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### OBJECTORS TO CHURCH BELLS.

It is refreshing to find a newspaper of the importance and wide influence of the *Daily Chronicle* devoting a leading article to the defence of church bells, albeit that defence is made with qualifications. The circumstance which gave rise to this article, which we reprint in another column, is an attempt by residents of Welwyn Garden City to secure the prohibition of church bells in their midst, and one cannot but be gratified that a journal like the *Daily Chronicle* has expressed views with which, in the main, the majority of English people will agree. If the facts which they give are not, in every respect, accurate, the conclusions will command the approval of large numbers of people.

The attitude taken up by the community at Welwyn Garden City is one which, at different times, has been adopted in sundry places by a minority of folk who have an objection to church bells, and so far as this action relates to the garden city itself, ringers need be little perturbed. But there is a general principle at stake behind the question, and if church bells can be suppressed at Welwyn, there will doubtless be attempts in other places to silence the bells. This is a matter upon which ringers should ever be on the alert, and it is therefore not out of place to recall the fact that the Central Council have a special committee ready to help in questions of this kind, and they should be made acquainted with any attempt that is started with the object of silencing church bells.

"Bells," says the *Daily Chronicle*, at the conclusion of the article above referred to, "have a fine and romantic history, and if really musical in tone, could, even in these prosaic days, bring some joy to the ear, and perhaps solace to the soul." May we add that bells well rung, do this, and more. They are a constant reminder of the higher things of life; of the call to worship, which many who hear do not heed. If we were asked, we should say that it is probable that in a place like Welwyn Garden City the opposition to bells is not so much that they annoy the ears of the inhabitants, as that they disturb their consciences. These modern mushroom cities, which even the *Daily Chronicle* describes as "puckish," are often largely composed of people who look upon Sunday merely as a day for physical recreation, and the call of the church bells is to them too harsh a reminder of higher things neglected in seeking only the pleasures of the world. Men and women to whom Sunday has a meaning and purpose above that of a weekly holiday, are not people who object to church bells, but rather welcome their sounds, and so long as bells are rung primarily for their true object, find

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them no "nuisance." But such actions as that taken at Welwyn require to be carefully watched, lest they lead to wider steps, which might eventually be detrimental to the use of church bells throughout the country.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, September 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM HEATH ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 6
SIDNEY DAWE ... .. 2	ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 7
WILLIAM B. BISS ... .. 3	WILLIAM BOLTON ... .. 8
*JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 9
GEORGE LARGE ... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

This peal was specially arranged as a wedding peal for Roy Heselstine Hammett, Indian P.W.D., and Gladys Mabel Gibbon, whose marriage took place on the 12th inst. (when unfortunately the peal was lost after ringing two hours and twenty minutes). The bridegroom's father was a former churchwarden at this church. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. Harry Gibbon, Cardiff. \* 200th peal. † First peal of Caters on an inside bell.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Treble	CHARLES DOEL ... .. 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 2	*HORACE TAYLOR ... .. 7
*JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 3	†WILLIAM BAXTER ... .. 8
*WILLIAM LOUD ... .. 4	SYDNEY HILLIER ... .. 9
*GERALD GRIFFIN ... .. 5	*SYDNEY FRANCIS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters away from the tenor.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S.

SAMUEL ROWBOTTOM ... Treble	†FRED ALLTHORPE ... .. 5
SAMUEL BOOTH ... .. 2	ALBERT ADAMS ... .. 6
*GEORGE GORRINGE ... .. 3	BEN THORP ... .. 7
WILLIAM BRANMER ... .. 4	THOMAS JACKSON ... Tenor

Conducted by BEN THORP.

\* First peal on eight. † First peal. First peal rung for 29 years by the ringer of the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Rowbottom.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*REV. ALBERT SIMPSON ... Treble	GEORGE DURLING ... .. 5
JOHN J. LAMS ... .. 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 4	HARRY DURLING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* Fiftieth peal, and hails from Stockton-on-Tees.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. Mary's, Walton on Tuesday, Sept. 10th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Searle 1, J. Wilkinson (conductor) 2, H. Harrison 3, J. Prescott 4, J. Martin 5, C. I. Davies 6. First 720 of Cambridge for treble and tenor ringers.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

MARK LANE ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 5
ERNEST HERBERT ... .. 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 6
ARTHUR MARKWELL ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 7
CYRIL HERBERT ... .. 4	HORACE H. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled to the memory of Charles Herbert, founder, vice-president and many years secretary of the above association, who died on the 12th inst., and was interred at Woburn on the 14th inst. First peal in the method on the bells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Treble	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 5
F. L. LEEKS ... .. 2	A. SYMONDS ... .. 6
A. F. TURNER ... .. 3	GEORGE R. FARDON ... .. 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 4	E. ALEX. YOUNG ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. R. FARDON.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal away from tenor.  
‡ First peal on tower bells.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Giles,

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

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

BERT H. POUNTNEY ... .. Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 5
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	JOHN T. DAVIES ... .. 6
ISAAC EVANS ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 7
JOHN PERRY ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. READ ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Evans, who were married at St. Giles' Church on September 18th, 1898.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... Treble	ROBERT HOLLOWAY ... .. 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 2	EDWARD HARRIS ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON ... .. 7
ROBERT A. FARDON ... .. 4	CYRIL G. COOPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

F. Skevington's 50th peal, of which he has conducted 24.

FEERING, ESSEX.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

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

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Sadler, both 70 years of age, the former's birthday being on the day of the peal, and the latter's on the 22nd.

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PUTNEY, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND  
ST. MARY'S ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*SYDNEY BROWN ... .. Treble	EDWARD CASSEL ... .. 5
†THOMAS BOLTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. JODD ... .. 6
‡WILLIAM T. ELSON ... .. 3	JOSEPH HERBERT ... .. 7
‡WILLIAM H. WORSLEY ... 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung to celebrate the 63rd birthday of Mr. T. Bolton, Master of St. Mary's Association. \* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First attempt for 17 years. Believed to be one of the quickest peals of Major on the bells.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, September 19, 1923, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

†R. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	†J. GRAY ... .. 5
*A. MORGAN ... .. 2	†W. E. AUSTIN ... .. 6
†T. GROUNDS ... .. 3	J. W. GROUNDS ... .. 7
J. BOOTH ... .. 4	†E. BIRCHALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by SOTTENSTALL.

Conducted by E. BIRCHALL.

\* First peal † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells and rung by an entirely local band, all of whom are regular service ringers.

PORTMADOC, CARNARVONSHIRE.  
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. John,

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

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PIERCE ROBERTS ... .. Treble	*FRED J. WILLIAMS ... .. 5
HARRY McMILLAN ... .. 2	HARRY WAKEFIELD ... .. 6
*J. VAUGHAN HUMPHREYS ... 3	JOHN OWEN ... .. 7
*HERBERT ROBERTS ... .. 4	*EDWARD BROWN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN OWEN.

Rung in honour of the ordination of the Rev. John Mostyn as Deacon, also as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 6th. \* First peal.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE WALL ... .. Treble	†REV. A. W. LISTER ... .. 5
J. E. R. KEEN ... .. 2	WM. H. BARBER ... .. 6
A. F. HILLIER ... .. 3	HY. TYSON ... .. 7
†R. THOMPSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM STORY ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by WILLIAM STORY.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Major Rung as a compliment to Mr. Fred Lowe on his 75th birthday.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 6
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 3	*HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Fiftieth peal on the bells, also his first peal of London Surprise.

## WORCESTER.

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

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 3	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

First peal in the method by all the band on the bells in the City of Worcester, and by the Western Branch. Rung to celebrate the conductor's 62nd birthday. The calling of Reeves' 5088 of Kent Treble Bob was used for this peal, which was rung at the first attempt.

## DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(DERBY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

Tenor 17 cwt.

C. DRAPER ... .. Treble	J. FLOWERS ... .. 5
J. SADDINGTON ... .. 2	A. H. WARD... .. 6
E. SHEPHERD ... .. 3	A. BRAINES ... .. 7
W. A. JAMES... .. 4	W. THORLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BRAINES.

First peal as conductor.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*GEORGE S. MORRIS ... .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 5
*JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
*E. HARRY STONELEY... .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Bristol.

## SOUTHEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD  
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*LEONARD TUFFREY ... .. Treble	HARRY HOLIFIELD ... .. 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 2	WILLIAM STONE ... .. 6
*WALTER JUDGE ... .. 3	ALBERT E. LOCK... .. 7
JACK HONEY ... .. 4	GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

\* First in the method. \* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the bells.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. Treble	JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 6
BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL... .. 7
CHARLES MASON ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.  
E. C. Gobey's 150th peal.

## LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

† WILLIAM HUGHES ... .. Treble	JAMES R. GRIFFIN ... .. 5
DAVID HUGHES ... .. 2	HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 6
JOHN COOKE ... .. 3	SYDNEY F. BARNES ... .. 7
* WILLIAM WOOSNAM ... .. 4	* JOHN HUGHES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung on the 70th birthday of the ringer of the treble, also to celebrate his golden wedding and the silver wedding of his son, who rang the tenor. The band was entertained to lunch after the peal, and a remarkable feature was that the party included four generations of the family.

## APPLEDORE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ in F sharp.

CHARLES TRIBE ... .. Treble	JAMES POWELL ... .. 5
MISS ROSE THOMAS ... .. 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... .. 6
*KENNETH PATTENDEN ... .. 3	HARRY BAKER ... .. 7
MRS. H. BAKER... .. 4	GEORGE JOHNSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

The above was the 50th peal for Mr. G. Johnson, who kindly entertained the band to tea. \* First peal in an eight-bell tower, and elected a non-resident life member previous to starting.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

## THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT HATTON ... .. Treble	CHRIS HATTON ... .. 4
*IDRIS BOWEN ... .. 2	JOHN HAMMOND... .. 5
HARRY BOYCE ... .. 3	† RONALD ELLIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD ELLIS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal as conductor.

## MONKS RYSBOROUGH, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called different.

*F. NICHOLLS ... .. Treble	G. SEYMOUR... .. 4
REV. E. J. TEESDALE ... .. 2	G. STRATHDEE ... .. 5
A. J. SEYMOUR ... .. 3	J. W. WILKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

\* First peal of Minor. The ringers of the treble, 4th and 5th hail from Bledlow, the 2nd and 3rd from Nymet St. George, Devon, and the ringer of the tenor from High Wycombe. Arranged for the Rev. E. J. Teesdale and A. J. Seymour.

## OVER, CAMBS.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.

*FRANCIS GLEAVES ... .. Treble	*FRANK WARRINGTON... .. 4
CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY ... .. 2	JOHN WOOLLEY ... .. 5
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... .. 3	WILFRED HOOTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED HOOTON.

\* First peal.



## BEDFORD.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

*LEONARD A. WILLIAMS ... Treble	HAROLD J. HAZELL ... 4
†HERBERT E. FROSSEL ... 2	PEARL INSKIP ... 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. H. J. Hazell, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Cambridge.

## WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH  
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN SPENCER ... Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
JOHN LARTER ... 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 5
ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

## WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.

## THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

F. ROWLINSON ... Treble	FRED COOKE ... 4
MISS P. HARE ... 2	H. BEECHY ... 5
J. J. JOYSON ... 3	H. HOARE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. HOARE.

First peal in three methods as conductor.

## PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LEONARD JORDAN ... Treble	FRED COTTON ... 4
†FRED MEARS ... 2	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... 5
SAMUEL WHITE ... 3	EDWIN A. HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

\* First peal. † First peal with Bob bell. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Hall for their kind hospitality after the peal.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## BIRMINGHAM

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

On Thursday, September 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

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*THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 1-2	THOMAS RUSSAM ... 5-6
ALBERT WALKER ... 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7-8
JOHN NEAL ... 9-10	

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER. Referee: MORRIS J. MORRIS.

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On Sunday, September 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. WILKINS.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5392 CHANGES;

WILLIAM ROUGHT... 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS... 5-6
WILLIAM J. WASEY ... 3-4	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Umpires: Mr. J. MOY AND Mr. W. CLOVER.

First double-handed peal by ringers of 3-4, and 7-8.

## GLOUCESTER &amp; BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

## CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT BRANCH FORGING AHEAD.

The autumn meeting of the Cheltenham and District Branch was held at Beckford on Saturday, September 22nd, and attended by 40 members from Alderton, Ashchurch, Dumbleton, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham (St. Mark's), Leigh, Leckhampton, Prestbury, Swindon, Twining, Winchcombe, and the local tower. The service held in the fine old church was conducted by the Rev. W. J. Margrett, assisted by the Rev. A. D. Pennington (Rector of Alderton), Miss Smith kindly presiding at the organ. The association's form of service was used, and a collection taken for the association's newly started belfry repair fund.

A bountiful tea was partaken of in the Village Hall kindly provided by the Vicar and numerous friends of Beckford.

The business meeting was held immediately after tea. Mr. J. W. Smith (churchwarden) presiding, supported by Mr. J. F. Ballinger (branch chairman), Mr. C. W. Dyson (branch representative), and the hon. secretary. Apologies were received from the Rev. A. Stephens (Deerhurst), the Rev. F. M. Wickham (Winchcombe), and Mr. Wakeford (Ashchurch), the latter having recently lost his father.

The Secretary, in the course of a brief review, said the branch was making great strides.—Tewkesbury was chosen for the annual meeting, in January.

The following members were elected: Honorary: Rev. Baghot De le Bere (Vicar of Prestbury), and Mr. J. W. Smith (Beckford). Performing members: Messrs. Tom and Ted Harris (Ashchurch), F. Murden and A. Pulley (Dumbleton), A. Darke (Twining), L. Harrison and J. Hall (Toddington) and J. K. Armstrong (Prestbury).

On the motion of Mr. F. C. Griffiths, seconded by Mr. W. Dyer, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address; the Rev. Pennington; Miss Smith for presiding at the organ, and the Misses Smith, Mrs. Cole and Mr. Green for presiding at the tea.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a very happy meeting.

The tower was again visited, and it was pleasing to see so many 'young hands' probably ringing their first six-score, and the Masters, Ted and Tom Harris, of Ashchurch, ringing in a good touch of Bob Minor. The ringing was kept up in various methods until 9 o'clock.

## DEATH OF MRS. H. T. HOWELL, BRISTOL.

The funeral took place on Saturday, Sept. 15th, of the late Mrs. H. T. Howell, of 77, Summerhill Road, St. George, Bristol, who passed away on Sept. 11th, after a long and painful illness, patiently borne. Her genial and happy disposition had gained for her a large circle of friends during her 38 years' residence in the parish, the deceased having been a regular attendant at the parish church for the greater portion of that time, where her husband had been connected with the bell ringers for about 33 years, in addition to having held the office of parish warden for two years and for two years was Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Service was held at St. Leonard's Church, Blacksworth Road, the Rev. T. C. Fowler, assisted by the Rev. M. E. Thorold, Vicar of SS. Philip and Jacob officiated, both of these gentlemen having been closely identified with Bristol ringers and their friends for a number of years. The hymn, 'Let saints on earth in concert sing,' was sung, and the 'March Funere' was played by Miss Fowler, who presided at the organ.

The interment took place at Avonview Cemetery, and there were a large number of relatives and friends present, including Mr. H. T. Howell (widower), Mr. J. H. Howell (son), Mrs. F. H. Howell (daughter-in-law), Mr. W. Wall (brother), Messrs. F. K. Howell and H. Newton (brothers-in-law), Mrs. A. Wall, Mrs. Pyman Mrs. Newton, Mrs. F. K. Howell (sisters-in-law), Messrs. C. Wall T. Goscombe, F. Lovell, G. Lovell (nephews), Dr. R. F. Healey, Miss Churchill (housekeeper), Mr. and Mrs. C. Beckett, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lansdown, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stafford, and Mr. C. H. Palmer.

There were a number of beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends, including the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, SS. Philip and Jacob's bell ringers, and the late ringers of St. George's Parish Church. A muffled peal was rung at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church in the afternoon.

## A DAY IN THE WEST RIDING.

## 'BOZER' MEN VISIT YORKSHIRE TOWERS.

Know all men by these presents, at 7.40 of the clock in the forenoon on Sept. 15th, XII anno regni Georgius V. The Bolsover campanists left the Norman Keep of William Peveril to the tender mercies of the marauder. What cared they for the familiar 11th century of the natural son of the Conqueror?

