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SUBJECTS FOR THE COUNCIL.

Little time remains now for notice to be given of any motion to be brought before the Central Council at Whitsun, and any subject which members desire to discuss must quickly be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, or it will be too late for inclusion in the agenda. We are pleased to see that our endeavours to bring home to the various affiliated associations the importance of taking a more active interest in this matter has not been entirely without result, as, from the reports of the Easter meetings which have been published, there have been some few matters ventilated which may find their way into the agenda of the Council.

For instance, two subjects were brought up for discussion at the Midland Counties Association meeting. One of them was before the Council last year, but no action was taken on account of the absence of the proposer. This motion is to come on again, and deals with the desirability of establishing a bell restoration fund in the area of each ringing association. Another proposal is a suggestion to award certificates of merit in method ringing. At the Herts County meeting the benevolent fund scheme was once more brought forward, although this is a subject in which the Council have been rather shy to take action in the past. At the Worcestershire Association's meeting it was suggested the Council should discuss the best means of preventing the ringing or publication of false peal compositions. Here are subjects of general interest to all ringers which the Council could profitably debate, whatever the ultimate decisions upon them might be.

At the moment we are not concerned with the pros and cons of any of these matters, but what we do feel is that this raising of questions which go outside the purely domestic affairs of ringing organisations must, in the long run, be for the good of the Exercise at large. The Central Council is established in the interests of ringing generally, and it is for the affiliated societies to see that it fulfils its functions. Hitherto, as we have so often pointed out, associations have been content to leave the Council to find work for itself, instead of giving it work to do. We hope that the action of the three associations mentioned is but a prelude to a wider and more direct interest in the business of the Council. We have always felt that, instead of sitting still and criticising the Council for an absence of usefulness, it would be far better if ringers, through their societies, provided the Council with matters to which it might devote its attention; and while we have done our best to move the Council out of the sterile condition into which it was falling, we have always urged that the most effective means of increasing its utility lay with the associations who elect it.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HUGH SCARLETT Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
ARTHUR MASON 2	ALFRED PYE 7
CHARLES T. COLES 3	FRED C. MAYNARD 8
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 9
WALTER STEED 5	GEORGE B. LUCAS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

WILLIAM TANNER Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 6
HERBERT LANGDON 2	JAMES SCHOLES 7
WILSON RUSHON 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8
ROBERT A. FARDON 4	THOMAS LANGDON 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	RICHARD F. FORWARD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE B. BOLLAND Treble	JOE HARCADSTLE 6
JAMES COTTERELL 2	JOHN W. CUNDALL 7
GEORGE NAYLOR 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 8
JONAS S. AMBLER 4	THOMAS B. KENDALL 9
*FIRTH HOPWOOD 5	FRED SALMONS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

* First peal on ten bells, and first peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEWIS, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 17, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	EDGAR H. BAILEY 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
*GEORGE BAILEY 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
CHARLES F. BAILEY 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung as a compliment to the conductor.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY TODD Treble	*GEORGE BROWN, JUN. 5
WILLIAM ROSE 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	WILLIAM BURROWS 7
ALPHAUS BERRY 4	DAVID WHITING Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE

* First peal of Major.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, April 17, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	CHARLES PALMER 5
HENRY GOOD 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
ARTHUR VERRALLS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by KEITH HART.

**CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

*On Tuesday, April 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE CLARKE Treble	HENRY WOODHOUSE 5
*MISS KATHLEEN JACKSON 2	† HAROLD WALKER 6
FREDERICK CLARKE 3	GEORGE HALKSORTH 7
REV. A. RHYS JAMES 4	*FREDERICK NEWSOME Tenor

Conducted by G. HAWKSWORTH.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman 'inside.' First peal of Stedman on the bells.

**MIDDLESBOROUGH.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, April 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM JONES Treble	JAMES B. BUDD 5
*WILLIAM J. L. NEWTON 2	HENRY TAYLOR 6
SYDNEY TUNNELL 3	WILLIAM BROADLEY 7
ALBERT HUNTER 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First attempt for a peal in any method. The ringer of the 6th hails from Grimsby.

**UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)**

*On Tuesday, April 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*BASIL HULL Treble	JOHN BAYLISS 5
†SIDNEY HOLT 2	ERNEST GIBBS 6
ERNEST E. BARBER 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
WILLIAM NIBLETT 4	ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by S. HOLT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples and also first as conductor.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thursday, April 20, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Treble	FRANK STONELEY 5
*WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	P.C. JOSEPH WILSON 6
MISS C. THORP 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
*JOHN P. FIDLER 4	†P.C. G. BARLOW Tenor

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

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LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	*FREDERICK MORTLOCK 5
*FREDERICK LEES 2	*FREDERICK POULSON 6
*FRANK TURNER 3	*LOUIS LEES 7
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 4	*THEODORE E. SLATER Tenor

Composed by the late N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Peal No. 2, page 48, Snowdon Treatise. * First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method for the Suffolk Diocesan Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 5th. Mr. Slater hails from Glemsford.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
SAMUEL BAKER 2	ALFRED H. FLETCHER 6
WILLIAM BAYLISS 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
*THOMAS REYNOLDS 4	ARTHUR GRAINGER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mrs. William Barnsley, wife of Councillor William Barnsley, of Coseley, both being much respected members of the above church.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,*

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HERBERT E. ROBBINS ... Treble	THOMAS BETTISON 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	CHARLES MASON 6
*REV. R. F. WILKINSON 3	THOMAS RILEY 7
EDWARD ROBBINS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome peal to the Rev. J. E. Paget to the incumbency of the parish of Bolsover.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE W. STEEL Treble	GEORGE H. ABBISHAW 5
GEORGE COPLEY 2	FRANCIS BARKER 6
WILLIAM E. H. ASH 3	STEPHEN STACEY 7
THOMAS STRANGWAY 4	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Joseph C. Abbishaw, of the Rothwell company, and a member of the Association for 37 years, who died April 9th, 1922, after an illness of 1½ years. The ringers of 3rd and 6th belong to Leeds, the rest to the local company.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

*On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILLIAM JONES Treble	*WILLIAM ELLERINGTON 5
*HENRY TAYLOR 2	*WILLIAM BROADLEY 6
REV. ALBERT SIMPSON 3	*WILLIAM A. BRECKON 7
ALBERT HUNTER 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal in the method.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE WOODMAN Treble	JAMES BURDFIELD 5
ALBERT FEIST 2	WALTER CHARMAN 6
*RAYMOND WOOD 3	JOHN COOK 7
†PETER CHARMAN 4	WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by W. STANFORD.

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

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Five Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8096 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS... .. Treble	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 5
SAMUEL WOOD 2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 6
GEORGE E. TURNER 3	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 7
RICHARD F. DEAL 4	GABRIEL LINDOFF Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This peal, which contains the last two parts of the 18,000, was rung as a birthday compliment to George E. Turner.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	WILLIAM RILEY... .. 5
MISS M. HOULDSWORTH 2	JONATHAN WHEWELL 6
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH... .. 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH 7
JAMES SHAW... .. 4	*WILLIAM TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

Arranged for W. Taylor, of Preston. * First peal in the method.

RANMOOR, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. MELVILLE Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
MRS. HAZELDEN 2	GEORGE TOMSETT 6
JOHN WHITE... .. 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
ERNEST WEATHERBY 4	HARRY HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES HAZELDEN.

