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INSTRUCTIONAL WORK.

Encouraging reports of progress made by some of the Associations have been appearing lately with gratifying frequency, but it is in those districts and among those organisations who do the most effective spade work that the best results are seen. In South Wales, for instance, where that very live society, the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, leaves no stone unturned to spread change-ringing and sends out numerous instructors, excellent progress is recorded, and only on Saturday two complete bands were brought into union as the outcome of the practical aid which the Association offers to the towers in its area.

Most Associations provide for sending out instructors, but this is one of the directions in which far more might be done than is actually the case. Some of the Associations which profess thus to cater for bands who desire to learn change-ringing, do not send out, officially, a single instructor a year. The excuse may be that no one has applied for assistance in this direction, but more opportunities might be found for this valuable work if only the Associations themselves would seek them, instead of waiting to be approached. More often than not the ringers at unaffiliated towers are unaware of the facilities which might be given them for learning method ringing, and we should much like to see among Associations a vigorous campaign started to bring in the numerous companies which can still be found outside the organisations. As a rule these bands know little or nothing of method ringing, and one of the greatest inducements that could be held out would be that of offering an instructor. We believe that many more unaffiliated bands could be brought into union with a little more persistent and systematic effort.

One other phase of this question may be mentioned here. Where instructors are sent out they are too often limited to teaching the most elementary methods, the argument apparently being that once a band has been given an insight into how to ring Grandsire or Plain Bob, all that is required has been done and the band should be competent to go on by themselves. To our mind this should be only the beginning. Why should not competent instructors, who should instruct in conducting as well as in ringing, help a band along to Stedman and Double Norwich, for instance? There are too many bands who get no further than the plain methods, but who, with the help of a qualified instructor, might go on to a much higher standard of ringing. This question is one which might well be reviewed by Associations, which should bear in mind that the old idea that a ringer who does not make his own opportunities is not worth encouragement, can no longer prevail if ringing organisations are to fulfil their real part in the general scheme of things.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELMSFORD.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, 1922, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
At St. Mary's Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.	
CHARLES T. COLES Treble	PERCY TIMSIN 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	LESLIE J. CLARK 8
ARTHUR EDWARDS 3	JOHN W. WOOD 9
CYRIL PEASE 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
WILLIAM PYE 6	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen the Martyr,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.	
ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	REV. H. LAW JAMES 6
EDGAR GUISE 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 3	HENRY PRING 8
CHARLES H. GORDON 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
EDWIN J. BROWN 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Sept. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lb.	
FREDERICK G. WOODISS Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	WILLIAM HEWETT 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
The author's composition No. 121.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Sept. 24, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
HERBERT SHERMMINGS Treble	ALBERT A. FLEMING 5
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 2	CHARLES WOODCOCK 6
JOHN CROOKS 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT 4	JAMES ROSE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.
The peal was arranged and rung to oblige the ringer of the treble.
It was his first peal and first attempt, and rung on his 18th birthday.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANC.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, Sept. 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
* LEONARD BARLOW Treble	TITUS BARLOW, SEN. 5
TITUS BARLOW, JUN. 2	RICHARD P. HEALD 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 3	JOHN POTTER 7
FRED ABBOT 4	JOSEPH GREGORY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding
of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gregory.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1922, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, STONEHOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
*LESLIE MOSES	Treble	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ...	5
HAROLD ASHTON	2	WARREN S. HORN BROOK ...	6
WILLIAM RUNDLE	3	WILLIAM RICHARDS ...	7
HARRY BURNER	4	A. C. BOOKLESS-BROWNE...Tenor	

Conducted by W. S. HORN BROOK.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. This peal was rung as a compliment to the Rev. Maitland Kelly on attaining the age of 80 years. Mr. Kelly was one of the earliest members and is the senior surviving member of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. He was Secretary of the Guild for seven years and has been President for 24, an office he still fills with an activity and enthusiasm that would put many a younger man to shame.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Oct. 2, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.	
ALLAN F. BAILEY	Treble
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... ..	2
SAMUEL JONES	3
ERNEST CUTSFORTH	4
SAMUEL WOOD	5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. ...	6
JOHN POTTER	7
HERBERT GREENHALGH ...Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Arranged for Mr. Jones, of Newport, Monmouth, who was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

CUBITT TOWN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
JOHN J. LAMB	Treble
*MAURICE SMITH... ..	2
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	3
CHARLES T. COLES	4
GEORGE R. PYE	5
WILLIAM PYE	6
JAMES E. DAVIS	7
REUBEN SANDERS... ..Tenor	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

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

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*CHARLES CUTTING	Treble
CHARLES BAKER... ..	2
FREDERICK R. BORRETT	3
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY	4
HERBERT H. PIERCY	5
JAMES BOUGHTON	6
TONY PRICE	7
ERNEST WHITING... ..Tenor	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.	
*HENRY HILL	Treble
*WILLIAM HAYWARD	2
WILLIAM POYSER	3
JOHN GARRATT	4
HENRY LETTS	5
J. ARTHUR ORGILL	6
WILLIAM A. PARSONS... ..	7
JOSEPH LORD... ..Tenor	

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by J. LORD.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Messrs. William Hayward and J. Garratt, who were visiting Derby and were elected members of his Association.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.		Tenor 17 cwt.	
JOSEPH T. DYKE	Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	5
*SYDNEY PEPLER... ..	2	CHARLES ANDREWS	6
*JESSE FRANCIS	3	*WILLIAM R. BAXTER	7
THOMAS F. KING	4	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN... ..Tenor	

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Stedman.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.	
HARRY BAKER	Treble
CHARLES TRIBE	2
ARCHIBALD C. KAY	3
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	4
BENJAMIN BAKER... ..	5
LEWIS NEWMAN	6
ALBERT E. EDWARDS	7
HARRY PARKESTenor	

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by H. PARKES.

This was the conductor's first peal of Bob Major.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Oct. 5, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.	
†FREDERICK HOWSON... ..	Treble
*GEORGE LOVE	2
*ROBERT MASH	3
*HECTOR HOLLIDAY	4
*HARRY R. LOVE... ..	5
FREDERICK R. WILLY	6
WILLIAM J. HOWSON	7
*ALLAN W. CALVERTenor	

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM J. HOWSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. The ringer of the 4th bells from Dereham. The rest belong to the local company.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Oct. 6, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
HENRY C. COLLYER	Treble
WILLIAM BIBBY	2
GEORGE H. RANGLES... ..	3
JOHN W. BIBBY	4
ERNEST PALMER	5
EDWARD JENKINS... ..	6
FRANCIS BIBBY	7
CECIL RADDONTenor	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First Surprise peal by all except the ringers of the treble and 6th. First peal in the method in the county by a resident band, all the above being practice and service ringers at this church. This peal was rung as a tribute to the untiring efforts put forth in the past by Mr. W. Bibby, and of Mr. Jenkins in the present, for the advancement of change ringing in this district. The great feature of this peal was the splendid striking throughout. It is suggested that this may be the first instance of father and two sons ringing their first Surprise peal 'inside' together.

SWANAGE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.	
*ERNEST A. HIXSON	Treble	REGINALD BROWN	5
*RICHARD S. BASTABLE	2	*GERALD F. HAYSOM	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	GEO. J. WILLIAMS	7
†DONALD HILL BROWN	4	*ALBERT J. HAYSOMTenor	

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. The ringer of the 5th was elected a member of the Guild before starting, the peal being rung in honour of his birthday.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	WALTER SMITH 5
WILLIAM J. WHEADON 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
*JOHN S. MORTON 4	HENRY SIMMONS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... Treble	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES ... 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	RICHARD J. STONE 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PERCY W. CAVE.

Rung on the eve of the harvest thanksgiving.

SHEREWSBURY.

ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

ALBERT L. SHORT Treble	DENIS J. BOUCHER 5
JAMES E. LILLEY 2	WALTER FAIRHEAD 6
REGINALD R. POLE 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 4	*DAVID JAMES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman Triples by all except the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the front eight on the eve of the harvest festival. All the above are Sunday service ringers.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*JAMES L. HAYWAY Treble	ALFRED S. BAYLEY 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
WILLIAM D. WASE 3	WALTER LAGO 7
†JACK GARRETT 4	LEONARD G. HEWITT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LAGO.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. L. G. Hewitt has now rung each of Coalbrookdale bells to a peal. Rung during harvest festival week.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, 1922, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*CHARLES PARKER Treble	H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... 5
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2	*WILLIAM TILLET 6
JAMES DURRANT 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. C.C.C. No. 122. Rung as a farewell peal to Canon H. D. Williamson, M.A., who has accepted the living at Brent Eleigh; also as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALMOND,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY 5
W. A. JAMES 2	ARTHUR BRANES 6
JOHN C. DICKEN 3	W. RICHARD DRAGE 7
GEORGE FREEBREV 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, 1922, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 2	ALBERT A. FLEMING 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS W. LAST.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LITTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Oct. 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1922, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM POWELL Treble	JAMES BLAKE 4
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 2	JOHN J. BEVAN 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by J. J. BEVAN.

First peal as conductor.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford Bob & Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. SMITH Treble	ALBERT J. LINCOLN 4
ALFRED H. WATSON 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
HARRY HALL 3	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

The band tender their best thanks to Mr. W. Sawyer for having everything in readiness. It is 14 years since a peal was rung on the bells.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROSEWELL Treble	FRANK F. FLOWER 4
GERALD F. GRIFFIN 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 5
ALBERT E. B. HEAL 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal in more than one method by all except the conductor.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, 1922, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*HAROLD W. BIRDSEY ... Treble	*FREDERICK C. CASE ... 4
*THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 2	*THOMAS E. READ ... 5
*LEONARD A. SMITH ... 3	ALBERT J. GREEN ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Surprise by a local band for the Association. First peal of Surprise by the local band on the bells.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BELTON ST. PETER'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, Oct. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob, each differently called. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM HECTOR Treble	HARRY KENDALL 4
ARTHUR CATTELL 2	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY ... 5
ARTHUR BUZZARD 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, which have recently been augmented and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... Treble	†WALTER T. WILSON ... 4
*MISS KITTY M. MOORE ... 2	†MISS ANNIE PARKINS ... 5
TOM TEBBUTT 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal in five methods with an 'inside' bell. ‡ 50th peal. Rung in honour of the engagement of Mr. R. Richardson and Miss Annie Parkins.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Sept. 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

GEORGE W. STEERE ... 1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5—6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: RAYMOND PHILPOTT.

Rung in honour of the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Pulling, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Weatherby.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND. — On Sept. 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 30 mins.: R. Potts 1, J. Casson 2, J. Norman 3, F. Tickle 4, Wm. T. Holmes (conductor) 5, T. Casson 6, W. Bone (covering) 7. Rung for evening service at All Saints' Church, with the bells muffled, after the unveiling of the war memorial, at Cocker-mouth, Sept. 24th, 1922.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 15 in C.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 1—2	*GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and MR. W. LUCAS.

This peal was rung in honour of the coming of age of Mr. R. Philpott, whose first peal it was and first attempt. "100th peal" in hand.

FIVE COUNTIES IN ONE DAY.

LEATHERHEAD SOCIETY'S SUCCESSFUL OUTING.

'Where's the outing this year, Winchy?'

'Oh, I'll fix up a trip into five counties this time.'

'Go on! it's impossible.'

'All right, then. "Wait and see."'

Accordingly, on the day arranged, a party left Leatherhead at 8.10 a.m. Owing to a slight misunderstanding this was 40 minutes behind scheduled time, and in addition to that, after travelling three miles, down came the rain. Of course, that meant more delay, as the covering of our charabanc had to be adjusted. The company didn't seem downhearted; in fact, we had quite a happy crew aboard. In addition to the Leatherhead men there were the two Jacks from Ashted, Jack from Ewell, and Jack from Dorking (not a bad hand for poker—four Jacks). After making all snug, away we went, and arrived at Bagshot (our first stop for ringing), nearly one hour late. Here we were met by a charming young lady ringer (Miss Mabel Nye), who, in her father's absence, welcomed us to Bagshot. As we were late we decided not to make a long stay, so two courses each of Bob Major and Double Norwich had to suffice. Miss Nye took part in the Bob Major, and we were convinced that she could show a good many gentlemen how to handle a rope. Leaving Bagshot, we made tracks for Bracknell, in the next county (Berks). Here, finding ourselves in a civilised part of the country, where the licensed houses open at 10 a.m., we stopped for a quarter of an hour, and availed ourselves of the privilege of a glass of bitter and a crust of bread and cheese, at a reasonable hour of the day. The next stop was Caversham, in the next county for ringing, where we arrived soon after 11, and were met by Mr. H. Simmonds, of the local band. Here we indulged in Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich, on this handy little ring until everyone was satisfied. Leaving here, we were at St. Lawrence's, Reading, in a few minutes. Here, as at Caversham, everyone had gone to Oxford for the Guild's festival, so we did not see 'father.' Being close to the market place we decided not to be 'greedy,' and only rang two short touches of Grandsire Caters. Lunch at the Popular Cafe was the next order, and everyone did justice to the good things provided. Soon after 2.30 we were off once more, Farnham Royal (Bucks) being the next objective. Here we were met by our old friend, Mr. J. J. Parker, and soon had these merry little bells going to Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. Then, being reinforced by Mr. W. Henley, we just managed to tap off a decent course of Superlative. We were loath to leave Farnham, but a meat tea was waiting at the Three Fishes at Sunbury-on-Thames at 5.30, and strict time, if possible, was the order of the day. Bidding farewell to our Farnham friends we put a jerk into the old machine, and hauled up at the Fishes right on time. Here, notwithstanding the mid-day lunch, most of us wanted another plate of cold beef, and there was plenty to have and to spare. They evidently know what sort of trenchermen ringers are at the Fishes, for they put a right good covering of meat each time on the plates. Next we moved for the church. Here we met the local captain, Mr. W. Warne, who welcomed us to Sunbury. We soon had these lovely bells up and set them going to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. With the assistance of Mr. A. Diserens we rang a good course of Superlative. Before leaving we all climbed up into the cage on top of the tower, and were charmed with the view. Some merriment was caused by some of the party whose occupation keeps them on the ground floor of a workshop, being so careful as not to go near the railings and look over. Whereat the building trade operatives volunteered to climb over; upon which the workshop men covered their eyes with their hands, not daring to look. Leatherhead was eventually reached at 9.30, and the ringing in five counties in one day was an accomplished fact, viz., Bagshot (Surrey), Caversham (Oxon), St. Lawrence, Reading (Berks), Farnham Royal (Bucks) and Sunbury-on-Thames (Middlesex). The party wish to thank the various clergy, through the medium of this paper, for the use of the bells, and also the kind co-operation of local ringers which made the outing a success.

A. H. W.

THE OXFORD GUILD TOUR.

(Continued from page 629.)

High Wycombe, Wednesday, Sept. 13th.—The Rev. E. M. Molyneux, Vicar. Mr. R. Coles, foreman. To reach this town we had to make a prolonged journey over four railway companies' lines, changing at three junctions, which gave us the opportunity to make use of the handbells for others to see and hear that 'changing' was part of the change ringers' life. Leaving Bletchley at 10.10 we were met at Wycombe by Messrs. Boreham and Evans, and escorted to our quarters, 'The Frogmore,' where the cyclists, Messrs. Shepherd, Hart and Williams, and the Bull Ring couple, Messrs. Groves and Walker, reported themselves for a good hot dinner. At 4 p.m. everybody made for the bell-loft at All Saints', and here we found Messrs. Coles and Hayes busy doing the needful doctoring. Good old 'Rugby' also arrived via Euston and Paddington, he, being a semi-director of one of the companies, was able to do the journey quicker that way with less changing. The Vicar had kindly advanced evening service by half an hour to oblige us. We rang a touch for it, and afterwards the Vicar came up and wished the band success, offering the Guild's prayer before 'Go—Stedman Cinques' was called by the Ringing Master of the Birmingham Stedman Association. When 'that's all' came up the Vicar 'came round' to personally congratulate us, as also did Messrs. Markham, Goodchild, and other Wycombe ringers who heard the peal. Under the shadow of this tower stands The Black Boy. In a small room adjoining the bar, for about twenty minutes before the hour of closing, some twenty ringers endeavoured to cram in half a lifetime of reminiscences and friendly ringers' secrets with a hum-note resembling the Stock Exchange Hall on a busy morning. We adjourned to the Frogmore to supper, some fourteen ringers sitting down, and then the Bucks' 'hum-note' began again and lasted till early morning. I learnt that our 'Isaac' had just completed 48½ years' regular service with the South Metropolitan Gas Company, and was retiring on a pension well earned. When I also state he is one of those men who are never absent and never late you will understand the retirement is deserved. Add to this record his list of 1,190 peals as a little pleasurable sideline or hobby, and who can put his life's work into the shade?

