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WHY NOT A REFERENDUM?

To the outsider it looked, at one time, as if the lion and the lamb were going to lie down together in Suffolk, and that everything was for the best in the best of all possible worlds; but recent developments now make it appear that this is very far from being the case. The friction between the two associations has increased, rather than otherwise, by statements made in the last few weeks, and it is quite certain that good relations cannot be restored until, at least, there is a better understanding between all concerned. The confusion which exists between the names of the two organisations, and the inconvenience to which it may give rise, is but a secondary consideration; the real point of disagreement is that of territory, and it will be a matter of regret if this question cannot soon be settled. The issue as it stands at present seems to us to lie between the endeavour of the old Norwich Diocesan Association to embrace West Suffolk, and the desire of the new St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association to bring within its sphere of influence East Suffolk, which, until the division of the diocese took place, formed part of the former Diocese of Norwich.

As the Rev. H. B. Woolley puts it, in a letter elsewhere in this issue, the desire of the East Suffolk men to retain their allegiance to the old association is perfectly understandable, and, in accordance with the policy of 'self-determination,' of which we hear so much in these days, the new Suffolk Society must recognise the right which these ringers have to settle their own destiny. At the same time the view of the looker on is that the Norwich Association endeavoured to 'jump the claim' in West Suffolk, and that it is unfair to hold on to that area unless they can show justification, as indicated by affiliated towers, for so doing. The solution of the present impasse is not at all easy, but that is no reason why those concerned should not overcome the difficulty. Once the question of territory is agreed it will not be hard to adjust the respective titles, but a mere amendment of names, without a definition of areas, will not remove the difficulties which underlie the present position.

It is hardly likely that any proposal that could be offered would meet with general acceptance on both sides, and it will be a question of give and take if an amicable settlement is to be arrived at. One hesitates, therefore, to make a suggestion, but it might be worth while to take a referendum of the ringers in the county of Suffolk, so that a really definite knowledge may be obtained as to their views? It ought to be possible to frame some agreed questions, the answer to which would be the basis of a settlement. The existing state of affairs neither encourages the advance of the Art nor promotes the spirit of brotherhood.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Nov. 20, 1922, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR, THAMES STREET,
A PEAL OF MIDDLESEX SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS	Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT	6
JOHN THOMAS	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
GEORGE R. PYE	3	HAROLD W. CLARK	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	REUBEN SANDERS	9
ALBERT W. COLES	5	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal rung in the above method.

SOUTHEAST-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PRITTLEWELL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

† ALFRED G. BERRY	Treble	* SIDNEY W. CORDEN	6
* LIONEL H. PAGE	2	GEORGE E. WILSON	7
HENRY T. WILSON	3	* CLER. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.N. ...	8
CHARLES P. CHALK	4	WILLIAM H. JUDD	9
WILLIAM DUDLEY	5	* WILLIAM J. T. BACON	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by H. T. WILSON.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal and first attempt.
This peal was arranged for CLER. SGT. BENNETT, who hails from
Chatnam. A. G. Berry and L. H. Page were elected members of the
Essex Association previous to start of peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Nov. 6, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY GREENOUGH	Treble	WALTER V. WEBB	5
ALFRED H. WEBB	2	BRUCE CORDEROY	6
FREDERICK G. JAMES	3	ALFRED T. BUSHBY	7
CHARLES E. GREGORY	4	ROBERT N. ALDRIDGE	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK JAMES.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 9, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHARLES H. AUSTIN	Treble	GEORGE L. BRUNSDON	5
WILLIAM HARRIS	2	JOHN AUSTIN	6
CAPT. A. A. BENNETT, C.A. ...	3	ERNEST E. DAVIS	7
JESSE GILLET	4	ALBERT MARTIN	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a farewell peal to Capt. Bennett, who was leaving for
New Zealand.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE WINES	Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN	5
HARRY PAGE	2	* FREDERICK LASBURY	6
JAMES CROSS	3	TOM PAGE	7
† HERBERT DAVIES	4	WILLIAM PAGE	Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by TOM PAGE.
Rung on Commemoration Day. * First peal of Bob Major. † First
with a bob bell. First peal in the method as conductor.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Nov. 17, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
WILLIAM BIBBY	Treble	HENRY W. WILDE	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	FRANCIS BIBBY	6
GEORGE H. RANGLES ...	3	*JAMES MORGAN	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	CECIL RADDON	Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Cambridge. Mr. H. W. Wilde's 200th peal.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*FRED STANFORTH	Treble
*MISS PHYLLIS HARE ...	2
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	3
JOHN SADDINGTON	4
SHIRLEY BURTON	5
HARRY BROUGHTON	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	7
ERNEST MORRIS	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells. Miss Phyllis Hare, of Peterborough, was elected a member prior to starting for the peal.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
JAMES RICHARDS	Treble
LEWIS HOLROYD	2
MISS R. A. BELL	3
JOHN NASH	4
FRANK FIELDEN	5
WILLIAM CRAE TREE	6
*JAMES LEES	7
HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. The ringer of the 7th bells from Balderstone, Miss Bell belongs to Cross Stone, ringers of 4th and 5th to the Unitarian Church, Todmorden, remainder to the Parish Church, Todmorden.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SANNANS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
GEORGE POPNELL	Treble
FRANK J. BAILEY	2
WILLIAM B. BISS	3
ERNEST H. HUNT	4
CHARLES GREEDY	5
JOHN W. JONES	6
FRED CHAMBERLAIN	7
THOMAS MIDDLETON	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

First peal on the bells, which are a ring of eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., augmented from six to eight and opened in March last year. Arranged as an inducement to the local band, who have commenced to learn change ringing.

NEWBURY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GARTER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 22½ cwt.	
*CHARLES POOLE	Treble	RICHARD G. RICE	5
ALBERT W. J. BIRD	2	EDWARD R. ROBESY	6
MISS STELLA DAVIS	3	*HENRY W. CURTIS	7
SAMUEL QUINTIN	4	*WILLIAM E. CHALLIS ...	Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD G. RICE.

* First peal and members of the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Quintin, foreman of the Newbury ringers, and E. R. Robesy, who most kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.	
CHAS. TODD	Treble	THOMAS CLARK	5
REV. ALBERT SIMPSON ...	2	WILLIAM H. PORTER	6
ALBERT HUNTER	3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	7
*NORMAN PARK	4	GEORGE W. PARK	Tenor

Conducted by W. H. PORTER.

This peal was arranged and rung in honour of the 50th birthday of Mr. G. W. Park, one of the original members of Holy Trinity bellry, Darlington, and incidentally as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 5th, and Miss Mary Park. * First peal of Stedman.

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 25 cwt.	
WILLIAM MOOREY	Treble	CHARLES CHILDS	5
MRS. C. HAZELDEN	2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	6
THOMAS ATTWELL	3	CHARLES HAZELDEN	7
CHARLES BISH	4	ROBERT PAMMENT	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES HAZELDEN.

This peal was arranged as a farewell to the Rev. G. C. Fanshawe, 18 years Vicar of Godalming, who is leaving shortly to become Rector of St. Maurice with St. Lawrence, Winchester.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
WILLIAM R. DRAGE	Treble	GEORGE FREEBREY	5
ALLAN R. HICTON	2	*EDMUND C. CHASTY	6
ALBERT H. WARD	3	JOSEPH BAILEY	7
CHARLES HART	4	THOMAS HUTCHINSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by A. H. WARD.

* First peal of Stedman with bob bell. Arranged for Mr. E. C. Chasty.

SHOREHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
†FREDERICK PAIGE	Treble	JOHN WHEADON	5
†ARTHUR H. PALMER	2	HERBERT J. FORD	6
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	3	*FRANK TERRY	7
WILLIAM J. WHEADON ...	4	*HERBERT C. CRABB	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First attempt for a peal. † First attempt on eight. ‡ First attempt in the method. Rung after meeting short for Stedman. This was arranged as a 'come-back' peal for H. J. Ford, it being his first attempt for over 22 years. F. Terry was proposed a member previous to starting.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.	
ERNEST G. COTTIS	Treble
*HENRY E. PARKER	2
GEORGE W. FAULKNER ...	3
EBENEZER ANDREWS	4
EDWARD H. KING	5
CALEB FENN	6
ROWLAND FENN	7
ALBERT C. HARDY	Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

* First peal of Surprise. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who has now conducted a peal from every bell in this tower.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM R. SHERVAL ... Treble	HARRY SIMMONDS ... 5
*MISS M. MACKMAN ... 2	WILLIAM CLARK ... 6
*STANLEY C. DAVIS ... 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 7
*GEORGE COOK ... 4	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

* First peal.

WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FREDERICK J. HANCOCK ... Treble	THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 5
JOHN WILKINSON ... 2	GEORGE LUNT ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	*WALTER HUGHES ... 7
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES MARTIN.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. This composition (a one-part) is now rung for the first time.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR ... 5
GERALD F. GRIFFIN ... 2	WALTER FARLEY ... 6
HARRY BUNGAY ... 3	SAMUEL R. B. HAWKINS ... 7
GEORGE SIBLEY ... 4	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... Treble	WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 5
JAMES D. DREWETT ... 2	ALBERT CALVER ... 6
HERBERT J. SKELT ... 3	ALFRED J. TRAPPELT ... 7
AMOS W. CLARK ... 4	*ALFRED MILLER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 5
FRED CHAMBERS ... 2	TITUS BARLOW ... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
THOMAS STANCLIFFE ... 4	JOHN WATSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES H. RIDING ... 4
EDWARD HARRISON ... 2	*HARRY THOMAS ... 5
SAMUEL JONES, SEN. ... 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 6
GEORGE R. JONES ... 4	... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES, JUN.

* First peal with a bob bell. Rung after meeting short for Major.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

T. EAST, SEN. ... Treble	J. S. NAPPER ... 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 2	A. E. LOCK ... 6
E. HUMFREY ... 3	G. CAUDWELL ... 7
R. RICE ... 4	W. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. LOCK.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Nov. 19, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS PRICE ... Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT ... 5
FRANK COLE ... 2	ALFRED HANNIS ... 6
WILLIAM IRELAND ... 3	JOHN BALLENGER ... 7
CHARLES MARTIN ... 4	WILLIAM BANYARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 25, 1922, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH CARTER ... Treble	SYDNEY COX ... 5
JOHN E. CLARKE ... 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY ... 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... 4	JOSIAH MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Mr. J. Morris has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. The conductor's 200th peal.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 5
*JOHN SCARRATT ... 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... 6
EDWARD HARRISON ... 3	CHARLES COVENTRY ... 7
JAMES H. RIDING ... 4	CHARLES GRIMES ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal with a bob bell.

STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*WALTER SIMPSON ... Treble	JOHN D. BALMFORTH ... 5
FRED P. HOWCROFT ... 2	JOHN G. HALL ... 6
THOMAS METCALFE ... 3	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 7
*NORMAN PARKI ... 4	REV. ALBERT SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. REEVES.

Conducted by REV. A. SIMPSON.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. P. J. H. Kirner, who kindly entertained the ringers at the Vicarage after the peal.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (WESTERN BRANCH & THE ALL SAINTS' YOUTHS.)

On Saturday, Nov. 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WILLIAM RANFORD Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 5
FRANCIS W. NEATE 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
WILLIAM C. JONES 4	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal in the method. First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

MIDDLETON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

JOE HALLOWS Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	FRANK BERRY 6
JAS. JACOBS 3	WILLIAM HARDMAN 7
THOS. K. DRIVER 4	TOM WELLES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

All the ringers belong to the local band.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN C. PERKINS Treble	*JOHN HALL 5
†MISS NELLIE JOHNSON 2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 6
JAMES HEMMING 3	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 7
*STANLEY WAYMAN 4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major on tower bells.
 First peal of Major as conductor. This was the annual peal for the Association.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DINTING, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Neasden, College Bob IV, Wragby, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars and Oxford.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN P. FIDLER Treble	GEORGE HILL 4
WILLIAM FEARNLEY 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
WILFRED WILDE 3	JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILDE.

First peal as conductor. W. W. Wolstencroft's 100th peal.

MEREWORTH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, 1922, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM ELDRIDGE Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 4
GEORGE BELL 2	GEORGE NEWMAN 5
LEWIS NEWMAN 3	HARRY BELL Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS NEWMAN.

All belong to the local band. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

WHITBOURNE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Nov. 12, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 six-scores of Canterbury, 14 of Plain Bob & 14 of Grandsire.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*J. H. GRIFFITHS Treble	GEORGE JONES 4
SIDNEY LEWIS 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
GEORGE SOLEY 3	WILLIAM MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SOLEY.

* First peal. First peal in 3 methods by all except ringer of the 5th.
 Rung as a token of respect for the fallen and to commemorate Armistice Day.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
 (SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Friday, Nov. 17, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BARKING ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE L. JOYCE Treble	*THOMAS E. VINCENT 4
*ALFRED T. WEBB 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
*ARTHUR HALL 3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD Tenor

Conducted by W. MILLER.

* First peal. This peal was rung as a compliment to T. E. Vincent on his 21st birthday.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED LINDSAY Treble	FRANK W. CROFT 4
WILLIAM J. CROFT 2	HERBERT E. DAY 5
RALPH E. CROFT 3	GEORGE T. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE T. CROFT.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN COOPER Treble	RICHARD HAINES 4
WILLIAM STIBBONS 2	CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN 5
WILLIE C. POOLEY 3	WALTER C. MEDLER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

EDMUND ROBERTSON Treble	GRAHAM SPRATT 4
ALFRED BACON 2	EDWARD BARKER 5
CHARLES NEWMAN 3	LEE FEATHERBY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

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BATTERSEA.—On Sunday, Nov. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, for men's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Symons 1, O. F. Mitchell 2, A. Clark (first quarter inside) 3, H. H. Mance 4, E. A. Reeve 5, W. Essery 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, G. Barber 8.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Treble	BERT GOGLE ... 4
FRED WIGMORE ... 2	TONY PRICE ... 5
*GEORGE BUTLER ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*JOSEPH H. ILIFFE ... Treble	*HENRY STRAW ... 4
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 2	*HENRY HARRISON ... 5
CECIL J. BAKER ... 3	JAMES F. GEORGE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. G. GOBEY.

* First peal of Minor. The band wish to thank the Rector (Rev. A. E. Wicks) for his kind hospitality after the peal, also for his congratulations, this being the first peal on the new bells, which were opened on the previous Saturday.

LECHLADE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 8 six-score of Old Doubles, 4 of Plain Bob, 8 of Canterbury, 10 of Grandsire and 12 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE LAW ... Treble	GEORGE J. WINTER ... 4
BASIL GUY ... 2	GEORGE W. HASTINGS ... 5
JOHN HOPE ... 3	ERNEST TELLING ... Tenor

Conducted by J. HOPE.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells. E. Telling was made a member of the Association before starting the peal.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Court, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY BARNES ... Treble	HENRY SQUIRES ... 4
CHARLES BAINES ... 2	CALEB L. SIMCOCK ... 5
ARTHUR PALMER ... 3	GEORGE SCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Haynes, who was interred at Hough-on-the-Hill, Friday, November 17th.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Nov. 19, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*PALMER WHITTALL ... Treble	KEITH W. WHITTALL ... 4
*ALFRED J. PETERS ... 2	EDWARD DAVEY ... 5
JOHN EUSTON ... 3	HARRY D. LISTER ... Tenor

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

* First peal. Ringers of the treble, 4th and tenor hail from Billesdon, 2nd from Barking, 3rd from Finborough and 5th from Wetherden. This is the first peal on the bells in which a local man has taken part.

TREDINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Sunday, Nov. 19, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 21 cwt. in D.

HORACE TERRY ... Treble	SYDNEY ARTHUR ... 4
WILLIAM ADAMS ... 2	WALTER LARGE ... 5
JOHN KEYTE ... 3	CECIL LOCKE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

First peal on the bells. The ringer of the treble hails from Ilmington, 2nd from Honington, 3rd from Charbury, 4th from Tredington, 5th and 6th from Streiton-on-Fosse.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Nov. 20, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of College Single and two each of Canterbury Pleasure. Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

*EDWIN A. GILBERT, JUN. ... Treble	THOMAS JULL ... 4
SIDNEY MILLARD ... 2	*FREDERICK W. WHITE ... 5
*EDWIN GILBERT, SEN. ... 3	CHARLEY MILLARD ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLEY MILLARD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Edwin A. Gilbert, jun., was made a member of the Association before starting. First peal by a local band. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 2nd, who is leaving shortly for Australia. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble for the way he rang throughout the peal.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH & THE ALL SAINTS' YOUTHS.)

On Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In fourteen methods, being 360 changes each of Worcester, Superlative, Beverley, York, Wells, London and Cambridge Surprise, Worcester, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES WOODYATT ... Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 2	WILLIAM PAGE ... 5
THOMAS WALTERS ... 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

First peal in 14 Minor methods for this Association.

WATH-ON-DEARNE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York Minster, Sandal, Royston Delight, London Scholars, Kingston, College Pleasure and Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR PANTHER ... Treble	ARTHUR GILL ... 4
HERBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 2	THOMAS HILTON ... 5
GEORGE HILL ... 3	CHAS. WALSH ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HILL.

HARBELL PEAL.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1922, in Four Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 10,368 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by EDWARD MULLINS. Conducted by the performer.

Umpire: JACK SCARFE.

Performed as a birthday compliment to the composer.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

MR. W. R. SMALL'S BIRTHDAY.

Mr. William Rock Small's 83rd birthday was fittingly celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 11, when, although two peal attempts failed a gathering of ringers assembled at the Britannia Inn, Tipton, and another at The Three Tuns, Wednesbury, to enjoy the hospitality of the veteran Black Country ringer. At the Wednesbury gathering Mr. James George presided, and extended the good wishes of the ringers to Mr. Small. They and all his friends hoped Mr. Small would continue in good health and spirits for many years to come. He thanked him for his kind hospitality and welcoming old friends. He had known Mr. Small between 30 and 40 years, and although he had been very active in his ringing in the past, he was unable now, on account of advancing years, to take such an active part, but he manifested as keen an interest as ever.

Mr. J. Jagger, Mr. B. Horton, on behalf of the younger generation of ringers, and Mr. T. H. Reeves added their congratulations, and referred to the sterling character of the veteran.

Mr. Small's health was enthusiastically drunk, and votes of thanks were accorded to the caterer and the chairman.

An enjoyable evening was spent. Full amends for the lost peal at Wednesday was made on Saturday week, when a peal of Stedman Caters was scored.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING OF PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.**

Nothing could have been more appropriate than holding this meeting at Alverstoke on Armistice Day, for on Nov. 11th, 1919, these bells were dedicated and opened as the parish war memorial. The ringing until 3 p.m. was half-muffled, when the muffles were removed, and the bells rung until 5 o'clock, at which hour a short service was held in the church, the Rector (Canon G. Landon) officiating.

An excellent meal awaited the company at the Brodrick Hall, and afterwards the business meeting was held. Apologies for absence were received from the two representatives, Mr. H. J. Smith, and also Mr. F. W. Rogers (who was attending the College Youths' Dinner the same evening).—The Chairman (Mr. W. Tate) commented on the need for members attending meetings and supporting their officers.

The next item was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Mr. W. Tate (chairman), Mr. E. J. Harding, senr. (district secretary), Messrs. H. J. Smith and F. W. Rogers (representatives on the Central Committee).—Eight members and one probationer were elected, and Wickham and Shedfield were chosen for the next quarterly meeting, the date being left to the discretion of the district secretary.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded the Rector, steeplekeeper and organist, the members also congratulating Canon Landon upon his recent appointment as Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral, and upon being chaplain to Gosport's first Mayor.

During the day, members, to the number of 35, were present from Alverstoke, Curdridge, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsea, Titchfield, and also Mr. G. Williams (Master), the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LEWISHAM DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent Association was held at Woolwich. The bells were raised soon after 3 p.m., and touches in various methods were successfully accomplished. Nearly forty were present at the service, at which the Rev. A. N. Pickering (Rector) officiated, and gave an appropriate and enlightening address.

An adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, at the Rectory, where a bountiful tea, kindly provided by the Rector, was awaiting the ringers, and thoroughly enjoyed.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding.—The Rector then read an appeal on behalf of the widow of the late Mr. T. Wallis, of Edenbridge, and 23s. 6d. was collected.

The election of Mr. J. H. R. Freeborn, of Amersham, Bucks, and Mr. H. Wood, of Leyton, Essex, previous to peals, were confirmed. Greenwich was selected as the place of the next meeting, in January.

The District Secretary then read his annual report, which was adopted.

Mr. T. Groombridge, senr., was re-elected district secretary, and in returning thanks for their confidence, informed the members that it must be the last time, as he found it impossible to carry out the duties.—The Rector threw out a suggestion for an assistant, and Mr. H. Audsley, of Crayford, was unanimously elected to the post.—Messrs. J. J. Jeffries and I. Emery were re-elected district representatives, and in acknowledging the compliment, said they should be pleased to bring any suggestions members had to make before the general committee, which was meeting shortly.

A proposal to alter Rule 12 was lost by a considerable majority.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, for his address, also for presiding, and also to him and Mrs. Pickering for their generosity in providing such a bountiful tea, which had been so thoroughly enjoyed.—The motion was carried, with applause, and the Rector thanked the members. He assured them it had given him and Mrs. Pickering very great pleasure.—This concluded the business, and the tower was again visited.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, hon. librarian of the Central Council, writes that he has received from Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, the copies of the 'Bell News' for which he made request. This completes the Council's file of ringing journals from 1871 to the present date.

At the Guildford District meeting of the Winchester Guild, on Saturday, a collection for the Haslemere Bell Fund was made, and realised thirty shillings. Major Hesse wishes to thank the members for the donation which was the more welcome, as it was initiated by ringers unconnected with Haslemere.

Mr. William John Sevier, of Snettinton, Notts, and formerly of Gloucester, who was familiarly known as 'The Prophet,' will be 58 years of age to-morrow. His friends in many parts of the country will extend their hearty congratulations. Mr. Sevier has assisted in the past in the foundation of several ringing societies.

In connection with the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Gateshead last Saturday, it is interesting to note that on November 18, 1794, a peal of the same composition was rung in this tower in 3 hours 15 minutes by the Union Society of Newcastle and Gateshead. This peal was rung by five Newcastle and three Gateshead ringers, whilst the recent peal was rung by four Newcastle and four Gateshead men.

In another column we refer to the bicentenary of one of the first peals of Grandsire Triples ever rung. Just 190 years ago to-day another in the same method was rung at St. Aiphege, Greenwich. Very few had been rung in between. Snowden records only four, one at Cambridge, two at Kettering and one at Dover.