They were out for 'a day in the West Riding' in a 16-seater, which was accompanied by a pilot of the taxi tribe. Both ran as well as well conducted 'buses' should run—viz., on four wheels—into the beautiful Derbyshire village of Norton, where they stopped near the spacious Church of St. James, a building in late Norman and Perpendicular styles. Upon arrival the 'Peverilites' got out, and wended their way 'neath the shade of oak, yew, beech and sycamore, to the tower wherein hangs a most noble octave by Taylor (tenor 16 cwt.). For one full hour these glorious bells poured out rich music over the sleeping dust of Norton's favourite son, 'Sir Francis Chantry'—whose romantic career appeals to our love of the marvellous. This child of a small farmer and joiner became the chosen sculptor of monarchs and statesmen; this Derbyshire boy—who each Saturday before his mother washed the stone flags of the kitchen floor for Sunday was permitted to cover them with sketches and drawings. Chantry did not stop at that, but lived to mould the 'sleeping children' of Lichfield Cathedral with such feeling, that their somnolent beauty cannot be denied our tears and panegyric utterances!—Yes, Chantry was

'Derbyshire born, and Derbyshire bred,  
Strong in the arm, and weak in the 'ead!'

But his works are sufficient to refute the untruthfulness of these old lines, and in further proof we have here at this early hour the 'Peverilites', who are Derbyshire 'Tups' also—making the very heavens reverberate with rich and well-struck music. At the expiration of the hour allotted to Norton they had successfully brought round touches of Rutland, Cambridge, Superlative Norfolk and Double Norwich, the first items which we are permitted to record for the day (talk about weak in the 'ead!') Here the party was increased by the addition of two from over the Yorkshire border, and upon arrival at Handsworth three more joined the party, which was complete, and numbered 23.

Upon arrival at Handsworth tracks were made to set in motion the memorial peal at St. Mary's, erected to keep green the memory of 51 sons of Handsworth and Richmond. These are a truly magnificent little peal by Taylor (tenor 12 cwt.). Over the octave hangs (dead and chimed only for Curfew) a maiden bell cast by Hy. Oldfield, of Notts, in 1599, simply looking on while her more harmonious sisters (which are Simpson-tuned) successfully flattened out four slices of Surprise, which were duly consigned to the 'bag,' viz., Bristol, New Cambridge, London, and Yorkshire.

At 11.15 we glided away, on to the straggling village of Whiston, where we found a grand little peal in which are two mediævals by Danyell, of London, 1450-1461, and another 17th century bell cast by Thos. Hancox. These three were augmented by Taylor into the octave a truly concordant blending of the old with the new! But, alas! a most deplorable state of affairs exists, both trebles had broken stays, and the ropes were apologies, but with careful handling the bells were raised and a fine touch of Norfolk tapped off, followed by Cambridge, which came to grief owing to the breaking of the tenor rope. The writer strongly advises the genial Rector to place his apathetic ringers in the ancient stocks, which stand in the churchyard, and subject them to the gaze and ridicule of the passer-by until such time as he (the Rector) is satisfied that the punishment meted out, will have the desired effect upon those who are culpable!

Rather more than disappointed the party retired to the Golden Ball, where they with malice aforethought vigorously assaulted lunch, and, with great precaution, took small quantities of alcoholic fuel. After getting 'outside lunch,' a dash was made for Rotherham, where they found at St. Stephen's a handy ring of eight by Warner, which go well but, but!—the quality of tone is incomparable with the bells in the three former towers visited. Apart from that, the party had the pleasure of adding Bristol, New Cambridge and Yorkshire to the bag.

Then away we sped upon the bipennate wings of 'Pegasus' to Rawmarsh, where another musical treat was in store. A 'champion' little peal by Taylor (tenor 12 cwt.), which is rather spoiled by the noise in the belfry. However, after an introduction to the successor of 'Marwood' (Ahem!) the party successfully tapped off fine courses of Superlative, Norfolk, Rutland and Bristol which also were reverently consigned to the bag!

But when the clock pointed to 4.25 we were landed at a place called Conisbro, where Conan had his Burgh about the end of the 3rd century, and where some years later the castle was built and there can be very little doubt that the real architect was Hengist the Saxon, who had a pretty daughter, Rowena, immortalised by Scott in 'Ivanhoe.'

As we stand and gaze at the stately ruin of the Castle Keep of Hengist, with its almost precipitous flight of stone steps leading up to the low portal, which served as the main entrance on the south side of the tower, in our imagination we perceive the shades of King Richard followed by his faithful Ivanhoe ascending. But wait, we shall in reality find the 'Sword of Damocles' descending on the head of the writer if he fails to record the fact that the crowning glory of the ancient fane of Conisbro is the 'Tailor,' made diapason, surely they would 'suit' anybody. Yes, the tenor is approximately 14 cwt. and the peal is a most fitting jewel in the majestic church of St. Peter, which crowns the hill and overlooks the Castle of Hengist. The present church is reputed by good authorities to be 800 or 900 years old, and is built on the site of a still older edifice. It is most probable that there was a church here in the days of Conan.

But that has nothing to do with the local greengrocer's boy! who was quite up to date when he sang, 'Yes, we have no bananas,' and said to his mother, 'Those visiting campanists have just rung five good touches of Bristol, London, Cambridge, Rutland and Stedman. We don't get that stuff every day in Conisbro, do we sir?' No, we should assume they don't! But after the party had lowered the bells they adjourned to the Fox Inn, where a most sumptuous tea was partaken of. Having done full justice to the good things placed before us, we loaded up the chariot, and struck out for Arksey—and by the way we burned some tobacco. At Arksey we found the genial locals awaiting us. Here they have a fine peal for their weight, which have been recently augmented by Taylor by the addition of two trebles to make up the octave (the Arksey War Memorial). The finishing touches of the day were rung upon these bells, viz., London, New Cambridge Forward and Stedman. Strange to say, the excellence of striking was not maintained here at Arksey. Perhaps it was the good tea, perhaps not! The writer is inclined to think that over-concentration alone was to blame, which is quite feasible when one considers that during the day the party had rung 26 touches 22 of which were Surprise in eight different methods, with two touches of Stedman and one each of Double Norwich and Forward thrown in for luck.

But according to plan, and in conjunction with the excellent pre-arranged time-table, the party embarked for the homeward spin. The pilot was requisitioned by a party of six, and struck out for the 'smokeopolis,' where she discharged her cargo. The remainder of the party took a different route for 'Bozer,' via Worksop. However, before the final parting, the writer received orders to rigorously refrain from mentioning in dispatches the name of any individual, and with the Editor's permission I am commanded to tender our grateful thanks to the clergy, churchwardens and ringing friends who contributed their quota towards making a success of this most enjoyable day of days we had in the West Ridin', an' ringin'! RAT.

## TAUNTON RINGER'S WEDDING.

Mr. A. S. Boar, late of the famous St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich but now residing at Taunton, and a member of St. James Guild, was married at Ipswich on Sept. 20th to Miss Gwendoline Bruce Sheldrake. Among the gifts which the happy couple received was a case of carvers with the best wishes of the St. James' band.

Mr. Boar has accepted the managership of a chemist's shop in a Devonshire seaside town.

It was intended to attempt a peal at St. James' on Sept. 22nd, in honour of the wedding, but at the last minute this had to be abandoned, to the regret of all, through the indisposition of one of the band. As time did not admit of the finding of a substitute a quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung by T. Dobie 1, J. Hunt (conductor) 2, W. J. Tarr 3, W. Dobie 4, F. Millard 5, H. Bosley 6, E. Priddle 7, W. H. Tarr 8.

## THE OXFORD GUILD FESTIVAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—The figures as given in my letter under this heading are intended to be two ways of considering the representation, as shown by the attendance roll. They are the result of an examination made shortly after the festival and in the first place for my own interest. My reason for publishing them was for the consideration of those who were under the impression that Oxford 'swamped' the meeting. There were apparently seven names that I omitted to place within any 'radius.' I had not noticed the discrepancy in the two totals and I am obliged to Mr. Twitchen for pointing it out.—Yours, etc.,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

WOEBURN, BEDS.—On 10th September, at St. Mary's, 1.120 London Surprise Major: F. Gilby 1, D. Jones 2, A. V. Goode 3, D. Harris 4, A. Markwell 5, Cyril Herbert 6, E. Herbert 7, E. J. Hobbs (conductor) 8. This is the longest length of London Surprise in the county and by all.