Gazing on the faces of the well-known men gathered around me, I noticed that we had several who were surely creeping up the peal ladder, to mention only four of them—Groves 600, George 700, Hart 800, and Williams 900, and upwards. Men of this breed are no longer chickens in the Exercise. The very lines on their faces seemed to reveal diagrams of 'whole' and 'half-turns,' or '8-7-8-thirds-6-5-6.'

Hughenden.—Rev. J. Cuthbert Lucas, Vicar. Mr. A. G. Janes, foreman. One peal for Thursday, 14th, was proposed, but to suit the Birmingham men we were very kindly allowed the use of this tower all day long, so that the two teams of our party might each try their fortune. This church stands out in a beautiful park, two miles from Wycombe, far from the 'madding crowd,' who in their turn reproach the bell ringers for their maddening bell ringing. The speed of the morning's attempt was very quick, and at 2 hours 40 minutes came 'stand' from the conductor, who was not quite sure which course he was in, or if 3-4 had changed work. The band was Messrs. Nevard, Hart, Fussell, Williams, Sharman, Sippetts, Walker and Groves (conductor). The church was inspected, as well as the resting-place of the late Lord Beaconsfield with several mementos of him. By command of the late Queen Victoria, his banner and other insignia of the Garter from the Earl's stall in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, was placed over the seat formerly occupied by him in the chancel. A quiet walk back into Wycombe for lunch, and an afternoon's rest followed. The Birmingham trio were duly despatched under the care of Mr. Fred Walker, and it was with regret we left Mr. George—rather indisposed—to return home, but we have since heard of his improvement in health; possibly due to the comforting 'Wycombe Jacket' provided for him in direct opposition to the regulations of the Frogmore Hotel. After tea a picturesque walk through the park, and the completion of Middleton's 'Cambridge' was effected, whilst Messrs. Mayne, Nevard, Fussell and Evans listened to the 'coarse' ends, which indeed were 'fine.' The last-named ringer is a Central councillor for Bucks, with a long record of successful Surprise ringing and peal conducting at Hughenden for nearly 40 years. As rain prevented outdoor occupation we four sat in church and rang handbells. The Beaconsfield Arms received us 'openly' till closing time, and we went to our temperance beds, through the rain, still without a blank day to record.

Woodburn.—The Rev. A. E. Baynes, Vicar. Mr. J. West, foreman. Friday, Sept. 15th.—A bright cheerful morning, Wycombe's market day, and going about the busy town, I occasionally met one or two men of the 'out of work' type looking for the Black Boy. Our motor-bus to Woodburn left at noon, and on reaching there we had luncheon at the Welcome Tavern. A prompt start for Superlative Major at 2.30 ended just short of two hours' ringing. The ringing room is very noisy, and it was impossible to understand the conductor's instruction to an erring member. Uncertainty as to our next

attempt, by reason of six p.m. evensong, was removed by the organiser's perseverance in seeing the foreman and Vicar, and obtaining permission for another attempt after service at 6.30. Even then doubts existed if three hours would enable the band to score and catch the 9.30 bus onwards. The refreshing tea at the Welcome helped us to 'go for it' with a 'good heart,' and putting on speed at the quarter-peal end we accomplished both the peal and bus journey afterwards, not even stopping to 'Sippetts' after leaving the tower. Almost at the end of the peal our veteran hand was trying to leave the slow-work, this caused a bad six or two; and added to the noise of the bells. Woodburn bells were restored at a cost of £2360, in commemoration of the Coronation of King Edward VII. In the church are brasses to John Goodwin and his wife, and Pernel, who built the tower, A.D. 1488. A list of Rectors and Vicars exists from 1216. The 6th bell was cast in Dublin by Murphy. Tom Tolladay, of the St. James' Society, London, rang his last peal here, and a very ancient half-timbered house facing the churchyard—now no longer licensed—was the scene of many a gathering of early pioneers of change ringing in the county. Seated in an easy-running motor-bus we had had time to recover our wind a little, and reaching Maidenhead at 10 p.m. thought the 10.3 train was late to oblige us, but it turned out to be a goods, and all our haste and good Isaac's trotting uphill to the station were of no avail. Even then we reached the Reindeer Hotel at Slough before 11 p.m., as a train not scheduled came along half an hour later, and took us up. With most comfortable quarters, and the attentions of a real landlady, we went to bed at midnight, and more than one man fell off to sleep with the booming of Woodburn tenor still in his ears, and the kindness of the Vicar in mind.

(To be continued.)

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The annual general meeting was held at Isham, Northants, on Saturday, September 30th. The attendance was not very large, but a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Ringing took place in the afternoon, and a variety of methods was rung. A short service was held, at which the Rector gave an address.

After tea in the Schoolroom, the business meeting was held. In the absence of the President, Mrs. E. M. Atkins was voted to the chair.

The Secretary presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £8 9s. 7½d.

One ringing member and one honorary member were elected.—Miss D. Atkins, of Isham, was elected President for the year.—Miss Parker was re-elected as honorary secretary and treasurer.

It was decided to hold the next general meeting in London.

No other important business was brought forward, and after votes of thanks to the Rector for his address and the local ringers for making all arrangements, the meeting concluded.

MIDLAND DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Midland District was held at Kinver on Saturday, Sept. 30th. A large party left Birmingham for that place in very hopeful spirits; in fact, they might have called themselves a band of hope. All were hoping it would keep fine; one or two optimists were quite sure it would; but, alas! on arriving at the end of the journey, one of the Midlands' beauty spots, it was found that Kinver had not 'gone dry.' Needless to say, the ringers, ladies and gentlemen, made their way to the church, and soon had the bells going merrily. What a good thing it is ringing does not have to be abandoned on account of the weather!

Service was held in the church, the Guild form being used. The Rev. T. A. Cooper-Slipper officiated, but was not able to join the party at tea, which was waiting for them at a cafe in the village, and to which 40 sat down. Before the gentlemen left, and before the business meeting began, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the gentlemen ringers for their kindness, courtesy, and the support they always give the ladies at these gatherings. Their willingness to help the lady ringers at all times is thoroughly appreciated.

Mr. A. Walker, Mr. J. E. Groves, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. W. Kent and Mr. White were among those present.

The gentlemen having taken their departure to the church, the business meeting was conducted to the sound of the bells. Miss Pigott was voted to the chair, and the election of officers for the coming year took place.

Mrs. Groves wished to resign the secretaryship, but was overruled and re-elected. Miss Pigott and Miss Foster were re-elected on the committee. Mrs. White (Coventry) and Miss Johnson (Evesham) were elected in place of Mrs. Holbrooke and Mrs. Preston.—Miss A. and Miss R. Johnson, of Evesham, were elected ringing members.—Letters of apology were read from Miss Johnson and Miss Bennett.

Edgbaston Old Church was selected for the next meeting, if permission can be obtained; if not, Harborne, the meeting to take place fairly early in January next.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. T. A. Cooper-Slipper) and to the local ringers, brought the meeting to a close.

It was still raining when the visitors left.

NOTTS RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, Sept. 16th, the ringers from Cotgrave and Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts, held their outing, the destination being Thoresby and Perlethorpe. Permission had been obtained by the Rector of Cotgrave (the Rev. J. P. Hales) from Earl Manvers for the party to be taken round Thoresby House. A start was made at 12.45, but unfortunately before Newark was reached a burst tyre delayed operations. When Newark was eventually reached, the party was joined by Mr. A. J. Chamberlain, of Southwell. While a new cover was being fixed the party had a look round the fine old Parish Church and the Castle. On getting away again, the handbells were set going to tunes, and passing through Ollerton more delays occurred in finding the right road, one stop being caused by running into a cul-de-sac.

