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### THE NORFOLK GUILD.

The long and sometimes acrid controversy which arose in ringing circles through the formation of the new diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and the consequent desire of ringers in Suffolk to have an association of their own, is now, we hope, at an end, for on Thursday of last week the old Norwich Diocesan Association, which for a time has been carrying on as the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, passed resolutions which, in effect, formally adopts as its area of operations the present diocese of Norwich. This termination of the sharp division of opinion which existed in the eastern counties will, we think, give general satisfaction, and is proof of the good sense which has ultimately guided the action of the ringers in Norfolk. They have realised, as the President pointed out, that the Association has to face altered conditions, and by deciding to restrict their title, and ipso facto, their area, they will be promoting that good feeling between the two counties which it is the desire of everyone should exist.

The new official title of the Association, 'The Norfolk Guild of Ringers for the Diocese of Norwich,' is rather lengthy and cumbersome — but it is no more so than that of the new Guild for Suffolk, whose style Norfolk seems to have adopted. Although name is not everything, there is something to be said for adhering as far as possible to an old title, and for that reason we think it rather a pity that the members did not revert to that well-known name, with such fine ringing history behind it, 'The Norwich Diocesan Guild.' We do not mention this point for the sake of criticism, but we like simple names, especially when they stand, as in the case of the old Norwich Diocesan Association, for such fine traditions, and have been synonymous with progress. There will be a feeling of regret among many ringers throughout the country, we are sure, that the old established title is to disappear, for while the diocesan connection is retained in the descriptive words, the Association will become, for short, 'The Norfolk Guild.'

The main factor at the moment, however, is that the old diocese and the new have each their own organisation. Each is strong enough to stand upon its own feet, and the decision of the men of Norfolk to confine their efforts to their own county, will not only remove friction, but will restore the feeling of brotherhood between the ringers of the two counties. The Suffolk men, who formerly owed allegiance to Norwich, will by no means lose their affection for the old Association, and the anticipation that the majority of them will retain membership as non-residents is almost certain to be fulfilled. East

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Anglia will now have two Guilds, operating in friendly rivalry, but with a spirit of goodwill between them, which, we believe, if properly fostered, will find a responsive chord throughout the towers in the two counties and maintain the standard of ringing which has been associated with Norfolk and Suffolk in the past.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. B flat.

ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... .. 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	GEORGE A. CARD ... .. 9
*T. WILFRED TAFFENDER... 4	FRANK SMITH ... .. 10
FRANCIS E. DAVE ... .. 5	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 11
†CYRIL PEASE ... .. 6	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

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

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on tower bells. First peal of Bob Maximus by all the band except the ringers of the treble, 9th and 10th. First peal of Bob Maximus by the association. This peal also commemorates the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. F. E. Dawe. A. J. Trappitt's 100th peal.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT, C.C. REPRESENTATIVE ... .. Treble	
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT, N.B. MASTER ... .. 2	
THOMAS J. SALTER, C.C. REPRESENTATIVE... .. 3	
*WILLIAM RANFORD, W. B. REPRESENTATIVE ... .. 4	
*JAMES HEMMING, S.B. SECRETARY... .. 5	
JAMES R. NEWMAN, GENERAL SECRETARY ... .. 6	
WILLIAM PAGE, RINGING MASTER... .. 7	
WILLIAM C. JONES, W.B. MASTER ... .. 8	
†JOSEPH D. JOHNSON, S.B. MASTER ... .. 9	
ROBERT G. KNOWLES, W.B. SECRETARY ... .. Tenor	

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by W. PAGE.

An Officers' peal and rung as the annual peal for the association. \* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10 cwt.

†LEWIS HOLROYD ... .. Treble	JAMES RICHARDS ... .. 5
†ROSE A. BELL ... .. 2	HERBERT DAVEPORT ... 6
†MRS. WILLIAM CRABTREE 3	WILLIAM CRABTREE ... 7
WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 4	*REV. ROBERT MARLE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. CRABTREE.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 3	GEORGE ARCHER ... .. 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	CLEMENT J. MORE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

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

On Sunday, September 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD GRINDELL ... .. Treble	WALTER RUFFLES ... .. 5
FRANK RUFFLES ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... .. 3	JAMES BETTS ... .. 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

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

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

On Monday, October 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
EDWARD GRINDELL ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... .. 4	WALTER RUFFLES ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

This, and the two preceding peals, were arranged for the ringers of the 4th and 6th, who wish to thank their friends who made the necessary arrangements and for their many kindnesses.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

S. BIDDLESTON'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. Treble	SAMUEL OAKES ... .. 5
ALFRED POTTER ... .. 2	JAMES BOLTON ... .. 6
BENJAMIN WELSHY ... .. 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 4	ARTHUR BERTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. J. Bolton, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Pincott.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT GILBERT ... .. Treble	* JOHN W. WARD ... .. 5
* STANLEY M. REED ... .. 2	SAMUEL E. ROBERTS ... .. 6
WILLIAM B. MANNING ... .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 7
† CHARLES S. GOULDTHORPE ... .. 4	ROBERT G. KING ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the conductor, also to the daughter of the tenor ringer.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Oct. 7th 1,080 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Booth 1, A. Mansfield 2, F. Lucas 3, J. M. Gray 4, Geo. Mansfield 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, October 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Watermoor,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FRANCIS W. BOND ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. CUSS ... .. 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 2	SIDNEY R. HICKS ... .. 6
WILFRED G. COOK ... .. 3	FRANCIS J. LEWIS ... .. 7
WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... .. 4	ROBERT W. WATTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

This peal was arranged for Miss Phyllis Hare, of Peterborough.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
At Christ Church, Cubitt Town, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN J. LAMB ... .. Treble	HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES ... .. 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	CHARLES W. R. GRINWOOD ... .. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	CHARLES T. CLARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

* FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS Treble	THOMAS JOLL ... .. 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 2	WILLIAM WALKER ... .. 6
† GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... .. 4	WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE.

\* First peal on eight bells and elected a member previous to starting. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. Arranged for W. H. B. Wilkins, of Oxford.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

† MISS PATTIE CLARKE ... Treble	HARRY ARGYLE ... .. 5
† MISS GLADYS DODDS ... .. 2	ABRAM WILKERSON ... .. 6
* MISS EVA LEWIS ... .. 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 7
ERNEST STONE ... .. 4	* JOHN MORETON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

PLYMOUTH.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.  
(SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At Emmanuel Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

* CEDRIC BOOKLESS-BROWNE Treble	HARRY BARNER ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE ... .. 2	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... .. 6
† THOMAS J. MYERS ... .. 3	JOSEPH WOODLEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 4	ARTHUR GOMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

\* First peal on 8 bells away from the tenor, and first attempt. † First peal on a bob bell. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a welcome to Rev. A. C. Champion, who was instituted and inducted Vicar of Emmanuel immediately after the peal, and also as a farewell to Rev. Dr. Flynn, the late Vicar, a separate peal for this purpose having been lost the previous Saturday after two hours' good ringing.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 5
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 6
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 7
ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

This method is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Keeble.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES W. TRAPPITT, SEN. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. 6
WILLIAM TATE ... .. 3	EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ... 7
*TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Cambridge. Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival.

PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS C. LARKEY ... .. Treble	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 5
CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... .. 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 6
EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 3	JAMES MARTIN ... .. 7
JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 4	ERNEST JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

\* First peal of Stedman, also first peal of Stedman on the bells. This is the first peal on these bells for 32 years.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*BERNARD V. COLLISON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 5
HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 2	GEORGE EDWARDS ... .. 6
*ALEC. RICHARDSON ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
WILLIAM LATTER ... .. 4	† ERNEST LINES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells.

BRISTOL.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK MILLARD ... .. Treble	SIDNEY PALMER ... .. 5
WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... .. 2	FRED LAMBETH ... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 7
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. 4	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

All the band are employees of the Great Western Railway Company. Treble from Taunton, 2nd, 4th and 5th from Swindon, 3rd from Newport (Mon.), 6th from Chippenham, 7th Bristol, and tenor from Radstock.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter-AD-VINCULA,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

*FREDERICK REDGEWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 2	*WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 7
JAMES FLEETY ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John,

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

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. Treble	*FRANK HORTON ... .. 5
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 6
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... .. 3	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

\* First peal.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Giles,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

*ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 5
WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 6
*HARRY BAXTER ... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 7
BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 4	*SAMUEL BURDITT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal of Stedman, and the first in the method on the bells.

LONDON.  
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD ... .. Treble	RALPH MACKRILL ... .. 5
WALTER J. MATTHEWS ... .. 2	WILLIAM ESSERY ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. DEAN ... .. 3	HARRY H. MANCE ... .. 7
ALBERT E. REEVE ... .. 4	HARRY MANCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Matthews on his 70th birthday, and Mr. Dean.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... .. Treble	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
WILLIAM BEESON, JUN. ... .. 3	*HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
WILLIAM WATTS ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

ASHTED, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Giles,

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

GEORGE MARINER ... .. Treble	JOHN HOYLE ... .. 5
*MRS. A. CLARK ... .. 2	ALBERT CALVER ... .. 6
JOHN BEAMS ... .. 3	AMOS CLARK ... .. 7
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

\* First peal in the method.



LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. Treble	*MRS. T. H. HARDY ... .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 2	MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 6
GEORGE S. MORRIS ... .. 3	JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HYDE INGLESANT.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5
GEORGE S. MORRIS ... .. 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 6
JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 3	EDWARD READER... .. 7
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

\* First peal in the method as conductor.

NEWCHURCH-IN-ROSSENDALE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JOS. BANKS ... .. Treble	JOHN BROWN... .. 5
LAURENCE T. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	JOHN WATSON ... .. 6
THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7
JAMES H. BANKS... .. 4	ALEX. RIDEOUGH... .. Tenor

Composed by T. BROOKS.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. o qr. 22 lb.

ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. Treble	SAMUEL HOLT ... .. 5
*WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 2	*FRANK BERRY ... .. 6
JOSEPH HALL ... .. 3	*GEORGE H. SHUKER... .. 7
MISS EMMA TONGE ... .. 4	ARTHUR RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by W. BERRY.

Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of seventh. \* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Treble ringer from Pendleton, 2nd, 5th, 6th from Middleton, tenor Manchester Cathedral, rest the local band.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

†JOSEPH FAULKNER, JUN. ... Treble	JOSEPH FAULKNER, SEN. ... 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 2	WALTER PRESTIDGE ... .. 6
*ANDREW ROUND... .. 3	BENJAMIN COUGH ... .. 7
RICHARD ROUND ... .. 4	HARRY HUBBALL... .. Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

\* First peal and elected a member previous to starting. † First peal in the method. The above peal was rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. A. and Mrs. Norris, to the Vicarage, Nether-ton. They ascended the tower at the conclusion of the peal, and heartily congratulated the band on their success, and extended their best thanks for the kind appreciation shown to them by the ringers.

BALDOCK, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

*J. J. CAWDELL ... .. Treble	S. E. ROBERTS ... .. 5
*A. LAWRENCE ... .. 2	L. FIDLER ... .. 6
E. J. NEWELL ... .. 3	*GEORGE T. CROFT ... .. 7
J. HARE ... .. 4	W. J. CROFT ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by W. J. CROFT.

\* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor in the method.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. Treble	TOM O'HARA ... .. 5
*CHARLES H. LAKE ... .. 2	ROBERT HARRISON ... .. 6
SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 3	COLIN HARRISON... .. 7
HAYDN THORPE ... .. 4	JOHN THORPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN

Conducted by J. THORPE.

The composition is now rung for the first time. \* First peal.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN COOKE ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. ROGERS ... .. 5
*WILLIAM DEAN ... .. 2	SYDNEY F. BARNES ... .. 6
†GORDON A. LAWRENCE ... .. 3	JAMES R. GRIFFIN ... .. 7
WALTER J. BATTLE ... .. 4	HERBERT LODKIN... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by J. R. GRIFFIN.

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

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Comprising two 720's each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain.

GEORGE FILBY ... .. Treble	FRANK RUFFLES ... .. 4
GEORGE STANNARD ... .. 2	PERCY POTTER ... .. 5
JACOB FILBY... .. 3	WALTER RUFFLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. RUFFLES.

This peal was rung to oblige G. and J. Filby, who hail from Wingfield. The rest belong to the local band.

MAISEMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

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

HERBERT BECKETT ... .. Treble	GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... .. 4
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	CHARLES H. AUSTIN ... .. 5
FRANK T. WAITE... .. 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT BECKETT.

All who took part in this peal are Gloucester ringers, except Ex-Sgt. J. Williams, who hails from Newent.

SWANMORE.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 7th, harvest festival, for evening service, 720 College Single Minor: E. Jacobs, jun., 1 R. Linter 2. A. Millard 3. E. Jacobs 4. H. Ainsley 5. W. Linter (conductor) 6. Also 240 Oxford Single Bob Minor.

GUILSBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... Treble	* WILLIAM BOTT ... 4
BERTIE C. SODEN ... 2	FRED WILFORD ... 5
WALTER T. WILSON ... 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal, also the first on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Norman Heeps, a ringer of the above church, to Miss Lille, of Cold Ashby.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

FREDERICK ATKINSON ... Treble	* REV. H. T. PARRY ... 4
* EDWARD LEEDHAM ... 2	† TOM MORGAN ... 5
ANYAN PEART ... 3	GEORGE BLANCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BLANCHARD.

First peal on the bells. \* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. The ringer of the treble hails from Brigg, the 5th from Selby Abbey, the rest are regular service ringers at this church.

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

On Tuesday, October 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES S. SPURGEON ... Treble	* HECTOR DENNISON ... 4
† ARTHUR A. CORBYN ... 2	* HARRY W. BARRETT ... 5
ROBERT A. WARMAN ... 3	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. FINCH.

\* First peal. † First peal inside; this is the first peal ever rung by a local band at this tower, and the first peal in four methods by all.

ORDSALL, RETFORD.  
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

* JOHN BUXTON ... Treble	* DAN A. PIERCY ... 4
HARRY BLAGG ... 2	JOHN SEGAR, JUN. ... 5
† HARRY REVILL ... 3	JOHN HURST ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HURST.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal on tower bells. Ringers of the 2nd and 5th from East Retford Parish Church, the rest belong to the local company.

DUSTON, NORTHAMPTON.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

BERTIE O. SODEN ... Treble	HARRY BAXTER ... 4
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE ... 2	* JOHN A. TOWNSEND ... 5
FRED WILFORD ... 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal of Minor.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

HENRY STAPLETON ... Tenor	HENRY W. GAYTON ... 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2	PEARL INSKIP ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all except the conductor.

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

SAMUEL TAYLOR ... Treble	WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... 4
GEORGE KENWARD ... 2	CHARLES TOMBER ... 5
EDWARD H. SPICE ... 3	WILLIAM NYE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. NYE.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

At 90, BLACKMAN LANE, LEEDS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JAMES R. KEMP ... 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... 7-8

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Size 18 in G.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 1-2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING. Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Rung on the 21st anniversary of Mr. Pulling's first peal as conductor, also as a birthday compliment to Miss W. M. Howick and Mr. R. Philpott.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

HUGH BENSON ... 1-2	WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 5-6
GEOFFREY BENSON ... 3-4	WALTER AYRE ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Umpire: JOSEPH CHATLEY.

Winesses: MRS. W. AYRE, MRS. BUTTERS,

MRS. HANCOCK (Argentine).

FORTY-THREE YEARS CHURCHWARDEN.

At Kimpton, Herts, on Thursday, Sept. 27th 120 Bob Doubles was rung, followed by the whole pull and stand 87 times: D. Luck 1, A. Gillings (conductor) 2, T. Cann 3, J. Wells 4, H. Fellows 5, G. Gatward 6; and on the Sunday following, for morning service, 240 Bob Doubles. The bells were half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Barker, who had served as churchwarden in the parish of Kimpton for 43 years under five successive Vicars, relinquishing office less than two years ago.

**DEDICATION OF A PEAL TABLET.****HERTFORD RINGERS' GATHERING AT  
KING'S LANGLEY.**

Although only a brief notice had been given of the unveiling of a tablet in King's Langley Church to commemorate the first peal rung upon the bells by the local company, and also the first peal by every member of the band, over thirty ringers from Tring, Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted, Watford and St. Albans, assembled on Saturday week to pay tribute to the perseverance of the King's Langley ringers in the accomplishment of their first peal on January 22nd, 1922.

The dedication was preceded by a short service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. P. Haythornthwaite, consisting of the Lord's Prayer and versicles, Cantate, lesson and Nunc Dimittis. He then unveiled the tablet written in black, with the following statement: 'In the Faith of Jesus Christ, and to the Glory of God, we unveil this tablet, and have placed it in the tower of the Parish Church, as a memorial of the zeal and devotion of those whose names are inscribed thereupon, and for the encouragement of efficiency in the service of God, through the ministry of bell ringing, whereby worshippers may be summoned to God's House of Prayer, and the hearts of the careless may be awakened to their duty to God.' After prayer and a hymn, the Vicar proceeded to the aisle, and gave a most homely and practical address from Col. iii. 23, 24, 'And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men: knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.' He commenced by saying that it was sometimes thought and sometimes openly stated that bell ringers did not take their work so seriously as other church workers. Whilst venturing the opinion as to the correctness of this idea, he wished them always to remember that there was a very definite standard of work in bell ringing. We are all called upon to use to the fullest extent any talents we have to the advancement of God's kingdom, and bell ringing is a service in which we can use our talents in the service of Christ. This tablet, for the unveiling of which they had assembled that day, was a permanent record to the fact that the King's Langley ringers do take their work in this right spirit. He welcomed the visiting members of the association, and asked them always to take this high view of what was their special way of honouring God. He then briefly touched upon the history of bells, remarking that from extreme antiquity they had been associated with the worship of God. In England, in the days when watches and clocks were unknown, the ringing of the church bells was the only way whereby the villagers could know the time of Divine worship — what a

privilege was this for the bell ringers of those days! Conditions are not so to-day; but nevertheless bell ringers have a very special and splendid part in the performance of public worship.

At the conclusion of the service, an invitation was extended to all to partake of tea in the adjoining hall at which the Vicar presided, supported by Dr. Fisher (churchwarden), Mr. G. W. Cartmel, hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association, Mr. R. S. Cooke, and others.

The Vicar, after giving a most hearty welcome to the assembled company, called upon Mr. R. S. Cooke (deputising for Mr. Walker, who, to the regret of all was detained at business) to give an account of the doings of the local band. This Mr. Cooke did most successfully, mentioning the valued efforts of Mr. G. N. Price, and others, and the first peal attempt on Dr. Fisher's wedding day; how Mr. Fisher had promised a peal board if the peal was successful. Although failure marked the first attempt Mr. Fisher generously allowed his offer to stand. As a token of the appreciation of Dr. Fisher's activities Mr. Cooke, on behalf of the band, presented him with a framed portrait of the team, the frame being made from a portion of the old bell frame.

Dr. Fisher thanked Mr. Cooke and his fellow ringers for their kind gift, and related many reminiscences of the peal and the history of the bells.

Mr. G. W. Cartmel, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Rev. J. P. Haythornthwaite, and the local company for their invitation to the service and to the tea. He reminded them that enthusiasm in ringing brought success; it was the man with the 'bee in his bonnet' who succeeded in ringing. He congratulated the local men on their past achievements, exhorting them to work together as a band, and not as individuals, emphasising the fact that in every band there were those who would advance more rapidly than others.

The ladies were also thanked for their efforts in connection with the tea.

