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A 'LIVE' DIRECTORY.

A correspondent who was in London during recent holidays, and was unable to get any ringing at the towers he visited, raises a question that has several times been discussed before, viz., the publication of a directory of information giving the ringing times at all the churches in the country. This might prove of considerable occasional use to a number of ringers when paying visits to distant places, but there are serious obstacles to the carrying out of the suggestion. Obviously, unless the publication were undertaken as a private speculation, which we doubt if anyone would be prepared to face, the only body to issue such a directory would be the Central Council and here at once, assuming the practical utility of such a publication, the financial difficulty comes in, for the Council already has many important works hung up for want of funds.

But finance would be only one of the obstacles. Ringers are notoriously indifferent in matters which only indirectly concern them individually, and by the time all the information could be collected and printed, much of it would already be out of date—so constantly are changes made.

A system, however, suggests itself to us whereby the information—kept as thoroughly up to date as any ringing information can be—could be made available to all ringers, and it is this: Each Association should compile the particulars (which might include the number of bells and the methods rung, as well as the hours of ringing and the name and address of the secretary or other responsible officer) of every tower in its area, whether affiliated or not, and it should be impressed upon local secretaries that any alterations should be promptly notified. Much of the information is already in the hands of some societies, but the vital connecting link is that the secretary of every association should be supplied with the name and address of the secretary of every other Association (and here the Central Council could lend a hand). Then, when a ringer wished to visit another area, he could send to his own Association secretary asking for the information he needed. This could be passed on to the Secretary whose Association covers the area or tower proposed to be visited, and he, with the information at his disposal, could supply the required particulars direct to the original inquirer.

By this means there would be in existence an up-to-date directory, accessible to anyone in any part of the country, which could be maintained at very little cost and which, if in the hands of capable secretaries, would never become the useless collection of statistics which a printed volume would rapidly develop into. But to achieve success, the effort needs co-ordination, and in this the Central Council could take the initiative.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1922, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes;
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

GEORGE RADLEY Treble	ARTHUR MASON 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	*GEORGE B. LUCAS 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
PRYCE TAYLOR 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
† First peal on 12 bells. * First peal of Stedman Cinques. The above was the conductor's 100th peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEAL.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

PERCY HARRISON Treble	ROBERT RICHARDSON 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN 2	JOHN OLDHAM 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	DET. SGT. H. G. JENNEY 8
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	* R. HENRY BARTRAM 9
HARRY BROUGHTON 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First in the method on the bells.
J. Oldham's 100th peal. Rung in honour of the visit, on the 19th, of H.R.H. Prince Henry to open the War Memorial Hospital, the gift of Col. Dalgliesh, C.B., J.P.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Jan. 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Two 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
* ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	* WALTER AYRE 6
THOMAS JORDAN 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7
HENRY DEW 4	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.
* First peal of Cambridge Major.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	JOHN JAY 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 3	KEITH HART 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	WILLIAM HART Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HULL.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, Jan. 12, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS Treble	FRED OSGERBY 5
HARRY RODMELL 2	JOHN H. HOWELL 6
ARTHUR M. C. FIELD 3	LEONARD RODMELL 7
THOMAS S. MORTON 4	WILLIAM MIDDLETON Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. F. WILLIAMS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas S. Morton. The figures of this peal appeared in the 'Ringing World' of August 5th, 1921, and the composition is now believed to be rung for the first time.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 19, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

*ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Treble	ARTHUR M. C. FIELD ... 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 2	THOMAS S. MORTON ... 6
*WALTER GODDARD ... 3	*JOHN H. HOWELL ... 7
HARRY RODMELL ... 4	LEONARD RODMELL ... Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 19, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SPENCER MARSHALL ... Treble	ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	JOHN WHEADON ... 6
HENRY RAYNER ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
HERBERT AUDSLEY ... 4	JOHN MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by SPENCER MARSHALL.

Ernest H. Oxenham was re-elected a member previous to starting.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Jan. 20, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM THORLEY ... Treble	JOHN OLDHAM ... 5
JOHN SADDINGTON ... 2	WILLIAM SMITH ... 6
ERNEST W. LESLIE ... 3	EDWARD READER ... 7
PRYCE TAYLOR ... 4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

* First Surprise peal. Author's peal No. 75F, and is now rung for the first time.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN EVANS ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
ERNEST W. MENDAY ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
CECIL C. MAYNE ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... 7
FRANK BOREHAM ... 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

HUNSLET, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	GEORGE McHALE ... 5
JAMES R. KEMP ... 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... 7
PATRICK TARVAN ... 4	HENRY SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

OLDHAM, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas, Moorside,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

FRANK BERRY ... Treble	SAMUEL HOLT ... 5
*JAMES COX ... 2	SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH ... 6
MISS C. THORPE ... 3	BENJAMIN THORPE ... 7
JAMES WM. TAYLOR ... 4	CHARLES PLATT ... Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORPE.

* First peal.

WALTHAMSTOW, E.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Saviour's Society.)

On Friday, Jan. 20, 1922, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Saviour,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE ... Treble	ERNEST D. LILLYWHITE ... 5
FRED C. MAYNARD ... 2	HERBERT WOOD ... 6
*GEORGE W. COOPER ... 3	GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. ... 7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... 4	JOHN COLEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Lillywhite; also of her engagement to Mr. Walter Steed, a member of the local band, who was unfortunately prevented by illness from calling the peal. * First peal.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Jan. 20, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

FRANCIS BIBBY ... Treble	HENRY C. COLLYER ... 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... 2	*LEONARD BOSTOCK ... 6
ARTHUR UNSWORTH ... 3	WILLIAM BIBBY ... 7
GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 4	CECIL RADDON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (143).

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal and hails from Stretton. He is the first native of Stretton to ring a peal. W. Bibby has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

IBTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN R. MAIN ... Treble	JAMES T. WARD ... 5
WALTER PERKINS ... 2	GEORGE BASFORD ... 6
CHARLES W. BIRD ... 3	*GEORGE LINES ... 7
ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 4	JOHN J. MAWBY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED POTTER ... Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 5
FRED GRUNDY ... 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 6
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
*JAMES DENNER ... 4	ARTHUR BURTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. Frank Potter, son of the conductor.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN W. LANE ... Treble	ALBERT E. WEEDEN ... 5
LOUIS A. WALKER ... 2	ALFRED G. COOK ... 6
ARTHUR H. HILL ... 3	ALFRED J. ROGERS ... 7
REGINALD S. COOK ... 4	JAMES HAYWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD S. COOK.

This is the first peal ever rung on the bells, also the first peal by all the ringers, who are resident members of King's Langley band.

ABBOTT'S LEIGH.—On Saturday, December 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob, half-muffled, in 25 mins.: G. Chamberlain 1, G. Bennet 2, W. Frampton 3, *J. Ackerman 4, E. Frampton 5, L. Moore (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Kent.