The second one at Kettering (rung in 1731) was interesting, from the fact that it is thus recorded, 'Since it was asserted our first performance could not be rung in less than 3 hours and a half, for an experiment and before skilful judges, on ye 12th of April, 1731, ye whole peal of 5040 was completed at 30 changes each minute, in 2 hours and 48 minutes.' There were record breakers even in those days.

The first peal of Royal on handbells was rung at Sheffield on December 3rd, 1811. It was Oxford Treble Bob, and was rung by the men who, a few weeks before, had rung the first peal ever performed 'in hand.' The peals were rung at the house of Mr. William Booth, who took part in them, and who was the maternal grandfather of the late Mr. Charles Hattersley.

On December 4th, 1803, the first peal of Stedman Triples by the College Youths, was rung at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington.

Stedman Triples had, of course, been rung long before, and on December 6th, 1731, the company at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, rang a composition by Edward Crane, who called the peal. 'This peal contains 5,040 Triple Changes, 2 Doubles only excepted, and is allowed by all judges of the art to be the most Ingenious Peal that till now has been composed.'

Next Tuesday evening the recast peal of ten at St. Nicholas', Brighton, are to be dedicated by the Bishop of Lewes. The old ring had a tenor of 15 cwt, 3 qr, 21 lb. in F; the new peal will have a tenor of 17½ cwt. in E. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have carried out the work, and hung the new peal in an iron and steel frame.

Several of the old bells were from Rudhall's foundry, having been cast at Gloucester in 1777. The ninth was recast in 1812, and the 5th in 1891. The trebles were added in 1888, and converted the peal into the first ring of ten in Sussex.

In connection with the recasting, it is intended to revive the ancient custom of giving a name to each bell. Each will also have a short motto (in addition to having the old mottoes reproduced), so that every bell will ring out its call to praise and prayer.

The foundation of the church goes back into the mists of antiquity, and there have been rectors or vicars of St. Nicholas from Saxon times. The ancient tower of the old Parish Church of Brightelmston was for centuries, until obscured by the growth of modern Brighton, a landmark for sailors navigating the Channel.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL DINNER.

The Worcestershire Association makes a point of an 'annual' peal. Many other peals are rung during the year, and the various branches organise official 'quarterly' peals, but there is one authorised each year by the association in annual meeting assembled.

The peal this year was arranged at Badsey, and was rung on Saturday, as recorded elsewhere. It was intended, originally, to ring Oxford Treble Bob, but owing to the band being unable to meet for practice, Plain Bob had to be substituted.

To mark the event, a tea and 'social' had been arranged by the local company. The Vicar (the Rev. W. C. Allsobrook, R.D.) and Messrs. J. Sladden and J. J. Pethard (churchwardens) were present, and congratulated the band upon the musical qualities and striking of the peal.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO. BICENTENARY OF A STROUD PEAL.

Exactly two hundred years ago next Monday, viz., on December 4th, 1722, one of the very earliest recorded peals was rung. This was at Stroud, Gloucestershire, and, so far as reliable history is concerned, was probably only the second peal of Grandsire ever rung. The first was at Norwich in the year 1718.

The Stroud peal is recorded, on a tablet in the belfry, as follows: 'December 4th, 1722, in this place was rung the whole peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5,040 changes, performed in 3 hours 17 minutes, by these whose names are underwritten: Richard Soyd 1, Samuel Essington 2, Thomas Little 3, John Sander 4, Thomas Jogler 5, Thomas Marsh 6, John Gardner 7, James Chene and Richard Bridges 8.'

What the composition was, there is nothing to-day to tell us. The authors of 'The Clavis' and Shipway suggest that all peals prior to Holt's were false, but many peals were rung before John Holt came on the scene, and, in the absence of figures, it is impossible to condemn all these early peals. Indeed, the first peal rung at Norwich, composed by Garthon, was demonstrated fairly conclusively by the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon to have been true, and, until the contrary is proved, we are entitled to accept these other peals as true also.

The bicentenary which occurs next Monday is an event that deserves to be fittingly commemorated.

CONFUSION OF NAMES. A CHALLENGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I see that Mr. S. H. Synmonds complains in your issue of Nov. 24th that the adoption of the title 'St. Edmundsbury' by the Norwich Association has led to a mistake in reporting the Lavenham peal rung on October 19th, and that it is likely to cause further trouble in the same direction. His complaint receives striking confirmation in the same issue, as in reporting the peal of Grandsire Triples at Lavenham on page 741, your compositor has again fallen a victim to the similarity of titles!

I have the greatest respect for the Norwich Association, and can quite understand their old East Suffolk members wishing to remain allied to a body which has such a splendid ringing record. In West Suffolk, however, the case is altogether different, and I for one cannot see that the Norwich Association has any right there 'de facto' or 'de jure.'

Surely the time has come to challenge the Norwich Society to make good its claim to 'St. Edmundsbury' by holding a meeting at Bury St. Edmunds under its present title. If it can do this with the consent of the Ecclesiastical authorities there, and the use of the towers of the Cathedral and St. Mary's, the local Diocesan Association may as well throw up the sponge; but if not, and I think 'not' is the more likely alternative, it is to be hoped that our Norwich friends will see the necessity of receding from an impossible position, persistence in which would ultimately forfeit the respect of many of its well-wishers.—Yours, etc.,

Long Stanton.

H. B. WOOLLEY.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO YORKTOWN DISTRICT SECRETARY.

On Saturday last the annual meeting of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild was held at Chertsey. Previous to ringing, the Ringing Master placed a laurel wreath on the war memorial on behalf of the Yorktown district. The following towers were represented: Bagshot, Camberley, Egham, Farnborough, Hersham, Otlands Park, Walton-on-Thames, West Ham, and the local band.

The Guild's form of service was conducted in church, and the Rev. W. E. Colchester (of Winchester), hon. treasurer of the Guild, gave a helpful address. Tea was afterwards served at the Church Room by Mrs. H. R. Stevens and wives of the local ringers.

At the business meeting the Rev. J. Smith (Vicar) presided. A presentation was made by the Vicar to Mr. G. Miles, the hon. secretary, who, much to the regret of the members of the district, has been compelled to retire after 17 years' service, as he was leaving for Brentwood, Essex.—The Vicar (Rev. J. Smith) and Mr. W. Shepherd both spoke in eulogy of the work of Mr. Miles, who suitably thanked the members.

The following officers were elected for the year 1923: Hon. secretary, Mr. J. B. Hossy; Ringing Master, Mr. H. J. Chaffey; representatives, Mr. W. A. Woodrow, Mr. H. J. Chaffey; auditor, Mr. H. R. Stevens.—Four new members were elected.

The following places were chosen for quarterly meetings: Egham, Hawley and Otlands Park, the annual meeting to be at Yorktown.

Mr. W. Shepherd and Mr. E. Nye spoke on the division of the Guild, arising out of the division of the diocese, and the matter, which was to be discussed among the members, is to be brought forward again at the next meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding, to the Rev. H. A. West, organist, and to the Rev. W. E. Colchester for his address at the Guild's service.

MIDDLESEX SURPRISE ROYAL. THE FIRST PEAL OF 'WAIT AND SEE.'

The first peal of Middlesex Surprise Royal has been rung by the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. This method is the discovery of the Rev. E. Bankes James, who published the figures in 'The Ringing World' on February 17th last, under the heading of 'Wait and See.' It is a very musical method, and, having a clean proof scale, peals without the little bells long in sixth's place are fairly easy to obtain, although a peal with the sixth at home for 12 courses appears to be an impossibility in a 5,040 without parting the tenors. The composition called at St. Magnus-the-Martyr on November 20th, contains eleven courses with the 6th at home, and the figures are appended.

For intricacy this method ranks amongst the foremost, and is calculated to keep the safest ringer on the alert. It was rung at the first meeting for the peal after an abortive start.