The gathering, like all ringers' meetings, was most enjoyable — the happy fellowship demonstrating that ringing associations are a real brotherhood of men who offer their need of praise in the ringing of the church bells for Divine service, and in times of patronal joy.

The president of the association, at the last moment, owing to indifferent health, deemed it prudent not to be present, but was ably represented by his son, Mr. George Dobenhaim. G. W. C.

**KENSINGTON.**—On Sunday evening, Oct. 7th, for harvest festival, at St. Mary Abbots Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: W. E. Garrard 1, G. W. Frayne 2, H. Dyas 3, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 4, P. L. Miles 5, A. E. Bradley 6, W. E. Judd 7, A. V. Selby 8, H. G. Miles 9, P. J. Redknap 10.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The old peal of six bells at Hollingbourne, Kent, cast by Samuel Knight in 1723, have just been rehung in a strengthened frame, with modern fittings. The work has been done by Mr. A. Bowell to the complete satisfaction of the ringers who have tried them. A peal in seven Minor methods was rung on the bells on Saturday.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in Hampshire, and by the Winchester Guild was rung at Soberton, Hants, on Oct. 3rd, 1898, and by an unpremeditated coincidence the 25th anniversary was commemorated by a peal in the same method on the same bells on Saturday. Mr. George Williams conducted both.

On Oct. 4th and 5th, 1898, two other peals of Cambridge Surprise were rung—one at Privett and the other at Petersfield—by the same band. The peal at Privett was described by the late Rev. F. S. Robinson in his book, 'Among the bells,' as one of the most perfect ever rung, and it was the more noteworthy from the fact that when the bells were being lowered the 4th rope broke.

The Officers of the Worcestershire Association have rung a peal of Stedman Caters. The band was made up of the Master, the general secretary, two Central Council representatives, three Branch Masters, two branch secretaries, and a committeeman. Thus has been achieved a desire which has been expressed for many years.

Forty years ago next Tuesday a peal of 10,176 Grandsire Major was rung 'in hand' at Birmingham.

Oct. 16th is the anniversary of a peal of 6,030 Grandsire Caters rung at Wakefield.

A peal of Bob Maximus at Southwark (the first by the London County Association) celebrated the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dawe, who were married at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Oct. 7th, 1893, when a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung by the College Youths, of which Mr. Dawe was then Master. He was at the time thought to be the first Master of the Society married during his term of office.

It will be noticed that Mr. James George has again 'turned in' the weighty tenor, and he is within a few weeks of his 70th birthday!

In our obituary notice of the late Mr. Wesley, of Nottingham, it was stated that deceased had not rung an 'inside' bell in Double Norwich and the higher methods, but it now appears that he rang three or four peals of Double Norwich 'inside.' The error arose owing to his peal records being incomplete, and this correction is made in order that there may be no injustice done to an old and valued member of the Exercise.

Sussex week commences to-morrow (Saturday), 13th, at St. Peter's, Brighton, at 3 o'clock. There will be a social for members of the C.A. and friends at 7.30 p.m. at the King and Queen Marlborough Place—private room—which will be the visitors' headquarters for the eight days.

Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal, died just a century ago. The inscription on his tombstone is now indecipherable. It is proposed to ring a commemoration peal for him before the year 1923 closes.

The 'Windsor Youths' rang a peal at Denham over a century ago—the present day Youths rang two hours at Warfield for a peal in the same method—Grandsire—last Thursday week.

An interesting peal was rung at Bristol on Saturday, when eight employees of the Great Western Railway Co. 'got home' with a peal of Stedman Triples.

The death occurred on Sept. 30th of Mr. Arthur Edwards, of Boreham, Essex, Master of the South-East District of the Essex Association, a valued officer, and enthusiastic ringer.

The figures of the new method, Rochester Surprise, rung at Leiston last Saturday, will be given next week.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### FYLDE BRANCH STAGNATION.

A meeting of the Fylde Branch was held at Lytham Parish Church on Saturday week, and was rather better attended than usual. Touches in the four standard methods were rung, a novel feature in this branch being a touch of Stedman Triples 'drummed' by a lady ringer from St. John's, Lytham. Previous to ringing, the Vicar had a chat with a few ringers present, and hoped that the next time the branch held a meeting at the Parish Church the ringers would be provided with tea.

At the business meeting the secretary read the annual report of the branch, showing that only nineteen members had paid their subscriptions, against thirty-one the year before. No new members had been elected during the year, against ten in the previous year. Ten meetings had been held, and an average attendance of twelve showed an average increase of two.

The appointment of secretary showed there was no competition for the post, and the retiring secretary was asked to continue with the duties for another twelve months. He was thanked for doing so much spadework during the past two years.

A presentation was made to Mr. J. Tipping, of Lytham, as a practical expression of the sympathy of the members in his affliction in having a foot amputated.

The next meeting will be held at Poulton in November.



# The Norfolk Guild of Ringers for the Diocese of Norwich.

## NORWICH ASSOCIATION'S NEW TITLE.

The last meeting of the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, under its old title, was held at the Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, Norwich, on Thursday, Oct. 4th. Earlier in the day a committee meeting was held at the Deanery, the President (the Dean of Norwich) presiding. Supporting him were the following members of the committee: The Rev. W. C. Reason, Messrs. G. P. Burton, C. E. Borrett, F. R. Borrett, W. L. Duffield, G. Hawes, F. Knights, C. S. Tuthill, and the general secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman).

Divine service was held at 12.30 p.m. in the choir of Norwich Cathedral, conducted by the Dean, when Canon F. J. Meyrick, Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft gave a sublime address on Jean Francois Millet's great religious picture, 'The Angelus,' and on the voice of the Angelus bell calling us into the divine presence of God.

Luncheon was subsequently served at the Criterion Restaurant. The president was in the chair, and he was supported by the members present at the committee meeting in the morning, and the Rev. R. Copeman (hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association), the Rev. R. Bukstrode (Vicar of St. John's, Lowestoft) Mr. D. O. Holme, Mr. S. R. Roper, of Croydon, and 36 representatives from Norfolk and Suffolk.

The President, in eloquent terms, proposed the toast of 'The King,' which was loyally honoured.

Mr. G. P. Burton submitting the toast of 'The Bishop and Clergy,' said he was sure they felt satisfied in having the Bishop of the Diocese as their patron, while in the Dean of Norwich they had an admirable president.—The Rev. R. Bukstrode suitably replied.

