDERICK W. CRIPPS Treble	ALBERT H. WARD 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	HENRY STALHAM 6
JOSEPH FARMER 3	WILLIAM HILLMAN 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	EDMUND H. LINDUP Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDMUND H. LINDUP.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

P.S. FREDK. REDGEWELL ... Treble	JOHN SADLER ... 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 2	*WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... 6
JAMES FLEETY ... 3	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	*ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
First Surprise peal by the Association and by Police Sergt. Redgewell. * First peal in the method.

CLINT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED DAVIES ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
WILLIAM SHILVOCK ... 2	CHARLES CAMM ... 6
JOHN BASS ... 3	WILLIAM SHORT ... 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung for the quarterly peal for the above Branch.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Sept. 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

*WILLIAM WEST ... Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... 5
*MISS EVELYN T. MOORE ... 2	CHARLES ANDREWS ... 6
JESSE FRANCIS ... 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 7
*WILLIAM LOND ... 4	*JAMES BELBY ... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

*First peal. Great credit is due to Miss Moore, who hails from Warminster, for the way she rang her bell. The peal was rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(St. John's Society.)

On Monday, Sept. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

ROBERT A. FORSDIKE ... Treble	*ALBERT BRADLEY ... 5
EDWIN J. PANNETT ... 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 6
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON ... 3	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 7
JOSEPH LAW ... 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* Re-elected a member of the Association previous to starting. This was rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. A. C. Macklin, who was a highly respected member of the church, with which he had been connected for 40 years.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK BIRD ... Treble	THOMAS J. WATTS ... 5
GEORGE BARKER ... 2	THOMAS JORDAN ... 6
HENRY DEW ... 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... 7
WALTER PRIOR ... 4	GEORGE JORDAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

The ringers of the treble, 3rd and 7th hail from Bishop's Stortford, and the 2nd from Ware; the rest are local men.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JAMES FORD ... Treble	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 5
PERCY J. SPICE ... 2	GEORGE HUXLEY ... 6
GEORGE DURLING ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7
†HERBERT AUDSLEY ... 4	EDMUND MOUNTER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman. † 25th peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

CANON H. J. ELSE ... Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 5
TITUS BARLOW ... 2	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 6
FRED PAGE ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 4	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Jackson, the veteran treasurer of the Association. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD ... Treble	GEORGE ADES ... 5
JOHN FEIST ... 2	WILLIAM WATTS ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 7
GEORGE LUCAS ... 4	WILLIAM STENNING ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

HODDESDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... Treble	ALLAN R. MACDONALD ... 5
EVERAD J. WALSON ... 2	WILLIAM SABAN ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	GEORGE RADLEY ... 7
WILLIAM IRONS ... 4	*FREDERICK LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*CHARLES F. MITCHELL ... Treble	RALPH MACKRILL ... 5
WILLIAM H. WOOD ... 2	†WILLIAM ESSERY ... 6
†WILLIAM J. DEAN ... 3	CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... 7
†ERNEST A. REEVE ... 4	HARRY MANCE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. MANCE.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED H. WATSON ... Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 5
WALTER RUFFLES ... 2	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 3	JOHN HALL ... 7
*HARRY HALL ... 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ALL SAINTS', LOUGHBOROUGH, SOCIETY.)

On Friday, Sept. 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON Treble	WILLIAM SMITH 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	*JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
*ERNEST LESLIE 3	*HORACE STUBBS 7
PRYCE TAYLOR 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by E. READER.

* First peal of Superlative. This is the first Surprise peal rung in Loughborough by a local band.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED CRANE Treble	HARRY MILLER 5
WILLIAM PICKWORTH 2	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 6
JOHN ARMSTRONG 3	SIDNEY WADE 7
JOHN E. MILLER 4	*PHILLIP BIGG Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN TOMLINSON.

The conductor's 50th peal and first peal as conductor. * First peal. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

ROYSTON, HERTS
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT GILBERT Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
ARTHUR MASON 2	WILLIAM MILLER 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on eight bells. The above is the first peal of Major on this handy ring of bells, which 'go' excellently. The band wish to thank the local ringers for having everything in readiness and also for their kind hospitality after the peal.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
JOHN HAYES 2	ARTHUR NEWELL 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	HENRY W. WILDE 7
FRANK FOX 4	WALTER THOMAS Tenor

Composed by CHAS. PRICE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. Houghton for having everything ready.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

*GEORGE BENNETT Treble	*GEORGE FLEMING 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	*ALBERT FLEMING 6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	†CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	*FREDERICK J. TILLET Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. J. SEDGLEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an inside bell. First peal as conductor in any method.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

HERBERT W. BISHOP Treble	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER 5
TOM O'HARA 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER 6
ROBERT W. HYNER 3	LOUIS A. WILSON 7
JOHN HOLMAN 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. (No. 167.) Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition contains the extent of the 6th right, and is now rung for the first time. The ringer of the 2nd was elected a member of the Association before starting the peal.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
*GEORGE W. FLETCHER 3	JAMES PARKER 7
*WILLIAM H. NASH 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung after the unveiling of the war memorial and the consecration of the new burial-ground by the Bishop of St. Albans.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

R. URMSTON Treble	J. MOOTH 5
J. WORTHINGTON 2	W. E. AUSTIN 6
T. GROUNDS 3	J. W. GROUNDS 7
J. GRAY 4	E. BIRCHALL Tenor

Composed by W. STOTENSTALL. Conducted by E. BIRCHALL.

First peal of Major on the bells. First peal of Major by all the band, who are entirely local and are regular service ringers. Rung at first attempt. First peal by the Wigan branch.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

THOMAS STIMPSON Treble	WILLIAM A. PARSONS 4
ARTHUR J. ORGILL 2	HERBERT G. FREIWELL 5
*FRANK F. HILL 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on these bells, which form the church war memorial, opened October 24th, 1920.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Oct. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

GEORGE FARNISH Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 4
GEORGE PRYKE 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
FRANK L. FISHER 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

This was the conductor's 100th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MULLINS, Birmingham. Conducted by the Performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Ten and a half Minutes,
In TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

*E. G. HIBBINS ... 1-2 | WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 3-4 | *JOHN B. WOOLLEY ... 7-8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, Sept. 29, 1921, in Three Hours,
In THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM ... 1-2 | JAMES E. GROVES ... 7-8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3-4 | ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 5-6 | MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 11-12

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.
Referee: PERCY O. LAPLIN.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Martin is mistaken in thinking that there can never be more than one correct extension of a method from Major to Royal. Under certain circumstances there might be quite a number all equally correct in structure. A simple example should make this clear. I think most people will agree that the following figures are the exact equivalent from the structural point of view of those given by Sir Arthur Heywood as an extension of his Duffield Major.

Duffield Royal (alternate variation).

12	34	5678	90
21	43	6587	09
12	34	6657	90
21	43	8675	09
12	34	8765	90
21	43	7856	09
24	17	3580	69

In the case of Maximus there are 3 similar variations.