This was Mr. W. R. Melville's 50th peal, and was rung on the nearest convenient date to celebrate his 50th birthday.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

GEORGE M. THORPE Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 5
*WALTER BINGHAM 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7
FREDERICK E. SMITH 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor

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

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK BORRETT... .. Treble	ALFRED SMITH 5
*HERBERT PIERCEY 2	*JAMES BOUGHTON 6
CHARLES BAKER... .. 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
JAMES TANN 4	CHARLES ROOPE... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 5
REGINALD BROWN 2	CHARLES J. FRAY 6
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Ida H. Willis-Fleming, of North Stoneham House, and Lt.-Col. P. J. House, of Privett Place, Alverstoke, which took place at All Saints', Ryde, on this date.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1922, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

RICHARD KEEN Treble	FREDERICK WEBB 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK... .. 2	JOHN MONK 6
HARRY HOLFIELD 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	JESSE BOWERMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

RICHMOND, SURREY.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

LIONEL H. PAGE... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 5
EDWARD J. WALSON 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
HORACE BELCHER 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
ALBERT W. COLES 4	EDWARD HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

This peal was attempted for Princess Mary's wedding on Feb. 28th, but came to grief after 1 hour 32 minutes, and at the request of the Vicar (Rev. I. F. Kendal) at the time it was decided to try again on the first convenient date after Easter.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 28, 1922, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*WALTER HAWKER Treble	MISS V. SHORTER 5
FRED J. COOK 2	GEORGE CRISP 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	CHARLES W. COOK 7
JOHN B. WOOLLEY 4	REV. H. B. WOOLLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. COOK.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral on Easter Eve, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): A. Edwards (conductor) 1, T. Lincoln 2, L. J. Clark 3, W. Lincoln 4, C. Pease 5, P. Timson 6, H. Head 7, J. Wood 8, A. Head 9, W. Pease 10.—Also for evening service, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: A. Saltmarsh 1, O. Gentry (first 'inside') 2, H. Allen 3, L. J. Clark 4, C. Pease 5, J. Wood 6, P. Timson (first as conductor) 7, W. Pease 8.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN H. MYHILL Treble	*ALBERT E. DAVIS 4
†WILLIAM E. PRAILL 2	*EDWARD A. KEMP 5
*ISAAC T. POULTON 3	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM...Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM.

First peal on the bells and rung at the first attempt. * First peal.
† First peal away from treble, also first peal of Minor as conductor.
The peal was rung in honour of the Rector's appointment to a Canonry of Chelmsford Cathedral and as a birthday compliment to Mr. I. T. Poulton.

STANTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 19, 1922, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH HALL Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
THOMAS HANDS 2	EX-SGT. JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ...Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. John Hall and Miss Edith M. Wiggins, who were married at the above church on the same day.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM SAMUEL Treble	FRED HANNINGTON 4
ALFRED HANNINGTON, SEN. 2	ALFRED HANNINGTON, JUN. 5
EDWARD THOMAS 3	WILLIAM COLES Tenor

Conducted by A. HANNINGTON, JUN.

First peal and first attempt by the local band, also first peal on the bells.

KEMERTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob & Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOHN BAYLISS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
JAMES HEMMING 2	*OLIVER ATTWOOD 5
SIDNEY HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

First peal on the bells. * First peal in seven methods 'inside.'
W. Ranford's 100th peal, rung in 50 different towers and 4 counties.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

HUBERT JONES Treble	WILLIAM MEAD 4
WILLIAM R. NASH 2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5
REV. HAROLD J. SCOTT ... 3	ARTHUR MASON Tenor

Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Master of the Ludlow district) and Mrs. Richardson, of Hopesay. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. John Hill, an old and respected member of the Ludlow band. Treble, 2nd, 5th and 6th ringers are from Ludlow, 3rd and 4th from Clun.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Sandal, Kingstone, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 18 cwt.

LEWIS WILKINSON Treble	THOS. HILTON 4
JOHN R. BREARLEY 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
CHAS. WALSH 3	GEORGE HILL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HILL.

LONGHOPE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. approx.

JESSE GILLET Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN 4
CHARLES H. AUSTIN 2	HERBERT BECKETT 5
JOHN AUSTIN 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

These bells, originally five, have been increased to six by the addition of a treble, and rebung by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, the work being carried out in a most satisfactory manner. It is hoped to increase them to eight shortly. First peal on the bells.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*STANLEY ISAACS Treble	S. BADMAN 4
STEPHEN THOMAS 2	WALTER REED 5
FRED LEAKER 3	GEORGE TUDBALL Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMAS.

* First peal. This peal was arranged for the ringing of the 5th, of Bristol and Kelham Theological College, also in honour of the re-election of the churchwardens, Mr. C. Willis and Mr. G. Dunster, and for St. George's Day. Many thanks are due to the Rector (Rev. Gordon Arrowsmith) for the use of the bells.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 24, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Single Bob, College Single, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ... Treble	*HAROLD WALMSLEY 4
CHARLES W. ECCLES 2	EDWARD ARMSTRONG 5
E. R. MARTIN 3	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE ...Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. Henry Robinson, the sexton of the above church, also on his completion of 60 years as a service ringer. It was also a birthday compliment to E. Armstrong.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM R. PARKER Treble	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE 4
FRED WILFORD 2	FRANK ROLLINGS 5
THOMAS LAW 3	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

LINCOLN.—On Thursday, March 23rd, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal (1,280) of Double Norwich C.B. Major, in 54 mins.: 1. Vickers 1. C. McGuinness (first in the method) 2. J. Walden 3. G. Flintham 4. C. Chester 5. S. J. Wolfe 6. W. Clarke 7. J. A. Freeman (conductor) 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. W. Clarke, who is leaving Lincoln.

The following peals were rung for the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, during a week's holiday round Framlingham:—

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK

On Wednesday, April 19, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 5
HOBERT E. SMITH ... 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pulling.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Friday, April 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 2	WILLIAM T. LAST ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	EDWARD E. LANHAM ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

(The St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1922, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-Le-Tower,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt in C sharp.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... Treble	JAMES ROSE ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 8
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
EDWARD EVANS ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 11
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 6	ERNEST F. POPPY ... Tenor

Composed by W. L. CATCHPOLE. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

W. G. Whitehead hails from Bushey. First peal as conductor on 12 bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

On Monday, April 24, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	WILLIAM T. LAST ... 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 3	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 6
GEORGE WILSON ... 3	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 7
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Bristol.

DISS, NORFOLK.

On Thursday, April 27, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble	JOHN SOUTER ... 5
*ALFRED H. WATSON ... 2	TOM C. FORD ... 6
CLEMENT J. MORE ... 3	ERNEST F. POPPY ... 7
CHARLES ARCHER ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At 7, BELMONT VALE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT's TEN-PART.

Tenor size 14 in D.

JOHN A. MARTIN ... 1—2	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5—6
ARTHUR MARTIN ... 3—4	ARTHUR MARTIN, JUN. ... 7—8

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN. Witness: MRS. MARTIN.

First peal on handbells by all. First peal by John A. Martin, aged 12, and Arthur Martin, junr., aged 14. Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur Martin.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, April 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
At 35, ALBANY ROAD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E flat.

FREDERIC GROOMBRIDGE ... 1—2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 5—6
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 3—4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7—8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
Umpires: JAMES FORD and CYRIL BRETT-SMITH.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At 5, KING'S HEAD STREET.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by EDWARD MULLINS. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
At 7, BELMONT VALE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT's TEN-PART.