BENGE, HERTFORD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE H. BARKER	Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 5
BARNARD PATMORE	2	GEORGE GRAY 6
REGINALD DORE	3	JOSEPH LADLEY 7
HERBERT J. GRAY	4	HERBERT BAKER Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by COL. H. BAKER.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Lieut. G. M. Baker, youngest son of Mr. Alfred Baker, Town Clerk of Hertford, and Miss Nancy Friend, of Canterbury, which took place at Bardulla, Ceylon. The band was hospitably entertained to dinner after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Baker at their residence, 'The Limes.' This was the first peal in this method on the bells, which were augmented to eight two years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Baker, as a thankoffering for the safe return of their two sons from the war. It was also a birthday compliment to G. H. Barker.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

FRED ABBOTT	Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
*H. STANLEY ROBINSON	2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 6
GEORGE POONALL	3	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 7
TITUS BARLOW	4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

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

* First peal of Treble Eight.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5688 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE	Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
GEORGE WILSON	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
EDGAR H. BAILEY	3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
FREDERICK W. BAILEY	4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

This method is now rung for the first time.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Monday, Jan. 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM THORLEY	Treble	HARRY WHITTLE 5
WILLIAM SMITH	2	*THOMAS ATKINS... .. 6
RICHARD PAINE	3	EDWARD READER 7
ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT	4	ALFRED HARRAD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD READER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples, also the 100th peal rung for the Midland Counties Association by Harry Whittle.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	*THOMAS JOLL 6
WILLIAM NYE 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

* 100th peal.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*CHAS. MCGUINNESS	Treble	*GEO. E. ALMONDS 5
*C. BERT CHESTER 2		*LEWIS SNELL 6
*H. LESLIE PASK... .. 3		HAROLD MARCON 7
GEO. CHESTER 4		*ARTHUR H. A. MARCON Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS SNELL.

* First peal. This peal was rung to celebrate the coming of age of the conductor and the ringer of the 7th, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ANDREW TULLY	Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON... .. 2		STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 6
GEORGE R. HOLMES... .. 3		JOSEPH A. GOFTON 7
WILLIAM L. GOFTON... .. 4		THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

Rung on the festival of the conversion of St. Paul, and on the 9th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

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

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN THORPE	Treble	FRANCIS WARD 5
HARRY BOWER 2		WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
HAYDN THORPE 3		GEORGE HOLMES 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 4		WILLIAM CHOWN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM CHOWN.

First peal as conductor. First peal of Bob Major by the ringer of the 7th, and rung on the eve of the 41st anniversary of his wedding.

ASHTED, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE MARRINER	Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 5
*WILLIAM BEESON, JUN. 2		ALBERT HARMAN... .. 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3		OLIVER SIPPETS 7
EDWIN F. PIKE... .. 4		ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by O. SIPPETS.

* First peal in the method. This is believed to be the first peal of Cambridge on the bells.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S 20-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr.

JOHN H. SHOLICAR	Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. 5
JAMES SHOLICAR 2		JAMES R. PARK 6
JOHN W. PILKINGTON... .. 3		JOHN GARDINER 7
WILLIAM FAIRCLOUGH 4		ALFRED HALTON Tenor

Conducted by J. R. PARK.

Rung in honour of the conductor's silver wedding. The ringer of the 5th hails from Liverpool, and with the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 7th, rung for the wedding.

ECKINGTON, DERBY.—On Saturday, January 14th, owing to a peal attempt having to be abandoned, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260): *B. Ditcher 1, W. Chown 2, T. O'Hara 3, *P. Jervis 4, J. E. L. Cockey 5, P. Knights 6, W. Biggin (conductor) 7, W. Palmer 8. * 1st quarter-peal in the method.

TOTTENHAM, N. MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	ALLAN R. MACDONALD ... 5
HENRY BARNETT 2	MAJOR J. B. H. HESSE ... 6
CHARLES V. HARE 3	WILLIAM SABAN 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	W. PATMORE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal. J. W. Jones hails from Newport.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH Treble	EDWARD READER 5
JOHN SADDINGTON 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	JOHN TAYLOR 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the 7th, who hails from Stafford. He was elected a life-member of the Association before starting.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1922, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 5
*GEORGE POLLINGER 2	RICHARD J. STONE 6
HENRY G. REYNOLDS 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

SIX BELL PEALS.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*JOHN W. KIRTON Treble	WILLIAM STOKES 4
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	WALTER WHITE 5
ARTHUR DRURY 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

* First peal in seven methods.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise.

ALPHEDS J. BERRY Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER 4
JAMES BETTS 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
GEORGE BROWN, JUN. ... 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Day, of Eye. The ringers of 1st, 4th and 6th hail from Thornham, 2nd from Wetheringsett, 3rd from Mellis and 5th from Stoke Ash.

ALFRED BOWELL.
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

STOKE EDITH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Jan. 22, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure & Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

CRIS. BOWERS Treble	E. WILLIAM TURNER 4
GEOFFREY LEWIS 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
DAVID HORNE 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob & Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE M. COOPER Treble	THOMAS E. ROBERTS 4
LEONARD A. SMITH 2	ALBERT J. GREEN 5
FREDERICK C. CASE 3	THOMAS E. READ Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. C. Case, on the eve of his 21st birthday.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob & Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

SAMUEL TAYLOR Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
CLER-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 2	CHARLES TUMBER 5
WILLIAM SPICE 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. W. Laker, wife of Mr. W. Laker, one of the local ringers.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. JOHN PERRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings.

JOHN PERRY 1—2	*H. E. BOOTH 4
*A. G. HUNT 3	THOMAS PERRY 5—6

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Witness and Umpire: MISS M. E. PERRY.

* First peal with a working bell and also first peal on handbells.

CLAPHAM, S.W.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Jan. 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
 AT 63A, OLD TOWN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5—6
*HAROLD P. JAMES 3—4	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 7—8
†CHARLES R. GRIMWOOD ... 9—10	

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Umpire: MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS.
 * First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal on handbells.
 ‡ First peal on handbells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Bennett.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Jan. 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

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

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT BASFORD AND BULWELL.

The third quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association took place on Saturday, January 21st, when the bells of both Basford and Bulwell Churches were open for ringing. Interest centred around the new ring of eight at the former place, the patron saint of which bears a Latin name. On asking a Nottingham car conductor if he knew anything about St. Leodegarius, he eyed me suspiciously for a moment, then taking me for a racing man, he replied, 'Well, it won last time out, and is in the 2.30 at Lingfield.' I told him it was a church I was looking for, but he said it was not in his book. Strange to say, later on at tea, the Vicar of the place told us that the name was actually given to it in connection with the famous race on Doncaster Town Moor.

Ringers, to the number of fifty or more, made good use of the handy ring during the afternoon and evening, when everything from Grandsire to Bristol and London Surprise was rung to the satisfaction of all concerned. Contingents from Chesterfield, Bolsover, Derby, Nottingham, Loughborough, Leicester, and other branches north of the Trent, put in an appearance, and some first-class striking was heard.

