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### A REFERENCE SYSTEM.

Recent events have again emphasised the necessity of having available some system of reference by which the author of a method or the composer of a peal can ascertain whether he is the first in the field with his production. A method which turned out to be Lancashire Surprise has just been published again under another name by Mr. Ridgway, who had produced it without any knowledge of its prior publication, and who, as his letter last week explains, had tried all available avenues open to him to see if the method had been obtained before. Then there was Mr. Pitman's Triples method, which had long ago been worked out by Mr. J. W. Parker, but which had not been previously published. Here, within a week or so, are two instances which show the need for some central reference to which composers can go for information. It has been due to the want of these facilities in the past that some of the Minor methods have been rung under three or four different names.

What applies to methods applies also to peal compositions. A recent case in point was the peal of Cambridge Royal, which had been rung with the names of Mr. William Pye and the Rev. H. Law James as composers. It is only when some accident brings to light the fact that the productions of two or more men are the same thing that the real title to authorship can be decided; indeed, we have seen how it is possible for it to remain in dispute even when it is clear that one or other of the claimants must be in the wrong. Our contention is that the Central Council should file copies of all methods and the figures of all peals that are in existence, so far as they are obtainable, so arranged that they may be accessible for reference. The subject was before the Council at the last meeting, but, being involved with a resolution that proposed the proving of all peals before they are rung or published, this part of the motion did not receive the consideration it deserved, and was defeated largely, if not entirely, because it was coupled with a proposal which the Council looked upon as impracticable. If methods and peals were classified—the classification on the lines of the Council's publications might not, and, in the case of peal compositions, certainly would not be the best way of doing it—any composer could at small trouble find out whether what he had got to give the Exercise had been previously obtained. It would be a source of satisfaction to the conscientious man, and save a good deal of heart-burning among those who know that peals which they have long since found are being claimed by composers who have come on the scene at a much later date. This is a matter in which no time should be lost. Delay will only add to the labour and the difficulties of the task of setting up the file, and even now it will be a big undertaking.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. 2	...Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2		WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3		GEORGE B. LUCAS ... .. 9
ARTHUR MASON ... .. 4		HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 10
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 5		WILLIAM PYE ... .. 11
REUBEN CHARGE... .. 6		REUBEN SANDERS... .. 12

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 6081 CHANGES;**

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	...Treble	HARRY M. HAWKSWOOD ... 7
*EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2		HARRY A. FARLOW ... .. 8
*ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 3		ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 9
WILLIAM A. COOPER... .. 4		*BERT HORTON ... .. 10
†JOHN PERRY ... .. 5		WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 11
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 6		THOMAS SMITH ... .. 12

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Specially arranged for Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, Kent. \* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal on twelve.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Aug. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt.

JESSE B. TYLER ... .. 2	...Treble	*ALEXANDER EVANS ... .. 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 2		FRANK MILLARD... .. 7
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3		EDGAR BURGESS... .. 8
PERCY S. MERSON ... .. 4		JAMES HUNT ... .. 9
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 5		GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ... 10

Composed by G. T. DALTRY.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal on the bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, Aug. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 2	...Treble	ROBERT A. FARDON ... .. 6
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2		WILSON RUSHTON ... .. 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 3		CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8
ERNEST BRETT ... .. 4		WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 9
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5		THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

BECCELES, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CAMPANILE TOWER OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;**

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

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	...Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2		†EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 7
ROBERT HARDY ... .. 3		NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 8
*ARTHUR H. WEBBER... .. 4		WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 9
†CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 5		BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON ... 10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Caters and in the method.

OXFORD.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, Aug. 31, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
At New College.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr.	
WILLIAM HARRIS... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 6
JACK HONEY... .. 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 7
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 3	VICTOR BENNETT... .. 8
FRANCIS TAYLOR... .. 4	GORDON CADDWELL... .. 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 5	WILLIAM STONE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.  
First peal of Royal by all except ringers of the 5th and 6th.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.	
JOHN CAPP ... .. Treble	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT... .. 2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 7
CHARLES PALMER ... .. 3	JOHN DEARLOVE... .. 8
ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 4	KEITH HART ... .. 9
MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 5	ALFRED H. PULLING... .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1922, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.	
YORK BRAMBLE ... .. Treble	BERT CHALLEN ... .. 5
JOHN RICE ... .. 2	LIONEL SEARS ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	HENRY STALHAM... .. 7
*ERNEST MARSH ... .. 4	FREDERICK GREGORY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. STALHAM.

Rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. F. E. G. Glossop,  
as Vicar of New Shoreham. \* First peal in the method.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Aug. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.	
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK DATE ... .. 5
JOHN G. HAMBLETON ... 2	SIDNEY MASON ... .. 6
*CHARLES STRAWBRIDGE ... 3	GEORGE ATKINS... .. 7
JOHN PUGSLEY ... .. 4	†WILLIAM MALE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE ATKINS.

\* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Aug. 28, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
SIDNEY POCOCK ... .. Treble	GEORGE BARNES ... .. 5
WILLIAM BUTLER ... .. 2	ARCHIBALD J. GARRETT ... 6
ARTHUR BUTLER ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. READ ... .. 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4	HENRY MELLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

MILTON, NORTHANTS. — On Saturday, August 12th, at the Church of the Holy Cross, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: A. Turner 1, C. Yates 2, F. Newman 3, J. Townsend (conductor) 4, P. Asplin 5. All belong to the local band except the ringer of the third, who belongs to Collingtree.

FEERING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Aug. 29, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.	
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. Treble	JOHN SADLER ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS ... 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6
ROBERT FISHER ... .. 3	WALTER FARLEY... .. 7
ERNEST BRIGHT ... .. 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN BARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.  
Arranged for W. Farley, of Wells, Somerset. The conductor's 350th peal.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter and Paul.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.	
ALFRED BROOM ... .. Treble	CLER. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
JOHN BURLS ... .. 2	GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 6
MRS. F. M. MITCHELL ... 3	WILLIAM HARPER ... .. 7
*PERCY E. CLARE ... .. 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FREDK. M. MITCHELL.  
\* First peal in the method and first attempt. This peal was arranged for Mr. P. E. Clarke, who was on a visit from Ealing. For calling see Kent County Handbook for 1909, page 77.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)  
On Wednesday Aug. 30, 1922, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
TOM STANCLIFFE... .. Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 5
FRED BRADLEY ... .. 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 6
ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN ... 3	RICHARD H. STANCLIFFE ... 7
FRED CHAMBERS ... .. 4	JOHN WATSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by T. STANCLIFFE.

First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Thomas Cross, a prominent worker at the above church, who was interred at Blackburn Cemetery the same day.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Sept. 1, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
*JAMES GOODSSELL ... .. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 2	THOMAS HOAD ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 3	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.  
\* First peal of Major. Arranged for Mr. G. M. Kilby, of Cricklewood, and rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest W. Edwards, one of the local ringers and son of the conductor, on his 17th birthday.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... Treble	CHARLES H. GORDON ... 5
*MISS ANNIE BROWN ... 2	EDWIN J. BROWN ... .. 6
ALBERT STOWELL ... .. 3	*JAMES R. JONES... .. 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Cambridge and first attempt. First peal of Major on the bells.