In those instances where the correct lines on which a given method should be extended from Minor to Major are generally agreed, a long step has been made towards eliminating possible variations in the Royal. Thus, in the case of London, much ground would be cleared if it were first decided whether the methods known as London Surprise Major and Minor (C.C. Collection Surprise Minor 14) are or are not one and the same. In any case I do not consider the time is ripe to ask us to decide on the merits of the various rival claimants to the title of London Royal. A fairly wide experience of examination papers has taught me that it is often easier to pick out the best of several candidates than of just two or three. If, as appears to be the case, members of the Exercise are prepared to give us a fresh variation once a fortnight, a little patience on our part should soon find us in possession of a fine collection (numerically) from which to select the method to be designated henceforth and for ever London Surprise Royal. E. S. POWELL.

Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

CHISLEHURST, KENT. — On Sunday, Sept. 11th, at 35, Albany Road, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal (1,248 changes) of Bob Major, in 35 mins., by: Frederic G. Groombridge 1-2, Robert Brett Smith 3-4, Thomas Groombridge, junr. (conductor), 5-6, Cyril Brett Smith 7-8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Groombridge, senr.

THE METHOD COLLECTION.**CLAIMS TO NAMES.**

The following is the list as far as at present ascertained of the titles which have been given to previously unnamed methods contained in the Central Council's 'Collection of Legitimate (Regular) Methods,' and the names claimed for any others which have been rung but not included in this list, should be sent without delay to the Hon. Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Bolney, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, a representative gathering of close on forty members being present. Ringing commenced about 2.30, and continued until 4.30, when a short service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Michell, M.A.), at which a collection was taken on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, and amounted to 7s. 4d. A move was then made to the garden of the 'Eight Bells,' where a sumptuous meat tea had been kindly provided by Capt. C. W. Hemp.

The usual business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Master of the Association (Mr. J. T. Rickman) and the hon. general secretary (the Rev. Cecil H. Clarke). The following new members were elected: Mr. C. Diplock (Hurstpierpoint), Mr. J. Chapman (Keymer), and Capt. C. W. Hemp (hon. member). The meeting also confirmed the election of the following: Mr. G. Radley (Warmleigh), Mr. H. J. Skelt (West Croydon), and Mr. Harry R. Pasmore (London).

The meeting concluded with hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service, and presiding at the meeting; to the churchwarden (Capt. C. W. Hemp) for his generosity in providing tea; also to the lady who kindly presided at the organ.

The tower was again visited until about 7.30, when the bells were lowered in peal. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise.

STAPLEHURST RINGERS' OUTING.

On Sunday, Sept. 18th, the Staplehurst (Kent) ringers travelled by car to Linton, where they were met by Messrs. T. E. Sone and L. Newman. Several touches were rung, including 742 Grandsire Triples (the last part of Holt's Original). Ringing lasted until 11 a.m. The party then proceeded to Hadlow, where they were made welcome by Mr. A. H. Reader. During the ringing, which lasted an hour and a half, some good striking was accomplished. Leaving at 2.30 p.m., the band made their way to Goudhurst. Although these are heavier bells (tenor 27 cwt.), a few touches were rung with the help of Mr. J. Foreman, who ably kept the 'great bell' swinging. Ringing lasted until 6.30 p.m., when the band returned to Staplehurst, feeling satisfied with their 'first annual outing.' The ringers are all young members, and are only waiting for the completion of their own bells, which are being overhauled, when they hope to ring the first local peal.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. DISTINGUISHED PATRONS.

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Hinckley, Leicestershire, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, when members from Burton, Leicester, and the local district put in an appearance. The bells of St. Mary's were in requisition from 2 p.m. The back six are reputed to be of the Rudhall foundry, the trebles being added a hundred years ago. At the present time they are sadly out of tune, the fourth bell particularly so. The church is a noble edifice, the spire being a landmark for miles around. The town of Hinckley is fourteen miles from the county town, and four from Nuneaton. Detractors of Hinckley have said rude things about it. Rumour hath it that on one occasion a native put his pig on a wall to see a band go by, but (cum grano salis) the writer has seen and heard some humorous things in Hinckley, but none so funny as that. Another, that a resident revelled in wearing a tin hat. Whether the wearer used it for his liquid nourishment history deponeth not, but the writer has seen the tin hat. It reposes at present in the museum of a 'Boniface' at the sign of 'Ye Hare and Pheasant,' High Street, Leicester, and as the host is a native of Hinckley, it is possible that he possesses the real article.

To return to our mutton, after the ringers who wished to indulge in Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise, had satisfied their desires, adjournment was made to a local cafe, where an excellent tea was provided. The President (Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P., of Derby), and Mrs. Chambers, the Rev. Canon Hurrell, M.A., of Hinckley, and J. A. T. Hall, M.D., honoured the company by their presence, and they were supported by Mr. A. C. Wright, hon. secretary, and Mr. W. Willson, hon. treasurer.

At the subsequent business meeting, a considerable number of new members, life, honorary and ringing, were duly elected.

Canon Hurrell graciously intimated his desire to be included, and he was elected, with applause. Chief among the names submitted were the following patrons: His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Dartmouth, the Most Hon. the Marquis Curzon, K.G.

It should be mentioned that the great majority of new honorary members added to the association are due to the untiring energy of the Hon. President, Ald. Chambers, J.P., who, by securing the patronage of His Majesty's Foreign Minister, has reached a high-water mark in the history of the association hitherto unattained.

Votes of thanks to the clergy, and the local men for their arrangements, brought the meeting to a close. As is usual at ringers' gatherings, when the bells are down, the smokers of a neighbouring hostel was found very useful. Handbell plugging and songs were indulged in, and an opportunity afforded for the local humorist, one W. Humphreys, to eject from his chest his great hit, 'Fish and Chips.'

The rather small number of members attending the meeting showed the need in such localities for more united effort, and with this object in view a combined meeting of Hinckley and Leicester districts will be held probably at Earl Shilton on some Saturday in November.

W. W.

THIRTY YEARS AS STEEPLEKEEPER.

To celebrate the birthday of Mr. George Frederick Pickles, of Horbury, 928 Bob Major (58 leads) was rung on Thursday, Sept. 29th, by: G. Bennett (Ossett) 1, G. Hunt 2, G. F. Pickles 3, H. Rowley (conductor) 4, G. Barstow 5, F. Lockwood 6, G. W. Pickles 7, R. Thickett 8. Mr. Pickles has been the steeplekeeper at Horbury for 30 years, but he has never made the mistake of 'greasing' the bells with Yorkshire Relish, as his confrere is said to have done at Earlsheaton. One of his sayings is, 'There's niver nowt but there's allus summat,' which reminds me of a waggonette trip the Horbury ringers had to Felkirk a few years ago. Mr. Pickles was selected as guide, as it was dark when we set off for home. When he thought we were somewhere near Sandal, he called a halt near a finger-post. After striking nearly a box of matches endeavouring to find our whereabouts, he suddenly saw lights ahead of us. 'It's all reight, chaps, yons Notten Station,' he cried. 'Let's mak for it.' So we made for it, and when we got to it, it was another waggonette.