The toast of 'The Association' was submitted by the Rev. R. Copeman, who heartily hoped it would have a long life, and that the pearl record would still be kept up, even if the area of the association was curtailed.—In reply, the President welcomed those present, and said although the association's area was to be curtailed in territorial activities, yet it was never more thoroughly alive than it was to-day. He added that the general secretary had received letters of apology from the following members who were unable to be present: The Bishop of Thetford, the Archdeacon of Norfolk, the Archdeacon of Norwich, Canon F. J. Meyrick, the Rev. A. G. Blyth, Messrs. Denison Hayward, E. E. Diaper, F. O. Lambert, R. J. Goate, G. E. Symonds and J. A. Godfrey.

### A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (general secretary) read the report for the past twelve months, which stated that the position of the association might fairly be regarded as a subject for congratulation. A powerful clerical influence in Suffolk had operated somewhat strongly during the present year which would have the effect of diminishing the number of annual subscribing members. So far, with the exception of two, all their Suffolk clerical honorary members had resigned, but there appeared to be a general desire on the part of their Suffolk ringing members to retain their connection in some form or other with the old association. That particular matter had been carefully considered by the committee, and would be placed before the meeting for the decision of the members. During the past twelve months, 75 new members had been elected (hear, hear), but they had to record the loss of six by death, and 46 by resignation. The lapsed membership was an unknown number until the revision of the register of membership, but they had a margin of 23 to leave the total number at 970 members, as last year. They had to express the deep regret of the association in the loss sustained by the death of the late Mr. James Motts, of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich on January 21st last. He was not only an outstanding figure in their own association, but to the whole Exercise. To him was due in no small measure the high prestige the association gained by his glorious self-sacrificing efforts to bring change ringing to its highest pitch of perfection. He was an original member of the association and had taken part in 559 association peals. The memory of such an accomplished brother ringer would long remain cherished by all members of the association. They also regretted the death of another Suffolk pioneer, the late Mr. William Grimes, of Debenham; the Rev. Canon J. Gurnea Hoare, and Messrs. Geo. Blowers, William Havers and Frederick Housego.

Mr. Coleman then presented the financial statement, which showed an expenditure of £286 9s. 9d. The estimated receipts (including available outstanding subscriptions) were £276 9s. 9d., leaving a deficit of £10.

On the motion of Mr. F. R. Willby, seconded by Mr. C. E. Borrett, the report and financial statement were adopted.

On the motion moved by Mr. C. S. Tuthill seconded by Mr. A. L. Coleman the officers were re-appointed en bloc, viz., the President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich; the general secretary and

treasurer, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman; the hon. auditor, Mr. G. P. Burton.

Mr. A. L. Coleman moved, and Mr. Edgar Hunt seconded, the election of Mr. Herbert Mason, as district secretary for Thetford.

Messrs. Charles E. Borrett, G. P. Burton and Arthur L. Coleman were elected representatives on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Two life members (non-resident), three honorary members, and fourteen performing members were elected as follows:—Thomas Wilfred Taffender and W. J. Rogers, life members (non-resident); Arthur Blaxcell, performing member; new members; Rev. C. Hugh Hanning, Rev. F. G. Mitchell and Miss Bertha Tuthill (honorary), Edward Etheridge, Arthur C. Blackburn, Donald E. Saunders, Sydney J. Downes, Cecil H. Downes, Percy W. Goldsmith, Reginald R. Goldsmith, William Walpole, Baden Barber, Redford Knights, Herbert Young, and Miss Jessie Cooke (performing).

### THE CHANGE OF TITLE.

The President next rose to speak on the 'thorny question' of the change of title. Some change, he declared, was necessary for the last four or five years, since the formation of the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, the matter had been in debate. The association had to face altered conditions. He was not responsible for the decision taken with regard to the name at Pulham last June, and wished to disassociate himself from it. It was decided there that the title should be the Norfolk and Suffolk Association. It seemed to him they were arrogating to themselves what was unjust. They were not in a position to call themselves by that title. At the committee meeting held that morning it was decided by a bare majority that the title to be recommended for adoption should be 'The Norfolk Guild of Ringers, for the Diocese of Norwich.' It was felt that it would then be a very easy matter to add the word Suffolk if those who were strayed and lost were to come back.

Mr. G. P. Burton said they had got to be careful, for they had the eyes of all the ringers in England on them. It was thought that they were too big and too arrogant. He supported the proposition that they should fall back on a more modest title.

Mr. C. E. Borrett doubted the wisdom of the present step. His one single thought in the controversy had been to do the best for the ringers themselves in both counties. Any idea of arrogance on the part of Norfolk was an entirely mistaken one.

Mr. A. L. Coleman said the title recommended for adoption by the committee would greatly ease the present complications, and make it possible for Suffolk members to become non-resident life members.

Mr. F. R. Borrett proposed, and Mr. R. N. Copeman seconded, that the title be 'The Norfolk and Suffolk Association.'

Mr. G. P. Burton proposed, and Mr. W. L. Duffield seconded, that the title be 'The Norfolk Guild of Ringers for the Diocese of Norwich.'

The President, on putting the motions before the meeting, declared the new title, 'The Norfolk Guild of Ringers for the Diocese of Norwich,' agreed to by 18 votes to 7.

A motion was moved by Mr. B. S. Thompson, and seconded by Mr. G. P. Burton, 'That Suffolk members who, having paid their annual subscriptions for 1923, pay an additional subscription of 2s. for 1924: small become, ipso facto, life members (non-resident), but such members shall not be entitled to a copy of the annual Report of the Guild except on paying a fee of one shilling.'—The motion on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

The Rev. W. C. Pearson proposed a vote of thanks to Canon F. J. Meyrick for his address at the Cathedral and also for the use of the ring of twelve bells of St. Peter Mancroft; also to the Vicar of St. John de Sepulchre and the Rector of St. Michael Coslany for the use of their bells.

Mr. D. O. Holme proposed, and Mr. C. E. Borrett seconded, a vote of thanks to the Dean of Norwich for presiding over the meeting; and at the close of the meeting Mr. Arthur L. Coleman was heartily thanked for his great services as general secretary and treasurer.

The meeting then closed, and ringing was resumed at the various bellries. Touches of Steadman Triples, Caters and Cinques Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Royal, Treble Bob Major and Royal and Plain Bob Major were rung during the day. With visitors and late comers the total number present at the annual meeting was between 50 and 60.

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## THE YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER.

(Continued from page 635.)