ELLAND.—On June 1st, 8th, and August 24th, retained in hand, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss Edith Dobson 1, J. R. Eastwood 2, Miss Maggie Eastwood 3, Miss Mary Dyson 4, G. H. Simon 5-6.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

*TREVERS PRITCHARD... ..Treble	GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 5
WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 2	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 3	FRANK COLE ... .. 7
WILLIAM HASTINGS ... .. 4	THOMAS PRICE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

\* First peal.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD ... ..Treble	HARRY PRICE ... .. 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
*WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 7
SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal in the method.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. POSTON ... ..Treble	WILLIAM BISHOP ... .. 5
EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	JOHN CLARK ... .. 6
JOHN J. BEVAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 4	JAMES BISHOP ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.  
THE ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

WALDERS' VARIATION OF PARKER'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN SADLER ... ..Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... .. 2	*WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7
WALTER FARLEY ... .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Elliott.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN GARRATT ... ..Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 5
JOHN HALL ... .. 2	HARRY HALL ... .. 6
ALFRED H. WATSON ... .. 3	VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... .. 7
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. N. R. Bailey and the conductor. This composition contains the 2nd the full extent home. For calling see Association Report 1895, peal No. 653.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Wednesday evening, August 9th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. R. Greenfield, postmaster, of Roydon: W. Wedlock 1, J. Cavigli (conductor) 2, B. G. Burton 3, Jas. Mansfield 4, H. Shuttlewood 5, W. G. Mansfield 6, Messrs. Wedlock bail from Epping, Burton and Jas. Mansfield from Nazeing.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1922, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*ALEC RICHARDSON ... ..Treble	*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	*HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 4	FREDERICK WHITE ... ..Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method. Mr. Cartwright was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

SPALDWICK, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Aug. 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HORACE BOSWORTH ... ..Treble	THOMAS H. TOWNSEND ... .. 4
†DONALD SMITH ... .. 2	THOMAS TOWNSEND ... .. 5
†WILFRED C. IBBETT ... .. 3	†SIDNEY J. PECK ... ..Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY J. PECK.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell.  
† First peal as conductor.

CHURCHILL, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Aug. 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

10 different callings.

*ALFRED HILL ... ..Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. 4
*LIONEL TIMMS ... .. 2	WALTER LARGE ... .. 5
JACK KEYTE ... .. 3	CECIL W. LOCKE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

\* First peal. Arranged and rung as a farewell to the Rector (Rev. E. J. Johnson), who is resigning and leaving the parish. Ringers of 1st and 2nd are local men, 3rd from Charlbury, 4th from Swindon, 5th and 6th from Stretton-on-Fosse.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

TONY PRICE ... ..Treble	JOHN RODWELL, JUN. ... .. 4
*FREDERICK HOWSON ... .. 2	BERT GOGLE ... .. 5
FRED WIGMORE ... .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

\* First peal. Specially arranged for the ringer of the 2nd, to whom great credit is due, as he is only 13 years of age.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1922, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

CHARLES MORTIMER ... ..Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 5
*ALFRED KING ... .. 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

\* First peal of Minor. H. L. Harlow's 100th peal. The peal was arranged for Mr. A. King.



**HANDBELL PEAL.**

HARWICH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Sept. 1, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5178 CHANCES;**

Tapped on handbells by  
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by EDWARD MULLINS. Conducted by the performer.  
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

BOLTON BRANCH.

On Saturday last, the Bolton Branch held a very successful meeting at Leigh Parish Church, over forty members being present, with visitors from Manchester and Wigan branches. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major were brought round.

The business proceedings were presided over by the vice-president, Mr. J. Potter, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at West-houghton.

Nominations for the positions of President, Ringing Secretary and Treasurer, were discussed, and it was decided to nominate the present holders.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ringers for their hearty reception.

**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—At the Parish Church, on Wednesday, June 21st, on the occasion of the presentation of the Charter for the new Municipal Borough of the town of Aldershot, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins., by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild: C-Sergt. G. Gilbert, R.E. 1, Miss A. Fisher 2, Miss B. Mills 3, Miss H. F. Mills 4, A. J. Croucher 5, R. J. Hasted 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Peto 8. The ringers of the 6th and 7th batt from Farnham, the rest belong to the local band.

**HAWKHURST, KENT.**—On Thursday, August 17th, after the fortnightly Thursday evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. Baker (Frittenden) 1, H. Baker (Frittenden) 2, T. E. Sone (Linton) 3, H. Head (Staplehurst) 4, G. Billenness (conductor) 5, J. Head (Staplehurst) 6, B. Baker (Frittenden) 7, F. Chapman 8. Composed by A. J. Pimman. This is the first time a lady ringer has taken part in a quarter-peal at Hawk-hurst, and it was rung at the first attempt.

**LIVERPOOL.**—On Tuesday, August 15th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,299 changes), in 55 mins.: W. Davies 1, W. J. Bowden 2, W. Fisher 3, \*C. S. Benwell 4, F. Hammond, junr., 5 A. Lowe 6, J. Martin (composer and conductor) 7, \*S. F. Barnes 8, E. Canuce 9, C. I. Davies 10. Specially arranged for Mr. Bowden (Edmonton) and Mr. Lowe (Beeston, Notts). \* First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

**PERRY BARR, STAFFS.**—On Monday, August 14th, at St. John's Church, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Cooper 1, G. T. Mitchison 2, James George 3, M. Watts, Read 4, F. W. Rushworth 5, O. Davis 6, R. O. Ingram (composer and conductor) 7, H. Cook 8. Rung to celebrate the 18th birthday of the conductor, the whole of the band congratulating this promising young ringer. Except Mr. James George, all are members of the local band.

**HAYES, KENT.**—On August 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Single Bob: J. Grandfield 1, H. Reader 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey 4, H. Brown 5, J. Brown 6. Conducted by O. Gilbey and H. Reader respectively.—On August 21st, 720 Merchant's Return, standing as above. Conducted by H. Brown.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—At the Parish Church, for a wedding, on August 22nd, two quarter-peals of Stedman Triples: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, T. Blackburn 3, T. Kendall 4, C. Rollings 5, B. Jarman 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. Rookwood 8.

**OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Thursday, August 24th, for evening song, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Evans 2, J. Hughes 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, R. Edwards 6, E. Jones (conductor) 7, Miss Hilda Orchard 8. Arranged for Miss Orchard, of Portishead, Som., and rung as a birthday compliment to W. B. Kynaston.

**ALFRED BOWELL,**  
**CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,**  
**IPSWICH.**

**CHURCH TOWER AND BELLS DESTROYED.**

A fire broke out at Croughton Church, Northants, on Monday, the tower being completely burnt out, and the bells destroyed.

The church, which was recently restored at a cost of several thousand pounds, is partly Norman and Early English.

On the wall of the chancel is a Jacobean monument of John Clarke, who died in 1603, while the carved ends of some of the oak seats are noteworthy.

**LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

A well-attended meeting of the above Society was held on Saturday, August 26th, at Calverley. In the afternoon an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but came to grief through a rope slipping the wheel. Afterwards the bells were rung to Stedman, Double Norwich and Treble Bob.

The business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. Popplewell being in the chair, supported by members from Rothwell, Bolton, Shipley, Pudsey, Headingley, Armley, Leeds Parish Church, Idle, and the local band.