The band desire to associate Messrs. A. Mason and W. Miller with the method, and regret that the former was prevented by illness from being in the peal. They wish him a speedy and complete recovery. Mr. Miller acted as reserve on several occasions during the period of practice. The band also wish to acknowledge their indebtedness to the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society, for the several opportunities afforded them of practising the method.

5,040 MIDDLESEX SURPRISE ROYAL.

By REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

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STEBBING RINGER'S LONG SERVICE.

A NOTEWORTHY RECORD.

The company at St. Mary's Church, Stebbing, Essex, have a remarkable record of long service and unity as ringers. Mr. E. Hynds, the senior member, has been a ringer at St. Mary's for about 50 years. Messrs. E. Claydon, A. Barker and J. T. Barker have 45 years each to their credit, Mr. H. P. Emery 35 years, and Mr. H. C. Young 23 years.

Four of these ringers, namely, Messrs. E. Hynds, E. Claydon, A. Barker and J. T. Barker (with Mr. H. Gowers, who was then a member of the company) rang a peal of Doubles (5,040 changes) on Stebbing bells on Queen Victoria's Jubilee, on June 21st, 1887. It was rung in 16 methods, and was started at 6 a.m., the conductor being E. Claydon. In commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, 1897, five members of this company, namely, Messrs. A. Barker, H. P. Emery, J. T. Barker, E. Hynds and E. Claydon, rang a touch of Doubles of 3,130 changes, in nine methods, 3,130 being the number of weeks contained in Her Majesty Queen Victoria's long reign of sixty years. This was rung on June 26th, 1897, and conducted by J. T. Barker.

The Stebbing bells were augmented to six in 1902, and since that time many of the standard methods have been rung, including Cambridge and London Surprise. These six men have been ringing regularly for Sunday service and practice up to last September, when Mr. Hynds retired through failing health. All are long-standing members of the Essex Association Change Ringers. During their service there have been five different Vicars of Stebbing.

THE GIFFORD MEMORIAL.

MARBLE TABLET TO BE ERECTED.

A meeting of subscribers from various places was held in St. Martin's vestry, Salisbury, on Saturday, Nov. 18th, the Rev. I. G. Cameron (Rector) presiding.

It was unanimously decided to erect a marble tablet in the east wall of the belfry tower in memory of the late Mr. W. W. Gifford, and a drawing of the tablet was submitted and approved.

Mr. L. Harris, hon. secretary, produced the accounts, and it was found that about £1 more would be required to cover all expenses.

Great regret was expressed that the assistant secretary, Mr. F. W. Romaine, was unavoidably absent on account of having met with an accident whilst cycling to St. Martin's Church for ringing on the previous Sunday morning. He came into collision with a motor-car, and sustained a compound fracture of his right leg. His ringing-friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**RINGING IN THE FYLDE: HELP FROM PRESTON BRANCH**

The monthly meeting of the Fylde Branch was held at St. John's and St. Peter's R.C., both six-bell towers, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. There were quite a good muster of local ringers along with the 'faithful few' from Blackpool. Several members paid a visit to the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Tipping, who a few days previously had been brought home from hospital where he had had a foot amputated, upon the advice of the medical attendant, on account of a diseased bone. They found him very cheerful and looking forward to the time when he will be able to take his place again in the parish church belfry.

Ringing began at St. John's, where there is a light ring of six in poor going order. The belfry is very small and rather noisy. After a few short touches, the ringers went to St. Peter's, where there is another light ring of six in excellent going order. Four of the ropes are on one side of the tower, and two on the opposite side. The ringing chamber is on the ground floor, and probably the arrangement of the ropes was to allow of a clear passage for the clergy to and from the church and presbytery. It makes ringing somewhat difficult, especially to the stranger who rings the second or third. It speaks well for the enthusiasm of the ringers in the past, that they have been able to ring 'broken-lead' Treble Bob methods as well as most plain methods.

At the meeting, the Secretary reported having had a communication from Mr. Taylor, secretary of the Preston Branch, relating to the state of apathy shown in ringing matters throughout the Fylde. Mr. Taylor, who was present, said the Preston Branch were prepared to do all they could to help, and suggested having a combined meeting of the two branches at Kirkham, in January, providing it met with the approval of the Fylde members.

The members agreed to hold a combined meeting at the end of January, the secretary being requested to make arrangements for tea to those who sent in their names.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor for attending, also to the clergy for the use of the bells, brought a good meeting to a close. A little more ringing was indulged in at St. John's, after which the members dispersed.

SURPRISE RINGING PROGRESS.**SOME FIRST EXTENTS.**

Practice in some of the higher methods is gradually extending, and the following are among recent noteworthy performances.

At Allesley, Warwickshire, on Nov. 1st, the first 720 London Surprise Minor by all the band and on the bells: C. Aylett 1, F. Pervin 2, H. Summers 3, J. Taylor 4, F. Pervin 5, J. H. White (conductor) 6.

At Aldrington, Sussex, on October 17th, 720 Canterbury Surprise Minor, the first in the method by all the band, and the first on the bells, was rung by R. S. Cherrymman 1, W. White 2, F. Trustier 3, A. Cherrymman 4, A. White (conductor) 5, G. Steele 6.—On Nov. 14th, the first 720 York Surprise Minor by all the band, and on the bells: R. S. Cherrymman 1, R. Stradwick 2, F. Trustier 3, A. Cherrymman 4, G. Steele (conductor) 5, A. White 6.

On Nov. 9th, at Market Deeping, 720 Primrose Surprise was rung by H. M. Day (conductor) 1, J. J. Juntun 2, W. Tilley 3, A. Riggall 4, J. Landon 5, W. A. Day 6. This was the first 720 in the method by all the band. A peal in nine methods was attempted, but came to grief in the Cambridge Surprise, through a change course.

The first quarter-peal of London Surprise Major in the County of Notts was rung at Beeston on November 20th, and in addition, was the first in the method by all: W. Clifford, junr., 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford, senr., 3, A. B. Moss 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. A. James 6, F. Blood 7, F. S. Price 8.

At Norbury, Cheshire, on Nov. 16th, for practice, a spliced 720 in five methods, namely: Abbeyville, Croyland, Cambermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh, was rung by J. Fernley, junr., 1, J. P. Fidler 2, W. Fernley 3, W. W. Wolstencroft 4, J. Fernley, senr. (conductor), 5, J. W. Hartley 6, and a spliced 720 Oxford and Kent (without 'bobs') composed by H. W. Wilde: J. Fernley, junr., 1, J. W. Hartley 2, W. Fernley 3, W. W. Wolstencroft 4, J. Fernley, senr. (conductor), 5, J. P. Fidler 6. These were the first spliced extents in the methods for the ringing of the 4th.

The first six-score of Bob Doubles by a band of beginners is a notable event in any belfry. At Bedwas, Mon., where there are three bells dated 1744, and three dated 1769, the local company have rung their first 120 on tower bells: A. G. Martin 1, A. Martin 2, A. E. Slatter (conductor) 3, G. H. Martin 4, A. J. Hurford 5, R. Ridout 6. Afterwards, on the same evening, they rang 360 in the same method.

OF TO AUSTRALIA.

At Denton, Lancashire, a 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung on Sunday evening, October 15th, for service by H. Bardsley 1, C. Clayton 2, D. Wilde 3, W. Wilde 4, H. Ellis 5, J. Heckingbottom 6, previous to the departure of Mr. David Wilde, who left for Australia on Saturday, October 28th. On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, the ringers presented Mr. D. Wilde with a fountain pen as a token of their appreciation of his services during the long period of his association with the band.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION**PROPOSED 'TAX' ON PEALS.**

A district meeting was held at Wymondham on Saturday last, about 20 members being present from Wymondham, Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Fakenham, North Walsham and Hethersett. The bells of St. Mary's were available from 2 p.m., and they were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford, Kent and Double Norwich.