The tea and business meeting was subsequently held in the Church Hall, when an excellent repast was put before the members, thanks to the untiring energies of Messrs. Coppock, Kirkby, and their wives and daughters. The President (Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P.), with Mrs. Chambers, occupied the post of honour, supported by the Rev. T. B. Lawson (Vicar), the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston), the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson (Mansfield), the Rev. J. F. Amies (Chesterfield), Mr. P. Taylor, Mr. A. O. Wright, hon. secretary, and Mr. W. Willson, hon. treasurer. It was worthy of note that of the four clergy, three of them were ringers. One missed the well-known figure of Mr. J. Griffin, of Burton (one of the stalwarts of the Association, when it was an uphill fight to obtain the prestige it now enjoys), but among those present were Messrs. A. Knights, J. Flint, W. Wallace, E. C. Gobey, A. Ward, and quite a number of the rising generation who bid fair to keep the flag flying in the years to come.

The business of the meeting was of a routine order, the Rev. C. J. Sturton and Mr. C. Draper being unanimously re-elected auditors.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. C. Wright) gave a resume of the peals rung during 1921, which totalled 129 published. Of these no less than 48 were Surprise peals. The analysis of the year's ringing will be further dealt with in the annual report.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. Willson) said that although he was not able at that moment to give budget figures, it was a foregone conclusion that the Association had reached the high-water mark in their finances, chiefly owing to the valuable services of the president. The forthcoming balance sheet would show the gain they had made. The election of a number of new members was confirmed, and to the already illustrious roll of patrons, the Duke of Portland was added.

Votes of thanks to the clergy, the local officers, and the president, brought the meeting to a close. After the bells were lowered, a smoking concert was held at the local meeting-house. The Shoulder of Mutton (good name), when the Welbeck Male Quartette—which includes Mr. Albert Coppock—gave some delightful renderings of male voice music.

The annual meeting will be at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday. W. W.

QUIBBLE OVER A JOINT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Leicester District was held at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on Friday evening, January 20th. Members were present from all local towers, and from Wigston, Anstey and Kirby Muxloe. The new ring of twelve were kept going throughout the evening.

The business meeting was held in the belfry, Mr. H. W. Needham (vice-president) being in the chair.

Ratby and Groby were chosen for the next quarterly meeting, on April 1st.

It was decided to carry on the fortnightly open practice nights, and to include as many towers as possible.

Mr. W. P. Whitehead was elected a member of the Association, and the general officers were nominated for re-election en bloc.

Mr. H. W. Needham said he could not stand for re-election as local vice-president on account of business ties, and Mr. E. Morris was elected to this post for the ensuing year. Mr. H. W. Needham could not escape office so easily, however, as he was, with Mr. S. Shelton, elected to the local committee.

Mr. H. E. Norman was re-elected local secretary. Mr. Broughton asked: 'How was the Leicester and Hinckley joint meeting of November last proposed, and on what authority was it held?' He was supported by Mr. H. W. Needham, who appeared to consider the expenditure of 1s. 6d. on a notice in 'The Ringing World,' a matter of grave concern. The Secretary replied that the meeting in question was a social one, and that he used his discretion as to the best way of informing all members.—A few words of well-meant advice from the chair brought the meeting to a close.

DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR.

A NEW METHOD BY MR. G. LINDOFF.

This new method is another production of Mr. G. Lindoff, of Dublin, from whence it received its name. It is a clean proof method, and its musical qualities are the same as Suffolk Surprise, which contains the seven pull dodge behind at a bob. The Leiston band, who have now rung the first peal, consider it an improvement on Bristol. Any peal of Treble Bob will run to the method.

THE METHOD.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7
1	2	3	4	6	5	7	8
2	1	4	3	5	6	8	7
2	4	1	3	6	5	7	8
4	2	3	1	6	5	8	7
2	4	1	3	5	6	7	8
4	2	3	1	5	7	6	8
2	4	3	5	1	7	8	6
2	3	4	5	7	1	6	8
3	2	5	4	1	7	8	6
3	5	2	4	7	1	6	8
5	3	4	2	7	6	1	8
3	5	2	4	6	7	8	1
3	2	5	4	7	6	8	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1
2	4	3	6	5	8	7	1
4	2	6	3	8	5	1	7
4	6	2	3	5	8	7	1
6	4	3	2	8	5	1	7
4	6	2	3	8	1	5	7
4	2	6	3	1	8	7	5
2	4	3	6	8	1	5	7
2	3	4	6	1	8	7	5
3	2	4	1	6	8	5	7
2	3	1	4	6	5	8	7
3	2	1	4	5	6	8	7
2	1	3	4	6	5	7	8
1	2	4	3	5	6	8	7
1	4	2	6	3	8	5	7

Bob 1 4 2 3 5 6 7 8

THE COMPOSITION.

23456	M	B	W	H
56342	1		2	2
45823		—		2
26543			2	2
25463			1	2
62534	2		2	2
65324			1	2
23564			2	2
32465	2			2
64235			2	2
62345			1	2
63425			1	2
35426	1			2
35426			1	2
24536			2	2
25346			1	2
23456			1	2

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Rung at Leiston, Jan. 21st, 1922.

Conducted by C. F. Bailey.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT DISCUSSES REDUCTION OF SUBSCRIPTION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Moulton on January 21st, but owing to the unsettled weather only 18 members attended from All Saints' and St. Edmund's, Northampton; Weston Favell, Pitsford, Broughton, Kingsthorpe, and the local ringers. The Rev. C. Bach, R.D. (Rector of Overstone), conducted evensong, at which a collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to 3s. 9d.

Tea was kindly served in the Parish Room by the Ladies' Committee.

At the meeting which followed, a discussion was raised as to subscriptions. It was thought that now wages were being reduced it was time the Association returned to one shilling per year, the present fee no doubt making members think before they paid. No less than one-third had not paid last year's subscription. It was decided to put the matter before the Central Committee.

The next quarterly meeting will be at Collingtree, on June 10th, 1922, and a special meeting at Great Brington on May 13th.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge branch of the Gloucestershire and Bristol Diocesan Association took place at Berkeley on Saturday week, the parishes represented being Berkeley, Dursley, Olveston, Thornbury, Wotton-under-Edge, Coaley, Wickwar, Stinchcombe, Slimbridge, and Chipping Sodbury. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire Caters, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. The Vicar (the Rev H. C. Armour) entertained the ringers to tea at the Church Room, and also presided at the business meeting, when the officers were elected as follows: Chairman of branch, Mr. F. Oakhill (Wotton-under-Edge); vice-chairman, Mr. A. Burcombe (Stinchcombe); representative on Management Committee, Mr. H. W. Fussell (Dursley); hon. secretary, Mr. W. A. Lewis (Berkeley).

In proposing Mr. Lewis for re-election, Mr. W. Dyer (Wickwar) paid a high tribute to the secretary's past services.