The company for the peal attempt at Idle was selected.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local company for their kind arrangements. This concluded the business, and further ringing then took place.

**REV. H. LAW JAMES' 300 PEALS.**

The Rev. H. Law James has just completed his third century of peals, and few ringers, we imagine, can claim so great a variety of methods in such a collection:—

	Con-			
	Tower	Hand	ducted	Tl.
<b>MAXIMUS.</b>				
Kent Treble Bob	1	1	—	2
Plain Bob	—	1	—	1
<b>CINQUES.</b>				
Grandsire	1	—	—	1
<b>ROYAL.</b>				
Cambridge Surprise	5	—	5	6
Granta Kent Treble Bob	—	1	1	1
Kent Treble Bob	5	—	3	5
Oxford Treble Bob	1	—	1	1
Double Court	1	—	1	1
Double Norwich Court	1	—	1	1
Double Oxford Bob	1	—	1	1
Double Bob	1	—	1	1
Little Bob	1	—	1	1
Plain Bob	10	—	6	10
<b>CATERS.</b>				
Stedman	10	—	5	10
Surfbeat Treble Bob	2	—	2	2
Double Norwich Court	1	—	—	1
Grandsire	13	4	10	17
<b>MAJOR.</b>				
London Surprise	2	—	2	2
Gloucester Surprise	1	—	1	1
Cambridge Surprise	12	—	10	12
Superlative Surprise	9	—	5	9
Kent Treble Bob	19	3	16	22
Oxford Treble Bob	4	—	3	4
Granta Kent Treble Bob	1	1	1	2
Canterbury Pleasure	1	—	1	1
Little Bob	4	—	—	4
Plain Bob	19	2	13	21
Double Norwich	37	4	31	41
Double Oxford	3	—	3	3
Norwich Court	—	1	—	1
<b>TRIPLES.</b>				
Stedman	51	4	17	55
Grandsire	14	3	6	17
Canterbury Pleasure	1	—	—	1
Bob Triples	1	2	2	3
<b>*MINOR</b>	37	—	32	37
<b>DOUBLES</b>	2	—	2	2
	273	27	183	300

\* 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, and 16 methods all in 7 complete extents.

**QUICK SIX TRIPLES.****A NEW METHOD WHICH DESERVES ATTENTION.**

There is such a dearth of higher Triples methods, that something new, which would be really worthy of practice, should be welcomed by the Exercise. In our issue of August 25th we published a new Triples method which Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot had evolved. As subsequent information goes to show, the same method in a better form, in that it keeps the division heads in coursing order, had been previously obtained by Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, who, however, had not published it, merely for the reason, we believe, that a peal is not possible without a call which has five bells lying still. Mr. Pitman's peal contains two Holt's Singles to achieve this end, with Stedman bobs for the rest of the calls. Mr. Parker produced a peal containing Holt's Singles only, and remarkable for its simplicity.

For the benefit of our readers, we give the method in the form that Mr. Parker produced it, and in which form it is more likely to commend itself to ringers. It is a method which, we believe, will be found more difficult than Stedman to ring, and deserves the attention of those who are looking for something fresh. Mr. Pitman's composition also runs true to form.

**THE METHOD.**

Division head (1)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
	2 1 3 5 4 7 6
	2 3 1 4 5 6 7
	3 2 4 1 6 5 7
	3 4 2 6 1 7 5
	4 3 2 1 6 5 7
	4 2 3 6 1 7 5
	2 4 3 1 6 5 7
	2 3 4 6 1 7 5
	3 2 6 4 7 1 5
	3 6 2 7 4 5 1
	6 3 2 4 7 1 5
	6 2 3 7 4 5 1
	2 6 3 4 7 1 5
	2 3 6 7 4 5 1
	3 2 7 6 5 4 1
	3 7 2 5 6 1 4
	7 3 2 6 5 4 1
	7 2 3 5 6 1 4
	2 7 3 6 5 4 1
	2 3 7 5 6 1 4
	3 2 5 7 1 6 4
	3 5 2 1 7 4 6
	5 3 2 7 1 6 4
	5 2 3 1 7 4 6
	2 5 3 7 1 6 4
	2 3 5 1 7 4 6
	3 2 1 5 4 7 6
	3 1 2 4 5 6 7
	1 3 2 5 4 7 6
Division Head (2)	3 1 5 2 7 4 6
Division Head (3)	5 3 7 1 6 2 4
Division Head (4)	7 5 6 3 4 1 2
Division Head (5)	6 7 4 5 2 3 1
Division Head (6)	4 6 2 7 1 5 3
Division Head (7)	2 4 1 6 3 7 5

The twin Stedman bobs are made at the points marked \*

5,040 by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

123456	2nd Division.	3rd Div.	5th Div.
312564	H	H	H
416523		H	H
345261		H	H

Seven times repeated, with a Holt at 2 in the second course of the 4th and 8th parts.

Obtained with 50 calls only, all of which are Holt's Singles.

**AN EXCELLENT PEAL.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Being away from home, I could not write last week regarding Mr. A. J. Pitman's new Triples. As Mr. George Baker kindly took the trouble to point out to you, I have had this method and the extent for some years. However, Mr. Pitman is the first to publish it, and his peal is an excellent one.

Knowing something of the difficulties to be overcome and the care required, before such a peal can be completed, I can sincerely congratulate him on discovering the extent of Triples in such a method, and can vouch for the truth of the peal.

In writing this I am chiefly concerned, now that it has been published, that the method should be taken up by the Exercise, for it is

certainly worthy of attention. In the way it is put before us by Mr. Pitman, it not only appears irregular, but it is stated so briefly that but few conductors will be able to follow the calling. To obtain perfect regularity the plain course should commence at the middle of the six, where seventh's place is made, when the position of the twin bobs will be much clearer.

As there is a great need for good Triple systems, I venture to suggest that, with your permission, Mr. Pitman should give us a further exposition of this method. A peal with Holt's singles only, 46 being the minimum, appears to be worthy of consideration.—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

We should be glad to fall in with Mr. Parker's suggestion to publish a further exposition of the method.—Ed. 'R.W.'

**BERKHAMPSTED BELLS.****APPEAL FOR A NEW RING.**

'An Old Bell Ringer' has written to the 'Berkhamsted Gazette,' appealing for a new ring of bells in the Parish Church. He writes: 'May I, through the medium of your columns, call attention to the fact that it is high time that the bells of St. Peter's, Berkhamsted, were replaced by a new set worthy of the old church. Here we have the finest old church for miles around, in the centre of a very pretty old-time town, where thousands of people, in the course of a year, are called to church by a peal of bells which really are a disgrace to our fine old parish church. All around are much smaller and less important churches which have a peal of bells with a very sweet tone and which are a delight to hear, fit to grace the finest churches in the country. Yet an ancient and historical old church like St. Peter's has a peal of bells out of tune, and the sixth bell cracked to such an extent that for some considerable time now it has been unsafe to ring it. According to my opinion bells are placed in the tower of a church with the idea that when they are ringing for a service they sound so sweet and beautiful that people are drawn by them to the more beautiful service of God inside the church. But the bells of St. Peter's far from being sweet and delightful to hear soon get on one's nerves, especially those people who live quite near to the church. Although it is a big and expensive item to hang new bells, cannot something be done by the people of Berkhamsted to remove any cause for complaint in respect of the finest old building in this ancient and historical old town?'

