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PEALS OF THE PAST.

Is it not time that something was done to compile a record of all the early peals that were rung, so far as information is still available? This question is prompted by the reference made in our columns last week to the first peal of Grandsire Triples, the record of which is still happily preserved to us in that tower of many historical performances, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. There are in existence in numerous towers ancient peal boards recording most interesting performances of a bygone age; among the manuscripts now in the custody of the British Museum, and in the old peal books of such societies as the College Youths, the Cumberland Youths, the Painswick Youths and St. Martin's Guild there is a further source of information concerning the doings of early ringers, but hitherto no steps have been taken to bring all this information together. Jasper Snowdon is, perhaps, the Exercise's greatest historian, for in his patient, painstaking, methodical manner, he collected a mass of particulars, much of which he gave to the world in the various ringing books of which he was the author. His work was invaluable, and it is probable that but for his researches ringers generally would know little of the history of their art.

Of a large proportion of the peals that were rung in the first hundred and fifty years of change ringing, no record, of course, remains; but we do think that the time has now arrived when all that can be ascertained of past peal performances should be collected, and brought together into one comprehensive record. Is there not here a really useful and valuable work which the Central Council might do? and what more fitting place for the retention of this record than the Central Council's library? The ringing publications of the last fifty years are already to be found in the library, and they may be taken to cover practically all the peals, at any rate of any note, which have been rung during this period. What we would suggest is that the Central Council should undertake to compile a record, in the fullest detail available, of all the peals, about which information can be got, rung prior to this period. The nucleus could be obtained by extracts from the peal books mentioned, from the museum manuscripts, and from the late Mr. Snowdon's papers. Ringers could then be requested to provide copies of all old peal boards, and others who have the possession of private peal books and records could be asked to help. In this way, we believe, not only an interesting but an almost invaluable history of peal ringing could be compiled. Moreover, it would serve the further purpose of providing a duplicate record of existing ancient peal books and boards, which, though

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they may now be well cared for, might at any time, through fire or other cause, be irretrievably lost, as many have been in the past. We believe that this suggestion is a perfectly practicable one, and one which, if properly tackled, could be achieved without great difficulty, albeit considerable time and labour might be involved.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, August 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM... ..	Treble	JAMES E. GROVES	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD... ..	2	A. PADDON SMITH	8
JOHN NEAL	3	ERNEST MANSELL	9
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS	4	JOSEPH E. SYKES	10
ALBERT WALKER... ..	5	ALBERT E. NORMAN	11
JAMES GEORGE	6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal in twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.]

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

FREDERICK RICHARDSON ...	Treble	PERCY J. SPICE	6
LEONARD MANNERING	2	CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.	7
HARRY N. WAY	3	HARRY PARKES	8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES ...	9
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... ..	5	HERBERT E. AUCSLEY ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN GOOCH... ..	Treble	PERCY PARKER	5
GEORGE PRYKE	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
LESLIE BRETT	3	ALBERT A. FLEMING	7
GEORGE W. ABLITT	4	T. WILLIAM LAST	Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DURLING	Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	2	ISAAC EMERY	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
PERCY J. SPICE	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORPE. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.
First in the method on the bells.

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POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*MRS. EDWIN J. BROWN ... Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 5
THOMAS F. KING ... 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 3	WALTER FARLEY ... 7
ARTHUR PRINCE ... 4	EDWIN J. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Stedman. Mrs. E. J. Brown and Arthur Prince were elected members before starting. Rung on the 2nd anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and the day after the 4th anniversary of that of Mr. and Mrs. Dyke.

SWANAGE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

†ARTHUR PRINCE ... Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2	THOMAS F. KING ... 6
*CECIL TOMES ... 3	†SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 7
EDWIN J. BROWN ... 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.

SOUTHAMPTON.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

MRS. EDWIN J. BROWN ... Treble	EDWIN J. BROWN ... 5
ARTHUR PRINCE ... 2	WALTER FARLEY ... 6
THOMAS F. KING ... 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*THOMAS M. GRIFFEN ... Treble	THEODORIC GRANT ... 5
GEORGE TEMPLE ... 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6
*GERALD F. GRIFFEN ... 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

* First peal of Major. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. J. W. Pemberton, who hails from Erdington, Birmingham; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TRANSPPOSITION OF E. B. JAMES' TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS STELLA DISNEY ... Treble	CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... 5
HENRY WRIGHT ... 2	CHARLES H. WEBB ... 6
FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 3	FRED COTTON ... 7
TOM ATKINS ... 4	WILLIAM BRIGGS ... Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

Rung for the 25th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells to a peal of 8 by Messrs. Taylor & Co., in 1898. The 'go' still being excellent. It was also a birthday compliment to Henry Wright.

LONDON, E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ALBERT W. COLES ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... 5
*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... 6
REUBEN SANDERS ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
WILLIAM PYE ... 4	HAROLD W. CLARK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

JOSIAH MORRIS ... Treble	MISS HILDA F. WILLSON ... 5
GEORGE CLEAL ... 2	GEORGE S. MORRIS ... 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 7
SAMUEL COTTON ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

First 'touch' in any Surprise method as conductor. Mr. J. Morris has now rung each bell in this tower throughout one or more peals.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK TUCKER ... Treble	LEWIS NEWMAN ... 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... 2	JAMES W. LEONARD ... 6
GEORGE POUND ... 3	LOUIS HEAD ... 7
JOHN R. JACKSON ... 4	*CHARLES F. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

The above are all members of the Maidstone District. * First peal.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*FREDERICK PAYNE ... Treble	ALFRED TAILBY ... 5
†MISS ADA DEACON ... 2	LEWIS KILBORN ... 6
†FREDERICK KILBORN ... 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 7
†SAMUEL BORDITT ... 4	*ARTHUR MANNING ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells, since the two trebles were added by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston. All the band (with the exception of the conductor) are members of the local company. This peal was arranged and rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the ringer of the 4th.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

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

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HENRY J. SELBY ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
ISAAC EMERY ... 2	T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 6
*RICHARD F. DEAL ... 3	HERBERT LANGDON ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 4	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* 150th peal. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. The ringers of 3rd and 7th were elected members of the Kent Association previous to starting.

WHITTLESEA, CAMBS.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

VINCENT E. BUTLER Treble	WALTER G. CROSS 5
THOMAS R. VAUGHAN... .. 2	HUGH BEECHY 6
HERBERT HOARE... .. 3	FREDERICK T. COOKE 7
SIDNEY E. WRIGHT 4	CHARLES T. P. BRICE... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by C. T. P. BRICE.

First peal of Treble Bob by all the ringers except the conductor.
First peal of Major by the ringer of 3rd and first attempt.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JUDD Treble	*FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	GEORGE M. KILBY 6
*ERNEST G. HIBBENS... .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON 7
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* First peal of Superlative. Arranged for Mr. Ernest G. Hibbens, of Cambridge.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*SIDNEY SADLER... .. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
JOHN AMBLER 2	FREDERICK W. SEAGER 6
*ERNEST R. SIMPSON... .. 3	*JAMES R. KEMP... .. 7
*GEORGE ROBINSON 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor ; also first peal in the method on the bells.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. John, Tuebrook,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*JAMES H. TREANOR Tenor	†JOHN WILKINSON 5
THOMAS C. LARKEY 2	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
*WILLIAM H. RAWSTHORNE 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	*FRANK W. MOORE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method away from tenor. Mr. E. Caunce has now rung the eight bells in this tower to a peal, this being the fourth tower in which he has completed the circle.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS'.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY BARTON Treble	WALTER SCOTT 5
*WILLIAM CHAMBERS... .. 2	WALTER SCOTT, JUN. 6
†WILLIAM UPTON 3	JOHN D. MATTHEWS... .. 7
HENRY JENNINGS 4	†CHARLES TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal Stedman 'inside.' † First peal Stedman. † First peal. Arranged for Mr. J. D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 3	ARTHUR WATKINS 7
JOHN HAYES... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES LOVELL Treble	ELI WATERS... .. 5
*MISS G. MANNING 2	PERCY WITHEAM 6
CHARLES R. FORFITT 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
HARRY J. GOODENOUGH ... 4	EDWARD GARRATT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal All except the conductor belong to St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-a-Becket,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRED Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD 5
WILLIAM J. CROFT 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
ERNEST J. NEWELL 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	HERBERT E. DAY... .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