Tenor size 14 in D.

JOHN A. MARTIN ... 1—2	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5—6
ARTHUR MARTIN ... 3—4	*LEONARD W. COPSEY ... 7—8

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Witness: MRS. MARTIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting was held at Penistone, on Saturday, April 15th, when the weather was a succession of rain and snowstorms. The town is, as the name indicates, one of stone; it is also suggestive of the Pennine range of hills that pass above. It is stated to be the highest market town in England. The church is a splendid building, noble in its ancient and unpretending dignity, rich in style, but sparing in ornament. A chapel has been renewed in memory of the fallen in the great war, and of this it may be said the work has been so reverently done that none can refuse to pay due homage.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Anston, Barnsley, Darfield, Crofton, Sandal, Hoylandswaine, and members of the local company.

Tea and meeting were held in the Church Schoolroom. The Vicar (the Rev. Whittington, Rural Dean of Silkstone) kindly welcomed the visitors to the church and town. His praise of bells as instruments of the church and of the ringers as workers were very real and appropriate. His duties as Rural Dean, he said, caused him to examine the bells and their belongings, and also the ringing chambers. He was pained to find in some places used up matches. This did not satisfy him, when thinking of the danger from fire, and he hoped ringers would co-operate against this, and thereby prove the ringing room to be a sacred part of the church.

The President, in reply, warmly upheld the ringers' position in the church and their duties, and said he hoped all clergymen would prove as good as the Rural Dean. With such grand help, they could only try to be worthy church workers.

Mr. James Tinker was elected a member of the Association, and Sandal received most votes for the next meeting, which is to be held there on Saturday, May 13th.

DEATH OF A SWINDON RINGER.

The Swindon Parish Church Guild of Ringers have lost through the death of Mr. Thomas Robinson, one of the original band who took up change ringing under the guidance of the late Mr. Owen Wallis Layng in the eighties. The deceased succumbed to that malignant and dreaded disease, cancer, and after a recent operation passed to his rest on Saturday, April 8th, at the age of 57 years. The deceased lost his wife some few years ago, and leaves a grown-up family of three sons and two daughters.

He was buried on Maundy Thursday, the first part of the ceremony taking place at the Parish Church, and the body laid to rest in the Swindon Cemetery.

The bells were rung half-muffled as the funeral cortege was approaching and leaving the church. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Mayall. The whole pull and stand was rung at the conclusion by A. Lawrance 1, E. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner 3, A. W. Bond 4, T. Ricketts 5, C. J. Gardiner 6, J. H. Shepherd 7, A. W. Harrington 8. The deceased took part in the first peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich in Swindon, and has altogether rung about 70 peals, mostly for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. He was a fine striker, and a most reliable ringer, seldom making a trip, and he will be very much missed in Swindon Parish Church tower, where he was a regular service ringer, when his health permitted.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MANCHESTER BRANCH.**

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, April 22nd. Ringing commenced about 5.30, members being rather late in turning up. It would save disappointment if the ringing would begin about the time stated in the notice.

At the business meeting, the Vicar took the chair, and gave a warm welcome to the visitors, although they were not quite so numerous as on previous occasions.

Stretford was selected for the next meeting, on Saturday, May 20th. Mr. Harold Chapman was elected a member of the Association, and the Branch Secretary explained the reason why the meeting was not held at St. John's, Deansgate, as had been first decided upon.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, also to the local ringers, closed the meeting, and ringing in the standard methods continued till a later hour.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The forty-first quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Solihull on April 22nd. The bells were available at 3 p.m., and members were present from Allesley, Berkswell, Birmingham, Coventry, Erdington, Exhall, Knowle, Nuneaton, Stoke, and the local tower.

The Guilds' service was conducted in church by the Rector (Canon T. B. Harvey Brooks, M.A.), who gave an instructive address, and after service explained various items of interest connected with the building.

Owing to illness near the church, ringing on the tower bells was abandoned after tea, which had been served in capital style at Dascombe's Cafe in High Street.

For the business meeting an adjournment was made to the comfortable and spacious ringing chamber. The meeting was presided over by the President (Canon H. C. A. Back, M.A.), who extended his usual invitation to the Guild to hold the June meeting at Berkswell, an invitation which it is always a pleasure to accept.

Canon Back was supported by Mr. A. Roberts (Ringing Master), and Mr. G. A. Martineau, of the local band.

Monks Kirby was decided on for the May meeting and this year Warwick is the venue for the annual meeting, in July.

Three new members were elected.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for use of the bells, and for his address, and also to the President.

There being no tower bells going, extra use was made of the hand-bells in various methods.

CHELTEMHAM RECORD CELEBRATED.

Members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques, in 55 minutes, on Saturday, April 22nd, at the Church of St. Mary, Cheltenham, to celebrate the record peal of Grandsire Caters (15,227 changes), rung there in 9 hrs. 45 mins. on April 22nd, 1889: W. T. Pates 1, G. H. Phillott, M.A., 2, A. W. Humphris 3, C. W. Martin 4, G. Walters 5, W. Brinkworth 6, H. Halford 7, A. C. Caudle 8, W. Townsend 9, A. G. Hannis 10, J. F. Ballinger 11, J. Parsons 12. It was the longest touch of Stedman Cinques on the bells, and was composed and conducted by W. T. Pates.

At St. Peter's Church, Leckhampton, for evening service, on Sunday, April 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: W. T. Pates 1, G. H. Phillott 2, A. W. Humphris 3, A. F. Hunt 4, A. C. Caudle 5, J. F. Ballinger 6, G. Walters (conductor) 7, W. Hunt 8.

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A reprint of the diagrams of Snowdon's 'Standard Methods' has now been completed, and can be obtained (price 1s. 6d.) from Mrs. Laura Snowdon, Cartmel, Lancashire. The complete work (letter-press and diagrams) can be had for 2s. 10d.

On May 5th, in 1817, a peal of 12,312 Tittum Grandsire Caters, 'the greatest achievement of change ringing in England by ten men only' (as the tablet records), was rung at Painswick in 7 hours 44 minutes. Except for one of the band, who died at the age of 50, all this company lived to a ripe old age, one, Giles Mansfield, reaching nearly a century. Of the rest three passed 70 years, and five exceeded eighty years.

The first peal of Grandsire Bob Maximus was rung at Southwark on Monday, May 7th, 1792, by the Cumberland Youths. It was called by John Reeves, and William Shipway took part in it. A peal of 5,040 in the method was rung on June 12th, 1815, at Birmingham, and claimed to be the first in the method, but Jasper Snowdon's investigations brought the earlier and longer peal to light.

In 1777, on May 10th, the Cumberlands rang 10,200 Treble Bob Royal in 7 hours 40 minutes, at Shoreditch. This was one of the peals which figured in the rivalry between the society and the College Youths for the longest length.

May 11th is the anniversary of the 14,112 London Surprise Major record, rung in 8 hours 40 minutes at King's Norton, in 1903.

On May 5th, 1887, the first peal in the county of Dorset was rung at St. Mary's, Bridport.

Sunday next is the 34th anniversary of the 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Foxearth, Essex, on May 7th, 1888, in 5 hours 55 minutes. It was composed by W. Harrison, and conducted by Charles Sillitoe. Does this peal still stand as the Treble Bob record in the county of Essex?

The meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association, arranged for May 13th, at Ealing, has been unavoidably postponed to the 27th inst.

The attention of conductors of peals for the Midland Counties Association is directed to a notice in another column.