**PRESENTATION TO LEWES RINGER.****SECRETARIAL SERVICES RECOGNISED.**

At a special gathering of ringers at Southover Church, Lewes, Sussex, on Tuesday of last week, a presentation was made to Mr. Charles Errey, in recognition of his services as secretary to the local Guild for eight years. In addition to the local men there were several visiting ringers present, and some good touches in various methods were brought round.

When ringing ceased, the Rector and President of the Guild (the Rev. G. M. Davies) presided over the gathering, supported by the following vice-presidents: Capt. R. C. Souter (churchwarden), Alderman B. V. Verral, Messrs. O. T. Lloyd and J. T. Glandfield.

Mr. J. T. Glandfield explained that the meeting was called to do honour to the long and valuable services rendered to the Guild by their old friend, Mr. Charles Errey. It would be remembered, he said, that at the last annual meeting Mr. Errey felt bound to resign from the office which he had held for eight years. The Guild were indebted to him for his good work. Frequently during the war Mr. Errey was the only one to ring for Sunday services. He (the speaker) had the privilege of being closely associated with Mr. Errey during many years, and could testify to his sterling worth and to his wholeheartedness in carrying on the best traditions of the Guild.

Capt. Souter, Alderman Verral and Mr. C. T. Lloyd bore testimony to the valuable services which Mr. Errey had rendered to the Guild, and expressed their pleasure at being associated with others in the testimonial to him.

The Rector endorsed all that had been said previously and testified that he had always found Mr. Errey steadfast and reliable. They were all sorry to lose him officially, but glad to know that he would be at hand to assist when required. He had not known him as long as the others present, but he was very glad to have the pleasant duty of handing him the little mark of appreciation which the members of the Guild (both ringing and honorary) had placed in his hands.

The Rector then handed a gold bell watch pendant to Mr. Errey, the inscription on which read: 'Southover Church Bell Ringers' Guild, Charles Errey, Hon. Sec., 1914-22.'

Mr. C. Errey, who replied in a few well-chosen words, said he much appreciated their kindly thought, and he valued and would always keep their gift in memory of his many happy years of association with the Guild.

The Rector was heartily thanked for taking the chair and making the presentation, on the motion of Mr. R. J. Dawe (captain), seconded by Mr. J. Steadman.

**TOUR THROUGH HERTS, BUCKS & BEDS.**

Through the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens, the ringers of the Parish Church, Luton, had their annual outing on Saturday, August 19th. The weather was perfect, and a start was made by motor at 9.30 a.m., by way of Harpenden, St. Albans, Watford, Rickmansworth, and Uxbridge. St. John's, Hillingdon, was reached at 11.45 a.m., a quarter of an hour after scheduled time, due to the rough roads between Croxley and Denham Corner. A visit was made to St. John's Church, and the ringers were welcomed by Miss N. D. Williams and Mr. J. J. Pratt. Wending their way up the ancient oak staircase, the belfry was reached, and the bells, a nice peal of ten, set going for about an hour to Stedman and Grandsire Cater, and Bob Royal. St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, with a light peal of eight, in good going order, was the next place of call, Mr. Hancock having everything in readiness. Touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were brought round in fine style.

Tracks were then made to the Chequer, Hotel, where an admirable lunch was partaken of, and greatly enjoyed, after which the charabanc was again boarded for Beaconsfield via Gerrard's Cross. The visitors were welcomed at the belfry by Mr. Buckland and Mr. Cecil Mayne, the writer not having met the latter gentleman for about 13 years. The methods rung on this fine peal, hung with roller bearings by Messrs. Meats and Stainbank, were Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, one of the locals, ringing his second course of Cambridge Surprise faultlessly. Bidding Beaconsfield friends adieu a drive of two hours through some of the finest scenery in Bucks, via High Wycombe, Princes Risboro', Wendover and Halton Camp (one of the members having a very vivid recollection of this neighbourhood during the great war) was enjoyed, and Tring was reached at 6 p.m., Mr. Reeves, a very keen campanologist, meeting the party. Tea at the George Hotel was well served by Host Burton, after which the tower was visited, and the grand peal, with tenor about 26 cwt., set to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

At 8.30 p.m. a hasty good-bye was said to the Tring ringers, and tracks made for home via Dunstable, Luton being reached at 10 p.m., after a most pleasant time. This opportunity is taken to express the ringers' best thanks to the incumbents of the various churches for their kindness in allowing them the use of the bells, and to the various friends met with on the trip for having everything in readiness, and for their kind welcome.

A. K.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.  
IN FOUR-BOB SETS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I shall be glad to know through 'The Ringing World' whether the following composition of Stedman Triples (in four-bob sets) throughout and only two singles) has been obtained before, and if so, to whom it belongs? Thanking you in anticipation.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

2314567	VI	S	H	L
3461257	S			

4251637	x	x		
2631547	x	x		
6541327	x	x		
5321467	x	x		
6125347		x	x	
4526137		x	x	
5136247	x	x		
1246357	x	x		
2356417	x	x		
1652347		x	x	

Repeat twice from the line adding single V after quick in last course of 3rd part.

Continued				
(2314567)	S	H	L	

5412357		x	x	
4352167	x	x		
3162547	x	x		
4263157		x	x	
5364217		x	x	
1465327		x	x	
4325617	x	x		
1524367	x	x		
6421537	x	x		
3126457		x	x	

Repeat twice.

**STOKE RINGERS' OUTING.**

On Saturday, August 26th, the ringers of Stoke-on-Trent visited Broughton, where the beautiful peal of bells have been recently hung. The party left Stoke by charabanc, and reached Broughton after a lovely ride. On arrival at the church they were met by the local ringers and Mr. Weatherby, of Market Drayton. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, after which the visitors made their way to the Church Room, a party of 26, including the locals, sitting down to tea, generously provided by the Vicar. After tea change ringing on the handbells was greatly appreciated. Subsequently there was further ringing on the tower bells with the local men before the party returned to Stoke, after having had a most enjoyable outing. The best thanks are due to Mr. Lawton (who first learned the art of change ringing at Stoke) and the local ringers for having everything in readiness, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Congratulations are due to young Frederick Howson, who, at thirteen years of age, has rung his first peal, a 5,040 of Minor in two methods, and on a 'bob' bell. It is quite a good performance.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have been given the order to rehang the peal of eight at Crayford in a new iron frame, the whole cost of which is being generously defrayed by Mr. G. Evans, a former churchwarden for nearly forty years, and whose family increased the peal from five to eight in 1876 in memory of their father.

There was an error in our recent reference in this column to the first 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples having been rung at Drayton. Mr. Joseph Griffin reminds us that the first performance of this peal without a conductor was at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Nov. 20th, 1886.

Mr. J. E. Davis writes, with reference to the footnote to the peal at Isleworth, rung on Saturday, August 26th, that he conducted a peal of Double Norwich there on September 29th, 1906. The accuracy of the footnote, however, depends upon when the bells were last rung.