## 'ARE CHURCH BELLS A NUISANCE?'

Under this heading, the 'Daily Chronicle' on Saturday last had the following pertinent leading article:—

'In this age when so many ancient customs are passing and so many ancient institutions tottering, we must not be surprised at anything. But we confess to being a little taken aback at first on hearing that the residents of Welwyn Garden City consider that the ringing of church bells is an intolerable nuisance, and have passed a resolution, requesting the authorities concerned to prohibit them altogether in the locality. Garden cities have always been the home of what is known as advanced ideas—have always been Puckish places, so to speak. There is apparently something in their fresh brick atmosphere which is destructive of all tradition. One would not, for example, expect Kensington to suggest the abolition of church bells.

'On reflection, however, we are not inclined wholly to disagree with Welwyn in the matter of church bells. But we would not go so far as they go. Rather we would say that most and not all church bells are unmusical, and would urge that as far as our particular city was concerned only musical bells should be installed. A sound and pleasing bell should be capable of three good notes. Yet few bells have any two of these notes, and hardly any all three in unison. The great bell of St. Paul's and that of Beverley Minster are notable exceptions; the chimings of Westminster and the bells of certain Oxford churches might, too, be cited at random as examples of successful musical attainment.

'In the latter half of the 19th century—a period at which the complaint was made that the pothouse and the belfry were too closely allied—there began a revival of the bell ringing, and down to to-day much genuine interest is taken in the art, particularly in country districts. Only too often the ringers have poor material to handle, and the sounds which they produce are altogether at discord with the religious nature of the services to which they summon the devout. But if we are not always grateful for the bells we cannot be unmindful of the service to architecture that they have rendered. For had there been no bells there would have been none of those fine old towers which were everywhere erected for their accommodation. It is true that the use of clocks and watches has to some extent diminished their secular importance, and that they are now required mainly for purposes connected with religious worship. But they have a fine and romantic history, and if really musical in tone could even in these prosaic days bring some joy to the ear, and perhaps solace to the soul.'

## YE RYNGING AND YE SPOUSES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I agree with 'Sir' Sammy that we must laugh and grow fat, aye, as fat as ye gentleman from Manchester (No, no prize is offered for guessing his name). Are not ringers' gatherings more often than not, 'made' by the humorous anecdotes of those present and the technical side left alone? Apropos of such gatherings did recently come across an article re a booke on ye gentle art of 'Choosing a Wife,' published 1654. Hade goode Mister Stedman, when he first produced his workes on change ringing, refer'd hys readers to this booke, so that all ryngers could kill two byrds wyth one stone, those of to-day would have no need to ryunge ye changes on ye excuses for arriving home wyth ye mylk.

You saye no rynger's wife can help being 'Peppery'; accordynge to ye author, ryngers are at fault for not choosing a correct spouse. Let us see what he sayes on the subjeckt; firste he lays stress on the importance of obtayning a satisfacktory wife. To this we all agree. Secondly, he considers her qualities under six heads: '1. Report. 2. Looks. 3. Speech. 4. Apparel. 5. Companions. 6. Education,' which are pulses that shew the fitness and godliness of any party with whom he ought to marry. His ideal family constitutes '(a) The Governour' (N.B.—That is the husband) and (b) the governed,' which are the wife and children, but under certain conditions, the former 'maye attayne the rauk of assistant-governour' (unpaid).

'The duty of a husband is wisely to maintaine and manage hys authority.' 'Ye gods, Sam! what doth "her ladyship" saye to this? I do hope she is not like "Maggie," wife of ye "Tripe and Onion" merchant. But stave, let us look at the duties of a wife: 1. That she be in submission to her husband (phew!). 2. That she be a helper to him all her days. 3. That she be meek, gentle and obedient. 4. She must learn and labour to forecaste, contrive and manage household affairs and businesse within doors.'

In conclusion, the writer promises, provided the conditions are carried out, 'A Happy Family and a Colledge of quietness,' thus there would be no asking 'why did you stay at the "Coffee Pot" after practice, instead of coming straight home?'

Well, goode 'Sir,' seeing that A.C.R. objects to so much 'Pepper,' ye nuisance-in-spectre dyd roll in ye brine of Cheshire and came out, very SALTY.

P.S.—Here is a bit of goode advice. If courting interferez with ringing, give up courting.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A tablet to the memory of the late Mr. Raymond John Wilkins has been erected in the ringing chamber at St. Stephen's Church, Bristol, and will be unveiled next Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

Shipway was born at Bath on Sept. 29th, 1760. On Oct. 1st, 1793, a peal of 15,360 Bob Major was rung at Aston, conducted by Joshua Short.

The first recorded 'silent' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Liversedge on October 3rd, 1863.

All Saints', Fulham, has been one of the best known ten-bell towers in the country during the past century. The first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells was rung there on Oct. 3rd, 1819.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise on handbells was rung at Romford on October 1st, 1907.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will dedicate the two trebles at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 13th. The bells are being provided by the Kent County Association as a memorial to the members who fell in the war.

Mr. T. H. Naisby, of the Sunderland (St. Ignatius) band, having decided to emigrate to the States, his brother ringers and friends on Wednesday week made him a parting gift of a beautiful mahogany timepiece. An attempt for a farewell peal of Cambridge Surprise Major unfortunately came to grief after an hour and three-quarter's good ringing.

Mr. E. Alex. Young, the hon. secretary of the Central Council, has not been long in following up his first peal, rung on handbells, with a peal on church bells. Mr. Young made his first tower bell attempt at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on the bicentenary of the bells, in 1893, and did not, we believe, make another peal attempt in a tower until his success at Lavenham the other day. We hope he will not be so long before he rings the next.

## STEDMAN CATERS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The Criticisms of 'Criticus' are generally apt and to the point; in last week's issue, however, he is misleading. The statement, 'Stedman Caters, above all things, seems to have been done to death,' does not by any means convey the truth.

Possibly, if he is referring only to peals with a bell fixed in second's, he is not far wrong. However, to the composer with the qualifications needed to enable him to explore away from this safe path, there is plenty of scope. For instance, what about the extent of the musical position referred to by Mr. W. A. Cave—the 6th behind the 9th? I ask 'Criticus' how many peals of Stedman Caters he has seen between 5,000 and 5,100, in ordinary courses with two Singles only, the 6th undisturbed throughout and forty course-ends behind the 9th in the Tittums?—Yours sincerely,

Sunderland. JOSEPH W. PARKER.

## MUSICAL POSITIONS—ANOTHER VIEW.

Sir,—It is too surprising to read our friend W. A. Cave's letter on the music of Stedman Caters. One would have thought in these enlightened days, our experts would have written with more wisdom and learning. Of course it is understood that the words are those of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, to whom all honour and respect, but how many others still think in the same groove?

The treble of a peal of ten, as all ringers in the real sense of the word should know, is a note an octave higher than that of the 8th, and the 'handstroke home' position is held by a large number of ringers to be equally musical with the 'tittum' position.

How, then, can 9, 1, 10, be unmusical, when there is only this difference?

Again, in Major ringing, the 2nd in a peal of eight bells, is one to avoid putting in 6th's place, or, causing it to dodge behind with the tenor. Now, whilst a large number of Major ringers can understand this, as soon as they get on ten bells, they lose sight of the fact that the 2nd in eight bells is the 4th on ten, and immediately want peals of Caters with the 4th in second's place or behind the 9th or the 4th in 6th's place in Royal. ARAB.

## AN ESSEX VETERAN'S RECORD.

A peal of Double Norwich at Feering, Essex, last week, was a double birthday compliment, for it was in celebration of the 70th birthday of both Mr. and Mrs. John Sadler. Mr. Sadler took part in the peal, which was rung without a blow out of place or a word spoken, except the conductor's calls—a grand performance for a man of 70 years. Mr. Sadler still walks over eight miles a day to and from work, and has done so for the last 24 years. In addition he has walked something like 15,000 miles to and from Coggeshall Parish Church, where he has rung for 48 years. The congratulations of the Exercise will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Sadler coupled with the hope that they may be spared for many years yet, with good health.



## THE LATE MR. CHARLES HERBERT. BEDFORDSHIRE'S G.O.M. OF RINGING.

The death occurred on Wednesday, Sept. 12th (as already briefly announced), of Mr. Charles Herbert, at his residence 20, Bedford Street, Woburn. Mr. Herbert was in his 80th year and for the last two years had been in delicate health. He came to Woburn from Sudbury, Suffolk, and was a pioneer of change ringing in Bedfordshire. With the help of Canon (then the Rev.) W. W. C. Baker, Mr. Edwin Ransom and the late Mr. Isaac Hills, the Beds Association was formed in 1882, and Mr. Herbert acted as honorary secretary, a position he held until 1889, when he was made a vice-president.