RAINHILL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew, R.C.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*E. GRIFFITHS Treble	H. ASHTON... .. 4
*T. O'BRIEN 2	*J. TIMBLIN 5
*G. MEDDICK 3	J. DONNELLY Tenor

Conducted by H. ASHTON.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band and on the bells. Rung on the eve of the Patronal feast, also as a birthday compliment to H. Ashton and J. Donnelly.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 23, 1923, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Single Court and Bob Minor. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN LUNN... .. Treble	JOHN J. JUISON 4
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	WILLIAM TILLEY... .. 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in 7 methods. Arranged for Mr. McGuinness, of Lincoln.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK. — For afternoon service, at the Parish Church, touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, Minor were rung with half-muffled bells, as a last token of respect for Mr. Reeve Clarke, an ex-service man, who died and was buried during the week, having been an invalid since the late war.

BLO' NORTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

T. STAGG Treble	H. MASON 4
E. HUNT 2	W. EAGLING 5
S. MOULE 3	F. A. SALTER Tenor

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

T. Stagg was elected a member before starting.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury, Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and 10 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS M. CLARKE Treble	ROBERT BLACK 3
MISS H. MOORE 2	HARRY BAXTER 4
MATTHIAS HOBBS Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS Treble	*SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by J. J. JEFFERIES.

First peal of Minor as conductor. *50th peal. This was the quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

5,024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By W. HYDE INGLESANT.

23456 M	W H
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24536	—
52436	—
63425	—
46325	—
53624	—
62534	—
56234	—
25634	—
*34625	5th's 4th's
62345	—
36245	—
23645	—
42635	—
42356	B
35426	—
43526	—
54326	—
32546	—
53249	—
25346	—
34256	—
23456	—

The first 5,024 of Superlative in twenty-three courses only. Contains the 6th her extent 'Right,' and 2-3 never in 6th's. * This course, called 5th's and 4th's, contains six leads.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD.

'Higher Peever kettles,
'Lower Peever pans,
'Knutsford's sweet music,
'Rosthern's great drones.'

So runs an old Cheshire ditty, relative to the bells of various churches. Higher Peever has only three, whilst the others have six each, and are in the area of the Stockport branch of the Chester Guild, which held its quarterly meeting at Lower Peever on Saturday last. It is one of those out-of-way places, often heard about, but seldom seen, except by the very curious. The writer formed one of a party which unwittingly, had a circular tour on 'shank's pony.' Inquiries, on leaving the train, elicited that four miles was the distance; two hours after, the 'locals,' whom we asked, were sure it was a 'good four moiles,' and rain was coming down. However, Lower Peever was reached in time for tea, and when this was over some commenced the journey home; those who did not arrived back early on Sunday morning. The person who said fishermen were made had never met those who went to Peever from the Stockport side.

Altogether about twenty-five members and friends were present, including those from the Northwich branch, who were heartily welcomed. Nothing untoward happened at the business meeting. Den-ton was fixed as the place for the next gathering, to be held on Saturday, November 24th. The hon. secretary was thanked for his address in church, and the authorities for permitting the meeting to be held.

Cheshire is famous for its quaint old buildings, but none so effectively rivets the attention as do those of the Black and White, or 'Magpie' style. They are reminiscent of the days when the districts in which they are situated were covered with forests, the wood from these being the cheapest and handiest material for their construction.

Of the 'Magpie' Churches, Lower Peever is considered to be the best example. Originally built in the 13th century and several times restored, it is an interesting and curious ecclesiastical rarity. The interior is almost entirely constructed of oak, black with age, and the wood pillars supporting the roof are roughly hewn. In the Shakerley Chapel there is an oak chest which surely belongs to an age when giants were in the land. Tradition has it, that if a maiden failed to raise its lid and throw it back with one hand, she was not a fit wife for a Cheshire yoman.

The Western tower was built in 1582, the bells were recast and rehung in 1911, by Warner, and are rung from the ground floor. They were well requisitioned throughout the afternoon and evening, in a variety of methods, then the best method home was tackled and successfully accomplished in four hours. Then to bed. J. P. F.

THE FIRST TRUE PEAL OF GRANDSIRE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In last week's issue you announce, 'August 26th is the anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples on record. It was rung in 1718 at Norwich.' The peal board asserts that a 'Mr. John Garthorn, who, with long study and practice, have perfectly discovered those intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all ringers in England, it being the first time that it was ever rung true,' etc. Can any of our Norwich ringers supply, through your columns, a copy of the original composition? Jones, Reeves and Blakemore, in their 'New Campanologia,' page 57, say: 'Ever since Grandsire Triples hath been discovered, or practised, 5,040 changes manifestly appeared to view.' Further on it says: 'Hardham, Condell, Annable, etc., exhausted all their skill and patience in this grand pursuit.' Yet seemed convinced that the task 'itself was an utter impossibility, or their united efforts were unequal to it.' Holt's famous one-part peal was performed on Sunday, July 7th, 1751—33 years later than the recorded Norwich peal.

Our ancient College Youths' record states that 'Mr. Ben. Annable composed the first peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 194 Sobs and 46 singles,' and yet we must bear in mind Mr. Ben. Annable was contemporaneous with Mr. John Holt. If those leading lights of this noble science failed to discover, in 'their united efforts'—years after the 'Norwich peal'—according to the Gospel of Jones, Reeves, etc., to accomplish a solution of the difficulty, Mr. John Holt's one-part peal, in my opinion, must be accepted as the 'first true peal' of Grandsire Triples.

I hope, sir, that readers of the 'Ringing World' will accept this letter in the same tranquil spirit in which it is written, and that no aspersions will be cast upon any of those 'noble pioneers' of the art mentioned in this letter. Nay, I pay a lasting tribute to the merits exemplified, in imparting to others that brilliancy of talent, emitted through those imperishable monuments, erected to their memory, on tablets, in almost every sacred steeple in England.—Yours, etc.,

BOB MINOR.

A WEEK-END IN WALES.

(Continued from Page 533).

Bank Holiday, August 6th. Breakfast at 8, peal attempt at St. Mary the Virgin at 9 a.m., so arranged early that we might catch the 1.10 train to Hay. 'Go, London,' resulted in 1 hour 23 minutes ringing. At lunch it was suggested to try again in the afternoon, as a train at six would allow us to reach Clifford. The afternoon's attempt lasted 1 hour 30 minutes. Any further deviation from the programme was not permissible. However, the editor of the 'Brecon Times' was kind enough to suggest, when reporting our doings, our visiting the town again and staying till we did ring it.

There's no accounting for the vagaries of peal ringing. The one performance most needed was, as it happened on this occasion, the only failure, and then at the lower end of the ropes. It is only fair to say that our conductor, 'Bobbie,' was never in better bobbing form. Members of our party brought picture postcards and knick-knacks to take home for 'mother,' before entraining for Hay and Clifford. They quickly regained their holiday spirits amongst the crowds of trippers at the station. With a hearty farewell to and from Mr. Evans, who, it is hoped, will some day attain the distinction of being 'grandfather' of the ringers in Brecon.