H. G.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association at Willesden, on Saturday last, proved a very pleasant one, and the bells having been raised beforehand, ringing began promptly at the advertised time. The following methods were rung: Grandsire Triples, Stedman, Kent, and a touch of Cambridge for the service at 5 p.m. Tea was followed by the business meeting, the Master being in the chair for the latter. Ringing was soon resumed, and touches of Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge were brought round successfully. Nine o'clock came all too soon, but the enthusiasts, nothing daunted, set handbells going to Plain Bob, Kent, Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques, this bringing a very successful and instructive meeting to an end. Thanks are due to the Rector and steeplekeeper for their kind welcome and arrangements.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. STOCKPORT BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting, held on Saturday, October 1st, at Taxal, was very well attended, between forty and fifty members and friends being present and the branch as a whole well represented. The esteemed hon. secretary (the Rev. A. T. Beeston) conducted the service, giving a helpful and instructive address. The chairman (Mr. T. Jackson, of Disley) read the lesson.

Tea was served at the Royal Oak, and it was evident the fine October air had given the visitors keen appetites. The usual business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. T. Jackson. The Hon. Secretary announced that the Rector (the Rev. S. Evans) had become an hon. member, and had expressed a wish that all present 'would have a drink at his expense.'—A hearty and cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his generosity, and his health was duly toasted. This was followed by a course of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

The summary of the proceedings of the annual festival was given by Mr. T. Wilde, supplemented by Messrs. A. Barnes and W. Gordon, and two new members were elected.

It was decided that the annual meeting be postponed, and be the first meeting of the new year. Therefore, the next meeting to be held at St. Paul's, Stayley, on Saturday, December 10th, will be an ordinary one. This arrangement, it was pointed out, will give the secretary ample time to prepare his report.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the authorities for permitting the meeting to be held, and for the use of the bells; to the hon. secretary for his address, and to the chairman for his services.

During the course of the meeting, Mr. Beeston remarked that he patiently perused the columns of 'The Ringing World' for reports of peals rung in the branch, and so far had not had the pleasure of seeing many. He expressed a wish that the leader of each tower should arrange one, and that, if sufficient members of his own band could not stand in an attempt, there were several ringers who would gladly make up the number.

The bells, a fine ring of six by Taylor (tenor 11 cwt.), were well requisitioned throughout the afternoon and evening. There is also in the tower a pre-Reformation bell, which hangs above the rest. The church, dedicated to St. James, is a neat edifice of stone, with a square Western tower. It is beautifully situated on the banks of the River Goyt, a short distance from the highway to Buxton, and it cannot be seen until closely approached, being surrounded by stately trees, which make it a secluded and pleasant retreat. The autumn tints of the trees and the surrounding hills presented a fine picture in the sunshine. The Goyt Valley is well known for its beautiful scenery, which, on this occasion, was added to by the music of the bells reverberating amongst the hills.

NEW PEAL OF SIX AT POUGHILL. A DEVON RESTORATION.

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, the peal of six bells at the Parish Church of St. Michael, Poughill, were reopened, and the new treble dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton, in the presence of a very large congregation. The Bishop gave an excellent address. Those who assisted at the service were the Rev. Gurney (Rector) and clergy from the neighbouring parishes. The service was an impressive one, and afterwards the bells pealed out o'er hill and valley their joyous notes. The Poughill ringers rang the opening touch, and other ringers who afterwards took part came from Lapford, Cadleigh, Alplington, Stoodleigh, Cruwys, Morehard, Cheriton, Fitzhame, Knowstone and Thorverton. The ringing included some splendid rounds rung as these Devon men can ring them, but there was also some splendid method ringing during the afternoon and evening. All were well pleased with the 'go' and tone of the bells, and especially of the new treble, making Poughill rank with the best peals of six in the county. The work has been most satisfactorily executed by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford, who have put in their patent adjustable gunmetal bearings and modern fittings.

SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION'S FIRST SURPRISE PEAL.

The first Surprise peal by the new Suffolk Diocesan Association—a peal of Cambridge at Feering, Essex, recorded in another column—was rung to celebrate a multiplicity of events. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Sadler, who attained the age of 68 on the 18th and 22nd September respectively. It was also to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. R. Fisher, Feering, on Sept. 10th, and of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. W. Mellins, of Witham, on Sept. 19th. Further it was a farewell peal to the Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Curtis), who is shortly retiring, and to whom the band wish to tender their thanks for the use of the bells.

The band afterwards adjourned to Rye Mills, and after partaking of the cup that cheers, but not inebriates, tapped peals, rung peals, the Editor's leading articles, and some other articles were discussed, and among other items was rung a 288 Kent Treble Bob, 'in hand': F. Claydon 1—2, A. Shuffelebotham 3—4, W. Keeble 5—6, A. Saunders 7—8. The party dispersed about 9 p.m., well satisfied with the afternoon's performance.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. THE ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT MEMORIAL.

A capital meeting was held at Brewood on Saturday week, when members and friends assembled to the number of about 60. The four standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening upon the fine ring of bells. A good tea was provided at Mr. Perry's, to which full justice was done. Then followed a service in church, when an address was given by the Rev. Fieb. Dunkley, M.A., Vicar. During the singing of a hymn a sum of ten pounds, together with a list of subscribers, was handed over to the Vicar—who in turn presented it at the altar—representing the amount collected from towers in the Archdeaconry to help defray the cost of repairs to the church steeple at Brewood. Prior to his address, the Vicar very warmly thanked those whose names appeared on the list for such a welcome gift. He took his text from Jeremiah vi. 16, and gave an interesting account of the church building and the history of the surrounding neighbourhood.

A special service is to be held at Wombourn on Saturday, October 29th, at 4 o'clock, as a fitting conclusion to the erection of the memorial in the churchyard to the late Rowland Cartwright. All will be welcome.

It was announced that the peal of ten bells at Stafford are to be rededicated on Sunday, Oct. 9th—they having recently been rehung after lying dormant for several years—and that all and sundry will be heartily welcome to have a ring there on the following Saturday, 15th inst., during the afternoon and evening.

The next quarterly meeting is provisionally fixed to take place at Stafford on January 14th.

BICENTENARY CELEBRATION.

At Southwell Cathedral on Wednesday evening, Sept. 7th, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the return of the bells, after being recast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, a date touch (1,721) of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hour and 8 mins., by the following: W. W. Shorthose 1, T. Foster 2, G. E. Padgett 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, H. F. Clulow 6, A. J. Chamberlain (composer and conductor) 7, F. Milner 8. Longest length in the method by local band. The touch contains all the 7-4's.

A 'FAMILY' PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt for a peal of Bob Major by a band of Lamberts, so well known in Kentish ringing circles, was made at Marden on Sept. 3rd but was lost just past the half-way single: R. B. Lambert 1, J. A. Lambert 2, F. J. Lambert, senr., 3, R. T. Lambert 4, W. H. Lambert 5, R. E. Lambert 6, F. J. Lambert 7, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 8.

ESSEX RINGERS' EXCURSION IN KENT.

Tenterden seems to be the Mecca of many ringers lately—no doubt the courtesy and kindness shown to visitors by the local ringers have as much to answer for as the famous peal of eight. On August 31st, the ringers of Puttlewell, Essex, and a few friends spent a very pleasant time there on the occasion of their annual outing.