A business meeting was afterwards held in the School Room, at which the Rev. S. Martin Jones kindly presided. At this meeting the proposed taxing of peals was discussed, and the members present were unanimous that by the payment of 1s. for each peal rung, the enthusiastic ringers were being penalised for endeavouring to keep the art alive. Several suggestions were made, and it was decided that these be forwarded to the general secretary to be brought up at the next quarterly meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also for so kindly presiding at the meeting.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**THE WAR MEMORIAL.**

The design of the ringers' memorial is now complete, and will shortly be engraved upon the brass.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle, will be much obliged if members will kindly scrutinise the 'Roll of Honour' which will be found below, and should any error or omission be found, kindly let him know as soon as possible.

Allendale.—Pte. Geo. H. Johnston, 19th N.F.; Pte. Archie Hetherington, 19th N.F.

Bamburgh.—Pte. W. J. Clark, Coldstream Guards; Spr. Albert Hall, Royal Engineers; Pte. Philip Hall, A.I.E.F.; Captain the Rev. A. T. Laing, 13th N.F.; Pte. T. H. Wake, 7th N.F.; Pte. W. H. Wake, 7th N.F.

Benwell.—Pte. Herbert Guthrie, R.M.L.I.

Bishop Auckland.—Drumr. John Peverell, 10th Yorks; Lee-Cpl. Fred Peverall, 9th Yorks.

Bishopwearmouth.—Chief Engineer Thos. Richardson, s.s. 'Myrtle Branch'.

Consett.—Lieut. A. G. Shorter, D.L.I.; Lieut. Frank Eales, Rifle Brigade.

Cramlington.—Pte. John Riseborough, 10th N.F.; Darlington, S. Cuthbert's.—Corpl. Alix Olaf Liddle, 13th D.L.I.; Pte. Jack Stewart, 4th Yorks; Pte. Joseph Ainsley, 7th K.O. Shrop. L.I.

Durham, S. Oswald's.—Coy. S.M. W. Forrest, 18th D.L.I.

Gosforth, All Saints'.—Lieut. Robert W. Falconer, 16th N.F.

Hexham, The Abbey.—Pte. William Summers, Scottish R.I.F.

Jesmond, S. George's.—Corpl. Reginald Eaton, 4th Yorks; Pte. Albert Errington, 4th Battrn, Cheshire Regt.; Sgt. Ernest R. Mundle, 1st Canadians.

Jarrow, S. Peter's.—2nd Lieut. Frank E. Scott, R.G.A.

Lanchester, S. Mary's.—Pte. Thomas H. Smith, 1st London Scottish.

Morpeth, The Watch Tower.—Sergt. S. A. Wright, 2nd Scots Guards; Pte. John Brown, 78th Canadians, I.N.E.

North Shields, Christ Church.—2nd Lieut. Robert Hogg, N.F.; Pte. John Hogg, Middlesex Regt.; Pte. George R. Potter, 6th Lancs, F.U.S.

Rothbury, All Saints'.—Major Thomas Murray, Cheshire Regt.

Shildon, S. John's.—Bomb. George William Tyreman, R.G.A.

Sunderland, Holy Trinity.—Lieut. Cyril O. Sayer, 7th D.L.I.; Rifln.

Wm. McLachlan, 16th Battrn. K.R.R.

West Hartlepool, S. Aidan's.—Lee-Corpl. William Gilmore, R.E.

West Hartlepool, All Saints'.—Bomb. J. W. Jopling, 255th Siege Battrn, R.G.A.; Carpr. F. Macarthy, H.M. Aux. ship Tolair; Pte. W. B. Webster, 9th Cheshire Regt.

Wylam-on-Tyne.—Pte. J. F. Appleby, N.F.; Sapper W. Wrightson.

NOTICE.**TO THE CLERGY, RINGERS, AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.**

In consequence of the closing down of the Firm, with whom I have been employed as Church Bell and Musical Handbell tuner for upwards of 40 years, in succession to my father (Mr. H. W. Haley), I have decided to carry on the handbell business, and, therefore, respectfully beg to solicit your patronage.

I shall be pleased to execute any orders, however small, at reasonable charges, and guarantee satisfaction.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, Nov. 26th, for Divine service, at St. Mary, Portsea, 1,120 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 42 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, E. J. Harding, junr., 3, T. R. Taylor 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor), 8. Longest length in the method by local band.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, October 22nd, for evensong, at St. Peter-at-Arches Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: F. Cousans (first quarter in the method) 1, C. McGuinness 2, L. Snell (conductor) 3, Rev. R. Bond 4, H. Marcon 5, G. Almonds 6, L. Pask 7, A. Marcon 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Sunday evening, October 22nd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: J. Collett 1, W. H. Hoad (Salehurst, Sussex), 2, T. Banning 3, E. Parden Stow 4, H. Packer 5, H. Gillitt 6, W. Large (Stretton-on-Fosse), conductor, 7, J. Buttler 8. Also after service, a touch of Bob Major.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, October 22nd, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for morning service, 448 Cambridge: E. Grindell 1, S. Rowe 2, P. Woods 3, W. C. Rumsey 4, T. H. Chappell 5, L. C. Wightman 6, G. S. Rowe 7, E. E. Grimes 8.—For evening service, 352 Double Norwich: S. Rowe 1, E. Grindell 2, P. Woods 3, W. Ruffles 4, W. C. Rumsey 5, F. Ruffles 6, T. H. Chappell 7, E. E. Grimes (conductor) 8.—Also 448 Cambridge: E. Grindell 1, S. Rowe 2, L. C. Wightman 3, P. Woods 4, W. C. Rumsey 5, W. Ruffles 6, T. H. Chappell 7, E. E. Grimes 8; and 464 Double Norwich: P. Woods 1, E. Grindell 2, F. Ruffles 3, E. E. Grimes 4, S. Rowe 5, W. C. Rumsey 6, W. Ruffles 7, T. H. Chappell 8. Conducted by W. C. Rumsey.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday, October 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins.: F. Goddard 1, G. Spencer 2, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 3, J. Milner 4, A. Harding 5, *C. Tricker 6, E. Hancox 7, *A. Beckensale 8, H. Chandler 9, W. Honor 10. * First quarter of Grandsire Caters.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, October 29th, at the Church of St. Stephen's, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: Mrs. E. Wilkins 1, Miss Annie Brown 2, K. Clark (conductor) 3, C. H. Jennings 4, E. J. Ridler 5, E. J. Brown 6, J. Gould 7, W. A. Cave 8. Arranged for C. H. Jennings (Weymouth), and was his first quarter-peal in the method.

WEST HAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday morning, Oct. 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), composed by R. F. Deal: P. H. Avey 1, W. Theobald 2, W. Miller 3, A. Prior (conductor) 4, A. Scambler 5, J. Scholes 6, F. Newman 7, A. J. Baynes 8, E. D. Smith 9, G. Dawson 10.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, October 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 42 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. M. Stacey 3, A. H. Fulwell 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, E. J. Hunnisett 6, L. H. Page (conductor) 7, F. W. Goodfellow 8. The tenor man has now rung a 'Sunday Service' quarter-peal on every bell in the tower.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Sunday, October 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Middleton 1, W. E. Butler 2, F. Tindall 3, R. Franklin 4, A. Cross 5, E. Gosling (conductor) 6, W. Welling 7, F. Guttridge 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.