The church at Clifford, situated in a lofty tableland, overlooking the famous Golden Valley and the valley of the River Wye, which meet at Hay, two miles distant, is well worth a visit for the scenery alone, and to hear the bells—by Mears and Stainbank, of London—without a peal, true and complete, thrown in as a sort of change-ringers bonus. The sound of the bells is nicely regulated by pairs of porches on each face of the square tower. There are no ugly louvers to deflect the sound downwards, and, like the belfry at Llanfagan, ought to be referred to by the Central Council as an object lesson in dealing with noisy bells and towers.

Mr. Hyett met us at Hay Station. Our train being late, he wisely arranged a car to get us up to our tea room quickly, and we retrieved ourselves from reproach by humble apologies to the host and the many friends there to welcome us, and regretting the absence of the Ringing Master of the Hereford Guild. An enjoyable evening was spent, with the Rev. Walwyn Trumper in the chair, and church ladies to attend to our wants and to pour out 'another, please.'

Messrs. Grove, Matthews, Short and Bass rendered their twelve-bell airs to perfection, and courses of Caters 'in hand' delighted the company. Mr. T. Salter proposed the thanks of the visitors to the Parochial Church Council and the Vicar for hospitality, and to all those who had done their best to make the last hours of the holiday visit so happy. The church tower was not visited, but kind permission was graciously accorded our team 'to try London' in the morning, and 'good-nights' were said with some hope of the 'hat trick' being accomplished after all.

On the way to our hotel, 'The Swan' at Hay, we heard several Black Country anecdotes, and our Tom, whose salt had not lost its flavour, had to admit that 'tis the pace that kills. We were waylaid by Mr. and Mrs. Hyett, who had prepared supper for us. The handbells brought down the younger Hyetts, and we were joined by two of the team who rang in the first peal in the new diocese the previous Saturday, Messrs. Rackham and Williams, who had cycled over from Gilwern for the day. And 'so to bed,' as Mistress Peppery would say, at 11.30 p.m., but in our case the landlady was Mrs. Powell, who did not appear to understand why ten men only wanted the 'feather.' Gilwern found them in No. 9. Brum in 5, and Stourbridge in 4, according to the rooms allocated—a house full of ringers, and a parish church adjoining without bells, and that in a busy market town of some importance!

Tuesday, August 7th. 'Yes! yes! Samuel and his seven boys will be along soon! Well now, we will quickly hear the bells, I tell you!' Spoken with the singing voice of a man of Wales, the above words were the only relics of our Western brothers met with. The picturesque costume of the natives was not seen, not even a 'tall hat,' one of which we were keenly seeking to take home with us. Breakfast at 8. Car 8.30 a.m. We gave Mrs. Powell a handbell selection before leaving, and, in return, partook of a Welsh decoction possessing an 8-7-8 flavour—metheglin, a sound tonic for methodmen. Reaching Clifford Church at 9.15, we began business preparations in earnest, and for the fourth time every rope and every bearing was examined by the organiser. An hour of good London found the band well settled down to their task. The keen eyes cast at each other, as pieces of the method had to be accurately fitted in to time and compass, were never relaxed, and the welcome 'that's all' came at 12.40 p.m.

Once again our kindly host, the Vicar, presided at the board that cheers, a cider luncheon enjoyed and thanks tendered; ever flying time urging us onward. Leaving Whitney-on-Wye at 2.16, we broke the homeward journey at Hereford for an hour, and visited the Church of All Saints. Here we were met by Mr. Gwynne with open belfry, who inquired of me, 'Are you all there?' I ventured to say 'I thought so,' after my experiences of the past few days with the Worcester wasps. Explanations revealed the cause of the question—the Newcastle men, with Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, were to have the bells from 3 to 4 p.m., and our party were mistaken for

Northerners. Unfortunately our train went on at 4.17, and the fraternity of teams from the borders of Scotland and Wales was frustrated by the absence of Mr. Ferry's lads.

W. H. F.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

Through the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens, the Luton Parish Church bell ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, Aug. 18th, by motor charabanc. A start was made from the 'straw hat town' at 9 a.m., and travelling via Whitwell, St. Paul's Walden (the home of the Duchess of York), and Knebworth, Bennington was reached at 10.30 a.m., after a somewhat exciting journey along the country lanes. The Luton men were welcomed to this world-wide village by the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Mills), and the veteran campanologist, Mr. Samuel Page, one of Squire Proctor's famous Surprise band, who rang a couple of touches with the visitors on the musical ring of eight. A familiar figure, however, was missed by the writer in the person of the late Mr. John Kitchenor, who is greatly missed by all at this pretty village.

Bidding adieu to the Rector (who is taking up the art of campanology) and 'Sam,' the journey was resumed at 12 o'clock for Hertford, via Watton. Hot lunch at the Dimsdale Hotel was served in first-class style. During this time a very heavy thunderstorm passed over Hertford, a deluge of rain following for nearly an hour. After lunch an hour's ringing was enjoyed at All Saints' Church, containing a peal of ten. The vergers welcomed the visitors, on behalf of the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. Smith), who, with his ringers, was having an outing at Brighton. These bells go well, but are a little noisy in the ringing chamber. The party next made their way to Barkway, via Ware and Braughing, and were welcomed at the tower by the locum tenens to the Rev. W. T. Stubbs, who was on his vacation, and Mr. W. Machon. The bells, which are a very handy ring of eight, have a grand tenor, weight 16 cwt. As tea could not be obtained in this village, the journey was resumed to Royston, about five miles distant, where at the Bull Hotel a substantial repast was partaken of. All were interested in a young fox of four months old at the hotel. As Royston was not in the programme for ringing, Baldock was the next stopping-place, the ringers being met by Mr. John Cawdell, who welcomed them on behalf of the Vicar. Ringing was indulged in on this fine peal of eight, with a tenor of 28 cwt., from 7.30 to 8.45 p.m. At 9 o'clock tracks were made for 'Strawopolis,' via the Garden City, and Hitchin, Luton being reached about 10.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable time. The following methods were rung at the various towers during the day: Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Grandsire Caters Oxford and Kent Treble Ten. The members of the Luton band wish to thank the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells and the local ringers for their many kindnesses and welcome, which were greatly appreciated.

A. K.

TOUR IN DEVON.

St. Mary's Guild, Taunton, accompanied by Messrs. Cozens and Young, churchwardens, made a tour of part of Devon by charabanc on August 18th. Leaving at 7.15 a.m. Exeter was reached at 9 a.m., where a brief halt was made. From there the journey was continued to Moretonhampstead, where the Parish Church was visited, and the bells raised in peal, some good Stedman Triples being then rung. The bells are a very musical peal by Gillett and Johnston of Croydon. Chagford was the next place of call, and the ringers were met by the Rector and the foreman of the ringers, who conducted them to the belfry. Touches of Stedman Triples were rung in fine style. The bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford, and they 'go' splendidly. The tenor is about 21 cwt. After leaving Chagford, a most pleasant drive over Dartmoor was experienced, and this beautiful part of Devon was admired by all. The next stop was at Buckfastleigh, where lunch was partaken of at the Golden Lion. The parish church was visited, and some Treble Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung. From there the ringers walked to Buckfast Abbey, the real object of the day's journey. Here they found a peal of twelve bells cast by Messrs. Warner and Co., of London, and hung by Messrs. Aggett and Sons. Owing to the unavoidable absence of several ringers at the last moment only round on the twelve and Stedman and Grandsire Caters could be rung. After the bells had been lowered in peal, the ringers were kindly shown over the Abbey by one of the monks. The Abbey itself can only be described as magnificent, when it is remembered the work has all been done by unskilled labour by the monks themselves. On the homeward journey a halt was made at Ashburton, and the last ringing for the day, a few touches of Stedman Triples was done here. Afterwards the journey was continued to Exeter, and tea was partaken of at Deller's. Taunton was reached about 11 p.m., and everybody agreed the day was one of the most interesting ever spent by the Guild.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.**

The quarterly meeting of this district, held at Wistanstow on Aug. 18th, was well attended and very enjoyable. The company numbered 27, and the following towers were represented: Bitterley, Bromfield, Clunbury, Leintwardine, Ludlow, Norbury (Cheshire) and Stokesay. The Rector (the Rev. W. D. La Touche) together with the local ringers, welcomed the visitors on their arrival, when the bells were raised, and useful practice obtained in Grandsire Doubles and Triples.