Mr. J. E. Sykes, that missionary of ringing, who has been for some time past in Scotland, writes to say that 'steeples' still live. He found it in far-off Stirling, for on visiting East and West Churches, where there is a ring of four bells, all from Whitechapel, he was charged a fee of 2d. He sends us the ticket which he received in exchange for his coppers, and it is printed 'Royal Burgh of Stirling. Tower of West Church. Admission 2d.' Oh, those Scotsmen!

Mr. Sykes says that he left the current copy of the 'Ringing World,' the first one ever seen, in the tower.

We feel we must also print his postscript: 'Congrats. to Rupert. What a lot he has missed!'

Nothing too large and nothing too small can be put, in the way of a ringing job, before Mr. James George. That man who, approaching his 70th year, delights in as many hours on a heavy tenor as the ringers of the other bells will oblige him with, has just rung to a peal the smallest bell hung for ringing—the treble at Lye, where the tenor is only 3½ cwt. The treble is not much more than a good-sized tea cup.

The first commemoration dinner organised by the Yorkshire Association is to take place at Leeds on Sept. 23rd. Those who intend to be present should write for tickets without delay to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. J. Johnson, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

It is interesting to note that another peal has been rung at New College, Oxford, where the present ring of ten was completed 212 years ago.

Michael Darbie recast the old five bells into a peal of eight in 1655, and Abraham Rudhall made them into ten in 1712. In 1703 he had recast the 4th upon which the inscription, 'Manners makes man,' had been placed.

Whether there was special need to impress that proverb upon the residents of Oxford at that period we do not know, but the inscription, 'Manners maketh man,' was placed upon each of the two new trebles in 1712, and again on the ninth, when it was recast in 1723.

In 1815, the greatest number of changes ever rung in the University of Oxford was rung at New College, a 10,008 of Grand sire Caters.

Records of some of the ringing at New College in early days found their way into the diaries of Heame, the Oxford worthy. Of one peal, a 6,876 of 'Cator changes,' he wrote that he had heard from good judges that 'take it altogether 'twas a glorious performance. For tho' there were two very great blunders and some other bad ringing, yet considering the length of the peal, it was admirable ringing, such as can hardly be matched, unless it be by the Londoners, it being a thing as it were next to impossible to go through such a long tedious work without faults.'

Then he records the names of the ringers and their occupations: 1, Heame, the Taylor; 2, Mr. Vickers, second Butler of New College; 3, Mr. George, the Taylor; 4, Mr. Guy Terry, Pot-ash maker in St. Clements; 5, Mr. Yates, second Cook of Magdalen College; 6, Mr. John Broughton, Barber; 7, Mr. Richard Smith, Glover; 8, Mr. Barnes, second Cook of Christ Church; 9, Mr. Arthur Lloyd, of Holywell, Carpenter and Bell Hanger; 10, Mr. Nicholas Bonwell, who shews Great Tom.

We also read that 'the ringers were much caressed when they had done, and were handsomely treated or entertained at New College.' We are not told whether last week's peal band were much caressed and feasted, when they finished their peal of Treble Ten.

On September 10th, 1741, the Crowfield Society, in which Theodore Ecclestone was the moving spirit, rang at Coddenhurst, Suffolk, 'a compleat peal of Five thousand and forty of Gathrine's Triples, being the first true peal that ever was prickled with two Doubles only.' This was, of course, Garthorn's peal of Grand sire Triples.

Theodore Ecclestone, who rang the treble in the peal, had an estate at Crowfield, and gave the bells at Coddenhurst and Stonham Aspill.



## PROTECTION OF ANCIENT TOWERS. THE THREATENED CITY CHURCHES.

A very interesting volume to antiquarians is the 45th annual report of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, which has just been issued. The work done by the society since its foundation in 1877 has been in many directions extremely valuable, although, in the light of modern knowledge, those interested in bells and bell hanging have had cause to differ from the views expounded by the society in some specific cases.

As we have already mentioned in connection with the proceedings of the Central Council, there is now the prospect of an agreement being reached between the society and the Towers and Belfries Committee. The report drawn up by the committees of the two organisations is not yet ready for publication, as it is waiting confirmation by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. The Council have accepted the proceedings of their committee, and in the new report of the society it is recorded that 'During the past year the society has been in conference with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers on the vexed question of bell hanging in old towers.'

Among the notes on many of the cases dealt with during the year the following extracts will be of interest to ringers and those connected with bell restoration.

### BALSHAM CHURCH TOWER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

'This is a case,' says the report, 'which shows the usefulness of the society to those in charge of Parish Churches who are in difficulties as to what should be done for their preservation. Balsham church tower, with its grey walls and mellow stone buttresses and windows, is a very fine piece of thirteenth century work. It is, however, built on clay, and the old builders omitted to widen out the bottoms of the walls sufficiently to distribute the great weight of the tower safely over this none too secure foundation. Soon after the tower was finished, as it would seem, settlements took place which caused the walls to crack and the western arch between the tower and nave to spread.

'Some three hundred years later, Elizabethan masons not only strengthened the walls, but also added massive stone buttresses, eight feet wide and four feet thick, and this work seems to have more or less effectually stopped any further settlement.

'During last summer, however, the custodians of the church thought there were again signs of movement in the tower; and, becoming concerned for its safety, they came to the society for advice.

'After a careful survey, the society gave the Rector and churchwardens a report on the tower's condition, with detailed recommendations as to the works required for its security. This report stated that the recent mischief did not arise from any settlement of the foundations, but as a matter of fact had had its origin in the undue stresses imposed on the ancient walls by the ringing of the church bells. Of these bells there are six which, excepting one by Tonne—a well-known founder of Henry (the Eighth's time—were probably cast in the first twenty years of the seventeenth century. They are hung in a high bell cage, of the same age as themselves, the oak timbers of which are for the most part still quite sound. The joints of the timbers have, however, worked loose, with the result that, when the bells are rung, the cage sways. Moreover, the stout beams supporting the cage transmit the momentum of the swung bells directly to the ancient walls, and concentrate the stresses thereon at the points where the beam ends rest, so that at these places there is a definite tendency for the masonry to become disrupted.

'The remedies recommended are to strengthen the bell cage by strong iron bolts, and to distribute the stresses from the beam ends over the walling by constructing in the thickness of the masonry immediately below the beams continuous bonding courses extending round the inside of the tower. Other works include the repair of cracks in the walls; the recovering of the tower roof with cast lead, and the reconstruction of the gutters behind the parapets in asphalt on a bed of concrete to be laid on the wall tops.

'The Rector and churchwardens have been most appreciative of the society's help; and the necessary work is going to be done.'

### LONDON'S CITY CHURCHES.

The report contains some strong comments upon the suggested removal of churches in the City of London, and quotes the resolution passed by the National Assembly on February 7th, on the motion of the Bishop of London, directing the setting up of a committee 'to prepare a measure making provision for the union of benefices, and, if the committee thinks fit, for the removal of churches situate within the Metropolitan Police District and the disposal of their sites.'

The committee of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings point out, in the report, that while the motion undoubtedly embodies a formula which would enable many excellent and much-needed reforms in Church administration to be given effect to, quite unmistakably the terms of reference would enable the special committee so to cast the proposed measure, presumably a Bill to be put before Parliament, that the destruction, not only of City churches, but also of other ancient churches within the Metropoli-

tan Police District, extending from Hatfield to Ewell and Epping to Watford, which might be regarded as having outlived their usefulness to the Church, could be determined upon and put into execution at the sole discretion of the Church Authorities, without let or hindrance.