A flag day, organised by the Mayor and Mayoress of Gravesend, in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund, on Saturday week, realised £255, and, we understand, the fund now stands at over £250.

The first peal of Cinques in Yorkshire was rung at Leeds, on May 1st, 1842. By a typographical error it was stated last week that the year was 1892.

The Vicar of Arundel has, by special desire, kindly granted the use of the bells (eight) to all ringers wishing to avail themselves of a combined practice, and the local ringers will be glad to see a goodly number take advantage of this offer, the object of which is to render a little assistance to those willing to learn, and also that advanced ringers may meet for good ringing on their own. The first practice will take place on Saturday evening, May 13th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., and then on each succeeding Saturday in the month.

Elijah Roberts, the first of the peal 'tappers' was born on May 7th, 1807. He eventually committed suicide at Liverpool.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Colyton on Easter Monday, and was highly successful. The morning and early part of the afternoon were devoted to visits to Axminster, Lyme Regis, Kilminster and Seaton, by ringers from Ottery St. Mary, Honiton, Bucknell, Talaton and Seaton. A service was held at St. Andrew's Church, Colyton, at which the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Wyatt) gave an appropriate address, and welcomed the ringers. Tea was laid in the Church Hall, where the annual business meeting followed. Mr. Edwin Shepherd, Exeter, presided, and among those who attended were the Revs. H. S. Wyatt (Colyton), R. S. Powell (general hon. secretary, Devon Guild), Mr. T. G. Bartlett (hon. treasurer, Devon Guild), Mr. A. S. Hutchinson (Shute), Mr. A. J. P. Skinner (Colyton), Mr. D. G. Taylor (Ilminster), Mr. Jeans (Bridgwater), Mr. J. H. Godfrey (hon. secretary and treasurer).

The Chairman tendered thanks to the Rev. H. S. Wyatt for his address at the service.

The Rev. L. B. Stallard, Vicar of Ottery St. Mary, was elected a member, and chairman of the branch, in succession to the Rev. J. W. Metcalfe, and Mr. J. H. Godfrey was re-elected honorary secretary and treasurer, and thanked for his past services.

Mr. Godfrey said he was gratified that so many ringers had met; he also thanked Mrs. Wyatt and the ladies who had kindly provided tea.

Mr. D. G. Taylor (Ilminster), a member of the Bath and Wells Association, suggested that bands of ringers from various towers should meet at such gatherings as that, so that those experienced in scientific ringing could make others more competent.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sidmouth on August Bank Holiday.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and Mr. E. Shepherd for presiding.

THE LONG PEAL AT APPLETON.

By EDGAR HUMFREY.

As one of the few ringers who had the privilege and great pleasure of hearing the last two hours of the long peal on the lovely bells at Appleton, may I add a few words to what will surely be said by others more capable.

First, I think it was unfortunate that, probably owing to short notice, the reasons for which we were told, so few ringers were present from a distance, only about a dozen, besides twice as many local enthusiasts being in the village. Moreover, I think it was a pity that some competent ringer was not engaged and provided with the peal figures, 3 or 4 meals, and a comfortable seat near by, and so have furnished the Exercise with a reliable witness of this great performance.

As a mere listener, I should like to say how greatly I was impressed with the wonderful regularity and real excellence of the striking during the last two hours' ringing, when one might reasonably be expecting to hear—if not any mistakes—at least some bell lagging. Not so, but according to careful tests by the second hand of my watch exactly 29 changes to the minute were being rolled off with wonderful precision, and the course ends came up in grand style. As a small matter of mathematics it will be seen that if 29 changes per minute had been the speed throughout the peal the time would have been 12 hours and 13 minutes, but the time being 12 hours and about 25 minutes, the average speed was a fraction under 28½ changes per minute, so that in the last 'lap' at 29, the speed was just above the average.

It was remarkable to see the keen interest in the peal taken by all one met in this old ringing village. Some worthy rustic remarked, 'I think they be gvain to get un this time,' and the reply from another, 'I hopes they 'ull too,' showed that the parishioners were following the ringing with earnest interest.

At a quarter to 8 p.m., the welcome result was known by rounds coming up and tapered off as though the peal was starting, and, then in a moment, a clean 'stand.' Cheers and hand clapping from a mixed crowd round the tower door followed the shout of 'all right' from the belfry, and more for each man as he came outside—the greatest being given to the local tenorman, the next to the worthy conductor.

All of them showed signs of severe strain, but really much less than one might have expected to see, and they went off to seek refreshment without any persuasion or assistance.

'Well done, Langdon.' The best credit is due to you and your worthy band. It was a masterful performance, worthy of record for all time, and who shall say 'We will beat it'?

THE COMPOSITION.

By H. G. Miles.

231456789	261354978	265314978
(1) 561423978	(2) 315462879	(4) 312654879
(b) 563124 16	followed by	followed by
564321 16	calling from (b)	calling as from (b)
465123 5 16	in first part	in first part, until
463521 16	produces	214365879
461325 16	615231879	Rounds next change.
164523 5 16		This part contains 33
163425 16	(3) 165423978	courses.
361524 5 16	followed by	
364125 16	calling from (b)	(4) Produced by bobs
365421 16	as in first part	at 2. 5. 9, single at 11,
Four times repeated,	produces	bobs at 15. 16.
calling first course	265314978	
in each part		
4 5 16	(2) Produced by bobs	
produces	at 2. 7. 8. 9. S at 13,	
261354978	bob at 16.	
(1) Produced by	(3) Produced by bobs	
Singles at 1. 3. 8. 12.	at 2. 5. 6. 9. 16.	
bobs at 6. 9. 13.		

Mr. Herbert Langdon, the conductor of the peal, desires, through the medium of 'The Ringing World' to thank the many friends who have sent kind messages of congratulation to himself and the band.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have just returned from Belgium, and looking over your valuable paper, I saw in the number of April 14th, 1922, what is supposed to be an odd and even bob peal of Stedman Triples, by Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot, Glam. I must say that the peal is a good variation of mine, published on March 10th, 1922, which he has evidently been working from, but having so many courses with odd bobs only, it spoils the peal. Now, if Mr. Pitman will work out a true course that will run to 60 courses he will do better.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN CARTER.

NEW METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Barber says my letter of the 7th April is not very encouraging to a progressive band. I fail to see where any progress is made when you go from Bristol to Premier, for, if anything, Premier is simpler than Bristol to ring. He says in Bristol you get 5-6 at home for three leads; in Premier you get them for three courses. You can have 5-6 at home three courses in Bristol if you like. I have called peals of Bristol with the 6th 12 courses at home, but you cannot get the music that you get out of long courses. The music comes most with the large bells behind. He amuses me when he says Bristol is monotonous with too many calls. If he takes my advice he will think a little more before writing again. I do not think I am wrong when I say he has called peals of Forward, Duffield, Erie and Double Superlative, and if you can find four methods that are more monotonous than these, I should like to see them. They are nothing but calls. If you do get six calls in 9 leads, with 2 W, 2 H, 2 M, in Bristol, the work behind during that time is shared by six different bells; there are four different kinds of work, and you get plenty of music, whereas in Double Superlative you are crowding two bobs into a lead, and while you keep doing it, the trouble is sandwiched between the same two bells and spoiling the method in the bargain.