## A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

In proposing the toast of 'The Bell Founders,' the Rev. C. C. Marshall gave an interesting survey of the history of the ancient craft of bell founding from the time of John of York down to the present-day renowned firms of Messrs. Meares and Stainbank, Taylor and Co., and Gillett and Johnston, representatives of each of which were present. He dwelt upon the high level of workmanship which had always been attained and maintained, and laid particular stress on the honour and esteem in which the craft had always been held both by those engaged in it, and by those who use the bells. He humorously referred to the only instance he knew of a dishonourable bell founder, quoting the old legend, which, however, was now to many present, of the founder who having received silver to be mixed with his molten metal in order to sweeten the tone of a certain bell, kept the silver, replacing it by tin. When the day came for the ringing of the bell, in spite of every effort scarcely any sound could be produced, and in desperation, seizing the rope, the founder endeavoured to bring forth sound himself. As it happened, under the strain of his energy, the clapper fell out on to his head and killed him (laughter). After referring to the many beautiful peals at the disposal of the Yorkshire Association, he said that he failed to see where much improvement could be made in the actual making of the bells, but he did think something could be done in the direction of reducing the volume of sound in the immediate vicinity of a tower, suggesting that if in future towers no openings were made below the level of the bells, possibly this feature would be remedied to the benefit of all concerned, and that in this way complaints might be minimised.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. Johnston and Mr. Pryce Taylor responded to this toast the last named remarking that he once had the pleasure of meeting Mr. C. H. Hattersley, who proceeded to enlighten him on ringing matters and tell him various tales, but he was afraid he was too much taken up in admiring Mr. Hattersley's silk hat and listening to his racy anecdotes to gain the full benefit of the instruction, being then at a very early stage in his teens (loud laughter).

## 'FRIENDS IN A GOOD CAUSE.'

Mr. S. F. Palmer (hon. secretary of the Sheffield Committee) proposed 'The Visitors,' and remarked that it gave the committee and himself the greatest pleasure in seeing such a large gathering. On behalf of that committee, he offered them the heartiest of welcomes to the City of Sheffield, and to that gathering in particular. They were proud of the large number that had responded to the invitation, and sincerely trusted that all would carry away many pleasant recollections of their visit. As they knew, the first dinner was inaugurated at Leeds in September of last year when there were 117 present, and he was pleased to say that they have just topped that number with a total of 120 diners that night. As they were also aware, the next dinner was to take place at York and he would just like to give a word of encouragement to their York friends present, to go one better and beat the record. On looking round the room he observed that the majority did not, strictly speaking, come within the category of 'visitors,' for most of them were members of the parent society, the Yorkshire Association. When members of one association frequently met in various places and with one object in mind—the furtherance of their noble art, and the good fellowship associated with it—they could not be strictly called visitors, but friends in a good cause; therefore, the toast did not apply to everyone there that night. In addition to the numerous friends, however, they had a fair number of real visitors who had honoured them with their presence, gentlemen, who, although not actual participants in the art of change ringing, were sympathetic and interested in them as bell ringers, and in their work for the Church. First and foremost they had the honour of receiving for the first time their noble chairman the Archdeacon of Sheffield. He had only been with them in Sheffield for a few months, but he (the speaker) wanted them all to know that before the Archdeacon preached his first sermon and before he conducted his first service, he ascended the tower and made the acquaintance of his ringers (cheers). Since then he had still found time to pay them an occasional visit, and to bring other clergymen with him (applause).

In replying to the toast Mr. J. F. Pearce, one of the wardens of the Cathedral, spoke feelingly of the good relationship which existed between the Church authorities and the ringers of the Cathedral, and said how pleased he was to have the honour of being amongst such a distinguished gathering.

Mr. C. Harrison briefly proposed the vote of thanks to the chairman, and expressed the hope that the impressions he would have gained by that gathering, would be similar to the Bishop's, who said at a recent meeting that 'the fraternity which existed

among ringers was a wonderful thing, and he always felt a distinct happiness whenever he was fortunate enough to be with them.'

The Archdeacon briefly responded, and trusted he would have the pleasure of coming amongst them more as time went on.

The company were much indebted to the following ladies and gentlemen who rendered very acceptable vocal items during the course of the evening, which did much to enhance the enjoyment of the proceedings: Miss K. Jackson, Miss E. Hague, Mr. R. Dixon and Mr. H. Crookes. With the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' a memorable evening was brought to a close, and if the comments of the visitors may be taken as a criterion, Sheffield may pride itself on having scored a noteworthy success in her first venture at housing such an important gathering.

At the close the company parted, some to midnight trains and long journeys, others to their homes, permanent or temporary in Sheffield, a fair proportion of visitors electing to stay overnight and participate in ringing here on the Sunday morning.

The toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies' having been cordially honoured.

Mr. Albert Walker, who first replied, said he was proud to stand there as Ringing Master of St. Martin's, Birmingham, and to follow such eminent men as his predecessors had been. These were very difficult men to follow, for they set a very high standard of ringing, not only in Birmingham, but throughout the country. The foundations of composition and conducting were due to these giants of the past. Continuing, he said he had listened to the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Southwark last year by the College Youths, and in his opinion it was a remarkable record, as it was impossible to ignore the weight of metal handled.

Mr. J. Rowbottom said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to represent the College Youths at that gathering, and he heartily thanked Mr. P. J. Johnson for his very kind references to his society. He did not think that the present generation of London ringers personally knew Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and he (Mr. Rowbottom) was probably the only man in London who had such an intimate association with him, having rung two peals with Mr. Snowdon many years ago. He spoke in the warmest terms of his own personal association with the late Mr. Chas. Henry Hattersley, whom he said he had to thank both for his early instruction in his own business and also his knowledge of ringing. He also referred to the fact that the preceding Saturday was the birthday of Mr. Mat. Wood, of London—an occasion worth mentioning at such a gathering. The College Youths sent their warmest wishes for the success of that function.

The course of Stedman Cinques rung 'in hand' at the dinner was not the first in Sheffield, as mentioned in our last issue, and in this connection the following old records are interesting:—

On February 11th, 1839, at Sheffield, a new peal of handbells (No. 19, tenor C) was opened with a course of Stedman Cinques by the following Sheffield youths: 1—2, J. Sandford, aged 16; 3—4, J. Taylor, aged 17; 5—6, J. Lomas, aged 16; 7—8, T. Whaley, aged 19; 9—10, C. Andrews, aged 16; 11—12, W. Booth, aged 18.

Also on May 21st, 1811, the following Sheffield Independent St. Peter's Youths rang a course of Grandsire Cinques and a course of Stedman Cinques on the top of Staveley Church tower to celebrate the coming-of-age of the 5th Duke of Devonshire: 1—2, Williams Hudson; 3—4, William Booth; 5—6, William Rowin; 7—8, John Woodhead; 9—10, Henry Grayson; 11—12, George Hudson.

Among the distinguished ringers at the dinner was Mr. George Bolland, of Tong, the senior vice-president of the Yorkshire Association, who often rang peals with the late Jasper Snowdon and C. H. Hattersley.