The next monthly meeting of the branch was fixed for Stone on February 11th.—Messrs. Gilbert Hall and Oswald Cornock, two young members of the Berkeley band of ringers, were elected members of the Association.—Thanks to the Vicar were voiced by Mr. F. K. Howell (hon. treasurer).

METHOD EXTENSION.**DOUBLE NORWICH.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—Before proceeding to the extension of Double Norwich we must stop and consider the way in which the treble makes her way through the working bells in a plain lead.

Consider the following:—

Minimus: 2 a 3 b 4 c 2 a etc.

Minor: 2 a 3 b 5 c 6 d 4 e 2 a etc.

Major: 2 a 3 b 5 c 7 d 8 e 6 f 4 g 2 a etc.

Royal: 2 a 3 b 5 c 7 d 9 e 10 f 8 g 6 h 4 i 2 a etc.

Maximus: 2 a 3 b 5 c 7 d 9 e 11 f 12 g 10 h 8 i 6 k 4 l 2 a etc.

The working bells are arranged in plain course order and starting from rounds the treble is at a between 3 and 2 on every number of bells. We start every method by plain hunting, and the treble passes each bell in course order 2, 4, etc., until she crosses 3 at the back and then comes down under them again in the same order until she gets to lead 132, etc.

Now, in building a plain method the only bell that can make a place to alter the treble's position among the working bells is the third.

i. The third can make second's place when the treble leads and come behind the treble, and all the other bells have a single dodge; this puts the treble into position between 5 and 3 at b on the numbers above four bells, and this is the Grandsire Bob Method.

ii. The third can make 4th's place, change with the treble and make 3rd's place; then all the bells above 4th's dodge when the place is made, and all the bells below 3rd's when that place is made, and we get the same result, the treble now at b between the 3rd and 5th (vide Double Court).

iii. The 3rd can make a place; change with the treble in the middle; lead when the treble is behind; change with the treble in the middle again, and hunt down after her, the result is the same (vide Single Court).

iv. On eight bells and upwards the third can make 6th's (8th's or 10th's), 3rd's (5th's or 7th's), 8th's and hunt down behind the treble. The result is the same, the treble is at b between 3 and 5.

Now the majority of the plain hunt methods are made up of one or more of these shunts, and in extending any of these methods to a larger number of bells, we keep the same shunts and extend the plain hunting; if we alter the shunts we alter the method.

To prove this point, go back to Double Oxford Minor. There are four shunts in the lead.

1st: 4th's and 3rd's moving the treble from a to b.
2nd: 5th's moving the treble from b to c.
3rd: 3rd's and 4th's moving the treble from c to d.
4th: 2nd's moving the treble from d to a.
Now reduce the method to Minimus.
1st: 3rd and 2nd moving the treble from a to b.
2nd: 3rd moving the treble from b to c.
3rd: 2nd and 3rd moving the treble from c to a.
4th: 2nd moving the treble from a to b.

1234 3rd.

2134 "

2314 2nd.

2341 "

3241 3rd.

3214 2nd.

3124 3rd.

1324 "

1342 2nd.

These shunts are the same, and the sum total of them equal to one, and the lead end is the same as Bob Minimus which has only one shunt.

Four shunts in Major will take us to e between 8 and 6, and give the lead end 867, etc.; in Royal to e, 860, etc.; and the same in Maximus; thus the same method must produce the same lead end, and, if not, then Bob Major and Double Bob Major are the same method, which is absurd.

H. LAW JAMES.

MRS. F. I. HAIR'S 100 PEALS.

	On Hand- bells.	On Tower bells.
Stedman Triples	8	1
Stedman Caters	17	3
Stedman Cinques	7	—
Bob Major	24	—
Bob Royal	13	—
Bob Maximus	1	—
Grandsire Triples	10	1
Grandsire Caters (including 8099)	7	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	—
Double Norwich Major	—	3
Superlative Surprise Major	—	2
Cambridge Surprise Major	—	1
	89	11

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The frequency with which the band at Leiston ring peals in new Surprise Methods is most refreshing. They have now rung the first peal of another new product by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff—Dublin Surprise Major, a half-brother to Bristol—which makes the tenth Surprise Method of which a peal has been rung in the tower.

It is hoped to hold the annual meeting of the Berks and Bucks Association at Boyne Hill, near Maidenhead, on Easter Monday. The bells, one of the finest octaves cast by John Warner and Sons, of London, are to be rehung by this firm, and the work is expected to be completed by Easter. Non-resident members of the Guild should be careful to book their seats early as a big muster is expected.

The Warrington ringers, writes a correspondent, are going strong for Forward Major—that reserved method, invented by the late Henry Johnson's young rival in the old Buffery days at Birmingham. No wonder the method was named 'Forward'—all the Bobs 'before'—in a touch or peal—must be made, and it's 'hot stuff' for the bob caller at any time.

A peal which certainly calls for a word of congratulation, is that at King's Langley, recorded this week. It is a peal of Grandsire Triples—the first peal on the bells and by all the band, who are resident members of the local company. Peals of this kind are meritorious performances.

Another, is the peal at Lincoln, with six 'first pealers.' By the way, it is good to notice the bells at the Cathedral are being rung, and that a quarter-peal has been scored on them.

The time of the handbell peal rung at Teddington, on December 29th, was 2 hrs. 30 mins., not 2 hrs. 13 mins., as published.

Those who desire to attend the Bristol United Guild's first annual dinner, on February 18th, should secure their tickets at once. Mr. C. H. Horton will officially represent the Ancient Society of College Youths, and he is sure of a welcome from his old ringing friends in the West. It is largely as the outcome of Mr. Horton's suggestion made at the last College Youths dinner, that this new social event is being held.

The number of 720's rung at Little Munden during 1921 was 47 in 15 methods.

The Lavenham company rang for every Sunday morning and evening service for the year 1921. The methods were Grandsire Triples, Steadman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

On February 5th, 1783, a peal of 12,672 Bob Major was rung at Bromley, in 7 hrs. 48 mins., and on the same day of the month in 1888, the 12,041 Steadman Caters was rung in 7 hrs. 26 mins., at Appleton.

February 4th is the anniversary of a 10,032 Grandsire Major rung at Walsall in the year 1861.

The first peal of London Surprise on handbells was rung on Feb. 6th, 1904, at Romford, by: Messrs. G. R. Pye, W. Pye, E. Pye and W. Keeble.

Congratulations to the Yorkshire veteran, Mr. George Bolland, of Tong, upon his 70th birthday, yesterday. He was born on Feb. 2nd, 1852.

With reference to the communications which have recently appeared in our columns as to fathers and sons taking part together in peals of London Surprise, it is interesting to note that the peal of London at Whitley Bay, the record of which will be found in another column, is the third which Mr. R. Alder Goffon has rung with two sons.

Probably the first peal of London in which father and sons took part was the first peal of London in Essex rung by the Saffron Walden Society on January 10th, 1899, when Mr. Fred Pitstow and his two sons, Messrs. F. J. and Alfred Pitstow, were in the band. His two brothers, Nathan and Ernest, also took part, the peal being composed by Nathan, and conducted by Frederick.