I have never yet heard any ringer say he got tired of the back work of Bristol, and I have rung peals of Bristol with a great number of ringers. I do not think I am wrong when I say Mr. Barber's knowledge of Bristol is limited, as I believe, writing from memory, the peals of Bristol he has rung can be counted on the fingers of one hand. I evidently hit the nail on the head when I said these methods only appealed to those who jumped at anything that is fresh, and I know he was always inclined to do that. He is welcome to continue, as far as I am concerned; but there is no need for others to be criticised because they do not feel disposed to do the same.

In reply to Mr. Holdsworth, I may say I have not seen Northampton recently, and almost forget what it was like, but I have always scanned those new methods pretty closely, and I do not think I should have missed it had it been so intricate. As to it being in class 10, I should not pay much attention to that. I should be loth to fall in with the way points are given for methods. Some of them are absolutely ridiculous. I have had enough experience at Surprise Methods to know which are the most difficult, without being guided by the Points Committee.—Yours,

W. PYE.

YORKSHIRE SURPRISE.

Dear Sir,—In his letter of the 14th April, on the subject of new methods, Mr. Pye says Cambridge is the most perfect Surprise Method ever produced, and has an advantage that no other Surprise Method possesses, viz., that it will extend to any number of bells without introducing any adulteration.

He must have overlooked Yorkshire, which extends as perfectly as Cambridge, and is a much more perfect method.—Yours, etc.,

A. CRAVEN.

REAL DOUBLE SUPERLATIVE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Parker, in his letter of April 21st, says that there are 9,600 changes available with tenors together. I think that he will agree with me that there are not 9,600 only, but 10,560. A perusal of the enclosed three part peal will explain.

I cannot accept any blame for the interpretation of those who thought (when claiming a composition with over 9,000 tenors together) that I meant continuously; for the most green of my variety knew that 30 courses was the limit.—Yours truly,

F. H. DEXTER.

I have used Mr. Parker's description of the calls in the following peal, which was composed in June, 1921.

10,080 REAL DOUBLE SUPERLATIVE MAJOR.

23456	a	W	b	H
45236	—	—	—	—
53462	x		x	
36524	x		x	
62345	x		x	
24653	x		x	
24536	x		x	—
65324	x			
43265	x			
52643	x			
36452	x			
52436	x			—
23564	x		x	
36245	x		x	
Before 64352				
64523	x		x	—
35264	x			
42635	x			
56342	x			
42356	x			—

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THE SUFFOLK CONTROVERSY.

EAST SUFFOLK RINGERS CONFIRM EXTENSION.

A well-attended meeting of the Ipswich Branch of the Norwich and Ipswich Association was held at Helmingham on Easter Monday. The bells at Helmingham, Framsden and Oley were at the disposal of members all day, and were kept going by ringers from Debenham, Framlingham, Earl Soham, Cretingham, Ipswich, Thornham, Hadleigh, etc.

The Rev. Wm. C. Pearson presided at the business meeting, and expressed the regrets of the Revs. Garrett, Wood and Dewing, who were unable to be present, as Easter Monday was a very busy day with them.

Three new members were elected, and Captain A. E. Reeves, of Holton, was elected a representative on the Central Council in place of the Rev. H. Drake, resigned.

Mr. E. Evans, branch secretary, proposed 'that this Ipswich Branch be known henceforth as the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch, the branch to remain as heretofore united with the Norwich Branch, henceforth to be known as the Norwich Diocesan Branch, forming together one Association covering the two Dioceses, to be known in future as the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association.' He said that the average person reading the correspondence which has been appearing in 'The Ringing World' during the last few weeks would think that ringers in East Suffolk were held by the hand; one might almost say 'the scruff of their necks,' and compelled to continue members of the Norwich and Ipswich Association, instead of being free agents and quite able to follow out their own wishes. In the first letter that appeared, the writer took exception to 'St. Edmundsbury' Branch, etc. This was the first intimation to ringers that there was such a thing as a St. Edmundsbury Branch, as West Suffolk had always been looked upon as the Archdeaconry of Sudbury, and ringers in that district as members of the Ely Diocesan Association. These members discontinued their position of annual subscribers to Ely for the purpose of forming a new association. This would have been quite all right if they had kept to their own territory, instead of which they formed a County (afterwards altered to Diocesan) Association and encroached on territory already admirably served; holding meetings in various parts, with the object of drawing members away from their old association. This writer also spoke of the 'shady' action of leaving a weak society to further strengthen a strong one; he said nothing of the still more shady action of trying to split up one strong society into two weak ones. On April 7th there appeared a letter from the Rev. H. Drake, stating that the alteration of title was made at a committee meeting at which a quorum (as required by Rule 2 of Branch Rules) was not formed. This was, absolutely false, as those present were Messrs. Fisher, Mee, Poppy, Symonds and Wilson. He (the Secretary) being confined to the house with influenza. Mr. Symonds kindly acted in his place. This meeting of the committee discussed the matter, and decided that it should come up for consideration and ratification at that Branch meeting.

'What view,' continued the Secretary, 'do the clergy of East Suffolk take of the matter? This is best answered by the fact that the Bishop of the Diocese (who is one of our patrons) said at the meeting of the proposed Suffolk Diocesan Association on February 4th that he had no wish to interfere with present arrangements, and that of 230 circulars sent out by Mr. Drake, asking the clergy's opinion on the subject of a Diocesan Association, only about 50 were returned, and these were not all in favour of it. What object is there in forming this association? Can they give us a better organisation than we have at present? Most decidedly not; if there is room for spare work in East Suffolk (as another correspondent to "The Ringing World" would have us believe), and I do not say that we are perfect how much more so is the case in West Suffolk? Can they place us in a stronger position financially? The very fact that we are asked to break away from 400 annual subscribers and take in 80 to 100 is sufficient answer to this question, added to which the subscription of hon. members is at a reduced figure, and, I am sure, will not be compensated by additional members.'

'The sole object of this proposed society,' added Mr. Evans, 'is to provide a Diocesan Association for Suffolk and this we are in a better position to do than any new society that can be formed for this object; therefore, I propose that the title of this Association be altered from the "Norwich and Ipswich" to the "Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association," and this Branch be known as the "St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch."'

This was seconded by Mr. E. Youngs, and the Rev. W. Pearson said he would support all that had been said. He hoped he should not live to see the Association split up.

Mr. A. Lincoln asked if any other reason than supplying a Diocesan Society had been advanced; if that had not been done there was no need to split.

The Chairman then put the resolution to the meeting, and it was carried unanimously.

Votes of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells and to the Chairman for presiding, concluded the business and ringing was kept up until buses returned, and it was necessary for cyclists to 'scorch' to save fines.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL GATHERING.

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Pontefract on Easter Monday, by the courtesy of the respective Vicars, the fine new peal of ten at the Parish Church and the handy ring of eight at All Saints' were available throughout the day, both peals being kept almost continuously ringing by enthusiastic visitors.

A meeting of the general committee was held in the Parish Church vestry during the afternoon, while the general meeting took place later at All Saints' Church House. The President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) occupied the chair, and was supported by several of the principal officers of the Association, and about 80 members.

It was decided to transfer Ossett tower to the Western Division, but it was not deemed advisable to transfer Pontefract to the same division.

After a lengthy discussion it was moved by Mr. F. Cryer, and seconded by Mr. J. Cotterell, 'that an annual dinner be instituted by the Association, and that the said dinner be known as "The Memorial Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association."—A sub-committee consisting of the President, Mr. G. B. Bolland, the hon. treasurer and hon. secretary (Messrs. J. Cotterell and P. J. Johnson) were appointed to make all arrangements for the first gathering, to be held at Leeds on the fourth Saturday in September, after which the dinner will be held at Sheffield, York and Leeds, alternately, so that each of these centres will have a visit once every three years.