## THE RECORD PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE.

## DEDICATION OF PEAL TABLET AT STONEY STANTON.

On Saturday week the peal tablet erected in Stoney Stanton Church to commemorate the long length of Cambridge Major was dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. A. E. D. Disney), in the presence of a large number of ringers and friends. The tablet consists of a centre panel of old mahogany, surrounded by a frame of oak surmounted by an oak cornice, highly French polished with letters of gold, the tablet is a beautiful piece of work. It was designed and made by Mr. Wm. Clarke, a ringer at St. Saviour's Leicester, who is to be congratulated on the result.

After the ceremony a farewell peal was rung for the Rector, who is retiring through ill-health, after 38 years in the parish.

It is interesting to record that he is the third Rector of Stoney Stanton in 100 years.

The event coincided with the birthday of Mr. Harry Briggs, 'father' of the Stoney Stanton ringers, who has been a ringer at the church for the long period of 57 years.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Thursday, Oct. 5th, at St. Andrew's Church, for the harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Meadows 1, Miss A. Fisher 2, Miss B. Mills 4, H. Prior 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. The ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th hail from Aldershot.



## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**STOURBRIDGE.**—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, at St. Thomas' Church, for the dedication festival 672 Grandsire Triples, for evening service, by members of the local band: E. Turner 1, G. H. Pagett 2, H. Amphlett 3, G. J. Skelding 4, B. Dunn 5, C. W. Cooper 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, G. Grazier 8. This is the longest touch in the method for ringers of treble and third.

**MARTOCK.**—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, at the Parish Church, for harvest festival, evensong a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: W. Port 1, W. Gould 2, F. Strickland 3, F. Farrant (conductor) 4, T. Gale 5, W. Strickland 6, F. Sweet 7, A. Alexander 8.

**BUSHBY, HERTS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), from Carter's Odd Bob, in 41 mins.: W. G. Whitehead 1, M. F. R. Ribbert (conductor) 2, P. Parslow 3, W. Ibbott (first quarter-peal of Stedman, and hails from St. Neots) 4, W. E. Oakley 5, W. Seeley 6, F. A. Smith 7, W. G. Simons (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung after harvest festival evensong.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On Sunday morning, Oct. 7th, for Divine service, at SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Livermore 1, Fred A. Mitchell 2, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 3, J. Burles 4, H. Argent 5, G. Morrad 6. First 720 in the method, and at the first attempt by A. Livermore and Fred A. Mitchell.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for harvest festival, evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Read 1, A. J. Green 2, F. Case 3, L. Smith 4, D. Chexfield 5, G. Cooper 6, T. Roberts (longest length as conductor) 7, G. Green (longest length of Triples) 8.

**SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich: W. Warne 1, B. W. Pettett (S. Heddingham) 2, F. Claydon 3, J. Fleuty 4, W. Arnold 6, F. Ridgwell 5, J. French (conductor) 7, W. Sillito 8.

**HERTFORD.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday Oct. 7th for harvest festival, evensong service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. Greenaway (first in the method) 1, D. Dye 2, G. Gray 3, R. Dore 4, J. Ladley 5, A. Wright 6, Col. H. Baker (conductor) 7, A. E. Akers 8.

**HEAVITREE, DEVON.**—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 50 mins.: T. Townsend 1, W. S. Lethbridge (conductor) 2, R. Hedditch 3, T. Laver 4, J. R. Sandover 5, C. Glass 6, A. Mitchell 7, F. Rogers 8.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: — Chandler 1, C. Lovell 2, E. Keel 3, Miss G. Manning 4, H. J. Goodenough (conductor) 5, A. S. Medd 6, J. G. Bennett 7, E. Garrett 8. First quarter by the ringers of the 3rd and treble.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins.: S. Hoare 1, J. A. Howard 2, E. Jones 3, W. Norris 4, R. W. R. Picton 5, F. Edwards 6, W. E. Oakley (conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8.

**SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.**—On Oct. 7th, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest, thanksgiving service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Butler 1, C. Gollop 2, H. Payne 3, F. Mursell 4, R. Brown (conductor) 5, H. Reeves 6, J. W. Faithfull 7, R. Curtis 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples: J. W. Faithfull 1, C. Gollop 2, P. W. Cave (conductor) 3, F. Mursell 4, H. Payne 5, H. Reeves 6, R. Brown 7, R. Curtis (longest length) 8.

**TUNSTALL, KENT.**—On Sunday Oct. 7th, for Divine service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. H. Spice 1, G. Kenward 2, W. H. R. Wilkins 3, W. E. Spice 4, T. Jull 5, J. W. Unwin 6, W. Spice (conductor) 7, Fredk. A. H. Wilkins 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples and 224 Kent Treble Bob. Major the following ringers taking part: F. A. H. Wilkins, W. H. R. Wilkins, J. Webb, Miss M. Harris, E. H. Spice, G. H. Spice, W. E. Spice, W. Spice, senr., G. Kenward, T. Jull, J. W. Unwin, H. Lamkin, W. Duffin.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for evensong, at St. Nicholas' Church, Deptford S.E., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 39 mins.: F. W. Chapman 1, E. J. Trimmer 2, G. H. Daynes 3, R. D. Marshall (conductor) 4, C. H. Chapman 5, W. H. Daynes 6, C. H. Kippin, junr., 7, W. Glover 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, after harvest festival, evensong, at the Church of St. George-in-the-East, Shadwell, E., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 55 mins.: W. Glover 1, R. D. Marshall 2, J. R. Warneken 3, E. J. Trimmer 4, F. W. Chapman 5, C. H. Chapman 6, C. H. Kippin, junr. (conductor), 7, S. Degerland 8.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, for evening service, at harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 52 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, E. Coombes 3, J. Davies (late of Luton) 4, E. Hunt 5, W. Richards 6, W. Heath 7, S. Dawe 8, W. Bellor (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

**CHEDISTON, SURFOLK.**—On Sunday, Sept. 9th for afternoon service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor (26 singles): L. Hammond 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, F. Peck 3, W. Kerrison 4, T. Crane 5, H. Pratt 6.

## THE BELLS OF HASLEMERE.

## A NEW PEAL OF EIGHT.

Surrey has gained a delightful little peal of eight by the recasting of the bells of Haslemere. This little town situated among the fir-clad hills, not far from the Hampshire border, has a church very picturesquely situated. In the squat tower there was formerly a ring of six, cast in 1882, which were afterwards augmented to eight. Previously there had been a peal of five cast by Richard Phelps in 1710, four of them, however, having been subsequently recast at various dates.