'It is, therefore, of singular importance,' adds the society's report, 'that all who have regard to the preservation of these national historic buildings should be thoroughly well advised of what is afoot. Unopposed measures such as this have a way of finding themselves on the Statute Book before the general public is even aware that powers are being sought. In this instance the importance of watchfulness and of timely opposition to any measure which would give to the Church power in its absolute discretion to demolish any of the ancient buildings in its care, are of paramount necessity because of the attitude of the Bishop of London, and of his advisers towards them.'

Commenting on the Bishop's attitude, the report says: 'Although the Bishop of London sees, of course, clearly enough that by selling the sites of the City Churches a very large sum of money could be got with which to extend the Church's activities, it is little short of amazing that he should apparently have no perception of the enormous loss which the destruction of its ancient historic churches would entail. It follows, therefore, that he can, up to now, have no conception of the blighting cloud of obloquy which, when the loss was realised, would most inevitably descend upon those who had advocated or lent themselves to so dubious a means of raising money. Nor can he have any prevision of the great damage to the Church's prestige which would presently follow, together with the consequent disaster to the Church's aims and aspirations.' The report adds: 'That the Bishop can have but scant sense of the true value of the historic monuments of the Church has recently been clearly displayed by his action in the case of his own palace at Fulham. There, in the last few months, in the face of protests from this society, he has filled in the well known moat—the last which remained in London—a moat which, he it noted, had been kept in order by each link in the long chain of his predecessors in the See extending from the seventh century. What confidence, then, can be reposed in the Bishop or in his advisers as conservators of our priceless national relics? It is significant that the Diocese of London is one of very few which still have no Advisory Committee.'

This question of the City Churches is one of special interest to ringers, for several of those that it was originally proposed to abolish contain historic rings of bells. It was the subject of a resolution at the Central Council meeting at Northampton in 1920, when the Council resolved, 'That an appeal be sent to the Bishop of London's committee, urging the desirability of preserving all towers in the City of London in which there are notable rings of bells.' Several members urged the inclusion of a reference to the churches as well as the towers, but it was felt that to do so would be going outside the province of the Council, however strongly the members individually felt on the matter.

At the meeting in the following year it was reported that the resolution was forwarded as directed by the Council but that all that could be ascertained was that the Bishop of London's committee had gone out of existence.

The report of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings shows that the danger of losing the towers may soon appear again, and in this matter the Council may join their forces with the society in protesting against the destruction.

## SPADE WORK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I venture to thank you for your excellent article on ringing tours. I can fully testify to the good they do to the cause of change ringing, and the pleasure they give not only to those who take part in them, but to the ringers who live in the localities where they are arranged. They are a means of illustrating change ringing in its best form and in its various methods, and they also afford an opportunity of bringing together ringers who otherwise would never meet each other. But there is one thing which they fail to do, and that is render any assistance in what we may term the spade work of change ringing, i.e., teaching bands or individuals in the preliminary stages of the art. No one expects that those who take part in these tours can find time to do this, but my object in writing is to suggest that individual ringers might render valuable help in this way, and I rejoice to read in your paper that there are some who are willing to do so. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker have lately been spending their holiday in Devon, and instead of ringing peals have visited various towers, not only in Exeter, but in the countryside around, ringing touches and helping bands to get through their first six-score of Grandsire Doubles, and our thanks are due to them for so doing. Mr. A. W. Brighton has for many years rendered valued assistance to a great many bands in Devon and Cornwall in this way, and I am confident if other ringers who come West will do the same the cause of change ringing will be greatly forwarded. If they will write to me or to the Rev. E. Powell, Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth, arrangements can be made for carrying out this object.—Yours faithfully,

Kelly House, Lifton, Devon.

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## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**PULHAM, NORFOLK.**—At St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Sunday, Sept. 3rd, for morning service, 1,024 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Whiting (conductor) 1, O. T. B. Brice 2, O. Baker 3, H. H. Piercy 4, G. Gower 5, A. Smith 6, R. Riches 7, T. Adcock 8.

**REDENHALL, NORFOLK.**—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, Sept. 3rd, for evening service, 1,088 Oxford Treble Bob: F. R. Borrett (conductor) 1, C. Cutting 2, H. H. Piercy 3, E. Whiting 4, G. Gower 5, A. Smith 6, R. Riches 7, P. Adcock 8.

**BURTON LATIMER.**—On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, for evening service, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes): J. Pettit 1, H. J. Balcombe 2, J. Laddington 3, H. Laddington 4, J. R. Mason 5, B. J. Laddington 6, M. Norton (first quarter-peal in the method) 7, G. Lines (conductor) 8. Composed by J. George.

**BUCKLEY, FLINTS.**—At St. Matthew's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. Hayes 1, A. H. Jones 2, P. Roberts 3, J. Donnelly 4, S. Birk 5, J. T. Hopwood 6, E. Mersham (conductor) 7, W. Bellis 8. The ringer of 4th bells from St. James' Church, West Derby, Liverpool.

**HAYES, KENT.**—On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Reader 1, J. Hack (conductor) 2, O. Gibbey 3, G. Harwood 4, H. Brown 5, F. Keech 6.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, for morning service, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Brooks' variation of Thurstans': F. J. Lewis (conductor) 1, H. Lewis 2, W. C. Cuss 3, W. G. Cook 4, H. C. Bond 5, S. R. Hicks 6, J. J. Jefferies (Worcester) 7, J. Hayward 8.

**FRITTENDEN, KENT.**—On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, for morning service, 840 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: Mrs. Baker 1, H. Baker 2, H. Want 3, B. Baker 4, R. Burgess (conductor) 5, J. Rofe 6, C. Tribe 7, C. Baker 8.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: Miss W. King 1, H. Prior 2, E. J. Le Clercq 3, R. J. Hasted 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, E. J. King 8. All the ringers belong to the local band.

**OXFORD.**—On Sunday, Sept. 3rd for the harvest festival, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, College Single, Oxford Single Bob, and Plain Bob: F. A. H. Wilkins 1, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 2, H. Tolley 3, W. Harris 4, C. Coles 5, F. Clinkard. Longest length by ringer of the treble, and first 720 of Double Oxford by the ringer of the third. Rung after meeting short for a Surprise peal.

**BOLSOVER.**—On Sunday, August 27th, at the Church of St. Mary and St. Lawrence, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise (1,280 changes): H. Robins 1, W. Lambert 2, C. Mason 3, E. Robins 4, W. Jacques 5, J. Moss 6, J. Flint 7, T. Riley 8. Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rev. J. B. Merrifield, who is taking up his duties of senior curate at Grimsby Parish Church.

**CHESTER-LE-STREET.**—On Sunday, August 27th, for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor: L. Donnison (first 720) 1, Ada Donnison 2, F. Pattison 3, F. Sheraton 4, G. Siddel 5, G. Ward (conductor) 6.

**HORSHAM.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Penfold 1, R. Dale 2, G. Whitehead 3, L. Paice 4, S. Paice 5, H. Mance 6, W. Short (conductor) 7, W. Blackman 8.