A start was made from Southend at 6.33 a.m. to Gravesend via Tilbury. A charabanc was chartered from Gravesend to make the journey through Kent. The first halt was at Leeds, after a most enjoyable ride through the Medway Valley. Having first inspected the grave of James Barham, and marvelled at his endurance in that peal which lasted 27 hours, the bells were raised, and touches of Treble Ten and Grandsire Caters rung. If bells could be carted away en bloc, how many bands would like the opportunity of—stealing this fine peal of ten?

Unfortunately, owing to a late start from Gravesend, there was no time for dallying, and a move was made to Headcorn. Here touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob were indulged in to the obvious interest of a party of charabancers. Tenterden was next on the programme, and was reached just before 1 p.m. in time for a splendid repast at a restaurant near the church. After lunch the tower was invaded, and the grand old bells were soon going to Stedman. The time came all too soon for the return journey, and at 3.30 a start was made for Frittenden. Here Double Norwich, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rung, and the party set out for the final tower on the programme—Linton. In this beautiful little church touches of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and Kent were enjoyed. Then came the long run back to Gravesend, which was reached about 8.30 p.m. The day was voted the most enjoyable ever spent by the bands who wish to record their very grateful thanks to the incumbents and ringers of the towers visited for the kindness and trouble taken on behalf of their visitors.

S.W.C.

PRESENTATION.

On Sunday, Sept. 4th, before ringing for evening service, a little ceremony took place in the belfry at St. Iltyd's Church, Bridgend, Mr. R. Evans presenting Mr. A. J. Stanley with a smoker's companion, as a token of esteem, from his brother ringers. Mr. Stanley, who has gone to reside near Newport, has been a ringer at St. Iltyd's Church for many years, and, naturally, will be greatly missed. As a farewell, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief. A 420 Stedman Triples was, therefore, rung by: J. Evans 1, C. H. Perry 2, A. J. Stanley 3, R. Gregory 4, R. Evans 5, A. J. Pitman 6, D. R. James (conductor) 7, B. J. Toby 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Bolney, where the Sussex Association held a meeting the other day, is one of the villages most remote from a railway station in Sussex, but it possesses a musical ring of eight bells, which would doubtless be much more in request by ringers were they a little more accessible. Bolney can boast of having had a peal of eight as long as almost any other tower in the county, with the possible exception, perhaps, of Chichester Cathedral campanile.

One of the bells was the product of the Whitechapel Foundry in 1582, and was cast by the first of his line, Robertus Mot. Other bells came at different times; but one by William Eldridge, of Chertsey, cast in 1660, remained for more than two hundred years. The peal of eight was completed in 1740, by Robert Catlin, who in the previous year had succeeded to the business established in London by Samuel Knight, previously of Reading.

This foundry, which is presumed to have been in the neighbourhood of Shoe Lane, Holborn, ceased with the death of Catlin's successor, about 1781, so that Bolney has a link with a long extinct line of foundries, who were in business in Reading as long ago as 1560.

An interesting anniversary falls in next week. On October 12th, 1754, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the first time. This was at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and is recorded in the peal book of the Cumberland Youths. George Patrick, who was a leading conductor in London in those comparatively early days of peal ringing, rang the treble and 'call'd hobs.' The ringer of the 5th was Francis Wood, grandfather of Matt. Wood, whose death in 1912 severed a link of more than 160 years in London ringing.

Clent, where the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association rang their quarterly peal on Saturday week, possesses among its bells four by Bagley, one of the successors to the Henry Bagley, the first Northamptonshire bell founder, who established himself at Chacombe, Northants, in 1632. The four bells at Clent date from 1681, others were added in 1718 and 1723 respectively, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. made them eight in 1902.

Readers are reminded of the appeal made last week for help towards the restoration of the bells at the Parish Church, Barley, Herts: £100 is needed, and contributions should be sent to Mr. W. Mausfield, or Mr. R. Howard, Church End, Barley.

One of the Old Brigade took part in a peal at St. John's, Deptford, last week. Mr. Joseph Law, who is in his 80th year, rang the 4th to a peal of Grandsire Triples, and great credit is due to him for the performance.

In response to the appeal made last week for the use of volumes of 'Bell News' in connection with the Central Council Library, Mr. D. J. Nichols, of Kettering, has kindly offered to present to the Council the bound volumes of that journal for the years 1903-04-05. Offers of volumes covering the other years between May, 1901, and December, 1910, will be welcomed by the Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

The peal of ten at Stafford, rehung by the Whitechapel Foundry, are to be rededicated on Sunday, and on the following Saturday there will be an open ringing meeting.

What will be one of the heaviest peals of eight in the country will be opened at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 29th, when the bells at Westbury, Wilts, will be dedicated.

The old six have been recast and two new trebles added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have hung them in an entirely new iron framework, with new fittings, including ball bearings. The tenor is over 35 cwt.

Major C. F. Jerram, D.S.O., of H.M.S. 'Raleigh,' has recently been in port at Quebec, where he took the opportunity of visiting the Rector of St. Matthew's. Major Jerram, who is keenly interested in ringing, made suggestions for improving ringing at St. Matthew's Church, where there is a peal of eight bells, and it is hoped that good results may follow.

The attention of Salisbury Guild ringers is called to the meeting of the Devizes branch, which is to be held at Bradford-on-Avon to-morrow (Saturday).

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your report of the meeting of the Suffolk Diocesan Association, held at Hadleigh, on Saturday, Sept. 17th, you state that the towers of North Walsham and St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, were represented. This is not so. It is true that I and Mr. G. F. Burton were at Hadleigh, but we were there in the capacity of representatives of the Norwich and Ipswich Association to take part only in a conference held previously to the general business meeting of the Suffolk Diocesan Association. It is obvious that the towers of North Walsham and St. Peter Mancroft could be represented at a Suffolk meeting.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, Secretary.

Norwich and Ipswich Association.

North Walsham, Norfolk.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern District took place at North Cave, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, this being the first visit of the association, thereby fulfilling the rule as to unaffiliated towers. A most hearty welcome was accorded the members by the Vicar (the Rev. M. N. Rice, M.A.), whose keen interest in ringing made the visit doubly agreeable. The bells, a nice light ring of six, by Taylor, were made good use of during the afternoon.

A service was held at 4 p.m., and a short address given by the Vicar, who spoke from Zechariah xiii. 20, 'In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord.' He referred to the difficulty of change ringing, and said that ringers should be very careful of their privilege in being able to ring bells.

An excellent repast was afterwards provided by Mrs. Foster in the Albion Hotel, and short work was made of the renowned local delicacy, 'Cave cheesecakes.'

The business meeting followed, the Vice-President (Mr. A. E. West) being in the chair. One new member was elected—Mr. L. Dobson, of Market Weighton. It was proposed that the annual meeting be held at Selby, subject to the usual permission being granted, failing which, Pontefract should be visited.—A vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Mr. Charles Jackson was passed, by the members standing for a few moments in respectful silence.

An informal discussion took place on the advisability of having fixed dates for the meetings, and the secretary was asked to put this on the agenda for the annual meeting.