A large number of ringers throughout the country will be pleased to learn that it is proposed to erect a memorial to the late Mr. William Gifford, of Salisbury, and contributions should flow in readily.

The Lancashire Association's report this year has been compiled on pre-war lines, and covers no fewer than 76 pages. It is published at a shilling.

There should have been a bob 'wrong' in the next to the last course (62453) of the last section of the Rev. H. Law James' 14,144 London Surprise Major published last week. The transposition of the course ends shows the calling as M. W., but the — does not appear under the W. Those who are preserving the figures for future use (!) or reference should note this.

BRENTWOOD.—On New Year's Eve, at the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Brentwood, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. D. Baker 1. A. Rainbird 2. E. J. Butler 3. E. Firbank 4. W. Leggett 5. A. Tarbun, junr. 6. Wesley Watson (conductor) 7. S. Carroll 8. Composed by A. J. Perkins. This was followed by 630 Grandsire Triples, the band standing as before, with the exception that H. Twigg was at No. 2, and rang his longest touch as yet in the method.

THE APPLETON LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

The attempt for the peal of 19,115 Grandsire Caters at Appleton last Saturday was unsuccessful.

Another attempt will be made on Saturday, February 11th.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a rule my ringing paper is delivered late on Friday, and being laid up with a cold, I had a chance of scanning the last issue instead of just glancing through it, as I generally do at first, otherwise I might not have read of the long peal attempt at Appleton until it was accomplished.

Now, Sir, I do not wish to say anything disrespectful to my old ringing friends at Appleton. I have always found them a jolly lot of claps, but what I do object to is the short notice given. I conducted the 15,227 of Grandsire Caters, rung at Cheltenham on April 22nd, 1889, and notice was published in 'The Bell News' for three weeks before the attempt, whereas this short notice and no specified time of starting did not allow of any arrangements being made between the three surviving ringers, viz., Messrs. Phillott, Humphris, and myself.

I begin to wonder if it is hereditary, as the long peal of Stedman Caters rung at Appleton on December 31st, 1888, which surpassed in length of time the 13,054 rung at Cheltenham in the same year and conducted by me, was notified in the same way. I think they fetched Harry Woodward off the hayrick, the notice was so short all round. I am sure a great many ringers would like to listen to 8 or 12 hours' good ringing. Could not the Central Council take this matter up and make some kind of rule with regard to these long peal attempts?—

W. T. PATES.

P.S.—A post card to Mr. Phillott or myself at the time of posting to your paper would have given us ample time to make any arrangements.

The Central Council, in their 'Rules and Decisions,' stipulate various conditions which it is considered desirable to comply with. These include (inter alia)—

(i.) Not less than seven days' notice in the columns of the ringing press, stating the tower, day and hour at which the attempt is to be made;

(ii.) Similar notice to the conductor, or if he cannot be traced to some member of the band who rang the peal which it is proposed to surpass, or if no member of the band can be traced then to the Secretary of the Guild or Association under whose title the said peal was rung;

(iii.) That a sealed copy of the figures of the proposed peal be lodged previous to the attempt with the secretary or other responsible officer of the Guild or Association under whose title the band is to ring; and

(iv.) That if possible a competent representative of each of the bands shall be present during the whole of the performance.

It must be admitted that the notice given by the Appleton band did not comply with these reasonable and proper conditions, and it was really important because not only did the peal challenge the longest length in the method, but the longest length ever rung on tower bells.—Ed. 'R.W.'

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

PROPOSED REHANGING OF ST. MARTIN'S BELLS.

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, January 28th, when the bells were kept going from 3.30 to 6 in various methods.

About 40 sat down to a sumptuous tea, which was followed by the business meeting, the Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) presiding. The balance sheet was presented for 1921, showing the sum of £19 8s. 5d. in hand.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cornford; treasurer, Mr. B. Foskett; senior steward, Mr. F. Smith; junior steward, Mr. C. Matthews.

The following is a summary of the report:—

During the past twelve months the respectable number of 15 peals have been rung, those including no less than five twelve-bell peals. It is doubtful whether the oldest living member of the society can recollect so many peals in one year on twelve bells. Moreover, they included peals in the four standard methods, probably the first time this has been accomplished in one year. The most notable of these, of course, was Mr. Foskett's golden wedding peal in November last, and no doubt those members who were not participants will be only too pleased to extend to him and Mrs. Foskett their felicitations through the medium of this report. Other gratifying features were the peals by country members in Kent and Surrey—a small beginning, which it is hoped will be increased. The 15 peals were made up as follows: Stedman Cinques 2, Grandsire Cinques 1, Plain Bob Maximus 1, Kent

Treble Bob Maximus 1, Stedman Caters 2, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Double Norwich Major 3, Grandsire Triples 2, Bob Royal (on handbells) 2; total 15.

It can hardly be a surprise to the majority of members to hear that there is every prospect of the much-needed rehanging of St. Martin's bells becoming an accomplished fact in the near future, as part of the Church Restoration scheme; and the best wishes and sympathy of the members will assuredly be with the Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard for the success of his great undertaking. St. Martin's peal of twelve is fast approaching its 200th anniversary (1927), and it must certainly be with something more than pride that the society will handle the restored peal in the near future, as did the members of the society nearly two centuries ago.

It was arranged to hold the annual dinner during October. At the close of the meeting, touches were indulged in on the handbells.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

MID-DEVON BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at Paignton, on Saturday, January 21st, and in spite of the weather a good muster of ringers was present from Exeter, Christow, Dartmouth, Buckfastleigh, Cockington, and Paignton. A short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Mackworth Drake), who, in the course of a most eloquent address, pointed out the duties of the ringers in attending Divine service as well as in the belfry.

Tea and business meeting were held in the Church Schools.

The report of the branch showed an increased balance in hand, but two of the towers had not followed up the good work commenced, which was regretted.

Mr. H. W. Wilkes was re-elected chairman, and, in returning thanks, regretted he could not get the Dartmouth band to show the enthusiasm he would like them to, and he found great difficulty in keeping a company together.

Mr. H. J. Hole was unanimously elected hon. secretary, and thanked the branch for the confidence. He paid a warm tribute to Mr. F. J. Gover for his great assistance as instructor, not only to the Paignton band, but also in the combined practices that had been held in the district.

Mr. E. Sheppard (Exeter) addressed the meeting, and urged them to follow up the good progress being made. He also complimented Mr. Gover on his instruction, and gave some sound advice to all, which was much appreciated. The Vicar was thanked for the use of the bells and his splendid address. He said how pleased he was to welcome the branch, and wished them further success.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by: Mrs. Gover 1—2, Mr. C. Austin 3—4, Mr. Gover 5—6, Mr. J. Collings 7—8. This concluded a most successful meeting. The members then adjourned to the belfry, where ringing was resumed, with touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting held at the St. Martin's Hotel, on Tuesday, January 17th, the chairman, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., made sympathetic reference to the deaths of Mr. Raymond J. Wilkins, of Bristol, and Mr. Wm. Cheshire, of Erdington. The former had been a life member for many years, and frequently came to the Johnson Dinner, while the latter gentleman, himself a ringer, was an honorary member, and had long given the Guild practical support. On more than one occasion he had also entertained members at his beautiful house at Erdington, and his hospitality was gratefully remembered.