Mr. T. Spencer (brother of F. Spencer, of Radcliffe) was waiting for the party on their arrival, and regretted that the time for showing the party round was restricted. The noble earl, too, had been waiting, asking several motorists if they were the Cotgrave party. However, the visitors were taken through the magnificent house, a treat which was fully appreciated, and then through the grounds and gardens. Arriving at Perlethorpe, the tower was visited, and the fine old ring of bells by Mears and Stainbank (tenor 6wt. 14lbs.) were set going to 240 Bob Minor and 720 Single Oxford, in 21 mins.: G. Nowell 1, W. E. White 2, W. White (conductor) 3, F. Spencer 4, A. J. Chamberlain 5, T. Squires 6; also 216 Bob Minor. A few rounds were also rung for two very promising young ringers, L. Webster and J. P. Hayes. Time being all too short and some misunderstanding having arisen about tea, the party decided to return to Newark, where they had an excellent spread at Oldham's Cafe. After a stroll round the market and two plain courses of Grandsire Triples in the motor by A. J. Chamberlain 1-2, W. White 3-4, W. E. White 5-6, T. Squires 7-8, the return journey was made, a most enjoyable time having been spent, despite the disappointments. The best thanks of the party are due to Earl and Countess Manvers, and others, who contributed to the day's outing.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Thursday, August 24th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: S. Brookes 1, R. Clements 2, P. Webb (conductor) 3, A. Lilley 4, A. Baynes 5, F. Griggs 6. Also 792 Kent, 144 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Bowtell and J. Webb taking part. — On Thursday, August 31st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: P. C. L. Brookes 1, R. Clements 2, P. Webb 3, A. Baynes (first in the method) 4, W. Flitton (conductor) 5, A. Lilley 6. Also 360 Kent, on handbells, with F. Bowtell 1.

A WEST WILTS TRIP.

On Saturday, Sept. 9th, the St. Philip and Jacob's Guild (Bristol), together with friends, held their annual outing. The party, numbering 28, left Bristol at 1.25 p.m., by motor coach, for Trowbridge, where the first halt was called for a ring on the peal of eight at the Parish Church. Here the party were met by Mr. Sam Hector, who had everything in readiness, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were brought round on this good-going peal. The next call was Westbury, where Messrs. Arnold and Hart were waiting. The new ring (by Taylor), tenor 35 cwt., were raised in peal, and one touch was rung before an adjournment to the local hotel, where an excellent meat tea was waiting. This was disposed of in true ringers' style.

After a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, a group photograph was taken, and the party once more visited the tower, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge were rung. The Vicar came into the belfry while ringing was in progress, and extended a welcome to the visitors. This, needless to say, was much appreciated. The excellence of this fine peal was the cause of much comment, and it was with reluctance that the journey was resumed.

Warminster was the next and last ringing objective, and here, on arrival, Mr. White was found waiting with a welcome, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung.

Some excitement was caused on the return journey, owing to the driver losing his way, but with the assistance of a compatriot of the road, he was directed rightly to Bath, where a stop was made, presumably to allow the engine to cool! Tunes on the handbells, excellently rendered, and songs, kept the party alive until Bristol was safely reached at 11 p.m. The trip was a most successful one, and opportunity is here taken to thank the incumbents of the churches for permission to ring, and those friends who so kindly had everything in readiness.

PULHAM RINGER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred, at Pulham St. Mary, Norfolk, of Mr. James Tann, for many years one of the local band. He had rung about 90 peals for the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association.

On Saturday last the bells were rung, half-muffled, as a last token of respect. A touch of 238 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung by F. Borrett 1, A. Roope 2, J. Allen 3, R. Whiting 4, C. Cutting 5, C. Baker 6, F. Roope 7, C. Roope 8; and 672 Double Norwich and the whole pull and stand by C. Cutting 1, A. Roope 2, F. Borrett 3, C. Baker 4, H. Piercy 5, E. Whiting 6, F. Roope 7, C. Roope 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On October 14th, 1850, a 7,020 Stedman Caters was rung at Aston, composed and conducted by Henry Johnson.

A 6,000 of Treble Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch by the College Youths on October 19th, 1766.

The first peal of Treble Bob Major ever rung 'with the 120 course ends' was accomplished by the Cumberland Youths on Oct. 20th, 1794. It is described as Union Treble Bob, and was composed and conducted by George Gross, senr. William Shipway and Malachi Cannon, who was generally at the heavy end in some of the Cumberlands long peal, took part in this performance.

On October 20th, 1751, a peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street. John Holt took part in this.

The peal of Treble Ten rung during the Oxford Guild tour, at Leighton Buzzard on September 11th, was not the first peal of Royal on the bells. The Cumberland Youths rang a peal there in the same method on May 23th, 1910, conducted by Mr. Frank Bennett.

The Doncaster and District Society now numbers 185 members, from 36 towers.

A defective report of a peal of Stedman Triples rung on Sept. 29th, conducted by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, has been sent in, and we shall be glad if our correspondent will supply the name of the town where it was rung, and state under what association (if any).

Particulars will be found in our notice columns of the arrangements for the opening of the peal of twelve at St. Mary's, Taunton, on October 21st.

A band of veterans (all over 70 years of age), members of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, are to attempt a peal at Pulham on Saturday, October 14th.

October 16th is the anniversary of the 10,176 Grandsire Major rung on handbells at Birmingham in the year 1883.

Mr. John Carter has returned to London after his summer sojourn in the Isle of Man.

The peal of Bob Major rung at Feering on Sept. 30th, and published in our last issue, should be credited to the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, and not to the Norwich Diocesan Association, as published.

NEW PEAL OF SIX IN LEICESTERSHIRE.

DEDICATION OF HALLATON BELLS.

On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, the recast and augmented peal at the Parish Church, Hallaton, Leicestershire, was dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Leicester (the Rev. McNutt). The service was preceded by ringing the back five to Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, and a good congregation assembled. During the service, which was attended by clergy from Medbourne, Tugby, Stonton, Wyville, Alexton, Blaston, Great Easton and Shrewsbury, the choir and clergy proceeded to the tower, where the Archdeacon took the treble rope in hand and dedicated the new bell, also rededicating the recast ones. He then handed the rope to Mr. Ernest Morris (of St. Margaret's, Leicester), who raised the bell in their presence. After further prayers for the ringers, the choir and clergy retired to the chancel while 'rounds' and 'queens' were rung on the whole six bells. The Archdeacon then gave a striking and most interesting address on bells—chiefly taking their history, legends, etc., from North's Bells of Leicestershire—and dwelling especially on the motto of the old 3rd bell (now reproduced), 'Peace and good neighbourhood.'

At the conclusion, the first 720 Plain Bob was rung by H. Kendall 1, J. Grocock 2, R. H. Bartram 3, F. Bindley 4, J. J. Jackson 5, E. Morris (conductor) 6. Tea was provided for visitors, and ringers assembled from Belton, Melton Mowbray, Billesdon, Desboro', Kirby Muxloe and Leicester. Afterwards touches of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Doubles were rung.

The whole of the work which includes recasting the front four of the old five, adding a new treble, rehangings the whole on ball bearings in a new steel and iron frame, was defrayed by a grant out of the Isabella Stebbing Charity, and was carried out in an admirable way by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

On Saturday (October 7th) the first 5,040 was rung on the new bells. The bells are thus inscribed:—

- Treble (rose pattern all round) on waist: 19 (Taylor's mark) 21.
 2. Thomas Norris made me 16FF R.G. I.B. (rose patt.).
 3. Thomas Norris made me 16FF (rose patt.).
 4. Peace and good neighbourhood, 1772 (rose patt.).
 5. Thos. Gibbins, Churchwarden. Edwd. Arnold, 1772 (rose patt.).
 - Tenor.—Thos. Gibbins, Churchwarden * (leaf) Edwd. Arnold, St. Neots, Peelt 1772 (2 leaves) *
- On the waist of 2, 3, 4, 5, is Taylor's mark and 'Recast 1921.'

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ABERGAVENNY.**

A quarterly meeting was held on Saturday last at Abergavenny, when a large representative assembly attended from Llandaff, Cardiff, Newport, Whitchurch, Rumney, Llanfrecchfa, Bedwellty, Llanelly, Swindon, Llangattock, Blaenavon, Trevechin, etc. The tower, probably the largest in the diocese, contains a ring of eight bells, tenor about 18 cwt. The building is a fine old Priory Church. It contains a number of ancient monuments, and is full of interest. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. E. Davies, M.A.), whose address dealt with the origin of bells and ringing. At the conclusion of the service he explained the various architectural and historical points of the old church.