LONG EATON.—On Sunday, October 29th, for evening service, at St. Laurence Church, Long Eaton, in 42 minutes, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Miss Lillian Geeson (first quarter-peal) 1, A. R. Hickton 2, J. Bailey 3, H. E. Green 4, T. Hutchinson 5, C. Geary 6, W. R. Drage (conductor) 7, J. Andrews 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), from Carter's odd and even peal, in 52 mins.: W. E. Oakley 1, S. Hoare 2, R. Picton 3, G. Scaman 4, W. Norris 5, F. Edwards 6, C. H. Horton (conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Sunday, October 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 39 mins.: C. Edwards 1, E. J. Walsom 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, P. E. Clark 4, H. Folkard 5, E. Harris 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

To celebrate the election of the Lord Mayor, Alderman William Bramble, D.L., J.P., of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, a touch of Stedman Cinques, consisting of 631 changes was rung at the Cathedral on Nov. 9th. Alderman Bramble was the last chairman of the Benwell and Fenham Urban District Council before its incorporation with the city and county of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in November, 1904. In business in a large way at Benwell the new Lord Mayor is a native of Beamish, Co. Durham. He was Sheriff of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1915, is Deputy Lieutenant for the county of Northumberland, J.P. for Newcastle, vice-chairman of the Northern Counties Permanent Building Society, and a great authority on the history of Benwell, a spot where one of the old Roman stations was situated.

REMEMBRANCE DAY RINGING.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—Several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled. Also 1,008 Bob Major with bells open: W. Welham 1, H. Copeland 2, T. Sparrow 3, S. Sparrow 4, T. Allard 5, E. Easton 6, A. Grimwood 7, W. Souter (conductor) 8. Also a touch of Double Norwich, with 11. Lister, K. Whittle, who belong to Bildeston, this being their first in the method. These two ringers only get eight bell practice by attending a meeting, as they are seven miles from an eight bell tower.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—With the bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Adams 1, F. Webb 2, A. W. Lindsey 3, G. Cherry 4, R. E. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (conductor) 6.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—At the Parish Church, 336 Double Norwich Major: J. C. G. Haggard 1, S. Hammond 2, P. Woods 3, W. C. Rumsey 4, S. Rowe 5, T. H. Chappell 6, E. E. Grimes 7, G. S. Rowe 8. Also 576 Cambridge Surprise: G. S. Rowe 1, L. C. Wightman 2, P. Woods 3, S. Rowe 4, T. H. Chappell 5, J. C. G. Haggard 6, E. E. Grimes 7, W. C. Rumsey (conductor) 8.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—At St. Barnabas' Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. White 1, J. Sear 2, W. J. Jeffs 3, F. Reeve 4, A. Vickers 5, F. Dedman 6, F. Vickers (conductor) 7, F. Buttrum 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a short touch of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, followed by 1,470 Grandsire Triples, with the bells open: W. Johnson 1, E. Hendley 2, E. Green 3, H. Goodenough 4, E. Whitfield 5, E. Collins 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Bradford 8. Longest touch by ringers of the 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8. Also longest touch as conductor.

A NOTTS AUGMENTATION.

BINGHAM CHURCH BELLS DEDICATED.

All Saints' Day, 1922, is a day which will be remembered long by the inhabitants of Bingham, Notts, when the bells of the ancient Parish Church of All Saints' were reopened, and the two new trebles dedicated by the Archdeacon of Nottingham (Ven. the Rev. W. J. Conybeare). The bells, originally a peal of six, very much out of tune, and very heavy going, have been rehung with entirely new fittings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London; they have also been tuned, and two have been recast, so that with the addition of the new trebles they now make a very melodious and sweet-toned ring of eight.

The church was filled to overflowing with parishioners and friends for the ceremony. Most of the clergy from the neighbouring parishes were present, and walked in the procession with the choir, the actual dedication taking place at the end of the second lesson. The Archdeacon, himself a practical change ringer, gave a most eloquent address on the subject of sympathy, and explained to his hearers how wonderfully the message of sympathy in its various aspects was conveyed to all around by the voices of the bells.

After the dedication the bells were rung in rounds for three minutes while the procession of clergy and choristers returned to the chancel, the sound within the building being very pleasant, and the tone of the bells much admired.

At the close of the service the bells were rung in changes for an hour by a band gathered from neighbouring towers by the Rev. G. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston). Touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round, those taking part being Messrs. Walter and W. E. White (Colgrave), A. Mackears (Long Bennington), A. W. Ward and J. W. Kirtan (Bottesford), S. Proctor (Grantham), F. Spencer (Radcliffe), Rev. G. J. Sturton and H. Clouston (Orston), together with Mr. Albert Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry.

When the bells had been lowered in peal, all adjourned for supper to the Chesterfield Arms, where a sumptuous repast had been kindly provided by the Rector (the Rev. H. R. M. Hutt) and the Church Council. After the removal of the cloth a convivial time was spent with toasts, songs and handbell music, about 100 guests being present.

The old peal of six were a mixed lot, and tradition asserts that the second, which was undated, was placed in the tower to commemorate the victory over the Spanish Armada. The founder, Francis Wates, died in 1600. Of the rest, the tenor, inscribed 'All ye that hear my mournful sound, repent before ye lie in ground,' was cast by George Oldfield. The former 4th was cast in 1662, the founder's initials P. H., appearing on the bell with the inscription. 'God save the Church.' Thomas Hedderley cast the fifth and third in 1743 and 1774 respectively, and the former treble, which bears no name of founder, was dated 1730.

The two new bells, in addition to the founders name and date, are inscribed:—

Treble (5 cwt.): The children of Bingham gave me. 'Suffer little children to come unto ME.'

2nd (5½ cwt.): H. R. M. H. gave me. 'Ring out the false. Ring in the true.'

The tenor is 15½ cwt. in E flat.

DIPLOMAS OF MERIT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your correspondent should not jump to conclusions. He is wrong in assuming that I condemn all Minor peals. I do not, having rung many myself. The first in seven methods by the M.C.A. was called by me in 1894, and once I walked 34 miles to get a band through a 720. (It is true that Mrs. W. W. thought I was at business, but this is strictly confidential, and must go no further.)

I may mention that I have both in the Press and on the platform, extolled the multiple method ringer, and frequently expressed my opinion that a band struggling through their first peal of Grandsire are worthy of more encouragement than a Surprise company who ring the same peal week after week. It was not of these I was thinking. Let that be clearly understood. The Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor merchant is my bete noir. He is not chained by the leg to his six-bell tower, nor condemned to one method.

The remainder of this letter is dedicated (without permission) to that champion leg-puller, the Peppery professor, otherwise 'Once a Beginner.' His pungency is delightful, and though I fancy I see his portentous wink, I will have at him. Surely the condiment has disorganised his digestion of facts. To-day, anybody can possess a certificate of membership. It means nothing but membership, and the novice who can just manage to steer the treble through a six-score of Doubles—or even ring rounds—is put upon the same plane as he who has reached it may be by years of work—the top of the ladder. I put it to any sensible person: Is it just?

'Once a Beginner' asks: 'Who will pay for a diploma?' Well, who pays now for the certificate? There would necessarily be a fee to cover its intrinsic value, and any ringer would be glad to pay it. Further, if it is not necessary in change ringing, why is it so in music? To say that the report of an association is diploma enough is hyperbole. Is a newspaper cutting of a concert diploma enough for an artist? It is true that an organist without a degree may render a Fugue or a Sonata equal to a Mus.Doc., but the man who can write L.R.A.M. or F.R.C.O. bears the hall mark. The sole object of the diploma idea is to raise the status of change ringing and give the ringer at the bottom an ideal to aspire to. While it is true that higher methods are more popular than formerly, it must not be forgotten that peals are far more numerous than hitherto, and quantity is the main objective. As a newspaper Editor once said to me, 'You bell ringers think of nothing but self-advertisement. A cornet player does not send me word every time he plays a tune.' Any hon. secretary will agree that a very large percentage of members only retain their membership for the report of peals to see the score.