The Vicar of Northowram sent a hearty invitation to the Association to hold its next meeting there, and it was decided, on the motion of Mr. A. Jagger, seconded by Mr. W. Clark, to hold the September meeting at Northowram.

A hearty vote of thanks to the clergy of Pontefract was moved by Mr. W. Reynor, and seconded by Mr. J. F. Harvey, this being carried unanimously by the meeting. The Rev. J. W. Capron and the Rev. A. G. Shipley responded, extending a cordial welcome to the Association, and expressing their best wishes for the Association.

Mr. G. Lewis gave notice of motion of amendment to Rule 2, to delete from the word 'member' in line 2 up to the word 'changes' in line 3, and substitute 'Who can raise and fall in peal, and have full command of their bell.'

A vote of thanks to the Pontefract ringers and ladies for their many kindnesses to the visitors, was responded to by Mr. W. Pearson, senr.

Tea was served immediately after the meeting, and proved a most popular part of the day's proceedings, the bountiful supply compelling the most hungry of visitors to say 'That's all.'

PREMIER versus BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of April 21, Mr. Parker says he still considers Premier 'superior' to Bristol. I beg to differ from him. I am not saying Premier is a bad method, what I say is, it is not on a par with Bristol. As regards the plain course there is not much in it, but when it comes to a 5,000 a different tale has to be told. In the first place, methods on the lengthening lead plan are more interesting to ring, as the bobs affect more bells, and, in addition to that, they always have an advantage where there is plenty of scope for composition. In 'Premier' you have to take the whole courses as they come; whereas in Bristol you have the privilege of putting in plenty of M calls when either 5 or 6 are in 5th's, and W calls when 4, 5 or 6 are 6th's, and that is where the music comes in Bristol—out of the bells in 5-6-7-8. To put it mildly, you can get as much music out of 5,000 of Bristol as you can out of 7,000 of Premier, and then, again, if you choose, you can ring a 20-course peal of Bristol with qualities equal to Premier.

As regards 2nd and 7th's places, I am by no means in favour of that. I prefer the bells in 2-3 to cross when the treble is in front, and the bells in 6-7 to cross when the treble is behind. It may be argued that 2nd and 7th's are made in Superlative and Cambridge, but it is unavoidable in these methods where there is continuous place making in 3-4 and 5-6, as there is in Superlative. Neither does three-pull dodging in 3-4 and 5-6 improve it. You do not get much music out of bells dodging in 3-4. If there is any three-pull dodging it should take place either in front or behind.

As regards Double Superlative, I hope Mr. Parker does not think he is enlightening me in any way. He will probably be surprised to hear that as long ago as April, 1910, I was on a tour in the Eastern Counties with a party that included the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and it was during a conversation about the proof of various Surprise methods that he asked me if I had ever gone into Double Superlative. I arose early the following morning, and pricked some of it out, and found he was quite right in what he had said about the extra scope it gave for composition; but he was of the same opinion as myself, that it was a good method spoilt. As to the 9,600 Mr. Parker publishes this week, I should think if it is possible for ringing to become monotonous, these 10-lead courses would be before they were all finished.—Yours,

W. PYE.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BARNES.—On Easter Day, for afternoon service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. Stevens 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, F. Skevington 6, O. Hunt (conductor) 7, W. Willmott 8.—For evening service, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: W. Stevens 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, C. Hunt 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, W. Willmott 8.

EYE, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 464 Bob Major: H. Todd 1, E. Youngs 2, W. Clover 3, A. J. Berry 4, G. Brown 5, E. F. Poppy 6, F. Brunning 7, W. Rose (conductor) 8.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Easter Day, before Evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. A. Cox 1, W. V. Webb 2, J. Butler 3, A. H. Webb 4, T. East (conductor) 5, R. G. Rice 6, T. F. East 7, W. A. Goodenough 8.

GODALMING, SURREY.—After evensong, on Easter Day, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original: G. Pether 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, W. Moorey 3, C. Bish 4, C. Childs 5, G. Tomsett 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, W. Mills 8.

LIMPSFIELD CHART.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Minor: T. Firmager 1, C. W. Clinch 2, P. Tidy 3, J. Knight (first quarter-peal inside) 4, L. A. Tidy 5, E. E. Tidy (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Cadox, on Easter Day, for evening service, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): V. Davies 1, F. Bolton 2, E. Davies 3, H. Holmes 4, S. Jones (conductor) 5, C. Davies 6, P. Stafford 7, G. Watts 8. Arranged for H. Holmes and C. Davies, who were on a visit home from Portsmouth and Liverpool respectively.

TAUNTON.—At St. James' Church, on Easter Day, 1,260 of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: T. Doble 1, F. Millard 2, W. Doble 3, J. Hunt (conductor) 4, E. Lloyd 5, A. Millard 6, E. Priddle 7, W. Tarr 8.

PRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Day: Before 7 a.m., Choral Eucharist, 720 New Loudon Pleasure and 120 Oxford Treble Bob. Before Matins, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. Before evensong, 720 Wood Treble Bob and 504 Oxford Treble Bob, the ringers being L. Camp, J. Sitch, C. Harrington, G. Camp, H. Wright, E. Sitch, A. Bradley. Kent Treble Bob conducted by E. Sitch, remainder by A. Bradley.

ROCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Easter Day, for morning service, in 50 minutes, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes), composed by A. Walker: Filt-Sergt. F. A. Holden 1, R. Paine 2, J. Haigh 3, F. Richardson 4, C. Winsor 5, F. Belsey 6, W. J. Walker 7, W. Haigh (conductor) 8, E. A. Allen 9, C. Norris 10. First quarter-peal on the bells.

BERKELEY, GLOS.—On Easter Day, for service, at St. Mary's Parish Church, 924 Grandsire Triples, 9, 8, 10 covering: G. Thompson 1, F. G. Cooper 2, W. A. Lewis 3, F. L. King 4, J. H. Fussell 5, E. Hayward 6, H. W. Fussell (conductor) 7, J. B. Baker 8, A. Burcombe 9, F. Sumson 10.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, April 9th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Single Bob: S. Sage, junr., 1, E. Jenkins (conductor) 2, S. Sage, senr., 3, E. Bostock 4, L. Bostock 5, J. H. Davenport 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor and by the local band.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: T. Marshall (first quarter) 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, J. Hughes 3, R. Martin 4, H. Hughes (first quarter) 5, R. Evans 6, R. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Beaton 8.

BPPING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 9th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: H. H. Bailes 1, A. Mansfield 2, B. G. Burton (first quarter as conductor) 3, Jas. Mansfield 4, J. Shambrook 5, F. Seymour 6. Longest length by ringers of 1, 5 and 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—St. Thomas's Guild.—On Sunday, April 9th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: S. Cheney 1, A. Bell 2, G. Burton 3, C. Randle 4, J. Clarke 5, S. Cox 6, E. Jelley (conductor) 7, L. Willars 8. * First quarter-peal on a working bell. † First quarter-peal of Stedman. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): C. Randle 1, H. Brown 2, J. Clarke 3, G. Burton 4, A. Bell 5, S. Cox 6, E. Jelley 7, L. Willars (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band, who are all service ringers, also first attempt in the method.