Service was held in church, conducted by the Rector, who also addressed the members, and exhorted them to spare no effort in an endeavour to attain proficiency in whatever they undertook.

The Rector had kindly made all arrangements in regard to the tea, which was partaken of in the Schoolroom. The business meeting was afterwards held, with the Rector in the chair.—Seven full members and one probationer from Wistanstow tower were duly elected.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was the number of young ringers assembled, who, if they act upon the sound advice given by the Rev. La Touche, will be of great service to the Guild in the future.

Courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung upon handbells, and also a 720 of Bob Minor in 19 minutes by the following: P. Lane 1—2, G. Randle 3, A. R. Harrison 4, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor) 5—6. This was the first 720 Bob Minor by ringers of 3 and 4.

Ludlow was chosen for the next quarterly meeting to be held on 10th November, if convenient.

MEETING AT OLD RADNOR.

The summer quarterly meeting of the Presteign and Leominster Districts Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Old Radnor on Saturday, August 18th. The proceedings commenced with the business meeting at the Vicarage, the Vicar (the Rev. T. Lloyd) presiding.—One new member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Pembridge, in November, and combined practice at Dilwyn in September, and Ewe in October, the dates to be fixed by the district secretary.

The meeting also passed a vote of sympathy with the parents and friends of Mr. E. B. Fitz-Patrick, a member of the Kingsland band, and a promising member of the Guild, who died last month.

The Vicar and Mrs. Lloyd very kindly provided tea, and attended to the wants of the company, 22 members sitting down. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and his wife for their kindness, Mr. Lloyd expressing his great pleasure in welcoming the visitors, and hoping to meet them all again next summer.

The party then proceeded to the church, a distance of about a mile and a half, where they found other members had already assembled. The bells, a fine ring of six, with tenor about 16 cwt., were kept going till 8.30 p.m. to Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Bob Minor.

The church, dedicated to St. Stephen, which is situated on a hill commanding a lovely view, and contains a very finely carved screen, is well worth a visit. This was the first meeting held there by the association, and was very successful, members attending from Almeley, Hay, Kington, Kingsland, Knighton, Lyonshall, Staunton-on-Arrow, Stoke Prior, and the local band. Handbell ringing was carried on at intervals. The last item of the evening was 'The land of my fathers,' played by four members.

BRIDGEND RINGERS' LONG EXCURSION.

On August 7th, the Bridgend ringers had their annual outing by charabanc. 'Go' was called soon after 7.30 a.m., and after a nice run via Cardiff and Newport, the first stopping-place, Llangibby, was reached. Here a nice handy ring of eight were soon set going to Grandsire Triples. After a look round the church, the party proceeded through Usk, Monmouth, etc., to Ross where they were met by Mr. J. Clark, who had everything in readiness. Short touches of Grandsire were the order, and then an hour's lovely drive brought the excursionists to Hereford. After dinner at the City and County Restaurant, All Saints Church was visited, and a few good touches brought round. The return journey was made via Abergavenny, where tea was partaken of at the Victoria Cafe. Time would not allow a long stop here, but the journey was again broken at Llangibby, where a pleasant hour was spent with one or two of the local ringers. Bridgend was eventually reached about 12.30 a.m., everyone having had a royal time. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the various clergy for the use of the bells and all who helped to make the outing such a success.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new tower and bells at Rowley Regis are to be opened on Sept. 29th. Mr. J. E. Groves is hanging the bells. It is not too late for ringers who desire to help in this work of restoration to send their contributions to the Rector, or to Mr. A. E. Parsons, Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs.

The three peals at Poole, Swanage, and Southampton, last week, were rung by West Country ringers, who were staying in the Bourne-mouth district. One other attempt was made, Stedman Caters at Wimborne, but a missed bob put an end to the ringing.

Mr. James E. Groves has added a new treble at Holmer, Hereford, and overhauled the old ring of five bells. The new bell was dedicated on August 24th by the Dean of Hereford.

In our reply to 'Doubtful' last week, as to peals of Treble Bob running true to Bristol, it ought to have been added, that this applies when the tenors are kept together.

The peal of six at Coleshill, Warwickshire, are shortly to be augmented to eight through the generosity of a gentleman, who, for the present, desires to remain anonymous.

Bertram Prewett was killed in action on August 31st, 1918.

The anniversary of the longest peal rung on handbells falls to-day, or rather, it was begun on August 31st, 1912. It extended over part of two days, two weeks and two months, for the bells came round after midnight on Sunday, Sept. 1st. The length was 19,738, the time 9 hrs. 32 mins., and the place—Guildford.

August 31st is also the anniversary of the first ten bell peal in Scotland, which was Grandsire Caters rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, in 1886.

The first peal in Salisbury was rung at St. Martin's Church on Sept. 3rd, 1887.

On Sept. 6th, 1897, a peal of 6,140 Bobb Major Royal was rung at St. Michael's, Coventry, in 4 hrs. 23 mins.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor rung at Willesden on Aug. 14th, which brought Mr. I. G. Shade into the small circle of ringers who have rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, also completed the quartette for the Middlesex County Association.

Incidentally the peal was Mr. Shade's 1,223rd, and, like 'Charley's Aunt,' he is 'still running.'

THE OXFORD GUILD ANNUAL MEETING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As a member of some thirty years' standing, I take at least a speculative interest in the affairs of the Oxford Guild. It appears to me that the members in the more remote parts of the diocese have a real grievance. As was very logically pointed out at the annual meeting, the fact of holding the festival at Oxford one year practically ensures its being held there the next, since the great majority at the meeting are just those to whom Oxford is easily accessible. It is simply in the nature of things that they should continue to vote for Oxford year after year.

That being so, the only way to give the other parts of the diocese a chance is to take a vote by ballot unless the annual meeting could be induced by a strong recommendation from the committee to impose a self-denying ordinance and vote for another centre. But does the rule as now revised preclude an appeal to a ballot next year? It specifies 'the place selected at the previous annual festival,' but it does not define the precise mode of selection—whether by a show of hands or otherwise. As far as I can see, the terms of the rule would be satisfied by a general ballot of all members, the votes being counted and the result declared at the annual meeting, just as well as by a show of hands on the part of those actually present. The old rule required the place to be fixed by the members 'in general meeting assembled,' which implied that only those present could vote, but the rule as since revised simply provides that the selection shall take place at the festival.

It may be of interest to state, what is the practice in the Salisbury Guild, which also covers a wide area. The entire arrangements are in the hands of the committee, and they ensure that all members shall have due consideration by holding the festival at Salisbury once in three or four years, and in the intervening years taking the different districts of Dorset and Wilts in turn. The two cases are not parallel, as the change ringing facilities of Salisbury are not to be compared with those of Oxford—except for Oxford's dearth of eight-bell towers—but the principle might be adopted in a modified form. And the outlying parts of the Oxford Diocese offer greater attraction for ringers now than thirty years ago.—Yours truly,

Kington Magna.

F. LI. EDWARDS.

THE CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS.'

MORE MUSINGS ON SUNDRY TOPICS.