**PORTSEA, HANTS.**—On August 27th, for evensong, at St. Mary's, 504 Stedman Triples: J. J. Symons 1, C. Groves 2, W. Tate 3, T. K. Taylor 4, J. D. Harris 5, J. W. Parker (Sunderland), conductor, 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senn., 8.—Also touches of Double Norwich for both services. During the month visitors to the church also included Messrs. A. Holmes (Bourne, Lincs), G. R. Newton (Liverpool), F. Boreham (Hugghenden) and F. S. Bayley.

**EAST CROMPTON, LANCS.**—For evening service, on Sunday, August 27th, at St. James' Church, 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (spliced): J. Whybrow 1, S. Heywood 2, W. Oates 3, G. Wild 4, J. R. Buckley 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6.

**THORNE, YORKS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 27th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor: O. Darley 1, A. Woods 2, W. Sleight 3, A. Darley 4, C. H. Thorley (conductor) 5, C. Thorley, junr., 6, W. Hobson 7 (covering).—For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: O. Darley 1, A. Woods 2, A. Darley 3, W. Sleight 4, C. H. Thorley (conductor) 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley, junr., 8 (covering).

**DOVER, KENT.**—St. Mary's Society.—On Sunday, August 27th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes (Haley's Variation), in 48 mins.: C. R. Walker 1, F. W. Elliott 2, H. J. Saunders 3, R. H. Stevens 4, H. Whitehead 5, C. R. Millway 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, Capt. F. A. Yorke, M.C. R.G.A., 8.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, August 27th, for evensong, 1,280 Double Norwich: V. Tipton 1, W. Sparrow 2, H. Smale 3, S. Sparrow 4, G. Dent (conductor) 5, S. Clark 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8. The ringers of 2 and 4 belong to Stowmarket.

**OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On Sunday, August 27th, for morning service, 266 Grandsire Triples, twice: F. Middleton, E. Gosling, R. Franklin, D. Tindall, F. Tindall, A. Cross, J. Gutteridge, F. Gutteridge, W. Welling (conductor) taking part.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: \*F. Middleton 1, \*E. Gosling 2, \*R. Franklin 3, \*F. Tindall 4, Miss N. Shorter 5, A. Cross 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, J. Gutteridge 8. Also 266 and 168 by same band. \* Longest touch.

**BARNES.**—At St. Mary's Church, on August 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins., as a compliment to M. Jacobs, on the 25th anniversary of his wedding day; also to W. Stevens on his 33rd anniversary: J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, W. Stevens 3, M. Jacobs 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, W. Phillips 8.

**CROSTHWAITHE, KESWICK.**—On Sunday, August 6th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: T. Wilson 1, Miss L. Telford 2, Miss C. Griedale 3, W. Mitchell (Bury) 4, T. Hartley 5, T. Hogarth 6, F. Griedale 7 (covering).—On Sunday, August 27th, for evening service, with bells half-muffled, for the unveiling of war memorial tablet, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Wilson 1, Mrs. T. Wilson 2, Miss L. Telford 3, F. Hogarth 4, T. Hartley 5, T. Hogarth 6, S. Usher 7 (covering). Both conducted by T. Hogarth.

**LLANDUDNO.**—On Sunday, July 30th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Barrow 1, S. Brown 2, T. Lodge 3, H. Mellward 4, A. E. Richards 5, A. Fairlie 6, A. Roberts 7, T. Loowe 8. The ringers of the 4th, 5th and 7th were visitors to the tower.

## USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

503 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.		1,296 STEDMAN TRIPLES.					
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723645	5						
457362	2	1635427	—	—	—	—	—
764523	3	7231546	—	S	—	—	—
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Round at 1. Queen's and		Each to be eleven times repeated					
Titlums at hand.		and contains 108 4-6's, 6-7's and					
		7-8's.					

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## THE CALL OF THE BELLS.

The bells hang silent in the tower,  
The ropes beneath lack skill and power,  
And yet the bells are calling.  
No bells are heard from anywhere,  
Silence and peace breathes o'er the hour.  
And yet the bells are calling.

The ringer's heart receives their call,  
Altho' his duty should forestall  
The bell, he hears a-calling.  
He cares not for the world and all  
Those things that other men extol,—  
He hears the bells a-calling.

He hastens to the old grey tower,  
And brings his fellow ringers there.  
To set the bells a-calling.  
To call their neighbours there to share  
In praise and thankfulness and prayer,  
They set the bells a-calling.

They seek the ropes with eager hand  
And with uplifted hearts they stand  
To set the bells a-calling.  
Their call is heard o'en all the land,  
As it e'er was in old England:—  
Her sweet church bells a-calling.

The ringers feel a happy thrill,  
When bells echo from hill to hill  
The bells that are a-calling;  
For in their hearts there lingers still  
The thought that now they do God's Will  
To set the bells a-calling.

M. M. W.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—Recently, for practice, at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and two plain courses of Cambridge Surprise Major. This is the first time Cambridge Major has been rung by entirely Cambridgeshire men.



## WHO'S 'J.F.'?

To the Editor.

In your current issue we had a most delightful pen picture of 'A Day in the Midlands.' By all accounts the day was 'FINE.' Still, there is a shadow of doubt, when one reads of the party sheltering under Strelley Broad Oak. But that's not the question, to the point 'who's J.F.'?

We begin to conjecture. Let us start from the fountain head, 'i.e., Bolsover.' Let us track down, if possible, this mysterious individual, who has been dubbed with these abbreviations, 'J.F.'

Clutching my antiquated copy of Kelly, I vigorously turn up Bolsover, only to find a trinity of cognomens which begin with the consonant 'F.' These appellations are respectively FOGG, FURNISS and FROST.

Fog, 'Fogg'! Why study that name? There's no fog mixed up with the ringers at Bolsover, so that clears away the FOGG. Next we've 'FURNISS.' Still we are no nearer, although to take the Bolsover men on ringing matters they're 'Hot' enough, and that's that! Then we in our conjectures arrive at the name of 'FROST.' That puts the 'Tin Hat on Kelly,' he was certainly no Frost to organise a day's outing, so picturesquely described.

The writer who has set up guessing seems to have an idea that this 'J. F.' is an expert. Can we obtain a clue from that source? No, I see nothing in that, only that 'J. F.' is expert in judging good bells from bad 'uns! for proof, see the towers he selected for a day's outing, which was unquestionably a very 'Musical Rendezvous!' But back to the conjecturing business. Having found nothing in Kelly to elucidate these evasive yet familiar initials, in my determination to trace him I turned still further back to pre-historic records. No, not the slightest trace is to be found in the Bronze Age. What shall I do now? Methinks as a final effort I'll try the preceding, or Neolithic period. At last! a most important clue turns up, and I found not the slightest difficulty in connecting the 'J' to 'OHANNIS,' that's John. Then I piece the 'F' to 'OSSILIS,' that's Fossil. By placing the two together we get 'John Fossil.' No, that cannot be the name, because an old Fossil could not be so genial a gentleman as 'J. F.' is. No, that's not him! But wait, hush! I'm inspired with still another 'striking' name. Let's consider, shall us? Ah! why should I be so stupid? I've got him fixed now, sure enough. It's—It's old 'DOMINE JOHANNES PYRITES TEMPLUM CAMPANI PULSATOR DE BOLSOVER,' so that has settled that, and that! Another guess, please.