He was not a great peal ringer, only taking part in about a dozen in all, as he was not able to spare the time from business in those days, but he was whole-hearted in his endeavours to keep the science of change ringing and belfry reform to the fore, both by precept and practice, and his residence was 'open house' at all times for handbell practice, with the result that the local band acquired quite a proficiency in this branch of the art culminating in a peal of Plain Bob Maximus, in which he himself rang the tenors. This still remains the only peal of Maximus ever rung in the county.

As evidence of Mr. Herbert's enthusiasm for the art of change ringing, to convince a sceptic he once wrote out the full peal of 40,320 of Plain Bob Major, a performance which is surely unique, and which is probably the only one of its kind in existence.

He it was who prevailed upon the Duke of Bedford to add two trebles to the peal of six in the old tower of St. Mary's Woburn, in 1877, and wrote a most eloquent plea to the late Duke for the removal of the bells to the tower of the new church which, though not successful at the time, was eventually the means of getting the present Duke to place the magnificent peal of eight in this church in 1910.

Mr. Herbert took part in the first 720 ever rung in the county at Woburn, and rang his last peal on his 60th birthday.

The funeral took place at Woburn on Friday, Sept. 14th the Vicar of Woburn (the Rev. W. V. G. White) and Canon Baker, president of the Bedfordshire Association, officiating. Before the service, 532 Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells fully muffled, and 768 Kent Treble Bob Major after the service, half-muffled. The following took part in the ringing: D. Harris, M. Lane, E. Hobbs, H. Smith, G. Matthews, M. Matthews, D. Jones and A. E. Sharman (hon. secretary, Bedfordshire Association). On Monday Sept. 17th, a muffled peal was also rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Woburn.

### AN APPRECIATION.

Mr. Charles Herbert may truthfully be described as the 'father of change ringing' in Bedfordshire. When he came to Woburn from Sudbury, Suffolk, in 1865, there was not a change ringer in the county. Keen and enthusiastic, he soon began to interest the young men of Woburn in the art, and persevered in spite of many obstacles and much good-humoured ridicule from the old 'stone' ringers of the neighbourhood. Some of the opposition he experienced sounds strange to us to-day. One man would not believe that it was possible to produce 5,000 different changes. To convince him Mr. Herbert wrote out the whole peal of Bob Major at full length.

The first effect of his ardour was seen in 1877, when largely owing to his enterprise two trebles were added to the ring of six at Woburn—the gift of the Duke of Bedford—and the whole peal overhauled and rebung. On April 16th in that year the augmented ring was opened by Squire Proctor and his band from Bennington. Among other touches they rang 448 Superlative Surprise Major. In the account of the opening in the 'Woburn Monthly Advertiser' for May, 1877, this is referred to as being 'one of the most intricate and beautiful specimens of the art, and rarely attempted by any but the elite of the ringing fraternity.' The elite are a much more numerous band nowadays.

The addition of a Seage's apparatus made more frequent practices possible at Woburn, and Mr. Herbert strove manfully to get a good eight bell band, though some time elapsed before his ambition was realised.

In the meantime interest in change ringing had been aroused in Bedford, and the late Mr. Isaac Hills began the task of building up a company there. There was great rivalry between the Woburn and Bedford companies as to which should have the honour of ringing the first 720 Bob Minor in the county. Mr. Herbert had the gratification of taking part in one rung at Woburn two days before the Bedford men were successful.

The spread of interest in the county seemed to warrant the starting of an association, and the Bedfordshire Association was launched on March 13th, 1882. Mr. Herbert was obviously the right man to become hon. secretary, and he continued to hold that office for many years with great success. On his retirement he was elected a vice-president, and continued to hold that office to the time of his death.

On account of failing health he had done little ringing of late years, but his two sons, Mr. Cyril Herbert and Mr. Ernest Herbert,

worthily maintain the family tradition. Mr. Charles Herbert rang comparatively few peals, but only those who have encountered the difficulties attendant on the introduction of change ringing in a district where it is totally unknown will appreciate the services he rendered to the Exercise. In the Bedfordshire Association his name will always be gratefully remembered.

All Bedfordshire ringers, and many in a wider circle will tender their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Herbert and her two sons in the loss of one whose love of bells and ringing was profound and lifelong.—R.I.P. W. W. C. B.

## THE YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER. BIG GATHERING AT SHEFFIELD.

A representative company of 120 attended the second dinner organised by the Yorkshire Association in memory of the late Jaspar Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association and which was held on this occasion at the King's Head Hotel Sheffield. The Ven. J. Russell Darbyshire, Archdeacon of Sheffield presided, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, the gathering including representatives of no fewer than 49 different towns.

After the loyal toast, Mr. C. D. Potter (Barnsley) proposed 'The Church and State,' to which the Archdeacon responded.

Mr. F. Willey (Sheffield) submitted 'The Memory of Jaspar Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers,' and devoted an interesting speech largely to recalling the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley.

Mr. P. J. Johnson (Leeds) gave 'Kindred Societies,' to which Mr. Albert Walker (St. Martin's Guild Birmingham) and Mr. J. Rowbottom (College Youths) responded.

Other toasts were honoured, and an enjoyable musical programme was carried out.

A full report will appear next week.

## DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL WESLEY, OF NOTTINGHAM.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the death took place on Sept. 11th of Nottingham's most prolific peal ringer, Mr. Samuel Wesley, who passed away, after a long illness, at the age of 74 years. The deceased had made ringing a strong hobby, and upwards of 278 peals are placed to his credit under various associations, chiefly the M.C.A. and the Yorkshire Association. Having associated himself with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson in many of his ringing tours, the number of peals is hardly surprising, and contain a good number of Stedman, which may be considered his favourite method. A very careful and good striker, he was in demand for the treble position in many peals in higher methods, although it is to be regretted that not a single peal 'inside' in methods from and including Double Norwich was accomplished by him. The methods rung with a working bell include Grandsire, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Treble Bob in various forms, Oxford Bob, Darlaston Bob and Stedman. As a conductor, he has 13 peals to his name, apparently all Grandsire.

During his 37 years as steeplekeeper at Lenton, he was also a chorister, and this double help to the service of the church is an example worthy of emulation. Naturally after such long service he will be greatly missed.

The interment took place on the 15th inst., when the deceased was laid to rest beneath the tower with which he was so long connected.

and the service with the Vicar of Lenton officiating, was fully choral, the hymn, 'Now the labourer's task is o'er,' being sung over the open grave after the committal ceremony. Then a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by two of his former pupils, Messrs. A. Coppock and H. R. Cobbin, with whom were two of his oldest friends, Messrs. W. E. White and A. Knights (Chesterfield). A quarter-peal of Stedman was rung on the tower bells during the afternoon.

Mr. Wesley's wife predeceased him about 18 months and he leaves four daughters, two being married to ringers. Sam Wesley and Lenton tower will always remain synonymous terms. One cannot, and never will, think of the one and not the other. A. C.