The question of the meeting-place of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for its annual festival seems likely to lead, not merely to 'strained relations'—it has reached that already—but to actual breaking point, if the matter is not very carefully handled. Knowing something of the feeling which has been growing in Buckinghamshire during the last year or two, I can say this much, that some of the ringers there are smarting under what they honestly consider to be a real grievance, and it is probably because members of the Guild in other parts of the diocese have failed to realise this, that they have, more or less lightly, outvoted the proposal to make the annual festival a 'perambulating' one. I am a peace-loving subject, and I like constitutional methods of doing things; but there are times when it must be realised that drastic action may be necessary, and it is quite obvious that the Wycombeites, and those who think with them, intend to force matters by a step which, once taken, may well prove a serious breakaway for the Oxford Guild.

To be quite candid, I doubt if the majority of those who voted 'Oxford' at the last meeting, fully realised what their action might mean. To them it was merely a case of 'the majority has it,' and they voted as they did because they believed that Oxford is the best centre for the festival. In that they may be right, but the views of minorities cannot always be ignored, and what they are heading for, if they do not look out, is a rival association in Buckinghamshire. I doubt if this possibility occurred to them. Such a split, above all things, would be most regrettable, but members of the Guild in other parts of the diocese ought to be alive to this probable result of persisting in a course which, though constitutionally justifiable, is a source of grievance to a strong section. There is time yet to save the worst, and I have the greatest admiration for the tact of the Master of the Oxford Guild. If there is a way out, no doubt he will find it, but it will not do to adopt a policy of drift, in the hope that the feeling aroused will die down with the passage of time.

The letter of the Rev. Herbert Drake last week did several things. In the first place it put my spelling right, although I had only gone astray in the number of 's', and an ending or two, but principally it showed how, even in the enlightened days of the twentieth century, the Exercise can have freak (as well as Greek) words foisted upon it, although, for that matter the progress of twenty years since 'Passallatria' and 'Passallatessera' were coined, has not, apparently, brought men to more rational views, when they can adopt such absurdities in nomenclature as—but, no; let us try to forget them. I tremble, however, to think what abnormalities the Peals Analysis Committee will inflict upon us when they come—if ever they do—to name the hundreds of new Major methods, which, some day, the Council will publish. And that opens up another question: Why the Peals Analysis Committee? The Council have got a Methods Committee; the Methods Committee provided the methods, and why on earth they were not given the task of selecting names for their own productions passes comprehension. A Carpenter may be a good gardener, but it is quite certain that an Analysis Committee makes a poor hand at christening methods.

But I have got rather away from my subject. These words 'Passallatria' and 'Passallatessera,' Mr. Drake tells us, are already and deservedly obsolete. There I do not quite agree with him. That they ought to be, there is no doubt, but their absence of use, I imagine, is more because there are at present no methods practised which contain 'all but three' or 'all but four.' When there are, the legislator who was the originator of these tongue twisters will no doubt pop up and refer us to Clause 3 of Section 4 of the Act—I mean Rules and Decisions—of the Central Council, 1903 or whatever the clause, section, and year may have been, and say that, as it has not been repealed, it must be applied and the New Spring Onion Maximus must be classified under the Passallatessera head to distinguish it from the Surprise, Passallatria, and other classes. No, these things do not become obsolete—they just hybernate, and then, when a succeeding generation comes up against a method rung for the first time, someone dives into the archives of ringing (if the original perpetrator has passed beyond the stage of diving) and says 'Here you are, our grandfathers named this a "Passallatessera" method, and we must use that name because of tradition. Moreover, this method does not belong to the vegetable class; it belongs to the zoological group, and as it is obviously a cross between Kangaroo Surprise and Hippopotamus Delight, we ought to call it "Kangerotamus Passallatessera Maximus." That's the kind of thing we do in ringing.

But seriously, Mr. Drake's exposure of the way these terms were adopted goes to prove that we have altered very little for the better, in that respect, at any rate, in the last hundred years. This dog-Greek, or pussy-English, or whatever you like to call it, ought to have no place in ringing terminology, and here is another little job for the Central Council: let them overhaul their rules and decisions and clear out some of these absurdities. By the way, I wonder how many ringers know what the words 'Passallatria' and 'Passal-

latessera' really indicate? Mr. Drake told us what they are intended to mean, and what they really do mean; but what do they convey in ringing? We know our old friends 'Treble Bob,' 'Imperial,' and 'Surprise.' Well, for the benefit of those who have not studied the subject, I may just explain that the 'all but three' and 'all but four' relate to the cross-sections of methods with Treble Bob hunts, and that, just as a Surprise method has a place made at every cross-section and Treble Bob at none, so 'Passallatria' and 'Passallatessera' have places made at 'all but three,' and 'all but four' cross-sections respectively.

There is still a band of ringers within reach of Boston, U.S.A. What a struggle dear old Dr. Nichols made to plant change ringing on the American continent, but how little result did he see for his efforts! True he had round him for the last few years of his long life a limited company of men imported from England, but all his labour to induce change ringing to take root among the Americans themselves ended in almost entire failure. Reading the report of the muffled ringing in Boston for the late President Harding one realises that the American Press knows as little about the subject as do the English newspapers. Apart from the fact that the ringers rang 'Grandsire doubled' (that is not an impossibility, I imagine, though I don't think the Boston men rang Double Grandsire), what amused me most—if one may allow amusement to enter into such a solemn matter as muffled ringing—was to read that these ringers 'had performed the same service many times before at the death of a British king.' Happily British monarchs do not often need muffled peals, and these ringers would have to be fairly old in the teeth if they had rung at the death of more than one British king, seeing that Edward VII was the only king for whom muffled ringing has been done since William IV. died in 1838! But I suppose the American reporter wanted his readers to know that in Boston the ringing was really done by men of experience, and experience gained in ringing muffled for kings sounds more imposing than ringing for common clay—even in a democratic country.

Which reminds me that last week some English reporter must have had his leg well pulled. I was much interested in an article—an instructive article up to a point—published in a London daily newspaper advocating a great carillon for London. It enlarged upon the music which such a set of bells would provide for a vast audience, and described quite accurately the methods of modern tuning. It was in advancing the claims of the carillon as compared with bells hung for ringing that the writer began to get out of his depth, and, while he quite rightly explained that a carillon could be manipulated by one man, where one man was required for each bell when bells were rung in the ordinary way, he went off the deep end when he concluded with the statement that there used to be a peal of twelve bells which required a platoon of sixty men, all engaged at the same time, to ring them. They must have been some bells! I suppose they have been rehung by now, as the writer spoke of them in the past tense; but I think I know one gentleman who, despite the necessity of the platoon to keep the twelve going, would have been quite ready to tackle the tenor single-handed.

CRITICUS.

A REVIVAL IN DURHAM.

INTERESTING GATHERING AT CONSETT.

The proposed attempt at a peal of Grandsire Triples on August 25th, as announced in our issue of August 3rd, had unfortunately to be postponed to a date to be fixed in October, owing to the unavoidable absence of the conductor, Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle Cathedral, on urgent business. However, two of the Cathedral ringers, Messrs. Alf. Hillier and A. M. Hall, had made the journey to Consett, so they advised an attempt for a half peal of the same method. This was accomplished in an hour and 30 minutes, in good style, and conducted by Mr. G. H. Wilkinson, the secretary of the Consett band.

This was Mr. Wilkinson's first attempt at conducting, and every credit is due to him for his pluck and resource. He is of a retiring nature, but has great hopes of adding one or two peals to the credit of the local band before many months are over. He has the making of a capable conductor, which the association is in great need of these times, and it will not be his fault if he does not get his first peal as conductor this year.