Tea, which had been very kindly provided in the Church Room, followed, and before the business meeting commenced a little hand-bell ringing was indulged in.—The Vicar took the chair, and at the outset said how pleased he was to welcome the association to Abergavenny.

Arising out of the minutes, the Hon. Secretary read the reply from the Vicar of Abergavenny to a letter sent to him to use his influence to introduce change ringing into his tower. For the information of those not at the meeting the reply was to the effect that the letter and contents would not be forgotten, but the time for the adoption of the suggestions made was not yet.

Instructors' reports were received, and there were good reports from several towers, especially Bedwellty, where it is more than gratifying to find all changes have been dropped, and they are now practising and ringing Grandsire. A feature worth recording is that the whole of this band—a dozen of them, with their Rector—came by charabanc to attend the meeting.

New members were elected, including the whole of the Bedwellty and Abergavenny ringers.

Some thirty years ago an effort was made to introduce change ringing into Abergavenny. It went well for a short time only, and afterwards drifted back again to call changes. It is pleasing that again the effort is to be made, and it is hoped it will succeed. The Vicar is very keen on change ringing, and is doing his utmost to bring his tower in line with the others in the diocese.

The next meeting is the annual, and will be held at Llandaff in December.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, the local ringers and the ladies for their exceptional kindness and hospitality, was passed, and replied to by the Vicar and one of the wardens.

This brought the meeting to a close, and the bells were again requisitioned and rung in different methods until time for departure. In every sense the meeting was a huge success.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT CORSTON.

On Saturday, Sept. 30th, the Rector of Corston, near Bath (the Rev. O. C. Parker, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), unveiled in his tower a peal board recording the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung there on September 2nd, and duly recorded in 'The Ringing World.' In his remarks, the Rector referred to the special character of the two records of peals now in the tower, as on the first is recorded the fact that it was the first ever rung with father, mother and son taking part (the late R. J. Wilkins, and his wife and son), and the second, that it was the first Surprise peal for the Association in which a lady had taken part. He hoped that his own band would gather some of the enthusiasm shown by the band there that evening, especially by coming over for that little ceremony in such awful weather.

Mr. J. Davey, sleepkeeper, spoke of the pleasure it was to many of the inhabitants to hear such good ringing as that on the occasion of the peal. One man in particular who generally was much against the ringing of the bells had told him that 'he liked it when it was ringing like that.' The following band then rang Brooks' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Reeves 1. W. A. Cave 2. F. G. Leaker 3. A. Stowell 4. E. J. Brown 5. R. Taylor (first in the method) 6. Miss A. Brown (conductor) 7. Mrs. E. J. Brown 8. It was Miss Brown's first attempt to call a quarter of Stedman, and the band hope it will not be long before she succeeds in calling a peal in the method.

An old man (probably over 80) was in the railway waiting-room when the Bristol ringers returned to the station. He had walked from Bath. After a time he asked the ringers if they had heard some bells ringing a little way off the main road.

'They sounded lovely. I don't know, perhaps, it was being out in the country, but I never heard any ringing like that in Bristol,' he said.

He was an interesting old chap, and had, in his young days, been acquainted with a man who was something of a ringer. He had heard that they could ring as many as a thousand different changes.

Mr. Cave told him the party were ringers, and enlightened him in many ways. He helped to pass a dreary wait pleasantly.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Preston on Saturday, Sept. 30th, and was attended by a representative gathering of members from all parts of the county. The Parish Church, where the service was held, contains the old colours of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, and upon the walls are bronze memorials doing honour to the memory of the officers and men of this famous regiment. In addition to the Parish Church bells, five other rings were available, and were used during the afternoon.

At the service, Canon Morris (Vicar) was the preacher.

Tea followed in the Church Schools, and was provided by the ringers and friends. Over 100 sat down, and, for once in a way, nearly 90 had sent in names.

The business meeting was held in another part of the schools, presided over by Canon H. J. Elsee, President. The committee's report was read by the secretary, and the balance sheet was also presented.

The committee's report stated that the number of members was 1,450. The income amounted to £56 16s., while the expenses were £80. The annual report, which had been enlarged, accounted for a lot of the difference, while advantage was also taken of the opportunity to complete unfinished diagrams. Mention was made of several members whose deaths occurred during the year, and of a tablet put up to the memory of one of the Manchester Cathedral ringers who died while conducting a peal there. The peals rung during the year numbered 96, but as the year ended on August 31st this number did not tally with the C.C. Analysis.

A few questions were asked and answered, and both were then adopted.

As there was only one nomination for each office vacant, the nominees (the holders) were re-elected and thanked for past services, to which they replied.

Two resolutions were discussed. One, relating to the appointment of a recognised authority to give advice on church bells, was accepted, and Canon Elsee was chosen to act temporarily. The other, regarding a Bell Restoration Fund, was lost by a big majority.

After some close voting, Kendal was chosen for the next annual meeting.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the various clergy, the organist, choir, and ringers for their services in various ways, also to the ringers who rang a course of Caters in church immediately after the Blessing, which was much appreciated by all present.

This proved one of the best meetings the Association has held, and it might have been better if the railway fares were not so 'stiff.'

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The October meeting of the above Society was held at Conisborough last Saturday. About 20 members were present, representing some twelve different towers. The fine ring of eight bells, which undoubtedly are best in the Doncaster district, were rung at intervals from 3 o'clock until 9 p.m., the methods including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob Major and College Single. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room. The Vicar of Conisborough presided at the business meeting, at which it was decided to hold the next meeting at Hatfield.

Miss K. Jackson proposed several new members, who were duly elected. Among these were Mr. A. Knights and 'J. F.'

After some discussion it was decided that in future all teas provided at meetings of the society should be paid for at the standard rate of one shilling and sixpence per head, the tea to consist of meat sandwiches, cakes, etc. It is hoped that this will do away with any dissatisfaction there may be, and all criticisms and discussions on the merits or demerits of the different teas that have been provided at meetings.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local band and ladies for providing tea, the Hon. Secretary referred to the progress which the Conisborough ringers had recently made, and appealed to the Vicar to allow them to ring the bells on Sunday mornings instead of chiming them as at present. In reply, the Vicar said he could take a hint, and would see what could be done in the matter.

CERTIFICATES OF QUALIFICATION?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 22nd there is an account of a festival at Saltash, at which prizes were presented to various bands. In connection with advancement in ringing, would it not be a great incentive to beginners (and others also) to have gradations of certificates or medals to denote how far they had advanced in the Exercise? i.e. for a peal or plain course, as arranged by the Central Committee.

As matters stand, a change ringers' certificate is obtainable by a mediocre performance on six bells. Learners are usually very keen, but after getting their change ringers' certificate many seem to lose interest. Further awards would provide a constant incentive to further endeavour, and also provide a guide to a ringer's powers when making up teams.—Yours faithfully,

Bath.

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Q-SET PRINCIPLES IN METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It would be difficult to take Mr. Law James seriously, were it not that ignorance such as he reveals of the nature of q-sets appears to be fairly general among the experts. They seem to regard them as an unexplained and inexplicable juggle with figures, and the wider berth they can give them the better they are pleased. This surely must be the origin of a letter containing at least as many gross errors and palpable mis-statements as it includes lines. Mr. James may be glad to learn that a conductor who calls 3 bobs in consecutive leads does so in obedience to q-set authority just as much as when he calls 148 bobs and 2 singles in Holt's One-part. I would remind him that a charge of wasting space is a double-edged weapon. There has been a sufficiency of illogical writing about extension in 'The Ringing World' during the past few months.

To come to Mr. Yorke Bramble. He at least gives reasoned argument for the faith that is in him. At the same time, perhaps, he will allow me to say that in his reply to me a good deal of what he writes has the appearance of begging the question. But I do not suppose for a moment that this is intentional. Thus he complains that I confuse two issues. I do nothing of the kind. He, of course, regards construction and composition as two separate kinds of operation, unlike one another in character, indeed having nothing in common. On the contrary, I state explicitly my belief that construction and composition are essentially the same thing. In other words, I believe that ringing is a real science, and is consequently bound together in a homogeneous whole as any true science must be. He and those who think like him deny that there is a science of ringing at all, though some of them, through lack of logic, may fail to grasp the necessary consequences of their theories. True, Mr. Bramble employs the term 'science'; but he does so as he frankly confesses in an unnatural sense. Does he really think that to employ technical terms loosely is an aid to clear thinking and an antidote to the hypothetical cloak of mystery?