The Vicar had previously expressed a desire for expert assistance for his ringers, and a band was arranged to visit North Cave once a month.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his instructive address at the service; also to the organist, the verger (Mr. J. T. Blanchard) for his excellent arrangements, and to Mrs. Foster for the splendid catering. This concluded the business, and ringing was again indulged in until dusk. Thus ended a very pleasant meeting, in this most delightful of villages, nestling at the foot of the Yorkshire Wolds.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

A most successful meeting of the Western District was held at Wetherby, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, when over 80 members and friends attended. The bells, a fine new peal of eight, rang out merrily during the afternoon and evening in various methods. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave an interesting address.

Subsequently the visitors sat down to a good tea in the churchroom. The business meeting followed, Mr. G. Bolland being in the chair, supported by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president) and the Rev. A. Pulleine (Vicar of Wetherby).

Owing to no invitations being forthcoming for the December meeting, it was left in the hands of the committee to select a place.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and churchroom was accorded, on the motion of the Rev. C. C. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Cotterell.—The Vicar, in responding, said it was a great honour to Wetherby to have a meeting of the association there. Everything was done to make the meeting successful, and he hoped the ringers had enjoyed themselves. He also wished they would pay Wetherby another visit.—A vote of thanks to the local company and the ladies who served tea, was replied to by Mr. Johnson.—The tower was again visited, bringing a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

ESSEX RINGERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, Sept. 17th, the Woodford and Loughton ringers had their annual outing, and were accompanied by Mr. G. F. Margetson and Mr. H. T. Scarlett. A very pleasant journey by charabanc brought them to St. Albans about 10.30 a.m. Ringing at St. Stephen's was first on the programme, but the nice peal of six were going none too well. Touches of Bob Minor and Treble Bob and Bob Doubles for the young ones were brought round. Next, at St. Michael's, everything was found in first-class order, and some good ringing took place, touches of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles being brought round. After an excellent dinner at Messrs. Slater's Restaurant, the handbells were brought into use, and touches and tunes were rung to the delight of the staff and people in the street below. A move was then made for the Abbey, where the visitors were met by Mr. Whiteman, who piloted them up the lofty tower. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung, and all were very pleased to have a pull on this heavy peal of eight. The party then continued the journey to Hatfield, where they were kindly met by some of the local ringers. The ringing on this splendid peal of eight included Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Treble Bob and Double Norwich, some of the local men taking part. After tea, at the Salisbury Temperance Hotel, it was found the time had gone too quickly, and a visit to Hadley had to be abandoned. Therefore, after a few more tunes and change ringing on the handbells, and a selection on the piano by Mr. Margetson, a start was made for home, which was reached about 10 o'clock, after a thoroughly enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank all the Hertfordshire friends who helped them spend such a pleasant time.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**PROGRESS OF THE NORTH-EAST BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the North-East Branch was held at Calverleigh on Saturday, September 24th, and brought together no less than fifty-three ringers, representing Bampton, Bickleigh, Calverleigh, Chipstable, Exeter, Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham, Lifton, Milverton, Sowton, Thorverton, Tiverton, Washfield, and West Moors (Dorset). This constituted a record attendance for the branch, and it speaks volumes for the enthusiasm for change ringing in this corner of Devon, where the difficulties of the art itself are magnified by difficulties of transit and the isolated situation of many towers. It was evidence also of the value of subdividing unwieldy associations into districts, providing regular meetings which give the most out-of-the-way tower its turn, and intensifying the spirit of emulation and a guild patriotism by concentrating upon the smaller area. Calverleigh is a tower which stands almost to itself, amidst beautiful scenery, and possesses a light ring of six bells (tenor about 6 cwt.), and an aspiring band of change ringers. A feature of this meeting was the number of clerical ringers present, and advantage was taken of the occasion to ring two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles by clergymen only: Revs. W. G. Carew (Bickleigh), Maitland Kelly (Lifton), E. J. Barton (Holcombe Rogus), F. Carter (Witthleigh), E. V. Cox (Bampton), O. C. Cox (West Moors). Ringing was kept up continuously during the afternoon and evening in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, with a touch of Bob Minor towards the end. At the service in church, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, president of the Guild, gave an address, recalling the memory of William D. James killed in the war, and urging upon all ringers the desire of improving themselves in the practice of their art.

Tea was served at the Court, by kind permission of Major and Mrs. J. Chichester, and afterwards the general meeting was presided over by the Rev. E. J. Barton, chairman of the branch. The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (the Rev. E. V. Cox) presented a very encouraging report. Membership, he said, had increased from 86 to 94, and the accounts showed a balance in hand of £5 13s. 9d.

All the officers were unanimously re-elected.—Twerton was decided upon as the place for the December meeting.—Votes of thanks were accorded to Major and Mrs. Chichester, the Rev. F. and Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Woodley, and her helpers at the tea, and to the chairman and secretary for their services during the past year.

The Rev. E. V. Cox, to whose spirited efforts and practical enthusiasm for change ringing the growth of the branch is very largely due, in replying, emphasised the need of passing on to the mastering of Stedman and Plain Bob Minor by those who can now ring Grandsire.—The President of the Guild spoke of the joy it gave him to have such proof of the flourishing condition of the branch, and likewise impressed the expediency of moving on to Minor Methods, with Plain Bob as the foundation. He also called to mind the splendid propaganda work done by the Twerton men many years ago.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Curdrige, on Saturday last, when members, to the number of 25, were present from Alverstoke, Curdrige, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth, Portsea, Wickham, and visitors from Upham, Bishopstoke, North Stoneham, and Southampton, and the Rev. E. Bankes James. The fine peal of eight were available during the afternoon and evening, and were used to full advantage. Shortly after 5 p.m. the first contingent of ringers went to tea (as accommodation would not permit of all sitting down at once), and two courses of Cambridge Surprise Major were rung by the remaining ringers. After these had finished their repast, the business meeting was held, when several new members were elected, including the Rector of Soberton as an honorary member.

Portsmouth was chosen for the annual meeting, to be held in January, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

A letter was read from the Vicar of Curdrige, regretting, through indisposition, that he could not attend, although he wished the Guild a hearty success.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and a vote of sympathy to him, closed a successful meeting, at which all the standard methods were rung.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Wonersh, on Saturday, September 17th, and was well attended. Ringers were present from Capel, Dunsfold, Godalming, Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas, Guildford, Shalford, Shere, Ockham, Walton and Woking. Service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave an address. Tea was held at the Grantley Arms, presided over by Mr. W. R. Melville, who also took the chair at the business meeting which followed.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Wonersh for the use of the church and bells, and for conducting the service; also to the Vicars of Bramley and Shalford for the use of the bells there.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Saturday, August 27th, an attempted peal of Grandsire Triples, failed after 2 hours 40 minutes' ringing: R. J. Dawe 1, E. J. Pannett 2, G. Apps 3, T. Mitchell 4, T. Gasson 5, F. Attwater (conductor) 6, G. Wood 7, A. Wheale 8.