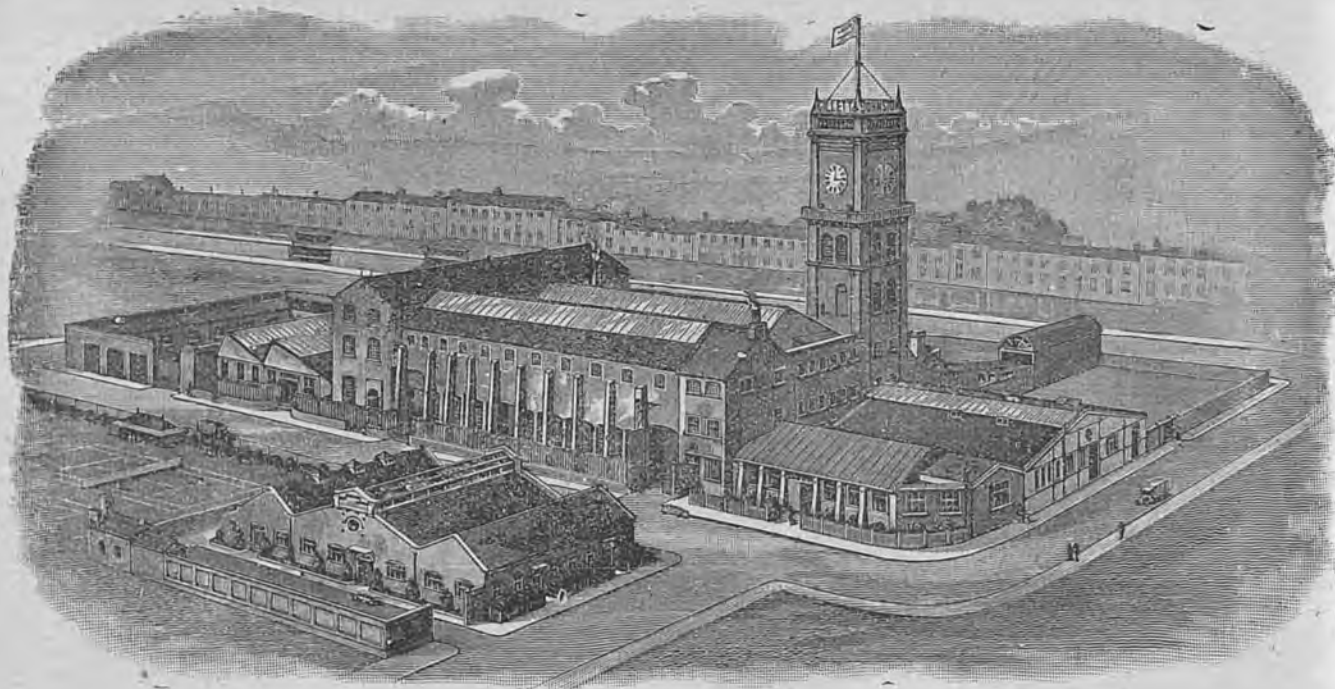
It was a pleasant surprise to meet several ringers from the neighbouring towers, and to hear that the prospects of a happy and united body of ringers at Blackhill, Benfieldside and Consett not forgetting Tanfield, were never so bright, and that a healthy sense of rivalry is springing up in the district.

The local band kindly provided refreshments for the visitors, for which they returned thanks, and after a short discussion on future developments the company broke up at 8 o'clock, looking forward eagerly to their next meeting in October.

It is very encouraging to know that the Vicar of Consett (the Rev. W. C. D. Fedden) welcomes these periodical meetings, and throws no obstacles in the way of the association having the use of the church bells to carry on, and further improve the art of change ringing in his deanery.

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ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 1921.

THE PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT BELLS AND TOWERS.

The 46th annual report of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings is a record of a year of valuable work.

Reference is made to the conference on bells and bell hanging which took place between the Society and the Central Council's Committee, and the report adds:—

'For some years before the war the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and the Central Committee of Ringers misunderstood each other. Particularly was this the case with regard to the treatment of old bells and bell cages and in regard to the material of which new bell cages should be made and the form they should take.

'The agreement resulting from this conference will be most useful, and in proof of this fact we are able to state that it has been adopted by the Central Committee for the Protection of Churches and their Treasures, and by that authoritative body, has been sent to the Diocesan Advisory Committees.'

The following letter accompanied copies of the report of the conference, sent out by the Central Committee:—

'The Central Committee for the Protection of Churches has received from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings the enclosed memorandum on the conference between that Society and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

'The Central Committee considers it a most valuable and helpful document, and would suggest that all Diocesan Committees should endeavour to make it as fully known as possible by sending it for publication to the Diocesan monthly paper, and the local press at their discretion together with this covering letter.

'In the judgment of the Executive Committee it is desirable to emphasise most strongly the danger that may accrue to our ancient church towers by the addition of more bells, unless they are hung under skilled advice. Ancient towers were not built to contain the more recent type of heavy bell used for change ringing. The great majority of mediæval bells were not only fewer and lighter than those of a later period, but it is highly doubtful if they were ever swung round as in change ringing. It is only now that we are beginning to see the effect of the large number of additions of heavy ringing bells improperly hung and of unsuitably designed frames placed in ancient towers, especially in the nineteenth century. Those concerned with ringing should bear in mind that while some ancient towers can stand such additions there are many which cannot.

'As a general rule it would seem that wooden frames should be used in ancient towers, and wooden headstocks on bells which have canons. Canons should not be cut off, save under most exceptional circumstances and never in the case of a mediæval bell. Experiments with untried materials and methods of hanging should be confined to modern towers.

'The Central Committee would suggest that Diocesan Committees should not advise the granting of faculties for repairs to bells without a definite understanding as to whether or not tuning according to the Simpson or five-tone method is proposed: that no Simpson tuning should be advised on bells dating from before 1700 and only under special circumstances on bells dating from before 1800. No opinion is here expressed on the desirability of tuning new bells according to the Simpson method, though it may be pointed out that technical opinion is by no means agreed as to its merits.

'The Committee would also advise that no agents or representatives of bell founders should be allowed to inspect or report upon bells on their own initiative save in cases where the bells have been rehung by the same firm within the previous five years.

'The Central Committee is seriously concerned by information received as to the condition of certain ancient towers in the country which are of priceless, artistic and architectural value. It is not without reason that they would urge upon Diocesan Committees the desirability of inspecting and watching towers and the need of obtaining reports by competent architects in as many cases as possible.

'No additions or alterations to rings of bells or their hangings should be made without asking the advice of the Diocesan Committee.'

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting of the South-Western Division was held at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, on Saturday. Ringing, which commenced at 3 o'clock, was followed by a service, kindly arranged by the Vicar (Canon Ellis N. Gowing), who gave an inspiring address. Tea, kindly provided by the ladies, was partaken of at St. Mary's Hall, and at the succeeding business meeting, at which the Vicar presided, it was decided to hold the district annual meeting at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, in December. It was also decided to hold a meeting at Woodford, on a date to be arranged by the secretary.

The Master (Mr. A. Prior) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, for the service, and for presiding at the meeting.—This was seconded by Mr. G. F. Margetson, and carried unanimously.—Thanks are also accorded to the organist and choir-boys, and to the ladies who helped at tea, and all who assisted to make the meeting a success.

DEATH OF VETERAN YORKSHIRE RINGER.

A MEMBER OF THE 'ALL ENGLAND' COMPANY.

On Monday, August 20th, there passed away another of the old school of change ringers, in the person of Mr. Tom Stead, of Blackmoorfoot Road, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. He was a member of what was once known as the 'All England Company of Change Ringers,' and helped to win, among many other prizes eight firsts on both six and eight bells. He was also a member of the Huddersfield Parish Church company for many years, and took part in a non-conducted peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Dewsbury, a record of which was placed in the Parish Church tower there.

Mr. Stead was proud of this feat, as it is recorded by the umpires that no word was spoken from calling 'go' to 'that's all,' which all must agree was a great feat of concentration for the whole eight men who took part.

He was laid to rest in the pretty cemetery at Kirkheaton, and a muffled ringing took place on the village church bells. Included in the company of ringers who took part was the only surviving member of the 'All England company,' Mr. J. Pickering, who is now 86 years of age. He rang the third bell, which was the actual bell on which Mr. Stead learnt to ring 60 years ago.