However, the point on which he apparently lays most stress in his letter is the perfectly astonishing idea that q-sets are only concerned with division or lead-ends. It is true that the term was coined by Thompson, whose investigations so far as I know were confined to Grandsire Triples—a method in which internal falseness cannot occur. In Snowden's Grandsire (pp. 171 ff.) there is an analysis of peals on the three-lead course plan, by means of which the truth of the composition is tested, seemingly in a way quite independent of the q-set. And all the time the q-set is there below the surface dominating the very pretty and convenient artifices employed by Mr. Davies for those compositions. Carrying the argument further to methods without a true proof scale, what does Mr. Bramble imagine Snowden's Natural and False Course-Ends to be if they are not q-sets? So much for his bold and incontrovertible (sic) statement.

But important as this is in its bearing on the subject, it is in a sense only a side issue. Let us confine ourselves to the single question put by me: Is there, or is there not, a harmony running through all change ringing such as that to which Thompson gave the name of q-set in the composition of peals of Grandsire Triples?

Let us consider what would be likely to happen if one of our experts were to ask some independent investigator to examine the plain courses of half a dozen assorted methods and report on their construction. Perhaps I may be allowed to assume him to be a mathematician, though any other type of mind trained to think logically would do equally well. This mathematician would quickly grasp the fact that change ringing from its nature consists of a form of relative motion. He would then notice that in most of these methods, and in particular in all that we call regular or legitimate, this movement produces a particular coursing order at each division or lead end (our old friend, the Bob Major Lead End). He might also find out that the Coursing Order exists, though probably in a veiled form, in the other (irregular or illegitimate) methods at some fixed point in each lead or division. On asking for an explanation of this general similarity he would be told that the Exercise had invented certain arbitrary definitions. 'Well, then, show me an example of a method produced independently of these arbitrary rules and free from the characteristics I have observed.' When he found there were none such forthcoming, he would decline to believe that there was any arbitrariness about it, and that, on the contrary, there must be some fundamental natural law underlying the resemblances he had been able to trace in all the methods brought under his notice. 'You profess that apart from the observance of the given conventions the designer may freely exercise his will in building a change block. You will find it as difficult to persuade me that what you call a convention can be violated as to abolish the tendency of a stone thrown into the air to fall again towards the ground.'

If it came to his ears that in the process of extending the plain course of a method to obtain a round block of any size whatever, there are certain governing factors—not arbitrarily imposed, but inherent in the very nature of change ringing—he could not but be struck by the similarity of these q-sets to what he had learnt by his observations of the various plain courses.

Is there any conclusive logical reason, he would ask, why each method should not have its own constructional q-sets in the same way as in any given method each composition has its q-sets operating in a particular way? If there be no such impossibility, this alone would indicate to a logical mind the values of accepting the idea tentatively at least as a working hypothesis.

I can imagine our mathematician wondering how such a common-sense suggestion should have escaped notice, and apparently he quite new to the experts, and he would be surprised that it should never have been thought of before. But in answer to the suggestion that logically 'composition in any given method can only begin where method construction leaves off,' it is worth noticing that perhaps the greatest intellect ever given to the study of change ringing recognises no distinction between the production of the so-called plain course, and that of the touch or peal. His phraseology is the same in both cases.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

Q-SETS THOROUGHLY TESTED.

Dear Sir,—I do not know why Mr. Law James always accuses his opponents of 'rushing into print,' except perhaps that it is a harmless habit of his. As a matter of fact, the theory of q-sets, as applied to Method Construction, has been tested more thoroughly than almost any similar theory in ringing. It has also the advantage over Mr. Bramble's theories that it is founded on fact and truth, and not on mere fancies, or as I suppose that gentleman would say, 'Conventions.'—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing.

5,088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

By F. BENNETT, BRIGHTON

23456	M	B	W	H
32654	2			2
56234			2	2
23564			1	1
65324			2	2
52364			2	
42563		x	1	
64235		x		2
52465			2	2
46325			1	1
23645			2	2
34625			2	

Repeat the first five courses. Contains the extent with 4th, 5th and 6th in 6th's place, with the 3rd at one course end only. Also the twelve 8-4's, 8-5's and 8-6's.

5,040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

By REV. H. LAW JAMES.

23456	7th's	M	W	H
346725	—	—	—	
652437	—	—	—	
34256	—	—	—	
25346	—	—	—	
43652	—	—	—	
65432	—	—	—	
45236	—	—	—	

Repeated.

First even two-part peal in the method, and first on its plan. Rung at Bristol on October 3rd, 1922, conducted by the composer.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division was held at Great Bardfield on Saturday week. A short service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar, the Rev. K. E. Cartwright, giving an excellent address.

A tea and meeting followed in the Parish Room, ringers being present from Stebbing, Dunmow, Great Bardfield, Stisted, Rayne, Felsted, Braintree, and Sibbie Hedingham, supported by the Vicar, Mr. T. S. Smith, J.P., churchwarden, and Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., Master of the Association.

The retiring District Master, Mr. H. F. Cooper, Stisted, was thanked for his services, and Mr. W. H. Dyson, Braintree, was unanimously elected District Master.—Mr. B. Redgewell, Wethersfield, was re-appointed district secretary for the tenth year, and hearty congratulations were sent to him from the meeting upon his recent marriage.—The Rev. K. E. Cartwright was elected an hon. member.

During the afternoon some of the ringers visited Finchingfield, and by permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Jordan, rang touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob, Mr. T. Wollard, of Finchingfield, taking part. Touches of Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine and Cambridge Surprise were rung upon the Bardfield bells, and courses of Triples and Caters upon the very fine toned handbells belonging to the Parish Church.

It was decided to hold the next meeting early in 1923 at Bocking.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, October 8th, for morning service, 928 Superlative Surprise: F. Borrett 1, C. Baker 2, J. Allen 3, R. Whiting 4, A. Berry 5, H. Piercy 6, E. Whiting 7, C. Roope 8; and for evening service, 576 Superlative by F. Borrett 1, C. Baker 2, C. Roope 3, R. Whiting 4, C. Cutting 5, H. Piercy 6, J. Snelling 7, A. Smith 8.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 8th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., composed by A. J. Pitman: F. Martin 1, M. Bend 2, J. R. Jackson 3, C. Briggs 4, A. W. Ward (conductor) 5, R. C. Blakey 6, J. W. Kirtton 7, J. Branson 8. First quarter of Triples by ringers of 1 and 8.

GODALMING, SURREY.—After evensong, for harvest festival, on October 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original: W. Moorey 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, M. Smither 3, C. Bish 4, C. Childs 5, A. J. Bartlett 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, W. Mills 8.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 1st, for the harvest festival, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, W. G. Darlington 3, H. Warner 4, A. Bull 5, C. Dilley 6, G. Maxim (conductor) 7, J. Littlechild 8.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.—On Sunday, October 1st, for evening service, at the Parish Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Hallows 1, W. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, J. Jacques 3, J. Smith (first quarter-peal) 4, S. Holt 5, T. A. Ogden 6, F. Berry 7, T. K. Driver 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—For the harvest festival, at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 1st, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 46 mins.: A. E. Weeden 1, R. S. Cook 2, W. Ayre (conductor) 3, H. Gates 4, J. Floyd 5, J. W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, H. Golding 8. First quarter of Major by all except 3 and 6. Ringers of 1, 2 and 3 belong to King's Langley band.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 24th, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Bowers 1, W. Gammage 2, F. Hopper 3, J. Metherell 4, J. Mackay 5, J. Hensman 6, B. Soden (conductor) 7, C. Tebbutt 8.—For evening service, 1,150 Bob Major, in 45 mins.: W. Gammage 1, H. Wills 2, F. Wilford 3, J. Mackay 4, J. Metherell (conductor) 5, B. Soden 6, J. Hensman 7, W. Groves 8. H. Wills and W. Groves hail from Croydon. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

SOUTH SHORE, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for the harvest festival, at the Parish Church, 720 Minor: R. Miles (Retford) 1, A. Beaumont 2, W. Aaron 3, J. Marsh (first 720 in the method) 4, A. Ingram 5, A. Atkinson (conductor) 6. Ringers of 3, 4 and 5 from Church Kirk, Lanes, and treble from Retford.