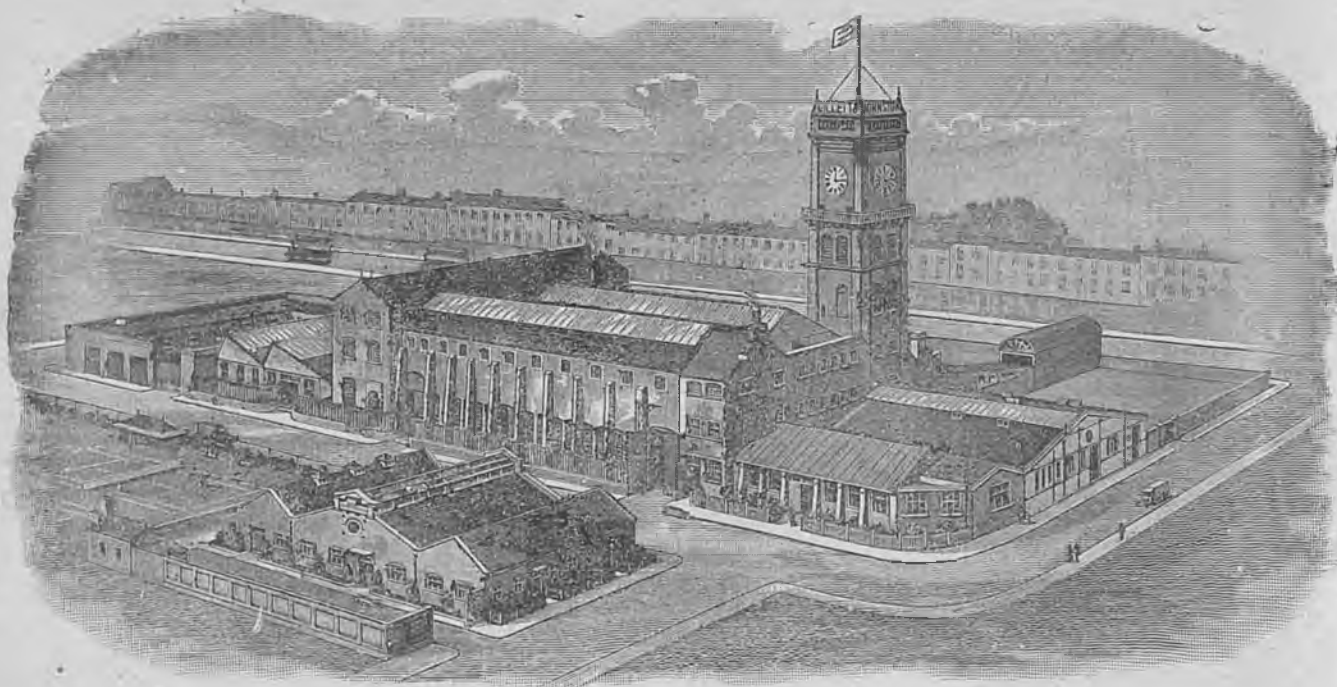
## RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Evans of Willenhall, Staffs, was celebrated last week by a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Giles' Church, where the wedding was solemnised on Sept. 18th, 1898. Mr. Evans, who took part in the peal, has been a church worker at St. Giles for 22 years being at the present time a sidesman and member of the Church Council. Mrs. Evans also takes a great interest in the social life of the church. They have been the recipients of many congratulations, in which members of the Exercise will join.

WORKSHOP.—At the Priory Church, on Sept. 8th 720 Bob Minor on the back six: W. Robert 1, Miss Taylor 2, W. H. Johnson, V.C., 3, G. Tansley 4, A. Johnson (conductor) 5, G. Hardwick 6. Rung for the dedication festival.

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**CONCRETE FLOORS IN BELFRIES.****CONCRETE FLOORS AN ADVANTAGE.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Stacey's letter, the concrete floor would not prevent the sound of the bells being heard below. It would soften the effect, but not unduly muffle it, thin concrete slabs being very resonant.

I do not know of such a floor, but I have long urged the great advantage of concrete being used in towers. A series of reinforced concrete floors, properly designed and executed, would be of the greatest advantage, especially in weak towers. The above also applies to cages or frames; the time has long passed when one of the latter should have been done.

The weight of one concrete floor should not be detrimental to the tower. The general question, however, requires expert advice and control, as it is one which has many pitfalls.—Yours faithfully,

155, Rushey Green, S.E.

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

**A TYPICAL EXAMPLE.**

Sir,—In answer to the query put forward by Mr. Geo. Stacey, re concrete floors in belfries a typical example is to be found at St. Mary's, Ilkeston, Derbyshire where the main girders supporting the modern H frame are elevated and built into the masonry approximately 3ft. above a concrete floor, the latter resting upon a stone corbel—or offset—which runs all around the tower. The ends of 6in. girders, set approximately 2ft. apart, rest on the east and west corbeling, short lengths of girder form the hatchway and are braced to the longer girders which run across the tower and form the sides of trap-door.

The intersections between each girder are filled in with concrete, forming one solid fire and water proof mass which is bonded into the webs of the girders and rests upon the supporting offset corbel all round the walls of the tower acting as a kind of diaphragm which, without question, has a steady and strengthening effect upon the masonry at that point. The hatchway is elevated 6in. or 8in. above the concrete floor, and is covered with wood and, if my memory serves me correctly, I believe the wood is covered with sheet lead. A floor laid on this plan is safe and durable, and Mr. Stacey may rest assured and content that it will never be in danger of falling, while the corbeling remains intact—in short, while the tower stands. Further there is no fear of clappers or bells coming through where a floor is made of concrete.

Concerning the sound of the bells, no doubt some people hold a belief that a concrete floor would adversely affect the resonance of the bells; such an idea is very erroneous! For example the ringing chamber of St. Mary's refutes any such suggestion. It is situated 30ft. below the concrete floor of the bell chamber. An intermediate floor of wood, forming the clock room floor, is laid on wood joists the underside of which is matchboarded. In between the joists are stuffed with hair. The height of the ringing chamber is approximately 14ft., and through the concrete floor and the clock room floor (which is hair stuffed) the sound of every bell in the octave is distinctly audible, a feature which visiting ringers seldom fail to eulogise and pronounce 'Ideal.' By adjusting the door in the ringing room a fine effect is produced by the sound which traverses the spiral staircase ranging from the softest pianissimo to loudest fortissimo! Trusting that my crude details will be sufficiently clear and comprehensive for your correspondent to follow, I beg to subscribe myself

NICHOLAS DE CANTILUPE.

**WORCESTER BAND'S PROGRESS**

Under the enthusiastic leadership of Mr. W. Page the band at Worcester have gone forward with rapid strides since the war, and have now added their first peal of Bristol Surprise. In three years and a quarter, the band have scored the first peal of Spliced Treble Bob ever rung (June 20th, 1920), the first peal of Double Norwich Major in the city by a local band (August 28th, 1920), the first Surprise peal (Cambridge) by the Western Branch (Feb. 26th, 1921), the first peal of Superlatives by the Western Branch (Oct. 22nd, 1921), Surprise Minor peal first by the association (Jan. 10th, 1922), Cambridge Surprise Royal first by all and in the city, and the second for the association (June 5th, 1922), London Surprise Major, first in the city, and by all the band except one (Nov. 11th, 1922), a fourteen method Minor peal first for the association and by all the band (Nov. 21st, 1922), Steadman Caters, first by all the band except two, and first for the Western Branch (May 10th, 1923) and now Bristol Surprise Major, first by all the band, in the city, and by the Western Branch.

This is not a homogeneous band, two having to cycle twenty miles on each visit, two having a fourteen-mile journey each time, and one having a twelve-mile ride on each occasion. Practices have only been fortnightly on eight bells, monthly on ten bells, and weekly on six bells, with as much Sunday ringing as can be got in. The band would be glad to know how this compares with other companies' progress.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****GUILDFORD DISTRICT AND DIOCESAN DIVISION.**

A Guildford district meeting was held at Old Woking on Saturday last, and was well attended, ringers being present from Aldershot, Chertsey, Craleigh, Godalming, Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas', Guildford, Shere, Worplesdon and Woking. Various methods were practised during the afternoon, and a service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Askwith), who also gave an address. Tea was held in the working men's club, 32 sitting down.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by the Vicar, three full members were elected.

The members then discussed the question of the desirability or otherwise of forming new Guild for the new diocese. After several members had expressed their opinions, it was decided to call the representative of the different towers together and go thoroughly into the matter and report to the annual meeting of the district. It was also decided to get into touch with the members of the Yorktown district if possible.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and organist was passed, after which the members retired to the tower, and several touches in various plain and Surprise methods were brought round.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****NORTHERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Grimsby on Saturday, September 15th, when about 60 members and friends were present from various places, including Barton-on-Umber, Bigby, Brigg, Burton Stather, Gainsborough, Lincoln, Scotchthorne, Scotter and Worksop, in addition to the two local towers. The bells of St. James' and St. Andrew's were available during the afternoon and evening, and kept going to the standard methods and Double Norwich. Superlative was also attempted, but did not prove successful. A short service, at which the Guild office was used, was conducted by the Rev. E. V. Clapton (one of the assistant clergy). The preacher was the Rev. H. T. Parry (Rector of Bigby), who took for his text St. John xiii. 15 and 17, and gave a most excellent discourse on the subject of humility.—Mr. H. Rushby, one of the local ringers, presided at the organ.

Tea was provided at the Church House, Bull Ring, after which a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the caterers for the efficient manner in which they had attended to the wants of those present.