By trade the deceased was a farrier and smith, and he was followed to the grave by about 50 relatives, fellow-farriers, and ringers.

TWO PEALS OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By GEORGE T. DALTRY.

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2354	—		4653	—	
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2654	—		215463	—	
213456	—		3564	—	
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612453	—		5264	—	
3254	—		4562	—	
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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—On Sunday, August 26th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 651 Stedman Caters: J. H. Lenton 1, W. Pearson 2, J. E. Pickard 3, W. Hawley 4, A. Walker, junr., 5, A. Walker, senr., 6, H. C. Walters (conductor) 7, Tom Holder 8, J. Fryer 9, W. Senior 10.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 26th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 360 Plain Bob: W. S. Butler 1, A. Chalk 2, P. Ashcroft 3, V. Glass 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6.—360 Cambridge Surprise: V. Glass 1, W. Butler 2, W. Mellin 3, H. Dorkin 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. Also a course of Woodbine Treble Bob.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Butler (conductor) 1, A. Chalk 2, V. Glass 3, W. Mellin 4, A. Evers 5, H. Dorkin 6.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on August 26th, for evening service, 1,239 Stedman Caters: J. Driver 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, G. Pullinger 4, A. Cutmore 5, G. C. Iles 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, J. A. Trollope 9, A. Edwards 10. * Longest touch of Stedman Caters and bells from North Stoneham.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 26th, at the Parish Church of All Saints, Wandsworth, for Church Parade service, 1,280 Bob Major, in 42 mins.: J. Rumley (first quarter-peal with a working bell) 1, E. E. Bish 2, H. H. Mance 3, L. Atwater 4, F. Scivenden 5, W. Essery 6, H. Mance 7, H. N. Pitkew (first quarter as conductor) 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, Aug. 26th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 608 Double Norwich Major: J. J. Symons 1, W. Tate 2, T. R. Taylor 3, J. D. Harris 4, E. J. Harding, junr., 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, senr., 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8. Also for morning service, 224 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, T. R. Taylor 3, E. J. Harding, junr., 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers 7, J. D. Matthews (London) 8.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—On Sunday, August 26th, for evening service, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. Dutton (first quarter) 1, G. Elliott 2, J. Buxton 3, E. Roberts 4, C. Smith 5, F. Oliver 6, R. G. Lewis (conductor) 7, E. Green 8. Rang as a 21st birthday compliment to G. Elliott.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—On Sunday, August 26th, for morning service, 672 Superlative Surprise Major: W. Thorley 1, R. Lane 2, E. Cartwright 3, W. Smith 4, E. Leslie 5, H. Stubbs 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, I. Hutchby 8.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 26th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. Watts 1, W. Prior 2, G. Jordan 3, T. Jordan 4, T. Watts 5, Walter Ayre (conductor) 6.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Denys' Church on Sunday, August 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Holder 1, C. Harman 2, F. Hammond 3, T. Holder 4, E. Bishop, senr., 5, C. Brasier 6, W. Rogers (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. Holder (first quarter-peal) 8.

OHARING, KENT.—For evensong, on August 26th 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 24 mins.: G. Shoehridge 1, W. Henniker 2, W. Good 3, J. Edwards 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, J. Collreay 6.

GRAVESEND.—On August 26th, for morning service, at the Parish Church of St. George, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: J. Avis 1, A. Best 2, A. Constant 3, R. Tall 4, J. Constant 5, R. Smith 6, R. Constant (conductor) 7, E. Hadlow 8. First quarter-peal on the new bells.

HORBURY, YORKS.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Leonard, on August 26th, for morning service, 720 City Delight: J. Woffendon 1, G. F. Pickles 2, G. Hunt 3, J. Smith 4, H. Rowley (conductor) 5, R. Thickett 6, G. W. Pickles (cover) 7; and for evening service, 800 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Woffendon 1, W. H. Mitchell 2, G. F. Pickles 3, H. Rowley (conductor) 4, G. Hunt 5, F. Lockwood 6, J. Smith 7, G. W. Pickles 8.

IDLE, YORKS.—On Sunday, August 26th, at Holy Trinity Parish Church, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples, for evening service, Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., by the local company: H. Foster 1, G. Duck 2, F. Davison 3, H. Davison 4, W. Feather 5, F. Kilshaw 6, R. Umpleby (conductor) 7, H. Buckley 8. First quarter-peal in method for ringers of 2nd and 6th. First quarter-peal in method with an all local company. First quarter-peal as conductor.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Thomas and Edmund, 495 Stedman Triples: T. Ward 1, P. Plumley 2, W. Stringer 3, E. F. Stringer 4, W. Kent 5, W. Anker 6, B. Wichebell (conductor) 7, J. Seaborn 8. Composed by W. Kent, with all the 5th's, 6th's and 7th's at hand.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, at Clifton Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: G. Price 1, W. H. Thomas 2, C. Rawlings 3, F. Tyler 4, W. Hunter 5, J. R. Jones 6, R. Clark (conductor) 7, S. Day 8.

BRIDGEND.—At St. Iltyd's Church on August 19th for evening service, 728 changes of Grandsire Triples: A. W. Wright 1, A. Spradling 2, R. Evans 3, J. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. Jones 6, D. R. James 7, C. Greedy 8.

FINCHINGFIELD.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. H. Hammond 1, H. E. Hammond 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, G. F. Williams (conductor) 5, G. H. Howard 6, H. J. Collins 7, L. W. Wiffen 8. Also 279 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Hammond 1, G. Wiffen 2, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, G. F. Williams 5, C. H. Howard 6, W. H. Hammond 7, H. J. Collins 8.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 19th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): A. Hornsby 1, F. Lucas 2, A. Mansfield 3, A. Booth 4, Geo. Mansfield 5, J. M. Gray (conductor) 6. Believed to be the first quarter of Minor on the bells by a local band.

PONTYPRIDD.—On Sunday, August 19th, at St. Catherine's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 minutes: J. Hallett (conductor) 1, I. Mitchell 2, F. Thyer 3, E. Mitchell 4, S. Ridgway 5, A. Grey 6, J. Darch 7, F. Neville 8. The bells were raised, rung and lowered in 47 minutes.

BURFORD, OXON.—On August 19th, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: C. Cook 1, A. Bishop 2, W. Brunsdon 3, H. Bond 4, F. Soden 5, H. Barrett 6, T. Bond (conductor) 7, G. Parker 8.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, August 19th, for matins, at the Parish Church, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. E. Hammond 1, W. J. Sadler 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, C. H. Howard 6, W. H. Hammond 7, G. F. Williams (conductor) 8.

WYMONDHAM.—For morning service, on Sunday, August 19th, 560 Bob Major: W. Farrow 1, G. F. Peggall 2, F. Howchin 3, T. Wick 4, W. Wiseman 5, W. Chandler 6, H. Woodcock 7, W. Walker 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E., 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Taylor 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, T. W. Taffender, jun., 3, A. J. Neale 4, E. J. King 5, C. H. Kipping, jun., 6, E. Smith 7, R. F. Deal 8.