RATBY.—At St. Phillip and St. James' Church, on Sunday, Sept. 24th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: C. Priestnall 1, B. Wade 2, W. Ball (conductor) 3, P. Ingram 4, T. Chantrell 5, C. Allsop 6. First 720 as conductor.—On Sunday, October 1st, for harvest festival evensong, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, as above, with H. Spencer 4.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for morning service, at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, 480 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 256 Little Bob Major.—On Sunday, Oct. 1st, for morning service, 384 Kent Treble Bob Major, and touch of Little Bob Major and Grandsire Triples: Geo. Cooke, E. Cooke, R. Cook, Harry Cooke, C. S. Tuthill, A. Dye, A. W. Baldwin, J. Godfrey, W. E. Bason, C. Wybrow, C. V. Ebberson (London).

BRENTWOOD.—At the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury, for evensong, on September 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Tredgett 1, A. Rainbird 2, E. Furbank 3, F. Ringe (first quarter-peal) 4, W. Leggett 5, E. D. Baker 6, Wesley Watson (conductor) 7, S. Carroll 8. The above, with the exception of Mr. Watson who hails from Romford, and has instructed the local band, are service ringers at Brentwood.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for evensong, 800 Bob Major, and after service, a quarter-peal (1,264) in the same method: G. Mayes 1, W. Keeble (conductor) 2, J. C. Newman 3, R. Fisher 4, J. Sadler 5, G. Hayward 6, C. Rogers 7, W. Elliott 8.

WITCHCOMBE, DEVON.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: G. Stocker 1, A. England 2, F. Dimond 3, E. Pook (first quarter) 4, R. Manby 5, J. Skinner 6, R. J. Hayman (conductor) 7, G. Rendell 8.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (arranged for Messrs. Bacon and Jeffries): A. Reynolds 1, F. C. Bacon (London) 2, A. L. Bennett (Buckfastleigh) 3, J. S. Collins 4, C. F. Austin 5, F. T. Glover 6, W. J. Jeffries (Deptford, Kent), conductor, 7, H. J. Hole 8.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, on Sunday, Sept. 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: Corpl. W. E. Snell, R.M.A. 1, J. Glavas 2, H. Burner 3, W. Rundle 4, A. Kentfield 5, S. Binfield (conductor) 6, J. Woodlev 7, S. Symons 8. Corpl. Snell hails from Washfield, and Mr. Binfield from Folkestone, who were visiting the town.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 24th, in 22 mins., 720 Bob Minor: P. Reynolds 1, H. Wright 2, A. Waters 3, C. H. Webb (first 720 as conductor) 4, T. Atkins 5, F. E. Wilson 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. John the Baptist's, on Sunday, Sept. 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: Miss G. Baker 1, Miss D. Feltham 2, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 3, Miss N. Williams 4, W. Henley 5, E. Hancox 6, P. Jones 7, R. Carter 8, H. Chandler 9, W. Honor 10.

EDGBASTON.—For harvest festival, on Sunday, Sept. 24th, at Old Church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: R. Russell 1, O. Simkin 2, E. Rose 3, L. Cartwright 4, G. Pigott 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Cambridge Minor, in 23 mins.: C. Webb 1, J. Withers, junr., 2, J. Withers, senr., 3, P. O. Laffin 4, G. Pigott 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6; and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: E. Rose 1, H. Williams 2, H. Withers 3, G. Pigott 4, J. Withers, senr., 5, P. O. Laffin (conductor) 6.

AYNHO, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Gibbard 1, F. Neal 2. Police-inspector Fairbrother 3, R. G. Rice (conductor) 4, G. Holifield, junr., 5, M. Smith 6, W. Judge 7, T. Impey 8. This band represents the following parishes: Banbury (3), Somerton, Bicester and Tackley, Oxon, and Appleton and Harwell, Berks.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. A. Cox 1, A. H. Webb 2, Capt. W. E. Napper 3, T. East 4, W. V. Webb 5, J. S. Napper (conductor) 6, T. Jakeman 7, W. A. Goodenough 8.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Sunday, October 1st, for evening service, being harvest festival, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Cook 1, H. Bond 2, W. Blunsden 3, J. Keyte (Charlbury) 4, F. Soden 5, H. Barrett 6, B. Bishop (conductor) 7, G. Parker 8. Also 168, with T. Bond ringing the 2nd.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT WIGSTON.

There are two Wigstons, one Wigston Magna—the other, Wigston (or South Wigston) Minor; notwithstanding that the place was made famous by the long lengths rung there. In 1901, Harrison's 10,176 of Treble Bob was the first Major peal on the bells. In 1904, 11,008 and 17,104 Double Norwich were accomplished, but at the other Wigston members of the Midland Counties Association held their quarterly meeting in the Church of England School, on Saturday week. Alderman R. B. Chambers, of Derby, presided over an assembly which included ringers representing Leicester, St. Martin's, St. Margaret's, St. John's and St. Saviour's; Rugby, Nuneaton, Loughborough, Derby, Stoney Stanton, Stoke Golding, Sheffield, Croft, South Wigston and Wigston Magna. The Rural Dean of Wigston, the Rev. T. W. Wright, and the Rev. T. W. Weston, of South Wigston, were elected honorary members, and several new members were enrolled.

The tower bells of Wigston Magna and South Wigston were placed at the ringers' disposal and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise, and London and Bristol Surprise were successfully brought round. The 'go' of the bells, which were recently rehung, was deemed to be excellent. Tea was provided by the ladies' committee.

LEICESTER DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Leicester District was held at Thurcaston on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. The meeting had been arranged for Anstey and Thurcaston, but owing to the death of the Vicar of Anstey (the Rev. J. Kerry Williams), ringing was confined to Thurcaston. There was a very poor attendance, but touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich, and also Cambridge Minor were rung.

The business meeting was held in the vestry. Mr. J. Harris taking the chair in the absence of the local vice-president (Mr. E. Morris).—The annual meeting was fixed for January 16th, at St. Peter's, Belgrave.

Mr. W. Willson moved that a vote of sympathy be conveyed to the relatives, friends and co-workers of the late Vicar of Anstey, who for many years had been well known and respected by members of the Association.—This was seconded by the chairman, who spoke of the deceased gentleman in terms of appreciation and respect.—The motion was carried by the members standing in silence.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Thurcaston for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close.

THE LATE MR. W. W. GIFFORD.

The fund for the provision of a memorial to the late Mr. W. W. Gifford will be closed at the end of October, and those desirous of contributing should send their donations without delay to Mr. L. Harris, Britford, Salisbury, or Mr. F. W. Romaine, 41, Green Croft Street, Salisbury, joint hon. secretaries. Amount previously acknowledged, £17 15s. 6d.; Salisbury Diocesan Guild (Devizes Branch), £2 5s. 6d.; Mr. M. Stewart, 2s. 6d.; total, £20 3s. 6d.

MALDON'S NEW BELLS.**ERECTED IN THE ONLY THREE-CORNERED TOWER.**

The Church of All Saints, Maldon, which possesses the only triangular tower in England, has just had its peal of bells recast and augmented to eight by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. Previously there were six bells, and the four smallest each contained one line of a quaint rhyme, which has been reproduced on the new bells. The old framework and beams had done duty for centuries, and when removed were found to have decayed to a condition which had rendered them positively dangerous. The new tenor is 1½ cwt. heavier than the old, and the weight of the peal is 51 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb., the metal for the two new trebles having been obtained from the old bell which hung in St. Peter's tower. All the old inscriptions have been reproduced, and on each bell there also appears the names of the present Vicar, the Rev. I. L. Seymour, M.A., the churchwardens, Mr. F. H. Bright and Mr. E. T. Baker, J.P., Mayor of Maldon, and the bellfounder, Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, together with the date of the recasting. The remainder of the inscriptions are:—

No. 1.—This bell was cast A.D. 1922, from the bell taken from St. Peter's Tower, which was presented by the Rev. Thomas Plume, D.D., in A.D. 1899.

No. 2.—Ditto.