All present stood in silence for a brief moment, as a last tribute of respect to the deceased.

The whole of the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, as follows: President, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; vice-presidents: The Rev. Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham; Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Messrs. W. H. Godden, John Carter, J. H. Shepherd, Wm. Kent, and Thos. Russam; presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett; deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker; trustees, Messrs. Thos. Russam and Chas. Dickens; auditors, Messrs. Jas. L. Wells and Thos. H. Reeves; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Mr. Walker reported on the year's ringing, on which the Chairman remarked he was to be congratulated, it being a record for the Guild.

It was decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on Saturday, February 25th, the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel having already been secured for that date. It was also agreed that no one without a ticket should be admitted to the room, as several complaints had been made as to overcrowding during the musical part of the programme.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aston in April.

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CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

TWO WINDSOR RINGERS DEAD.

The everlasting Reaper has recently visited each of the bellries of the ancient borough of Windsor, and members of the St. John's Parish Church and the St. George's Chapel Societies have now to fill up two gaps in their ranks not easily to be made good.

Mr. Chas. Farr was a native of Kingsbridge, and learnt the art of joinery there, under his father, a builder, in this Devonshire village. For 22 years he was leading hand under the castle contractor at Windsor for the maintenance of the royal residence, and 21 years a member of the curfew band of bell ringers, under the Dean and Chapter, discharging for most of this time the office of steward to the society. His quiet, sociable disposition, his punctual attendance at work or in the tower, and his efficient discharge of duty endeared him to all his mates. His assistance in establishing change ringing in Windsor in co-operation with Mr. J. S. Smith was most valuable to the Berks and Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he was also a member. Commencing late in life to master the intricacy of 'half-pull' ringing, he persevered until he had rung a peal of Grandsire Triples and several quarter-peals; and according to his 'diary of ringing' he had taken a rope in 100 towers, exactly—a good number being added a year ago whilst spending his holidays in his native district.

On Sunday morning, in mid-December, after ringing for the eleven o'clock matins, it was noticed Mr. Farr was not well as he came down from the ringing room, and on being questioned he said he would 'come along presently.' He was shortly afterwards found reclining on one of the churchyard's 'mouldering heaps.' He was conveyed to his home by Mr. Harman, and died in his 57th year, from cerebral hemorrhage, a malady that carried off his brother and his father before him.

Mr. Farr leaves a widow and three sons, one of whom is well advanced in the art his father loved. The deceased was laid to rest in Windsor Cemetery, with muffled bells and memorial wreaths from his fellow-ringers and friends.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

Mr. John Goodwood, a bachelor, in his 47th year, was accidentally killed on the main road from Maidenhead to Windsor, near Bray Court, whilst cycling home, after visiting his brother. He was a member of the Curfew team at Windsor Castle for about ten years, and also the Berks and Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He was able to ring treble to Grandsire Triples, an inside bell to Doubles, and was keen on making himself master of method ringing. For some years he was regular hand as gardener in the Royal Gardens of the Castle. It will be remembered that on Sunday afternoon, January 15th, the weather was very rough, with storms of sleet and snow, and in passing a passenger motor-bus his cycle skidded and threw him across the road, the front wheel of the vehicle crushing the deceased's skull. His death, instantaneous as it was, came as a great shock to all his friends and relations.—The coroner gave a verdict of 'death by misadventure.'

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

The annual meeting of the above was held at Appledore, on Jan. 14th. The weather was ideal for the time of year, and resulted in a goodly attendance of members, to the number of 40. The towers represented were Ashford, Biddenden, Frittenden, Aldington, Mersham, Burmarsh, Stone, Tenterden, Rye, and several members of Appledore tower. Ringing commenced soon after two o'clock, and was kept up with spirit till 4.30, when a special service was held in the church, the president of the Guild and Vicar of Appledore (Rev. A. O. Scutt) officiating.

Tea was prepared in the Women's Institute by Mrs. Balcomb, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Banks, wives of the secretary, and members of the Guild, and right well did they carry out their task. They were heartily thanked at the meeting for their kindly services.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. A. O. Scutt (who presided at the tea and meeting) being re-elected president. Mr. H. Balcomb was re-elected hon. secretary, and unanimously thanked for his past services.

Several new members were elected, and Great Chart proposed for the next monthly meeting.

The secretary's report showed a very healthy state of affairs, both financially and generally, and as £4 of the balance was in War Savings Certificates, it was unanimously agreed to pay this over to the Kent County Association War Memorial Fund, while a collection made in the room brought the amount up to £5.

Some tunes on the handbells were rung by some of the members, and the touches on the tower bells included the four standard methods.

LINCOLN.—On Thursday, January 26th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), was rung in 50 mins.: C. McGuinness 1, G. Chester 2, Lewis Snell 3, G. Flintham 4, C. H. Chester 5, J. Waldon 6, T. Pyle (conductor) 7, H. Leslie Park 8. Arranged to celebrate the coming-of-age of the ringer of the 3rd. It was also his first quarter-peal in the method, and first attempt.

MR. W. SHORT'S 700 PEALS.

AN INTERESTING RECORD.

Few ringers have rung in a greater variety of peals than Mr. William Short, of Clent, who has just completed his 700th and missed, by a single peal, combining with it his 300th as conductor. His list is one of much interest, for he was probably the first ringer to conduct a peal on all numbers from five to twelve, which he completed in 1912. He is probably, too, the only man who has called peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques, for he conducted the first, and, as far as recollection serves, the only peal of Stedman Doubles that has been rung. He has also conducted peals of Kent Treble Bob Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. He has shared, too, in several record performances. His second peal of London was the record 14,112 at King's Norton; he conducted the record 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham; took part in the record 9,728 Superlative at Clent; 10,176 Double Oxford at Brierley Hill; the 8,888 Stedman Caters on handbells, and a 7,392 Double Norwich. He also conducted the only peal (Stedman Caters) rung on the sea. Mr. Short is among the 'masters' of the practical side of the art, and many a Midland ringer owes his insight into ringing to him, for Mr. Short was for a number of years the official instructor for the Hereford Guild. Appended is his list of peals rung in 176 towers (in 118 of which he has conducted peals) in 22 counties in England, Ireland and Wales:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Stedman Triples	129	46
Grandsire Triples	76	53
Double Norwich Major	72	18
Seven Minor Methods	58	29
1 to 3 Methods Doubles	57	41
Stedman Cinques	42	14
Stedman Caters	38	12
Superlative Surprise	34	4
Kent Treble Bob Major	29	12
London Surprise	28	6
Bob Major	28	13
1 to 6 Methods Minor	22	19
Cambridge Surprise Major	20	5
Bristol Surprise Major	9	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal	9	2
Grandsire Caters	7	2
Oxford Treble Bob Major	6	6
Double Oxford Major	6	5
Canterbury Major	4	3
Bob Triples	4	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	1
New Cambridge Major	2	
Bob Royal	2	2
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	1
Duffield Major	2	1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	2	
Double Norwich Caters	1	
Bob Caters	1	
Erin Cinques	1	
Canterbury Royal	1	
Forward Major	1	
Grandsire Major	1	1
Union Triples	1	
Canterbury Triples	1	
Stedman Doubles	1	1
	700	299