KIDLINGTON.—On Sunday, April 9th, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 min.: J. Bowerman 1, C. Bennett 2, F. Webb 3, J. Judge 4, L. Tuffrey 5, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 6, J. Franklin 7, W. H. Thorne 8.

BRAINTREE.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, on Easter Day, 672 Grandsire Triples: C. H. Howard 1, W. Sadler 2, Geo. Wiffen 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, H. J. Hammond 5, H. J. Collins 6, G. Lindridge (conductor) 7, K. Page 8. Touches were also rung at 5.30 a.m. for celebration of Holy Communion, and for Matins.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, April 9th, for morning service, 540 Bob Minor: Miss M. Peverell 1, Miss C. S. Kingdon 2, G. W. Peverell (conductor) 3, H. Carpenter 4, W. Kingdon 5, E. Pattison 6.—For Confirmation service, in the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor: Miss M. Peverell 1, Miss C. S. Kingdon 2, G. W. Peverell 3, J. Smith 4, H. Carpenter 5, R. B. Robinson (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 784 Bob Major: T. Robinson 1, Miss C. S. Kingdon 2, J. Smith 3, G. W. Peverell (conductor) 4, T. Wick 5, H. Carpenter 6, R. B. Robinson 7, E. Pattison 8.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.—On Palm Sunday, for afternoon service, 1,092 Stedman Triples: L. Barlow 1, F. Abbott 2, T. Barlow 3, E. Cutsforth 4, P. Crook 5, J. Gregory 6, T. B. Worsley (conductor) 7, R. Williams 8.

QUEENBOROUGH.—For service, on Sunday evening, at the Parish Church, and in token of respect and deep sympathy for the family of the late Councillor G. Giles, 720 Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled: A. Gosbee 1, E. Wellard 2, W. A. Wood, junr., 3, E. Hartop (New Romney, late of Queenborough) 4, G. Wood 5, W. J. Woods (conductor) 6. Also 216 of the same method.

THE LONGEST LENGTH OF LONDON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Lindoff has corrected some of his mistakes, but still persists in the mistaken notion that the 85 courses are his property; let me repeat I had them in 1895.

He next tries to prove that my peal is only a variation of his, and has succeeded admirably in proving that they are two totally different compositions: otherwise Harrison's 8,896 is really only a variation of Lockwood's 8,640, see pages 77 and 78 in Snowden's 'Treble Bob.' Davies' 5-part of Grandsire Triples is only a variation of Holt's 10-part, and every twin bob peal of Stedman Triples is only a variation of Thurstan's 4-part.—Yours, etc.,

H. LAW JAMES.

Surfleet.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Freston, on Saturday, April 22nd. The Master of the Diocesan Guild (the Rev. H. Law James) and Mr. Rupert Richardson were present. Some forty members attended, and two lady ringers were amongst the visitors. The peal of six bells was in very good going order, and touches of Cambridge Surprise (with the help of the lady ringers), Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court were brought round. A short service was held at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, who subsequently entertained the entire company to tea.

The usual business meeting followed, when five new members were elected. The ringers afterwards returned to the tower and the bells were kept going in various Minor methods until 9 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Cobham, on Saturday, April 22nd, and in spite of the inclement weather, over 30 members braved the elements and visited this old-fashioned place, made famous by Charles Dickens. The bells were kept going, with a short respite, during the afternoon and evening in various methods. The ringers' service was held at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. H. Berger (Vicar), who, in his address, expressed a wish that the Association's visit would spur the local ringers to further improve their position in the ringing world.

A collection at the close, in aid of the Association's war memorial, realised 14s. 5d.

The business meeting followed in the vestry, and in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Mr. W. Harper was voted to the chair.

Mr. W. Haigh (in the absence of both district representatives), briefly outlined the decision of the members regarding the alteration of the date for the annual meeting.

On the proposition of the District Secretary, it was unanimously resolved to hold the next meeting at Rainham on Saturday, July 15th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service was heartily carried.

RINGING IN BIRMINGHAM.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I crave a little of your valuable space to ask intending visitors to Birmingham who are anxious to know what arrangements there may be for ringing on certain dates, to communicate with Mr. Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham?

The writer is frequently out of town, with the result that correspondence on this matter cannot always receive prompt attention.

Many inquiries are constantly received re the ringing at St. Martin's, and I would like to point out to intending visitors that there is ringing there on every Sunday morning throughout the year, from 10 o'clock to 10.45 a.m., and on the first Sunday evening in the month from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Practice Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.—Yours faithfully,

A PADDON SMITH.

Hon. Sec., St. Martin's Guild.

RINGERS WEDDED.**MR. F. M. MITCHELL—MISS E. M. GOODSHIP.**

A ringers' wedding of unusual interest took place at St. Giles' Church, Reading, on Easter Monday, when Mr. Fredk. M. Mitchell, secretary of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, and leader of the Milton-next-Gravesend Society, was married to Miss Ethel M. Goodship, daughter of Mr. W. H. Goodship, of Reading.

The officiating clergy were the Rev. F. J. C. Gillmor (Vicar and Rector), assisted by the Rev. G. F. O. Bond. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a blue and gold shot silk taffeta dress, in which both her mother and grandmother had been married. She was attended by Miss Elsie M. Holmes, Miss Evelyn G. Goodship (sister), Miss Marguerite E. Goodship (Peggy), and Master Reginald H. J. Goodship (niece and nephew). The bridegroom's brother acted as best man. The Bridal March from 'Lohengrin' was played as the bride was escorted to the chancel steps on the arm of her father. During the service the hymn, 'Love Divine, all loves excelling,' was sung, and after the signing of the register the happy pair left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The bells were rung both before and after the ceremony, and also fired by the ringers. The reception was held at 150, Southampton Street, and the newly-married couple left later for their honeymoon. Both were the recipients of many valuable presents.

The bride was formerly a member of the St. Giles' Society, Reading, for many years, having become interested in campanology through the influence of her brother. She left on the outbreak of war for service with H.M. Forces as a V.A.D., and it was whilst stationed at Gravesend Military Hospital that she met her present husband. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are very safe ringers in any methods up to London Surprise. Mrs. Mitchell is a very active member of the Ladies' Guild.

Among the many presents received was a handsome set of cutlery to the bridegroom from his fellow ringers at Milton, where he has been leader for many years, and a beautiful fumed oak reading table to the bride from her fellow ringers at St. Giles', Reading.

On Wednesday in Easter week, the marriage took place at Stanton Church, Worcestershire, of Mr. John Hall, of Bretforton, to Miss Edith M. Wiggins, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins, of Stanton. Mr. Wiggins is a ringer, and parish clerk at Stanton Church, and the bride and bridegroom are well known throughout the district. Much interest was evinced in the event, a large congregation assembling to witness the ceremony. The Rector (the Rev. W. J. Reynolds) officiated, and when the happy pair emerged from the church it was through showers of rice and confetti, and with the pealing of the tower bells. A reception was held at the bride's home, about forty guests being present, including about a dozen ringers. The health of the happy pair was drunk with much enthusiasm.

In the evening members of the branch rang a well-struck peal of Minor on the tower bells, which is recorded in another part of this issue.

The bridegroom is an enthusiastic member of the Bretforton band, and to mark the event his brother ringers presented him with an oak tea tray and cloth, the presentation being made in the belfry on Easter morning by the Rev. Canon Blake. He was also the recipient of a wine decanter from the officers of the Southern Branch, the presentation being made at the bride's home, after the peal, by the Ringing Master (Mr. F. Johnson).