HOUNSLOW.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday evening, August 19th, in 45 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. F. Ellingham 1, C. J. Tricker 2, A. Price 3, H. Payne 4, L. Stilwell (conductor) 5, S. Stilwell (first for 14 years) 6, J. Milner 7, C. Folly (first quarter) 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, August 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Densley 1, F. Grant 2, A. Prince 3, F. C. Rich 4, S. Holt 5, W. Crocker (first of Triples with a bob bell) 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, H. Davis 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Roberts (conductor) 1, G. W. Frayne 2, E. J. Trimmer 3, A. Cutmore 4, A. E. Bradley 5, P. E. Clark 6, W. E. Garrard 7, C. H. Chapman 8.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, August 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Tribe 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, J. Foster 3, J. Hammond (first in the method) 4, Miss R. Thomas 5, W. Button 6, H. Baker (conductor) 7, A. Blackman 8. First quarter-peal on the bells since being rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

COLESHILL.—Warwickshire Guild.—On Sunday, August 5th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Simmonds 1, F. Clayton 2, T. Goldby 3, C. Dale 4, J. Fifield 5, B. Wichebell (conductor) 6. First 720 by treble and 5th ringers.—On Sunday, August 26th, 120's of Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob and Canterbury: R. Hancox 1, F. Clayton 2, T. Goldby (conductor) 3, T. Davis 4, C. E. Davis 5, W. Simmonds 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING AT WITHAM.

A well attended meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Witham on August 18th, when there were ringers present from Braintree, Dunmow, Maldon, Ears Cote, Kelvedon, Broomfield, Great Totham, Black Notley, Greenstead Green, and Hull. During the afternoon and evening various touches were rung upon the bells of the Parish Church, where also a shortened form of evening service was held. The Rev. G. A. Campbell, Vicar of Witham, conducted the service, the Rev. N. Hagger, curate, was at the organ, and Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P. (Braintree), Master of the Essex Association, read the lesson.—The Vicar gave a suitable address, in the course of which he emphasised that bells should be rung above all else to the glory of God.

Tea followed at the Church House, where the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (formerly for many years hon. secretary to the Essex Association) and Miss Eyre kindly entertained the ringers.

After tea the Vicar of Witham warmly welcomed the ringers, and at an informal meeting Mr. P. Ashcroft, Witham was admitted a member of the Association.—Mr. C. H. Howard proposed thanks to the Vicar for kindly arranging the service and allowing the use of the bells, to the Rev. N. Hagger for playing the organ, and to the choir boys. He remarked that visiting ringers always had a hearty reception at Witham, where he was pleased to know the church bells were regularly rung for matins and evensong by the local band of enthusiastic ringers. He also thanked the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (who maintained his interest in the Association after many years in office), and Miss Eyre.—Mr. W. H. Dyson, the District Master, seconded, and Mr. Eyre responded.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) ready 3.30. Meeting 6.30. A good turn up is requested.—J. Hallsall, Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The bells, which have recently been augmented to 8, will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, which will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Messiter, M.A.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) available from noon. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, at 4.30 p.m. in the Vicarage (1/6 each). Selby Abbey bells (10) also available after tea.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The bells of St. Cuthbert's will be available from 2.30 p.m. At 4 p.m., a new peal board will be unveiled by the Rector. Tea will be held in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock.—H. Tyson, Sec. Western District; G. S. Taylor, Sec. Eastern District.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at East Markham (Tuxford Station) on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. to 9.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE, AND THE DONCASTER AND DISTRICT, SOCIETIES.—A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at Doncaster (Parish Church) on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry at 5 p.m. Visitors to make their own arrangements for tea. Arksey bells (8) will be available from 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. W. Chown and H. Walker, Hon. Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Great Staughton (6 bells) on September 1st. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the schoolroom, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, September 1st, at All Saints', Fulham. Ringing from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Millom on Saturday, September 1st, at 5 p.m. The bells (6) available at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bangor on Saturday, September 1st. Service in St. David's Church at 2.30 p.m., followed by meeting and tea. Those intending to be present please notify me as early as possible.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, September 1st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Butleigh on Saturday, September 1st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells from 2 p.m.—W. Farley, Hon. Sec.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llandilo on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—J. Hammond, Hon. Sec., Garthmor Neath.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meetings for September.—St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 2nd, 10 a.m.; Mondays, 3rd and 17th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 24th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Islington, N.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on September 4th; Southwark Cathedral on the 11th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 18th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock; 1/- per head to those who advise me by September 5th. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Our next meeting will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, September 8th, when ringers and friends will be welcomed. Ringing from 3. Tea will be arranged for 5 o'clock for all who kindly let me know by the 4th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Grimley on Saturday, September 8th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. The Branch Sec. should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A practice meeting of the above district will be held at Halesworth (8 bells) on

Saturday, September 8th. The bells at Chediston (6) will also be available. Both towers open for ringing at 2 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—F. C. Lambert, Dist. Hon. Sec., 54, Thorofare, Halesworth.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bedale on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (8, tenor 24 cwt.) available for ringing all day. Tea will be provided at Megson's Cafe. Members 1/-, non-members 1/6. Those intending to be at tea must notify the Secretary not later than Wednesday morning's post, September 6th, or will not be provided for.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Otley on Saturday, September 8th. Bells of Parish Church (8) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head for all who make application to Mr. W. D. Clough, 2, Orchard Street, Otley, not later than first post Tuesday, September 4th. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Bells of Guiseley parish church (8) also available throughout the day.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, September 8th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the Wheatsheaf Inn at 5 o'clock. Will those intending being present notify Mr. H. Gayton, Harrold, on or before Wednesday, 5th. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14 Newnham Lane, Bedford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above Association will be held at Abbotsleigh on Saturday, September 8th, 1923. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Please notify by September 3rd.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, 8th September. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterstone, Marshfield, on Saturday, September 8th. Service at 4.45. Meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting of North-Eastern Division of Essex Ringers will be held at Harwich on Saturday, September 8th, when the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Mills, will kindly entertain all members to tea at 5.30. Anyone wishing to attend should advise me not later than Tuesday, September 4th.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham, Preston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Burbage on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (5) available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, 8th September. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—H. A. Hearl, Hon. Branch Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, September 8th. The bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A special meeting will be held at Wooton on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (5) at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, September 4th.—T. Tebbutt, Dist. Sec., 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal with Ambleside on Saturday, September 15th. Bells ready all day.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available 3.30. Short Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—W. Ayre, Dist. Sec., School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next meeting will be held at Wraxall, near Bristol, on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea provided at the Battle Axes Hotel for those who require it, and notify me before September 12th. Business meeting to elect officials for the ensuing twelve months.—Edith Smith, 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association Commemoration Dinner will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, High Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 22nd, at 6 p.m. prompt. The chair will be taken by the Venerable J. Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield. The Bells of All Saints (8), Ranmoor (8), and Handsworth (8), will be available for visitors from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Mary's R.C. (8) and the Cathedral (12), from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Earlier party ringing by arrangement. Applications for dinner tickets (5s. 6d. each), must reach the undersigned not later than first post Tuesday, September 18th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

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The trail was taken up next day;
Thurstans' sheep dog passed that way.
Next Tom Day's fine bell-wether sheep,
Followed the trail o'er vale and steep,
And drew the flock behind him, too;
As E. B. James is sure to do,
When he dispenses 'Hot Tom.'

So from that day when peals were made;
Through the wood of figures a path was made;
And many men wound in and out,
And bobbed and changed and dodged about,
But still they followed—do not laugh—
The early pattern of Holt's calf,
Who'd never heard of Q sets.

Holt's forest path became a lane,
Which Vicars and Taylor used again.
Their well-worn lane became a road,
Which Snowden made a village street.
And this, before men were aware,
Thompson's chartered thoroughfare,
Of countless compositions.

And soon the central street was this,
Of Parker's 'twelve-part' masterpiece,
Composers, through an age and half,
Trode in the footsteps of Holt's calf;
They followed still his crooked way,
With variations day by day,
Trying to improve Holt's pattern.

A moral lesson this might teach,
Were I ordained and called to preach.
For men are prone to go it blind
Varying the calf-paths of their minds.
They toil away from sun to sun,
The net result has long been spun,
Where's their sense of humour?

All that's required is 'set a seal';
'Originals' no man can steal.
Let's not get up and proudly call,
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And don't let wise old wood-gods laugh,
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