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PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I see in your leading article of last week you attribute my arguments to either ignorance or prejudice, and run away with the idea that the Exercise will find amusement out of the tail of my letter. Perhaps they will, but it won't all be at my expense. Now, I don't think you can lay either of these things at my door. In the first place, I do not think I am ignorant of much concerning the practical side of ringing, and I can hold my own in any argument concerned with it. When I speak or write it is from my own experience, and not from what others have told me. As regards prejudice, do not run away with the idea that I think that records which I have set up cannot be beaten. I should be pleased to see some of them beaten. It would give me an opportunity to try and set up some fresh ones. But let these performances be beaten by scientific change ringing, not by mechanical systems of tapping, which is not ringing at all. I still say that from a scientific point of view the ringing of an inside pair of bells to a peal of London is one of the greatest achievements, and when someone rings more than two bells it will be beaten, and not until then. If Mr. Morris is capable of that, he would have fallen in with my suggestion, and it would prove whether his performances are done on the same lines as change ringing. You speak of my knowledge of tapping, what about your own knowledge? You say 'these performances are beyond us.' How do you know who they are beyond? No one with any exceptional ability as a ringer has ever taken it up seriously. Now, sir, I think you would have shown more wisdom if you had left this subject to those who started it. I should never have taken any part in it had I not been concerned in the discussion on it, which resulted in the Essex Association deciding not to book the peals. The fact that you are Editor of this journal does not entitle you to try and be the dominating figure in all disputes which arise out of ringing, and you are not justified in opposing decisions set up by the Central Council. I fail to see what your object can be unless it be self-preservation, but if you are open to stand by anything for the sake of this, we shall soon be seeing peals which are 'tapped' appearing in your columns, and all I can say is that in doing so you are dragging change ringing down to the lowest possible level, and dragging science into the dust. It has always been my object to raise the standard, and if I have not succeeded I certainly have never done anything to lower it.—Yours, etc.,

W. PYE.

The last thing that one would attribute to Mr. Pye is ignorance in the practice of ringing. On the contrary, the suggestion of ignorance was made against us by Mr. Pye in his last letter, when he said that 'those persons who so readily express their opinions know very little.'

Mr. Pye, however, now goes on to another issue, and says we have no right to try and be the dominating figure in all disputes which arise out of ringing. But neither has Mr. Pye in those in which he takes a hand. It is, however, the duty of an Editor to put facts before his readers, and as far as possible do justice to all. We doubt if both sides of a question could have been more fairly put than in our article upon 'Tapped Peals,' in our issue of Sept. 16th. Up to that time Mr. Pye and others had had the free use of our columns to express their views. We endeavoured to sum up fairly between the two claims, but Mr. Pye challenged us with being unjust to 'double-handed' peal ringers. Now that we have, as we think, proved that we were 'not guilty' under this count, he desires to deny us the right of expressing our views. If in the exercise of our duty and privilege of helping to mould opinion we appear to some people 'to be trying to be the dominating figure in all disputes,' that is not our fault. No writer ever had everyone in agreement with him, and we certainly do not expect to have the whole Exercise in agreement with us on every subject which we deal with; but if our articles cause others to think then our object has been served.

Further, Mr. Pye says we are not justified in opposing decisions set up by the Central Council. We imagine, however, that we have as much right to criticise them as anyone else, if we do not agree with them, but, in regard to peal tapping, can Mr. Pye point to one single word we have written in which we have disagreed with the Central Council, or, for that matter, with the attitude of the Essex Association, in whose decision Mr. Pye had a voice, and on whose behalf he took up the cudgels in our columns.

What we are waiting for now, however, are not side issues, but Mr. Pye's plan, upon which a peal can be tapped by one person, which does not require a greater mental effort than the ringing of two handbells to a peal in the same method. That will be the best proof of Mr. Pye's authority to dictate on this subject.—Ed. 'Ringing World.'

MR. MORRIS REPLIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As Mr. Pye has been handling my name pretty roughly lately, I think it is about time I had a say in the matter, in reviewing the 'debate,' if one may term it so. He is simply confirming what we said in our first letter, that the Essex Association did not understand the subject sufficiently to pass such a resolution, and there ought to have been an inquiry into the subject. In his talk of educational value, Mr. Pye was only theorising, whilst we, having tested

the practical value derived from tapping, knew what we were talking about. His second letter practically lost sight of the subject, and as Mr. Brody has dealt with it, I pass that, and come to his third. I may say at once I never saw a fairer view taken of a subject than that taken by the Editor in a previous issue. I am sure there is no ringer who would try to belittle the most clever feats of that gifted family, the Baileys, or of the Guildford and Birmingham bands, not to mention others. My own doings I leave to the judgment of others. I would like to ask Mr. Pye how long he has been a judge on the capabilities of a man? I quite agree with him when he says it requires men of exceptional ability to ring a pair of handbells to a peal of London, but that does not say that sooner or later a man will not come along who will be able to do the work of the whole eight. And may I also ask that when he is conducting a peal in that method does he not follow the course of each bell, for that is what I have always thought a conductor ought to be able to do? If so, why should he say such a thing is impossible in tapping? And again, I have never to my knowledge told him how much or how little I know of London. I might say in passing that I could have rung London long ago had I the same chance as himself. I notice, too, that he is trying to tell the Exercise that I tap by a system that has no relation to change ringing, yet he curiously enough omits any details. I think, however, my letter of explanation will be sufficient answer to that. Whether I shall be able to make an expert ringer through tapping remains to be seen. I am a better judge of that than he can be, so he need not worry about that. I note, too, that he mentions once or twice that one cannot call tapping ringing. We have never made that claim yet, but we have made the claim that tapping is a great aid in the progress of our art. If I were asked to deliver a lecture on change ringing, I should take my bells with me and intersperse my remarks, with change ringing, thereby illustrating what I had to say by a practical demonstration. Is not this promoting the art more than by mere talking? Again, if I were asked to stand in a peal in the tower, I should practise the peal over, and I suggest that I should be of more practical service to the band when the peal came off than if I had just looked at a paper.

In his last letter, Mr. Pye is unconsciously paying me a great compliment, by saying in effect, it is impossible for me to spring into fame in a few weeks. I say, with the lessons of the great war still in our memory, how can any man say what is impossible and what is not, where men were performing impossible tasks almost every day, tasks in which, I am proud to say, a large number of my brother ringers took part? I am sure that Mr. Pye cannot tell the capacity of my brain. If he can be is very clever, for that is more than I know myself. I see, although he is up against tapping peals, he wants me to take four handbells with him and another. I do not think it would be a great matter to do that; but the point is, why should I cater to the wishes of a man who, trying to denounce my other performances, has no objection to me wasting time over freak performances. I may say that as I am only a common workman, I have no time to waste over such luxuries as freaks, by the performance of which no good purpose would be served. May I say here, that any knowledge I may have that is any good to any of my brother ringers, is theirs for the asking. In my opinion the church to-day is up against the biggest fight in her history, one may almost say a fight for existence, and she is looking to her ringers to give her every ounce of support of which they are capable, and it is up to us to get every recruit we can by every means that lies in our power. I say to any ringer who has any fresh ideas, for teaching or in ringing, never mind how silly they look at first sight, try them out, and see what they come to, for it is the trying out of such things from which one gains experience, if nothing else; do not mind the opinions of men who have placed themselves on such a high pedestal that they cannot see the struggles of their humbler brothers trying to keep a hand together. I am pleased to say these are few and far between, for I have had many letters from different parts of the country, telling me to go straight on. That is the spirit that will make any organisation go ahead; not the spirit we have seen running through this debate.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

A letter from Mr. W. Keeble is unavoidably held over until next week.—Ed.