MR. A. H. WINCH'S 200 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Minor Methods	3	
Grandsire Triples	30	4
Grandsire Caters	14	2
Stedman Triples	29	
Stedman Caters	11	
Stedman Cinques	1	
Oxford Bob Triples	3	
Bob Major	35*	9
Bob Royal	3	
Treble Bob Major	26	11
Treble Bob Royal	11	1
Double Norwich C.B. Major	24+	
Superlative Surprise Major	8	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	
	200	27

Rung in 61 towers in 10 counties for 11 Associations. * Including 10,208. † Including 7,392 and 10,080.

A DIRECTORY WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Can you inform me whether there is any list or Directory of Ringing Towers, and also their hours of ringing, for London.

I was staying in Clapham for Christmas, and was desirous of ringing, or at least of being amongst the ringing, on that day. My experience was as follows: I went to St. John the Divine's, Kennington, getting there at 10 a.m. I found a service in progress, and on inquiring from the vergers ascertained there would be no ringing that morning, but there might be in the evening, although that was uncertain. I asked the nearest church where ringing was likely, and he recommended me to St. Giles', Camberwell. I took a bus there, and heard four bells, three being chimed and the 4th being rung behind. This didn't sound promising, but I went up to find that only the front six out of the ten were ringable, and that as there was doubt about a band turning up nothing was doing. Getting nicely wet on the way back to my friend's house, where I was staying, I decided to let ringing alone till I returned here.

I should imagine there are many visitors to London who would like to know, where, apart from the well-known towers, they may have an opportunity of meeting other ringers, while the same applies to Londoners visiting the country.

If there is no such guide, would it not be possible for the various Associations and Societies to publish such a list?—Yours faithfully,
Brentwood,
EDWIN O. BAKER.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held on Saturday, January 21st, at Southgate, was to a great extent marred by the very inclement weather, but in spite of the fact that the attendance was not above 40, it was noticeable that the great majority of those present were Surprise ringers, and that the ringing done was of a very high standard.

Before the service the bells were rung with half-muffled clappers, out of deep respect to the late Mr. George Burrows, aged 82, who had been buried that morning. Mr. Burrows was for 20 years an hon. member of the society. He had been resident in Southgate for 56 years, during the greater part of which time he had been churchwarden. He was largely instrumental in getting the original eight bells installed in the tower.

The service at 5.30 was conducted by the Rev. R. de G. Hampson, who preached a very interesting sermon.

After tea, which was served at the Woolpack, the usual business meeting was held. The balance sheet, which showed a credit of over £4 on the year's working, was passed; whilst the following were elected as the district officers for the coming year: Master, Mr. G. B. Lucas; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne; hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. J. Kemp.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. J. Armstrong, who had expressed a wish to retire from the office of Master, after ten years of loyal and useful work for the society.

A vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Mr. G. Burrows was passed in silence, the Hon. Secretary mentioning that the society had lost a good friend and colleague.—Thanks were accorded to the Rev. O. F. Peploe for allowing the bells to be used; to the Rev. R. de G. Hampson for his address at the service; also to Mr. J. E. Miller and the local ringers for their usual very hearty welcome to the members.

The Hon. Secretary, too, was not forgotten, and in reply to a unanimous and sincere vote of thanks, which was moved by Mr. C. Dean, and seconded by Mr. J. Parker, he urged the members to stand together and to put their best into the Association. It was not what a man got out of ringing, but what he put into it, that counted, and the best thanks that members could give to the society's officials was their loyal help and trust.

Several touches were rung after the meeting, the methods practised during the day including Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

CARDIFF RINGER BEREAVED

After a long illness, the wife of Mr. W. Coombes, one of Cardiff's oldest ringers, has just passed away. She was a daughter of the late Mr. Job Cook, who for many years was clerk of the Parish Church of Cardiff (St. John's), and in charge of the tower and bells.

As a last tribute of respect, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) was rung, half-muffled, on the bells of St. John's on Thursday evening last week: W. B. Biss 1, F. Bailey 2, T. Dawe 3, E. Hunt 4, J. W. Jones 5, H. West 6, T. Carter 7, W. Bolton 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, Seymour R. Barker 10. Composed by R. Deal.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday morning, January 29th, for service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: F. Goldard 1, A. Beckensale 2, G. Spencer 3, W. H. Holfier 4, J. Milner 5, W. Liddetter (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, H. Brooks 8.

FULHAM.—On Sunday evening, January 29th, for service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: W. H. Holfier 1, A. Cutmore 2, W. H. Wood 3, W. Lawrence 4, W. E. Judd (conductor) 5, G. Hes 6, A. Harding 7, F. Skevington 8, J. W. Driver 9, M. A. Smith 10.

WORPLESDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Jan. 29th, for morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 30 mins.: R. Tickner 1, A. Martin, Pirbright (first 720) 2, Miss K. Avenell 3, G. Chandler 4, C. Heather 5, S. Peter (conductor) 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, January 29th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Crowder 1, T. A. Easterby 2, E. J. Pannett 3, H. J. Norgate 4, H. Belcher (Ealing) 5, A. Bradley 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Benington 8.

HATFIELD, DONCASTER.—At St. Laurence's Church, on January 22nd, for evensong, 700 Grandsire Triples: H. Rodwell 1, H. Crowe 2, E. Purdy 3, H. Marshall 4, R. Thompson 5, H. Howarth 6, D. England (conductor) 7, R. Rodwell 8.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Sunday, January 22nd, at the Priory Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: A. Woolf 1, J. E. Burton 2, Miss G. M. A. George 3, L. Stone 4, G. Stone 5, A. Best 6, F. Sparshott 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, B. Kerley 10. Arranged for the ringers of 2 and 3, who hail from St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday, January 22nd, for evening service, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples, in 50 mins.: H. F. Hunt 1, *W. P. Cross 2, T. Smith 3, W. Henley 4, *A. J. Harman 5, A. Bateman 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, *J. H. Viller 8. *First quarter in method. All local band except ringers of 4 and 6.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Christmas morning, Sunday, December 25th, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: J. Bowerman 1, C. Bennett 2, F. Webb 3, J. A. King 4, L. Tuffrey 5, J. Franklin 6, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 7, W. H. Thorne 8. Rung after midnight to usher in Christmas Day.