The business meeting followed, at which Mr. F. F. Linley took the chair. The following officers were elected: President and treasurer, Mr. F. F. Linley; honorary secretary, Mr. F. S. W. Butler; hon. auditors, Messrs. F. W. Stokes and J. R. Sharpe; Ringing Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman; two members to serve on the Guildford committee, Messrs. Geo. Chester and J. A. Freeman.

Mr. C. H. Baker proposed that the Ringing Master be an ex-officio member of the Guild committee, but this was ruled out of order. Mr. Baker then withdrew his proposition, and it was agreed that the secretary be instructed to write to the Guild secretary, stating that a suggestion had been made by the branch, that the Ringing Master of each of the branches should be an ex-officio member of the Guild Committee.

There were three nominations for the two representatives on the Central Council—Mr. Geo. Chester, the Rev. H. T. Parry and Mr. F. W. Stokes. After a show of hands the first two were elected.

Stow was proposed as the place for the half-yearly meeting, and Sleaford, as an amendment, the object being to try and create enthusiasm and revive the interests of the Guild in that part of the branch. Eventually Sleaford was selected.

In regard to the 1924 annual meeting (due to be held at Lincoln) a question was raised as to whether it would be possible to obtain the use of the city bells for the occasion, seeing that the Guild meeting is held at Lincoln every year.—The Rev. R. Bond, Rector of St. Peter-at-Arches, stated he did not think it would be altogether possible, and as an alternative Harmston and Wasingborough were mentioned, but after some discussion it was agreed that the meeting be held at Lincoln.

Referring to the fact that the rules of the branch were badly in want of revision, Mr. Linley remarked that he had drafted a new copy, and was handing it round to the members of the committee for their inspection. He also gave a resume, as far as possible, of the amounts collected by the branch members for the Cathedral Bell Fund.

Apologies for absence, along with all good wishes, were read from the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln Canon W. Hicks, Messingham; the Rev. C. G. Bartou, St. Andrew's, Grimsby; and Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, Lincoln.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells: Mr. W. H. Heyhoe for making the necessary arrangements; the Rev. H. T. Parry for his address; Mr. H. Rushby for his services at the organ; and Mr. F. F. Linley for presiding, were unanimously passed, and duly responded to.



## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, for evening service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Warren (first 720 of Treble Bob) 1, D. Stratford 2, R. P. Lawrence 3, R. G. Black 4, Miss K. Moore (conductor) 5, R. W. Lawrence 6. First 720 of Treble Bob as conductor, and the first by an entirely local band at Weekley.

**WINDSOR.**—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, for evening service, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins.: J. W. Croft 1, W. P. Cross 2, T. Smith 3, T. Farr 4, W. Henley 5, A. Bateman 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, C. H. Vitler 8.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., for morning service: H. A. Harding 1, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 2, J. E. Churchill 3, L. H. Page 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, E. J. Walsom 6, H. J. Hunnisett 7, F. S. Palmer, senr. 8. Also for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: A. J. Moore 1, G. W. Stevens 2, J. E. Churchill 3, H. J. Hunnisett 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, L. H. Page (conductor) 7, C. G. Cooper 8.

**LEE, KENT.**—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sept. 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Crowder 1, W. G. Pinniger (conductor) 2, H. James 3, J. Dafters 4, J. Lawson 5, C. Moulton 6, H. Bransier 7, B. Heisterman 8.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday, evening, Sept. 23rd, at St. Mary's Church for the harvest festival, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Eagles 1, S. Binfield 2, C. R. Walker 3, C. R. Millway 4, F. Elliott 5, R. H. Stevens 6, H. J. Saunders 7, C. Turner (conductor) 8.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, morning, Sept. 23rd, for service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Chandler 1, W. Lewis (first quarter Stedman) 2, C. Edwards 3, C. S. Bird (conductor) 4, A. Harding 5, W. H. Hollier 6, S. Carter 7, S. Rose 8.

**HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.**—For morning service at the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, 672 Grandsire Triples: L. Hammond 1, H. Pratt (Craydon) 2, F. O. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Pierce 4, A. H. Took 5, J. Howard 6, C. Moss 7, J. Jolly 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples.

**BREDONS, NORTON.**—On Sunday, Sept. 16th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: F. Miles 1, J. Attwood 2, F. Harris 3, T. Harris 4, C. Trapp 5, O. Attwood (conductor) 6. Longest touch by the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 5th.

**GRIMSBY.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Overton 1, S. Steele 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, G. Dent (Harlow Common) 4, J. B. Budd 5, C. Taylor (conductor) 6, S. Bromfield 7, H. Mingay 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples: H. Mingay 1, S. Bromfield 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, F. Overton (conductor) 4, G. Dent 5, J. B. Budd 6, C. Taylor 7, S. Steele (first touch of Stedman) 8.

**EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.**—For evening service at the harvest festival on Sunday, Sept. 16th, two 360's of Bob Minor: R. Shaw (first attempt at any length) 1, T. Slagg 2, E. Hunt 3, W. Allen 4, H. Mason (first of Minor as conductor) 5, W. Eagling 6.

**GAINSBOROUGH.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, for morning service, 336 Double Norwich and a touch of Stedman Triples. For evening service, two plain courses of Superlative Surprise, and touches of Little Bob Major, Howard Major and Grandsire Triples. The ringers taking part were H. Torr, C. H. Baker, P. Noble, E. Dalingwater, H. Morgan, J. Dixon, W. T. Cooper and C. A. Hewitt.

**BLEDLOW, BUCKS.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, in 50 minutes, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Double: (1,260 changes) in ten different callings: A. J. Seymour 1, G. Strathdee 2, Rev. E. J. Teesdale 3, J. Williams 4, G. Seymour (conductor) 6.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.**—On Sunday, Sept. 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 52 mins.: S. Rowbottom (first quarter-peal of Caters) 1, H. Stansfield 2, G. Gorrings (first quarter-peal of Caters) 3, F. Allthorp (first quarter-peal of Caters) 4, W. Brammer 5, B. Thorp (conductor) 6, J. Mellor 7, A. Adams 8, S. Booth 9, T. Jackson 10.

## NOTICES.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Castle Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Charlton Horethorne on Saturday, October 6th. Tea at the King's Arms. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

**LUTON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrowby on Saturday, October 13th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by October 9th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## NEW RINGING SECRETARY ELECTED.

The annual meeting was held at Kendal with Ambleside on Sept. 15th, but owing to the day trips having been withdrawn the week previous, the number attending was reduced, but nevertheless 80 were present. Although the bells at Ambleside were not much used, those who stayed over the week-end rang an hour for morning and evening service on Sunday, which gladdened the heart of Mr. Robinson.

Owing to the distance most had to travel, the proceedings commenced an hour earlier than usual, with a service at Kendal. The Archdeacon of Westmorland officiated, and Canon H. J. Elsee (president of the association) preached.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, the contested offices being decided by ballot to save time.

Canon Elsee gave a short address, and also read the committee's report, balance sheet and auditors' report.

Thanks were accorded to the Archdeacon (the Rev. Lefone) for the use of the church, bells and institute, and, in reply, he welcomed the association, and hoped they would not be long before coming again.

The committee of the association had sent a letter to the Bishop of Liverpool on his retirement, and Canon Elsee read the reply.

Canon Elsee also gave a report of the Central Council meeting, and Mr. W. E. Wilson supplemented it.

Wigan and Oldham were nominated for the next annual meeting, and Oldham won, on the show of hands, by 40 to 28.

The scrutineers by this time had finished their work, and the Chairman announced the result as follows: Vice-president, Mr. J. R. Taylor; ringing secretary (in place of Mr. J. H. Banks resigned), Mr. A. Tomlinson; Central Council representatives, Canon Elsee, Messrs. W. E. Wilson, J. R. Taylor and H. Chapman.—A vote of thanks to the local ringers closed the meeting.

The association has now 1,328 members, and saved during the year £1 10s.

## WORCESTERSHIRE &amp; DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

## NORTHERN BRANCH OFFICERS.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Halesowen on Saturday, Sept. 15th. The proceedings opened with a service in church, at which there was a large attendance, and an interesting address was given on bells by the Rector (the Rev. H. C. A. Colville). Tea, which was kindly provided by the local band, was served in the Rectory House.

The business meeting followed, at which the Rector presided, supported by Mr. A. E. Parsons, and Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Ringing Master), with the secretary, Mr. A. J. Skelding. Representatives were present from Brierley Hill, Cradley, Kidderminster, Hartlebury, Aldwinford, Stourbridge, Wollaton, Old Hill, Rowley Regis, King's Norton, Northfield, Selly Oak, Oldbury, Dudley, Netherton and Smethwick.