TRUE PEAL AFTER ALL.

Sir.—I am sorry to say that in my letter last week, with reference to the peal of London Surprise tapped by Mr. Morris, I condemned a true peal, as the only leads of the plain course used in the 5,600 are the 1st, 7th and part of the last lead, and repetitions cannot occur in those with the tenors together. You will see I have committed a technical error, for which I most humbly apologise to Mr. Morris, the Exercise and yourself, for wasting your valuable time and space.

EDWARD MULLINS.

Birmingham.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—At St. Margaret's Church, on August 26th, an attempted peal of Grandsire Triples, failed after 2 hours and 40 minutes' ringing: G. Richardson 1, R. J. Dawe 2, E. J. Pannett 3, A. Pierpoint 4, P. Marchant 5, J. A. Hart (conductor) 6, A. Causley 7, G. Hunter 8.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HIGHAM, KENT.—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, at the Parish Church of St. John, as a welcome to the new Vicar, who was inducted on the preceding Thursday, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 20 mins.: J. Avis 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 3, G. Morrad 4, G. A. Jones 5, Miss E. M. Goodship 6. Also 120 of Grandsire and Plain Bob. All the ringers came from Milton-next-Gravesend.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, for harvest festival, 1,263 Stedman Caters: R. Brough (conductor) 1, C. Dean 2, F. Larby 3, H. J. Balcombe 4, W. Bullpitt 5, J. Sparrow 6, D. Wright 7, G. Burt 8, W. Groves 9, C. Kitching 10.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, for the dedication festival, at St. Nicolas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Clark 1, E. A. Etheridge 2, G. R. Nicols, junr., 3, E. Raddon 4, G. Nichols 5, G. Tomsett 6, S. Radford (conductor) 7, E. Heath 8. Also rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the ringer of the 5th.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, October 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. B. Crowder 1, T. A. Easterby 2, A. Bradley 3, J. Law 4, E. J. Pannett 5, H. J. Norgate 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, J. Crowder 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Law 4, T. A. Easterby 5, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, Arch. Bennington 8.

BIRKENHEAD.—At St. Saviour's, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Brocklebank 1, W. T. Robson 2, S. Barnes 3, C. Davies 4, J. Martin 5, J. Evans 6, H. Ludkin (conductor) 7, S. Maston 8. Rung for the harvest festival.

PUTNEY.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, on the occasion of harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. Moody 1, H. Rowland 2, H. E. Good 3, J. Herbert 4, C. E. Collis 5, Wm. Langdon 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, T. Bolton 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for morning service (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: A. C. Hardy 1, C. Fenn (conductor) 2, F. C. Russell 3, E. Parker 4, E. H. King 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, R. Fenn 7, H. Freestone (Dagenham) 8. Composed by J. George. For evening service, 832 Superlative Surprise and 336 Stedman: G. Cottis 1, H. E. Parker 2, E. H. King 3, E. Andrews 4, C. Fenn (cond.) 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, R. Fenn 7, A. C. Hardy 8.

BOUGHTON (UNDER BLEAN), KENT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 25th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: S. Banester 1, H. Baker 2, S. R. Garner 3, T. E. Eades 4, S. Fox 5, R. Trendell 6, E. Trendell (conductor) 7, F. Leonard (first quarter-peal) 8. Ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 hail from Ospringe, the rest are local ringers.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday morning, Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Blundell 1, A. P. Hensman 2, W. E. Atterbury 3, W. Farey, senr., 4, J. C. Dean 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. J. Allen (conductor) 7, W. T. Farey, junr., 8.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples, by H. W. Wilde (published in 'The Ringing World' Sept. 23rd): J. H. Lenton 1, G. Spurr 2, W. Hawley 3, A. Walker, junr. (first touch as conductor), 4, T. Holder 5, W. Pearson 6, H. Walters 7, A. Walker, senr., 8.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. B. Woolley 1, E. G. Hibbins 2, E. J. King 3, W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 4, G. Crisp 5, C. W. Cook 6. E. J. King hails from London. For evening service, on the same day, 720 Plain Bob: W. Hawkes 1, F. Cook 2, G. Crisp 3, L. A. Cook 4, J. B. Woolley 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6.

WORCESTER.—On Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, at St. Helen's, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,344 changes), in 50 mins.: W. C. Jones 1, F. W. Neate 2, T. Walters 3, J. J. Jeffries 4, G. Hinton, junr., 5, W. Lewis 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, J. R. Mackman 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Royal: T. Talbot 1, Brough 2, J. Sparrow 3, W. Hewitt 4, H. Skelt 5, A. Clark 6, D. Wright (conductor) 7, A. Trappitt 8, A. Clayton 9, C. W. R. Grimwood 10. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, in honour of the birth of a daughter.

MARKET DEETING.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 25th, for morning service, 360 Double Bob: E. A. Sneath 1, E. Wright 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, A. Riggell 4, J. Landon 5, G. Wells 6. For evening service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Mills (Edenham) 1, E. Wright 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, A. I. Holmes (Edenham) 4, J. Landon 5, G. Wells 6. After service, 720 of spliced Oxford and Kent: G. Mills 1, E. Wright 2, A. I. Holmes 3, H. M. Day (conductor) 4, J. Landon 5, G. Wells 6. First 720 of spliced Treble Bob by all the band.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, at St. Barnabas Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Vickers 1, J. Sear 2, W. Jeffs 3, Miss Vera Robinson 4, A. Vickers 5, W. Dedman 6, F. Dedman (conductor) 7, F. Buttrum 8. Composed by Harvey Reeves. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by Miss Robinson, and the first quarter-peal by a lady in Linslade tower.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, at the Parish Church, for harvest festival, morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples: H. Belcher 1, W. Etherington 2, E. V. Beadle 3, H. Folkard 4, A. Beckensale 5, W. Liddbetter 6, G. Spencer 7, A. Lewin 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Webb 1, W. Etherington 2, C. Tricker 3, T. Beadle 4, W. Liddbetter 5, A. Beckensale 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8.

GUILDFORD.—For harvest festival, evensong, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,344 Bob Major: F. Radford 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, H. Hutton 3, E. E. Weatherby 4, J. T. Scott 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Steere 7, C. Hazelden (first of Major as conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major by F. Radford and Mrs. Hazelden.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Parish Church, for harvest festival (evensong), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Sanders (first quarter in method) 1, W. J. Meers 2, G. F. Swann 3, C. Cotterell 4, J. Preston 5, J. W. Pemberton (conductor) 6, G. F. Garrison 7, J. E. Pyewell 8.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—For morning service, on Sunday, Sept. 18th, 608 Double Norwich Major: W. Arnold 1, W. Keeble (conductor) 2, J. Turner 3, R. Fleuty 4, J. Fleuty 5, P. S. F. Redgwell 6, J. French 7, F. Claydon 8. Also 1,280 Double Norwich Major: W. Arnold 1, W. Keeble (conductor) 2, J. Turner 3, R. Fleuty 4, F. Redgwell 5, F. Claydon 6, A. Saunders 7, W. Sillicote 8.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being 4 six-scores each of St. Simon and Plain Bob, and 2½ of Grandsire: Miss C. Wilma Lawson 1, R. C. Underwood 2, W. E. Coles (first quarter in three methods inside) 3, J. F. Brooks 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: S. Head 1, S. Carter 2, E. Overall 3, G. H. Barker 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.—On Oct. 2nd, for service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, S. Head 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, G. H. Carter 5, E. Overall (conductor) 6.