The bride and bridegroom will reside at Bretforton, where Mr. Hall is in business as a fruit and vegetable grower.

On Easter Monday, at St. Michael's Church, Flexton, the wedding took place of Mr. G. Mason and Miss E. A. Graves, the bridegroom being a member of the local band of ringers. Quite a large company assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Jolly, B.A. Afterwards the ringers rang merry touches on the bells, being assisted by some visitors.

On Sunday, April 23rd, the ringers presented the bridegroom with a handsome clock as a mark of esteem, with their good wishes for the long life and happiness of the bride and bridegroom.

SITUATION WANTED.

Young Man seeks job as Outside Garden Labourer. Change ringer on 6 or 8 bells. Would like to get with good band.—Box 2, 'Ringing World,' Office, Woking;

MARRIAGE.

MITCHELL—GOODSHIP.—On Easter Monday, 17th April, at St. Giles' Church, Reading, by the Rev. F. J. C. Gillmor, Fred M. Mitchell, of Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, to Ethel M. Goodship, of Reading.

NOTICES.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—Meetings for practice at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m. Practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields temporarily suspended.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Dorchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Wool on Saturday, May 6th. Bells from 2 p.m. (also Bere Regis and West Lulworth). Guild service at 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar), and short business meeting.—C. H. Jennings, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Clitheroe, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

—A Ringing meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, May 6th.—E. Steele and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs., 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Stoke-on-Trent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The Spring meeting will be held at Hook, Norton, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) available 2 o'clock.—Jack Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Winchester District.—The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 6th, at Cheriton and Titchborne. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea at the H.H. Inn at 5 o'clock. Members 6d. Visitors 1/- per head.—W. T. Tucker, Dist. Sec., 71, High St., Eastleigh.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Saxmundham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Rendham on Saturday, May 6th. The bells of the Parish Church (6), also Sweffing (6) available afternoon and evening. All ringers are welcome.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

—Kettering District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Brampton Ash, near Desborough, on Saturday, May 6th. Usual arrangements.—R. F. Turner, Dist. Sec., 7, Gordon Street, Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—Lewisham District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. A. H. Stevenson (Vicar), at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dist. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Burghill on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Parish Room.—C. Edwards, Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Hemel Hempstead.—A Major Practice has been arranged for Saturday, May 6th. Bells available afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—W. Ayre.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The Annual meeting is to be held at Chesterfield on May 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Assistant Sec., Rev. J. F. Amies. Tea 5 p.m. in St. James' Mission Room, 2/- each. Please notify to Rev. J. F. Amies, Clergy House, Chesterfield. Business meeting after tea.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next Monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 6th, at Cross Stone. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 1, Church Street, Middleton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30 in Vicarage Rooms free for all those who send word not later than May 9th of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Short business meeting after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on May 13th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge of 6d. each.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, May 13th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, May 13th. Bells ready at 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea (1/- each), and Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Monday, May 8th. Subscriptions for 1922 are now due.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A district meeting will be held at Benwell on Saturday, May 13th, under the Vice-Presidency of George R. Holmes, Esq. Tower opens 3 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Vicar for those sending their names to the undermentioned not later than May 10th.—James E. Gofton, District Sec., 25, Ashbrooke, Monkseaton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, May 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 9th.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next Monthly meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, May 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at a reasonable charge, but due notice must be sent to Mr. H. Robinson, joiner, etc., Sandal, Wakefield. This renowned peal of 6 bells being easy of access by train, tram and motor bus, all members are specially invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Berrow (near Burnham-on-Sea) on Saturday, May 13th. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6), afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, S.W., on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available at 3.30. Tea at 5.30, followed by meeting. All requiring tea should notify me by Wednesday, May 10th.—E. K. Parker, 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A special meeting will be held at Great Brington on Saturday, May 13th; usual arrangements. Please notify me not later than May 8th those requiring tea.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton, District Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The Spring meeting will be held at Woodstock on Saturday, May 13th. Service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Address to be given by the Rev. E. D. Sedding (Vicar of Freeland). Tea at the Bear Hotel at 3.45 at 1/6 each. Meeting to follow. Bells available during the day. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.—St. Clement Danes, May 15th and 29th; Bishopsgate, 8th; Wilton Road, 22nd. Sundays at 10 a.m.—St. Clement Danes, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, Near Slough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Barnet on Saturday, May 20th. Short service at 6 p.m., to which all are invited. The bells at Barnet and Hadley will be open for ringing from 3 o'clock and after the service. Tea will be arranged for those who require same.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Tone on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) from 2.30 to 8 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea will be provided for those who send word to me by Monday morning, May 15th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Iron Room. Buses leave Chelmsford Station 2.15 p.m. and 3.15 p.m., returning at 7 p.m., 7.40 p.m. and 9.40 p.m. Will all members intending to be present please let me know on or before Wednesday, May 17?—P. Timson, Hon. Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Chiswick, W., on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Tea will be arranged at 5.30 p.m. Will members please notify me by the 16th?—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14a, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Alteration of Date.—The meeting at St. Mary's, Ealing, will be held on Saturday May 27th (instead of the 13th), by permission of the Vicar, Rev. C. J. Sharp, who will entertain the members to tea after service. Visitors will be charged 1/- for tea. Tower open at 3 p.m. and a hearty welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on May 30th; St. Magnus, 11th and 25th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 16th; and Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTRIES ASSOCIATION.—Of 49 peals published as rung this year I have received particulars of 12 only. Will those responsible kindly do the needful and oblige?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

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LATE NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Poolstock, to-morrow, Saturday, May 6th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John Halsall, Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13th. Service 4.15, tea and meeting to follow. Visitors welcome. Any requiring tea should give notice not later than the 10th.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bristol, June 5th. Last day for receiving notice, re alteration of rules, May 8th. Management Committee Meeting St. Thomas's Church, Victoria Street, 10.45 a.m. Service at St. Nicholas Church, Bristol Bridge, 12 noon. Meeting at St. Philips' School Room at 2.15 p.m. Tea at St. Thomas's at 5.30 p.m., 1/- members, 1/6 others. Please notify me for tea by May 30th.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

LEICESTER.—On Wednesday, April 5th, for evening service, at St. Margaret's, 720 Bob Minor, by G. Stedman Morris 1, B. Whitehead 2, W. Whitehead 3, C. Cattell 4, J. Morris 5, E. Morris (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method on the new bells, and by all except ringers of 5 and 6.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting was held on Saturday week at Swanmore, when members were present from Curdridge, Portsea, Wickham, Upham, and the local band; also Mr. G. Williams (Master). After an afternoon's ringing, the company adjourned to the Hunter's Inn for tea. An excellent meal was provided, to which ample justice was done, the company including the Rector of Swanmore (the Rev. H. Courtenay Wilson).

At the business meeting which followed, one full member (a lady ringer) was elected, and the Rector, who was desirous of becoming an honorary member, was also elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at East Meon on July 15th. It was resolved to send a letter of sympathy from the district to the Rector of Wickham (the Rev. E. H. Duke) upon his sad bereavement, in the loss of his son, who was killed in the aeroplane collision a few weeks ago.

The motion was carried, the ringers standing in silence. A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, after which the tower was again visited. The ringing included *Grandsire* and *Stedman Doubles*, Bob and Treble Bob Minor and *Cambridge Surprise*.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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