Mr. A. E. Parsons proposed, and Mr. G. N. Cockin seconded, the re-election of Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Selly Oak) as Ringing Master, and Mr. A. J. Skelding (Stourbridge) as secretary, and this was carried unanimously.—Mr. R. Matthews was elected representative on the Central Committee.

Mr. Parsons spoke of the efforts which were being made to re-hang the bells at Rowley Regis Church, and said there was every possibility of the bells being rung again on Sept. 29th when the new church would be dedicated.

A collection was taken for the Restoration Fund, and this realised £1 11s., which Mr. Parsons acknowledged.

The Vicar of Rowley Regis (the Rev. F. J. Cheverton) was elected an honorary member, and the Rowley Regis bell ringers were re-elected performing members.

The next meeting is to be held at Smethwick. Mr. Cartwright moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and officials of the church; the organist and the local band of ringers for entertaining the members; and to the ladies who had waited upon them.—Mr. Parsons seconded the motion, which was carried, Mr. W. H. Webb, local Ringing Master, replying.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung before the service, and after the meeting London, Cambridge and Double Norwich were rung. The bells were lowered, and this ended a very enthusiastic meeting.

## DEATH OF AN I.O.W. RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. P. C. Vincent Pinhorn, on the 17th September, at Newport, I.O.W., at the age of 53. Though not a skilled ringer he had for many years taken the keenest interest in ringing, especially with its history in the island. He was interred at Carisbrooke on the 20th inst., when the Newport ringers, with Mr. E. Alex. Young from London, rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside. The deceased's MSS. have been acquired by one of the Newport ringers.



## NOTICES.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob to London Surprise.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District. —The annual meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available from 2 till 4.30, at which time a special service will be held in the church. Tea (free) at 5 o'clock. The general business meeting will follow the tea for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, the 29th instant, at Bakewell. The tower (8 bells) will be open from 1—9 o'clock, and Youlgreave bells (8) will also be available from 3—9 o'clock. If a party can be arranged for the latter place a conveyance will be obtained. Members will make their own arrangements for tea—there are many suitable places near by. The committee will meet at 4.30 and the general meeting will be at 5 o'clock in the church institute.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Methmal on Saturday, September 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/6 each.—L. Hargreaves, Sec., 30, Bankfield View.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter District. —The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Littleham, Exmouth, on Saturday, September 29th. Service Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hut 5 p.m., free. All ringers welcome. Bells available, Littleham (6), Withycombe Raleigh (8).—J. C. Oke, Asst. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District. —A combined practice will take place at Ringwood on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available from 3.30.—G. Preston, Dist. Sec., Christchurch.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Lytham Parish Church on Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready 2.30. Meeting 5.30. Business: Appointment of Branch Secretary.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Newmarket and Mildenhall District. —A practice meeting will be held at Elveden, Suffolk, on Saturday, September 29th. The bells (8) at the Memorial Tower, will be available from 2 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—P. W. Fordham, Dist. Sec., Mildenhall.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District. —The next meeting of this district will be held at Hever on Saturday, September 29th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at King Henry VIII. after Service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**REDENHALL, NORFOLK.**—The bells will be available for ringing from 1 p.m. on Saturday, 29th September.—Fred R. Borrett.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Wellingborough District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, September 29th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested so that a hearty welcome may be extended to the new Vicar into this district.—F. Barber, District Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District. —The usual monthly meeting will be held at Greasley on Saturday, September 29th, to commemorate the first anniversary of the opening of the bells which took place on September 25th, 1922. Tower will be open for ringing at 2.30. Short Service in Church at 4.15. Tea at 4.30, business meeting to follow tea. A good attendance is required. Three bus services pass the Church from Nottingham.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District. —A ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, September 29th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Tea will be provided, and a hearty invitation is given to all ringers to attend.—W. H. Dyson, District Master.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—All Saints', King's Langley. —Dedication of Peal Board will take place on Saturday, September 29th, at 4 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please send a card to L. A. Walker, 6, Railway Terrace, King's Langley, Herts.

**DERBY.**—The ring of ten bells at St. Andrew's Church will be re-dedicated on Sunday morning, September 30th next. The service will commence at 11 a.m. and all ringers will be welcome. A day, to be notified later, will be set apart for a meeting of ringers at St. Andrew's Church.—W. Wallace, Hon. Sec. to Bells Restoration Fund, 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The memorial tablet to the late Raymond John Wilkins, erected in St. Stephen's Church Ringing Chamber, will be unveiled by the Rector, Rev. W. G. Heber-Thomas, on Tuesday, October 2nd, at 7.30 p.m. Members are invited to attend.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** —Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on October 2nd and 30th, Southwark Cathedral on the 9th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 11th and 25th, \*St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Norwich on Thursday, October 4th, the President, the Dean of Norwich, presiding. Committee meeting will be held at the Deanery at 11.15 a.m. Divine Service will be held at 12.30 p.m., by the kind permission of the Dean of Norwich, in the choir of the Cathedral. Luncheon will be served at 1.30 p.m., at William Grix, Limited, Dining Rooms, White Lion Street, Norwich; tickets 2/6 per member. The general business meeting will follow the luncheon for the election of officers, etc., and other impor-

tant business in connection with the affairs of the Suffolk branch of the association. The ring of bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John de Sepulchre (8), and St. Michael Coslany (8) will be available. Members intending to be present at the luncheon must notify me on or before Tuesday, October 2nd.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Rose and Crown to follow. Buses leave Chelmsford Station, 2.15, 3.20, 4.25. Leave Writtle 7.20 and 9.20. Will all members requiring tea let me know by Wednesday, October 3rd?—P. Timson, Hon. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cannock on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church, with an address by the Rev. L. J. Price (Vicar) at 4.45. Tea, 1/-, at the Co-operative Hall at 5.30. Reports will be ready for distribution. Please send word not later than Tuesday, October 2nd.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business meeting. All members intending to be present kindly let me know by October 3rd.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**LADIES' GUILD,** Midland District, will hold their annual meeting at Solihull on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea (election of officers for the ensuing year), gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than Wednesday, October 3rd, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringstead on Saturday, October 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Kindly notify me by October 3rd those requiring tea.—J. Nickerson, Dist. Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Barlboro' on Saturday, October 6th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.15 p.m. Tea provided (1/6 each) in the Church Institute at 4.45 p.m. only for those who notify Mr. W. Sturman, High Common, Barlboro', near Chesterfield, not later than Wednesday, October 3rd.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, October 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at an appropriate cost. All ringers welcome.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting of ringers will be held at Desford on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Members please note that tea can be provided if sufficient notify W. Sargeson, Church Lane, Desford, by

Tuesday, October 2nd. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dursley on Saturday, October 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on October 6th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided free (by kind invitation of Mr. Walter B. Wood) to all who notify me not later than October 1st.—Charles H. Austin, Branch Hon. Sec., Newark House, Hempsted, Gloucester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Ducklington on Saturday, October 6th. Service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. Tristram, Vicar. Tea in the Parish Room at 3.40, business meeting following. Witney and Ducklington bells available during afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Dinas Powis, on Saturday, October 13th. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting and tea will be held at Whitworth Parish Church, October 13th. Tea in old school by the church. Meeting and general evening in Lloyd Street school. Tea on table at 4.30 p.m., usual price.—H. W. Slack, The Square, Whitworth.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, October 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for 5.30, but please let me know by the 9th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—War Memorial, Canterbury Cathedral.—The Archbishop (President of the Association) will dedicate the two trebles after evensong on Saturday, October 13th, that is about 4 p.m. After the service a tea will be arranged for members attending if they will send their names before Wednesday, October 10th. The bells will be available for ringing at 5.30 p.m.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., The Precincts, Canterbury.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Badsey on Saturday, October 13th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. The bells (8) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting in this district will be held at Boxley on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45 provided by the Vicar. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be at the meeting please let me know not later than Tuesday, October 16th, because of arranging for tea?—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

**BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.**—A social evening will be held at St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, Bristol, on Tuesday, October 23rd. Members are asked to make these socials a success by attending with their wives and friends. The orchestra will be there. The next business meeting will be held on November 10th after the Gloucester and Bristol branch meeting. Will the respective towers kindly see that a representative for them is present?—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**—Established 1637.—The 286th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m.

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