CLAPHAM PARK.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 4th, 742 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: Miss A. M. Philip 1, Miss F. Orr 2, H. Langdon 3, A. Smalley 4, T. Langdon (conductor) 5, W. S. Langdon 6, R. F. Forward 7, C. Perkins 8.

BANGOR.—North Wales Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, at St. David's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. R. Medwinter 1, W. Crane 2, J. Lund 3, W. T. Pegler (conductor) 4, T. Jones 5, A. J. Hughes 6, A. E. Pegler 7, J. L. Jones 8. Composed by S. A. Cullington, Llandudno.

—On Sunday, August 7th, for Welsh service, 720 Bob Minor: J. L. Jones 1, A. J. Hughes 2, T. Jones 3, M. J. Morris 4, W. T. Pegler (conductor) 5, A. E. Pegler 6.—On Sunday, August 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: T. Jones 1, J. H. Medwinter 2, W. Crane 3, M. J. Morris 4, A. E. Pegler 5, A. J. Hughes 6, W. T. Pegler (conductor) 7, J. L. Jones 8.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Bradford-on-Avon, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec., 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—The 284th Anniversary Dinner will be held at 'The London Tavern,' Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 12th.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Putney (by permission of the Rev. Canon Rivington) on Saturday, Oct. 8th, from 3 p.m. Will try and arrange tea as usual. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Cowbridge on Saturday, Oct. 8th at 4.30. Bells (8), and also Llanblethian (6), available. Tea provided.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Alwalton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please let me know early.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting 6.30.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Saxmundham District.—A Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Aldeburgh-on-Sea on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells of the Parish Church (6) ready from 3 o'clock.—George Willson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The Monthly meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 4 p.m.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Meeting and tea to follow in the Parish Room.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Dunkery, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upton, Torquay, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next Monthly meeting will be held at Wath-on-Deane on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Sandwiches provided. Business meeting at 5.30.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Oct. 8th, as Leyland bells are at present out of order. Usual arrangements.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—By kind permission of the Rev. T. A. Lee, the Quarterly meeting will be held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, Oct. 8th. The bells of St. Paul's Church will be available from 2 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock, followed by a business meeting in the same room. Annual subscriptions for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1921, are now due, and the Secretary will be pleased if all who have not yet paid will kindly do so before that date.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Beckington, Oct. 8th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5. Bells (8) available all the afternoon and evening.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45 followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

STAFFORD.—The bells of St. Mary's (10) have now been rehung. Opening ceremony takes place Sunday, Oct. 9th, after Morning Service. Saturday, 15th, bells available from 2.30. All visitors welcome. Tea can be arranged at reasonable charge for all those who notify me not later than Tuesday 11th.—F. Y. Haggis, Hon. Sec., 124, Corporation Street, Stafford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at 7.30 p.m. at Southwark Cathedral on Oct. 11th (Wheat-sheaf afterwards); St. Magnus on the 13th and 27th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 18th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION (for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk).—The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, Norwich, on Thursday, Oct. 13th, at 2.30 p.m. The President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich, in the chair. The rings of bells at St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Michael Coslany (8), All Saints' (5), will be open for the use of members, excepting during the time of Divine service. Divine service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft Church at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Thetford. The President and committee earnestly hope that all members attending the annual meeting will be present at that service. Dinner will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. per head. Those who intend to be present at the dinner are earnestly requested not to forget to notify the same to the Secretary on or before Monday, Oct. 10th. Committee meeting will be held at the Bell Hotel at 11.30 a.m. Arrears for 1920 and subscriptions for the current year should be paid at once, for the preparation of a financial statement to lay before the annual meeting. The Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich has very kindly offered to conduct the members round the Cathedral after the annual meeting. It is earnestly hoped that many members will avail themselves of this Ciceronian event.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary, 'High Croft,' North Walsham, Norfolk.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at 1/6 per head. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Oct. 11th?—F. A. Smith, Hon. District Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The Autumn meeting will be held at Stanton Harcourt on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available during the day. A service at 3 p.m. by the Vicar, Rev. Symes Thompson. 4 p.m., tea at 1/6 each at the Harcourt Arms. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pitminster on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea provided in the Schoolroom at 5.30; meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 11th.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pitsford on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea notify me not later than Oct. 10th.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton, District Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above Association (Bristol Branch) will be held at Westerleigh on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock at the Old Inn. Please notify Branch Sec. not later than Oct. 10th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Autumn meeting of the district will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Tower open from 3 until 9 o'clock. Half railway fares up to 2/- allowed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Oct. 11th?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign and Leominster District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aymestry on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) available at 3.30. Tea in the schoolroom at 5 p.m. Service, 6 p.m.—A. Talbot, Dist. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Southam on Saturday, Oct. 15th next. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service in Church at 4.45. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea send word to Mr. E. G. Berry, Mill View, Southam, not later than Thursday, Oct. 13th?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays, 7.30 p.m., St. Clement's Oct. 17th and 31st; Bishopsgate 24th. Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's) on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (10, tenor 30 cwt. in D) available from 3.45. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at Milnrow. All ringers and friends will be welcomed. Tickets; Gent's 2/6, ladies' 2/3; these may be purchased from F. H. C. Massey, 40, Buckley Hill Lane, Milnrow.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. The bells will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged for 5.30.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Hounslow, on Wednesday, Oct. 19th. Ringing 7 to 9 p.m. Church near the Barracks station.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A preliminary meeting for an East Suffolk branch will be held in Ufford Church Room on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Bells available from 2 p.m. Will all ringers in East Suffolk who wish to welcome the Association please send me word?—Herbert Drake, Sec., Ufford, Woodbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at Wantage on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Ringers please notify me by 17th.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. C. C. Gosselin (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in St. Luke's Institute. It is particularly requested that all who require tea notify me by Tuesday Oct. 18th, and not later.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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A good substantial dinner was enjoyed at the Temperance Hotel, after which the visitors returned to the tower, where they were met by Mr. F. Pitstow, senr., and Mr. Penning, and some very good touches of Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were brought round. Some of the younger members had their first touch on ten bells, and they rang in most creditable style. Proceeding to Stansted, where everything was ready for ringing, further touches were rung, and then the party headed for home, passing through Dunnmow and on to Felstead, where Mr. Farrow had the bells in readiness, and a few short touches of Treble Bob Grandsire and Stedman brought the ringing to a close. Home was reached about 11 p.m., after a most successful and enjoyable day. The ringers would like to thank the clergy of the various churches for the use of the bells, also the various local men who met them and assisted them in making everything such a success.

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