CIRENCESTER.—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, for morning service, on January 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Parsons 1, H. Lewis 2, W. G. Cuss 3, J. E. Waters 4, W. G. Cook (conductor) 5, G. Dore 6, F. J. Lewis 7, J. Hayward 8.—For morning service, on January 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by Henry Johnson, and recently published on this page: F. J. Lewis 1, J. E. Waters 2, W. Hayward (first quarter-peal of Triples) 3, W. G. Cook 4, J. Butler (conductor) 5, H. T. Gardner 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Hayward 8.

IDLE, YORKS.—On January 29th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 47 mins.: H. Buckley 1, H. Davison 2, F. Davison 3, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 4, R. Humpleby 5, F. Kilshaw 6, W. Feather 7, H. Foster 8.

LITTLEBOURNE.—On Sunday, January 29th, for morning service, at St. Vincent's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Stringer 1, J. P. Cobbold (conductor) 2, P. Smith 3, W. Savage 4, E. Rye 5, A. Johnson 6.

Hemel Hempstead.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 29th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Floyd, junr. 1, W. H. Newell 2, H. Golding 3, H. Gates 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd (conductor) 6, W. Floyd 7, E. Lee (first 504) 8.

BLEDLOW.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, January 29th, for evening prayer, a quarter-peal of Doubles, 3 six-scores Bob Doubles, 7 six-scores and 60 changes Grandsire Doubles: F. Nicholls 1, A. J. Seymour (conductor) 2, R. Gomme 3, Rev. E. J. Teesdale 4, G. Seymour 5.

BENINGTON.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, January 29th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 22 mins.: P. Lakin 1, S. Woods 2, J. W. Lakin, senr. 3, F. Hilton 4, W. Houghton 5, J. W. Lakin, junr. (conductor), 6.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS SADLER.

A CHANGE RINGING PIONEER IN SUFFOLK.

A veteran Suffolk ringer has passed away, in the person of Mr. Thomas Sadler, who has died at Ipswich at the age of 72 years. When the Norwich Diocesan Association was formed in 1877, Mr. Sadler was one of the most prominent ringers in the neighbourhood of Ipswich. Among the many peals he took part in were the first of Royal and Maximus by the Association, also of seven methods of Minor rung in his native village of Withesham. He also rang in a 10,272 of Kent Treble Bob Major at Debenham in 1880.

He did a great deal to help struggling bands, and despite the handicap of a wooden leg, walked hundreds of miles for this purpose. Among the places where his assistance was valued were Helmingham, Grandisburgh, Henley, Coddesham, and others. In a modest way his services to ringing in Suffolk have been extremely valuable, and many will regret the passing of an old friend.

NOTICES.

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SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for the whole Diocese will be held in St. Mary le-Tower Church House, on Saturday, Feb. 4th, at 3.30 p.m., when the Bishop has promised to preside. Bells available from 2 p.m., at St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Clement's, and St. Matthew's. All Suffolk ringers are invited to this meeting (the first general one) so that any opinion may be expressed before the organisation is finally settled.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Feb. 4th, 1922. The bells at Christ Church (6) and the Parish Church (8) will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 at the Parish Church. Tea at 5.45, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions for 1922 are now due.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Warminster, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Club Room at 5 o'clock. Buses leave Chelmsford Station 2.15 and 3.20 p.m., returning from Great Waltham 7.15 and 9.18 p.m.—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dist. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Next meeting at Brading, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells ready 2.30. Service, 4. Tea and business meeting, 4.30.—W. Upton, Hon. Dist. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available 2.30. Service, 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (5) available at 4 o'clock.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, 4th Feb., at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton. Bells available 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Reading, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at

4. Tea at St. Mary's School Room, Hosier Street, at 5 p.m. at 1/- each to all who let me know their intention of being present by Wednesday, Feb. 1st; others 2/6. Business meeting to follow. Ringing will be resumed after the meeting at St. Mary's, St. Giles' and St. Laurence's.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available: Bishopsgate and St. Andrew, Holborn, 2.45—4.0 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, 2.30; Service, 4.30; Tea in Parish House, Clare Market, 5.30; business meeting, 6.30. Members requiring tea must advise by Feb. 4th.—A. D. Barker, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The closing date for the payment of the 1s. 8d. subscription is Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Feb. 16th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 7th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 9th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The Annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 3. Tea in the Parish Room after service, followed by business meeting. All members requiring tea must notify the Dist. Sec. not later than Tuesday, Feb. 7th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A District meeting will be held at Herne St. nr. Herne Bay, on Saturday, Feb. 11th, bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea can be arranged at 1/6 per head for all those who let me know not later than Feb. 4th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be forwarded as soon as possible, or can be paid at this meeting.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 11th (by permission of the Rev. Dr. H. M. Relton and Churchwardens), who will entertain our members to tea. Visitors, other than members, will be asked to pay 1/3. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 6th, and oblige, for welcome awaits them.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the Institute. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, February 11th. Bells ready at 4.30.—W. Hughes, Branch Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A District meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available at 3. Service at

4.30, when an address will be given by the Vicar. Tea at 5, followed by a business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 in the Schoolroom, followed by business meeting.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11th, at St. Luke's, Bedminster. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Schools at 5 o'clock. A meeting of tower representatives will be held after tea. Please notify Hon. Sec. by Feb. 6th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Dunmow on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Service, with address, at 4 o'clock, followed by tea at St. Mary's Room, 1s. each. Members must notify me of their intention of being present not later than Feb. 7th. Subscriptions for 1922 are now due.—Bert Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne, near Braintree.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Wilton on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Waterloo Restaurant at 5 sharp. Service in St. Mary's Church at 6 o'clock. St. James's bells available after the service. Tea provided for all who give me notice by Wednesday, Feb. 8th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Feb. 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Special service at 4.30. Tea, at 5 o'clock, can be arranged for those who notify me of their intention to be present not later than Tuesday, Feb. 7th. Subscriptions are now due and will be gladly accepted at this meeting.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The Annual meeting will (p.v.) be held at Norbury on Saturday, Feb. 11th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Feb. 11th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at the King William IV. at 1s. per head. All ringing friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Munden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells (8) available at any time. Those requiring tea should give notice not later than Wednesday, Feb. 8th.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells of the Abbey (10) available from 1 p.m.

to 9. Service at 4. Tea at 5 in Rimington's Cafe, Gouthorpe, at 1/9 each. Members requiring same must notify Mr. Wm. Arthur Hall, 34, New Lane, Selby, by Tuesday, Feb. 14th. Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Cook, Hon. District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS—First Annual Dinner.—Grand Hotel, Broad Street Bristol, Feb. 18th, at 6.30 p.m. Social afterwards. Ringing from 3 p.m. at St. James', St. Stephen's, St. Nicholas (10 bells), St. Philip, Temple (8 bells), St. Michael's (6).—Tickets, 6/-, from stewards, or Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol. Ticket-holders to report number of tickets sold to E. Guise by Feb. 8 at latest.

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