Now let me have a consoling word with the antiquarian, whom 'that SAXEUS-hearted Sir John' would not permit to inspect the Medieval BELLE at Strelley CHURCHE.

Friend, you have my sympathy, but you want to go 'backward,' they want to go 'FORWARD.' Never mind, I'll look her up for yer next time I'm in the neighbourhood of Strelley. Will that console yer? I'll tell you whether her Dainty mouth is out of all proportion with her height, and whether her waist is proportionate and cylindrical; whether she's got a hemispherical crown, and a graceful curve of the lip. So there, DOMINE JOHANNES, that's that, without any string attached!

Apart from this little act of cruelty, I really don't think Sir John has got such a SLICEUS heart after all! or why should he have stopped the bus to give a wandering parson a lift? or go so far out of his way to pick up 'Poor old Betty's son'? He also showed his kindness when he could not 'GO BY' a perambulating bipe he found roaming about in a wood to the east, about 9 a.m.

Now let's turn to the place where they found GEORGE II. The writer says there's 'a fine peal, tenor 20 cwt.' That's news! Have they got another new peal? I know they soon wear 'em out there; it's a fact, they had two new peals of eight in less than a decade. No, don't believe it, that glorious tenor is only 17 cwt., and she, along with her harmonious sisters, have such a happy knack of deceiving even good judges! It's the volume of concord they breathe out that does the trick. They are not afraid to speak out for themselves, are they, eh?

Then the writer goes on to say 'The belfry and peal leave nothing to be desired.' Now, 'that's another unsolicited.' Thanks! but, I'm not having that! I say most emphatically they want another pair of trebles, to make 'em TEN! When that becomes manifest, I have a kind of sneaking idea that a further pleasure will be piled upon that which already exists. And that's that! Have another day in the Midlands, but of your charity leave the string at home; give the archaeologist a free hand to revel amid the dirt and grime of past centuries; give him a chance to collate some information so that he may write 'his book.' No doubt he would have found a 'Superlative Surprise' in the old bell at Strelley, which I believe is reputed to be coeval with the fabric. However, in spite of the weather, have another day and 'GO FORWARD' to Colston Bassett, but be cautious of the road, my hearties. I've known the bus wheel come off.

IRENEUS PISTOR.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Estab. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Sept. 12th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on Sept. 14th and 28th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sept. 19th; and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Sept. 21st; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**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.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available at 2 p.m.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Woodchurch on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Barman's Bakery at 5 o'clock.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —The next Monthly meeting will be held at Netheravon on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A General meeting of the Association will be held at Northowram on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. onward. Tea will be provided in the Church Schools at 5 p.m., for which a charge of 1/6 each will be made. For further details see circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis, Liverpool, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting 6.30.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A District meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Darlington, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 9th. The bells at St. John's (8), St. Cuthbert (8) and Holy Trinity (6) are available for ringing during the afternoon. A short service will be held in St. John's Church, at 4.15 p.m., by the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Thompson, and it is hoped that ringers and friends will attend this service. Tea will be provided at Hunter's Dining Rooms, Prebend Row, at 5 p.m. Members 1/-, non-members 1/6.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High St., North Ormesby, Middlesbrough,

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting, 7.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Summer Outing, Saturday, Sept. 9th, Waltham Abbey. Bells available, 3.30, 5 and 7.9 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Sept. 4th and 18th; Bishopsgate, Sept. 25th; Sundays, St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th, at 5.15 p.m. Quarterly general meeting, October 2nd, 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Emberton, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service, 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided.—Walter Sear, Secretary, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Merthyr, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8). Service at 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting of the North-eastern Division of the Essex Association will be held at Goldhanger, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Service in Parish Church at 4.30, followed by tea, provided through the kindness of the Rev. F. T. Gardner.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Quatt, Bridgnorth, on Saturday, September 9th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 5 o'clock. Bus will leave Bridgnorth at 2 o'clock.—W. Hayward, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The September meeting of the Western Division will be held in conjunction with the General meeting at Northowram on Saturday, Sept. 9th. For particulars see advt. for General meeting.—F. Hopwood, Dist. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Bradford.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A mid-week meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ealing, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 13th. Ringing from 6.45. And the next Saturday meeting will be held at Norwood Green on the 23rd inst.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at St. Mary's, Woolwich. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service, 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at 1s. Will members and friends please notify by the 12th? Business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14a, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hawley, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business: election of Secretary. Tea provided for all who inform me by Tuesday, Sept. 12th.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—Quarterly meeting at Barcombe, near Lewes, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Tower open, 2.30. Service, 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation), 5. Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present should notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 12th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The Annual meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, Sept. 16th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Babington), who also sends a cordial invitation to the members to take tea with him. Ringing from 3 till 4.30, at which time a special service will be held in the church. Tea at 5 o'clock to be followed by general business meeting for the election of officers, etc. Will members intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 13th?—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Newburn Church on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—H. Tyson, 23, New Houses, Harperley Road, Tanfield Lea, Tantobie.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Alvechurch on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available early. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Election of officers takes place at this meeting.—A. Davis, 29, Hampton St., Netherton, Dudley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next Monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Whitnash on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A Monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Barwell, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Will members owing subscriptions for 1922 kindly let me have same at earliest convenience?—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Branch.—A Combined Practice will be held at Sonning on Saturday, Sept. 16th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Joseph White.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Honiton Clyst, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Institute 5 p.m., 1/- each. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. C. Oke, Assistant Hon. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—A good attendance is requested.—C. G. Ball, District Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Kings Langley, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Reeve, Hon. District Sec., Tring.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The September meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, the

23rd, at St. Mark's Church, Bath. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.15, followed by tea at 5 o'clock.—Edith Smith, 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The First Annual Commemoration Dinner, to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Association, will be held at the Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. each can be obtained from P. J. Johnson, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds, and application for same should be made not later than first post Monday, Sept. 18th.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thurcaston and Anstey, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at Anstey. All requiring tea inform me by Sept. 20th.—H. E. Norman, 52, Ivy Road, Leicester.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Please notify me on or before Sept. 18th how many intend to be present from your tower.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, and A. Vaughan, Hon. Secs.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Burnham, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Will members please note that the next meeting will be held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Full particulars next week.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, Sept. 30th, at Wigston. The bells (two rings of 8) will be available at 3 o'clock. Committee meet at 4.30. Tea will be at 5.30, followed by general meeting, in the Church School, Wigston Magna. Will those requiring tea, which will be provided at a moderate charge, kindly advise Mr. W. H. Humberstone, 56, Burgess Street, Wigston Magna, Leicester, not later than Thursday, the 28th?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Heckfield on Saturday, Sept. 30th (visiting Sherfield en route). Tower open after tea. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Visit Rotherwich at about 6.30. Sixpence per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than Saturday, Sept. 23rd.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**GREASLEY.**—Preliminary Notice.—The new peal at St. Mary's, Greasley, will be available for ringing on Saturday, September 30th, from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Will those who require tea please notify J. E. Hobbs, Watnall, Notts, by Sept. 28th? All ringers are cordially invited.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Isham, near Kettering, on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All desiring tea please notify Miss Hepburn, The Pines, Isham.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington, Road, Enfield.

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