'Once a Beginner' pounces upon my statement that 200 peals of Doubles and Minor are not worth a solitary peal of London. I can see him rubbing his hands with glee and saying to Mistress Pepys (junior): 'I have got him down now.' Well, he hasn't. I shall get out easily. Although 100 peals of Doubles, in points, may outnumber one peal of London, I would like to see the ringer who would consider himself the superior of the 'London' ringer. I also rang London more than twenty years ago, and I reckoned it washed out a lot of Minor rubbish (steady there with the brickbats!).

Does Master Peppery think a vain repetition of the same thing adds to its glory? I don't. What would we think of a singer who wanted to sing the same song several times at the same concert? It amounts to the same thing. In the last report of the M.C.A. (1921-1920) there were 18 of Grandsire Doubles. Of 59 peals of Doubles and Minor there was only ONE in seven methods. I venture to think that even Pepys (junr.) would prefer to ring a peal of London or Arundel Surprise than 100 of the other sort. So, assuredly will the ringers who take part in them some day if they ever arrive at the top. If they are satisfied with the old routine they will never arrive.

This is the gist of the diploma idea. Place the Surprise methods in the 'first-class' category. It follows that the Editor would then also classify them in the peal columns, and those who were not there would strive might and main to get there.

Now I ask 'Once a Beginner,' would such inducement be a good or a bad thing? No flowers by request.

W. WILLSON.

RINGERS' BADGES.

Sir,—After reading the correspondence on this subject I am still unconvinced of the value of diplomas for peals, when seven good men and true can easily get a passenger through; I've been one myself. At the same time, to my mind, Tom Brown, who has rung Stedman Doubles with Bunkum-on-the-Ditch band, has done as much as John Jones, who rang Stedman Cinques with St. Martin's, Birmingham.

No, sir, the only diploma any good is 'First in the method by all the band.' This does denote progress. How many can the 'cracks' wear? Truly does the poet say: 'Some men are born great, some acquire greatness; others thrust it on themselves.' These are not concrete ideas; nor yet 'Derby Brights.' To the best of ringers, the best is sufficient reward.—Yours, etc., T. H. VALLANCE.

NOTICES.

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.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Norton-sub-Hamdon on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Branch Sec., Martock, Somerset.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tenbury on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 1922. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Dist. Hon. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow, Salop.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow in St. Mary's Hall.—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Dist. Sec., Tring.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, at St. Leonard's Church, Bilston. Tower open 3 p.m. (8 bells). Guild service in Church 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar (Rev. G. E. Ford). Tea and meeting to follow. Subscription, 6d. per member, for 1922 now due.—F. Coldclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Trusting for a good attendance.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, Dec. 2nd.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 at the White Cot Dairy, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly ringing meeting will take place at Kirkby-in-Furness on Saturday, Dec. 2. Bells (6) available from 2.30.—W. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERRYSHIRE SOCIETY.—Meeting at Staveley on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Rectory Barn, 1/6 each.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting of the Western Division will be held at Armley, on Saturday, December 2nd. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Thomas Goodchild), the new peal of 8 bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea will be served in the Parochial Hall at 5 p.m. For further particulars, please see circulars.—F. Hopwood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Hon. District Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—A meeting of the above will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, at Oxford. Service in St. Aldate's Church at 4 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, in Rectory Room, 4.45 p.m. Tea, 1s. Please notify W. Harris, Branch Sec., 28, New Street, St. Ebbe's, Oxford.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Address by Vicar, Rev. A. L. Keith. Tea at 5 in the Church House. The towers at Corfe Mullens, Canford and Sturminster Marshall will be open for ringing.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Br. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon to-morrow, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short business meeting 5.30.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—The subscription of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Dec. 5th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 7th and 21st; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 12th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 14th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL COMPANY.—With a view to encouraging the art of ringing on the higher number of bells, an open practice will be held every Thursday from 7.30 to 9 p.m., commencing on Thursday, Dec. 7th. All ringers welcomed. Will ringers kindly note that future applications for the loan of books from the late Charles Henry Hattersley Library should be made to the Company Librarian, Mr. William Chown, 68, Canada Street, Pitsmoor, Sheffield; but applications for the use of the bells and all other business matters must be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at the Parish Church, Rotherham. Bells (10) ready at 3. Service at 5; preacher: the Rev. Canon Allen. Tea at 5.30 in the Parish Church Hall, Moorgate, at a reasonable charge. Will those requiring same please notify Mr. C. Ryder, 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham, by Wednesday, the 6th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Ave., Bentley Road, Doncaster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m.; tea and business to follow at Chequers Hotel.—F. Dench, Hon. Dist. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting 6. Members intending being present please send word to Sec., Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells will only be available from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. Please turn up in large numbers.—J. Halsall, Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.15 followed by tea and a business meeting, at which it is hoped every member will make a special effort to be present. The subscriptions for the current year should then be paid. Miss E. K. Parker hopes to attend this meeting. All ringers will be very welcome, and other bells will be available in the evening. Names of those who intend to be present at the tea should please be sent to Miss Smith, 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol, by Dec. 4th without fail.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Great Hampton on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Dec. 9th, 1922. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Unveiling of Peal Tablet by the Rev. Canon Elsee, 3.30. Tea will be provided in the School at 5 o'clock. Will those intending to be present kindly send word early to Mr. A. Tomlinson, 57, Boxwood Street, Blackburn? A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends. Meeting to follow tea.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Westbury-on-Severn on Saturday, 9th Dec., 1922. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and important business meeting to follow. A good large meeting is essential.—Joseph Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., Glen Holm, Newent, Glos.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The Annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at 2.30. Tea at 4.45, provided free, followed by business meeting. Both towers available for ringing.—W. Hayward, District Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The Annual Branch social will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Dec. 9th. The bells of S. Mary's, R.C. (8), and the Parish Church (8) will be available from 2 o'clock. Tickets 2/9 each, inclusive of tea and entertainment. Will all members and friends (including ladies) requiring tickets notify, not later than Tuesday, Dec. 5th, either Mr. F. Rigby, 19, Lorne Street, Chorley, or the Branch Sec., W. Taylor, Tower House, Penwortham?

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30; tea and meeting afterwards.—G. Preston, Christchurch.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The Quarterly meeting of the above Branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at Linslade. Bells (8) available from 2.45. Service 3.45; tea and meeting to follow. It is expected that the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) will attend.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A by-meeting of this Branch will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells available from 3.30 till 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The new peal of 8 bells of St. Aidan's, Black Hill, will be open to the Association all day on Saturday, Dec. 9th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, Dec. 9th. The bells (6) open for ringing 3.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.45.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Dec. 11th; Bishopsgate, Dec. 18th; Sundays, St. Clement Danes, 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Joseph's Church, Ansdell (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 3, Rutland Gate, North Promenade, Blackpool.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A Monthly ringing meeting for practice will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Stanmore, Dec. 16th. Full particulars next week, but it is hoped that the dedication of the new bells will take place on that day. Will members please note the date?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The Annual meeting of this Division will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow (8 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 5; tea and meeting to follow in Hall adjoining church. Will members requiring tea kindly advise me by the 11th inst., and oblige?—W. H. Theobald, Hon. District Sec., 49, The Portway, West Ham, E.15.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North East Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells available at 2.30. Service and address by the Rector at 4.45. Tea, 1/- each, in the Institute at 5.15. Will those requiring tea notify me by the previous Tuesday?—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting, 6.30. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

ST. MARY'S ASSOCIATION, PUTNEY.—Practice in future every Wednesday instead of as heretofore, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Friends and visitors heartily welcomed. Standard methods usual.—J. Herbert, Hon. Sec.

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