No. 3.—When three this steeple long did hold.

No. 4.—They were three emblems of a scold.

No. 5.—No music then but now shall see. 1707.

No. 6.—What pleasant music six will be. H. P., 1707. Hugh

Browne, Captaine Robient Bailifes.

No. 7.—Thomas Blackburne and Jermy Norton, Chwardens, 1770. Pack and Chapman, of London. Feit.

Tenor (12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.).—The Rev. William Williams, Rector. Richard Ward and Jonathan Crosier, churchwardens. Thomas Mears, of London. Feit, 1799.

The dedication took place at an impressive service on Sept. 27th, and was performed by the Bishop of Barking, who, preaching from the text, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice,' said it was only right that an ancient borough like Maldon should in its parish church have a proper peal of bells. Incidentally he remarked that the three old bells dated from about 1600, and that three more were added in 1700. It spoke well for the workmanship of those days that there was no record of any renewal or repairs being done since that time until the present. The parishioners and donors had reason to rejoice at the work they had accomplished. The cost amounted to £540, the greater portion of which had been raised, and it would be a great thing if they could wipe off the remainder that day. After eloquently dealing with the occasions both of joy and sorrow when the bells are rung, his Lordship spoke of the labour of the ringers, which he feared was not properly appreciated by the people.

During the service a few rounds were rung by the local company, viz.: H. J. Mansfield, F. Chalk, W. J. Brinkley, A. J. H. Peake, W. G. Mansfield, Miss A. E. Waldoock, R. L. Orth and C. Tabor.

After the service, the ringing included 558 Oxford Treble Bob by H. J. Mansfield, J. H. Waldoock, J. D. Buckingham, A. J. H. Peake, F. W. Edwards, R. L. Orth, W. Lincoln (conductor), F. Chalk.

The whole work has been most satisfactorily carried out by Mr. Bowell, who has produced a very nice peal, which are tuned on the Simpson principle, and are carried on a massive iron and steel frame.

It is interesting to note that the initials H. P. on the 6th stand for Henry Pleasant, an old East Anglian bell founder, who had his foundry at various times at Colchester and Sudbury.

A YOUTHFUL COMPOSER.

Although only 15 years of age, Robert Hardy, of Norwich, has composed a peal of Double Norwich Major, which was rung at Wyndham on September 21st, and has taken part in twenty-four peals in twelve towers. His peals include Stedman Cinques 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, Stedman Caters 2, Superlative Surprise Major 2, Double Norwich Major 11, Double Oxford Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 1, Bob Major (on handbells) 1.

The composition referred to is as follows:—

5,088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

23458	1	4	5	6
63254	—	—	—	3
35264	—	—	—	3
56234	—	—	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
24365	3	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	2
53428	—	—	—	8
45326	—	—	—	2
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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—The 285th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 7/6 each, may be obtained from any of the following committee: Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. Howell, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young.

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.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(Estab. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Oct. 31st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on the 26th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 19th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.—By permission of the Rector, the bells will be open for ringing on Saturday, Oct. 14th. At 10 a.m. eight members, each over 70 years of age, of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, will attempt a peal.—Fred R. Borrett.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

—Northampton District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Milton on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector, Rev. B. E. Evans.—S. J. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kinver on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available at 3. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. T. A. Cooper Slipper, Vicar, at 4.45. Tea (1/-) at 5.30. Distribution of reports.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby St., Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Bootle (6) on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to Sec. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Frome Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Harptree on Oct. 14th. Charabancs leave Radstock 2 p.m. Those requiring seats and tea should let me know soon.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

—Preston Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6 p.m.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Saxmundham District.—A meeting will be held at Kelsale on Saturday, Oct. 14th. The bells of the Parish Church (8) available from 2 to 5 p.m., and Saxmundham (6) from 4 till 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.— The Annual District meeting will be held at Fryerning on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room, kindly provided by the Rev. Canon Brown.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Weldon (6) on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Usual arrangements.—R. G. Black, Dist. Sec., Geddington, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Blewbury on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service and an address by the Vicar (Rev. E. H. W. Leachman) at 3.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available afterwards.—A. E. Lock, Hon. Sec., 6, Vineyard, Abingdon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Autumn meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, Oct. 14th, by kind permission of the Rev. C. Matthews. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall, 1/3 per head. Half-railway fares, up to 2/-, allowed at this meeting. Will all members having collecting cards for the war memorial kindly return at this meeting, with any cash collected, and new ones can be obtained?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this Branch will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The next meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Wilby, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A social evening has also been arranged.—F. Barber, Dist. Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The bells of the ancient Parish Church of St. Peter's, Shaftesbury, are to be opened after rehanging on Saturday, Oct. 14th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Stutch's afterwards, by kind invitation of the churchwardens. All ringers welcome.

ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Sudbury.—A District meeting will be held at Clare, Suffolk, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available from 12 noon. It is hoped that a good number will attend.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement's, Oct. 16th and 30th; Bishopsgate, Oct. 23rd. Sundays, St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th, at 5.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A monthly ringing meeting for practice will be held at Harborne on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

S. MARY'S, TAUNTON.—The two new trebles, to complete the peal of 12, will be dedicated by the Rev. C. C. Parker, Master of the Bath and Wells Association, at 3 p.m. on Oct. 21st. The St. Mary's band will ring for the actual dedication. At the conclusion of the service twelve members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association will ring for an hour. The bells will then be available for other ringers up to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. St. James' (8) and Wilton (6) will be available after tea, which is being provided through the generosity of the Vicar, Preb. Corfield, in the Schoolroom, at 4.45, to all those who notify me by the 17th.—Major J. R. F. Lightowlers, 'Belle Vue,' Wellington Road, Taunton.

TAUNTON AUGMENTATION.—Ringers travelling from Bristol to Taunton on Oct. 21st can travel at cheap rate, viz., 6/6 return; depart No. 1 platform 1.45, return 8.50 p.m. Application, with cash, must be made beforehand, not later than 12 noon, to Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—By kind permission of the Rev. A. J. Walker, the Quarterly meeting will be held at Malton St. Leonard's Church on Saturday, Oct. 21st. The bells (8) will be available from 12 o'clock. Service in the church at 3.45. Tea at Clark's Café, Yorkersgate, at 4.30, to be followed by a business meeting in the Church Hall. Will all requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Rowsby, Old Martin-gate, Malton, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 18th?—A. L. Henderson, Mayfield, Pickering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Arrangements for tea (1/- each) can be made for all who let me know by the 17th inst. South Weald (6) will also be available. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. District Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The Quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea send me word by Thursday, 19th? Chilvers Coton tower will also be open during the evening if required.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Ann's, South Tottenham, on Monday, Oct. 23rd. Bells available from 7 to 9 o'clock. All welcome.—C. G. Coles, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next 8-bell contest will be held at Elland on Saturday, Oct. 28th. The draw will take place at the Mexborough Arms 2.45 prompt. Tea (about 1/6) will be provided for those who notify W. Friith, 5, Sufton Street, Birkby Huddersfield, on Saturday, Oct. 21st.

ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for the Archdeaconry of Suffolk will be held at Ufford on Oct. 28th at 4 p.m. Bells available all day. Tea will be provided at 4.30 for all members sending their names by Oct. 23rd to Mrs. Drake, Ufford Rectory, near Woodbridge, or to Charles Mee, Archd. Sec., Sproughton, Ipswich.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The Annual meeting of this District will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, S.E., on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. A. N. Pickering (Rector) at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in the Parish Room. Will all who intend to be at the tea, which is being provided by the Rector, please send their names to me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 24th? —T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The next Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Oct. 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7.—Sam Booth, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton (by permission of the Vicar) on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 3.20. Service at 5.30. Tea arranged for 6 p.m. at 1/-. Should be glad if those requiring tea would let me know by the 26th, and oblige.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 45th Annual meeting will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Committee meeting in the Upper Vestry of the Cathedral at noon. Service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock. Dinner, 2/- to members, 3/6 to non-members, at The Collingwood Restaurant at 2 p.m.; general meeting following. Bells available: Cathedral (12), All Saints', Gosforth (10), St. Stephen's (8), St. John's (8), All Saints', Newcastle (8), St. George's (8), St. Mary's, Gateshead (8) and Benwell (6). Those intending to be present at dinner please notify me not later than Oct. 25th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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