The new peal owes its inception to Major J. H. B. Hesse, who resides at Haslemere, and whose great-uncle, the Rev. James Legrew Hesse, was formerly Rector of Haslemere for thirty-six years. Major Hesse's enthusiasm for good bells led him to move actively in raising funds for a finer peal than his parish church possessed, and the new peal, the product of the Loughborough Foundry, is the outcome. The weight of the bells has been increased; they have been tuned on the five-toned principle, and hung in two tiers, with such delicacy of adjustment that they can be rung with the proverbial 'piece of cotton.'

The dedication service took place on Wednesday of last week, when, despite a drenching downpour of rain, there was a large congregation to witness the ceremony performed by the Rector (the Rev. W. Wragge). The other clergy present were the Rev. Canon F. G. Coleridge (President of the Central Council), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. E. J. Newill (Rural Dean of Godalming), and the Rev. G. C. B. D'Arcy (Haslemere). Ringers were present, in addition to the local band, from Guildford, Godalming, Portsmouth, North Stoneham, Woking and Swindon, including Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild), and Mr. J. H. Shepherd. Mr. Pryce Taylor represented the founders.

The service was short, and after the dedicatory prayers, the following local men rang the opening rounds: J. H. B. Hesse 1, T. Mack 2, W. Millard 3, F. White 4, W. Eldridge 5, J. Goodchild 6, F. Bowden 7, R. Hayes 8.

Canon Coleridge preached the sermon, his text being taken from Psalm xl 3, 'He hath put a new song in my mouth,' and from these words and the context—'He brought me up out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock and established my goings, and He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God'—he gave an eloquent as well as an instructive and impressive address, showing how closely the casting and setting up of a peal of bells followed the Psalmist's words and applying the lessons of the bells to the conduct of Christian life.

At the conclusion of the service, a touch of 504 Stedman Triples was rung by J. H. B. Hesse 1, G. Williams 2, Canon Coleridge 3, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 4, J. S. Goldsmith 5, G. Steere 6, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 7, W. R. Melville 8. Subsequently touches of Grandsire, Double Norwich, Treble Bob Superlative and Cambridge Surprise were rung, and the beauty of the bells was much admired.

Major and Mrs. Hesse very kindly entertained the local and visiting ringers to tea at their beautiful home, 'The Lodge.'

It is interesting to note that it was at Haslemere that Alfred Tennyson lived. It was in the Parish Church that he worshipped, and Haslemere bells of old probably prompted some of those beautiful lines which are familiar to all lovers of poetry.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have recast and rehung the old peal of eight bells, to which 7 cwt. of new metal has been added thus increasing the weight of the whole peal, the new tenor being 13 cwt. 6 lb. in 'F' sharp.

The old inscriptions have been reproduced on the treble, second and tenor bells:

Treble.—'Ring out the darkness of the land' with the initials 'E.C.' (this bell originally was the gift of Mrs. Collingwood, of Haslemere).

Second.—'Ring in the Christ that is to be' with the initials 'E' and 'G.A.H.' (this bell was the gift originally of the late Rector and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Aitken).

The other bells have the date and founder's name only.

The Tenor.—'Peace and good neighbourhood' with the present Rector's name and his churchwardens, and underneath a crest with the motto, 'Solo Deo Salus.'

In this bell there are a few pounds of metal that came off with the canons from the ninth bell at Wrington, also off the tenor bell at Rowberrow, in Somerset, two places that the Hesse family have been closely connected with.

The bells are in two tiers, 1, 2, 3 up, in a side frame, the rest below in an 'H' frame. The whole peal are now about 9 feet lower in the tower than originally; 1, 4, 5, 8, swinging east and west, 2, 3, 6, 7, north and south. They are mounted on steel girders running north, south, east and west, so as to bind all walls together, and each bell pit is very efficiently cross-braced. All the bells are mounted on ball bearings, as are also the rollers, and all are fitted with grease cups. In addition grease cups are fitted to the crown staple pins of the clappers.

The whole job is carried out on efficient engineering lines, and gives



thorough satisfaction to those concerned. The bells themselves are in perfect tune on the five-tone principle, and are much admired by all, the tone being very full for their weight. Much more could be said on this point, but the bells are in the tower to speak for themselves.

### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. IN THE DERBYSHIRE PEAK.

Bakewell, a very ancient town in North Derbyshire, is beautifully situated on the west bank of the River Wye, and an ideal place for the tourist. The parish church is peculiar in shape, being one of the very few that possess an octagonal tower. The nave is of Saxon architecture, but some of the other parts are of later date. The whole having been restored about 1846. A ring of eight bells by Mears and Stainbank hang in the tower, and make merry music, especially to the ear of ringers. Here on Saturday, Sept. 29th, the Midland Counties Association held the second quarterly meeting of the year. Ringers came from Derby, Leicester, Loughborough, Burton, Chesterfield, Bolsover, while among the visitors was espied 'the Fat Chap' of Manchester, with quite a contingent, chief among whom was friend Washbrook, with Councillor Amos Trippier (to give the party tone!).

In all about thirty-five turned up, and made the meeting a success. Methods from Grandsire to London Surprise were rung during the afternoon and evening, and as on this occasion the usual official tea was dispensed with, every one had his or her fill, nor went any away disappointed for want of a pull.

The business meetings—committee and general—were held in the Church Institute and were of an informal character. A grant of £5 was made to St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester bell fund, the ring of eight being at the moment at the Loughborough foundry, for rehanging in iron frame, while a grant to Castle Donington was held in abeyance.

Eight ringing and ten honorary members were duly elected, among them being the Vicar of Bakewell, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed for the use of the bells.

A similar vote to the president (Ald. R. B. Chambers) for his presence, was carried, on the proposition of the hon. secretary (Mr. A. C. Wright), seconded by Mr. Pryce Taylor.

When ringing ceased many found their way to the many 'dispensaries,' where in these modern days provision is made for man and motor to talk over old times as compared with the new, and a suggestion was made that may bear fruit in the near future, that it would be a good thing at the annual meetings to substitute a dinner for the tea, thus giving a much greater opportunity for ringing, and for social intercourse. We shall see! W. W.

### NOTICES.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Somersham on October 20th. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Boys' Room at 5, followed by business meeting. Tea 6d., other expenses 3d. Please reply by October 16th to the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Old Bolingbroke on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea immediately afterwards. Usual business meeting after tea. Will those who intend to be present let me know without fail by first post Wednesday, the 17th?—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, Boston.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual Festival will be held at Darlington on Saturday, October 27th. Committee meeting at the King's Head Hotel at noon. Dinner at the same place at 2 p.m. (2/- to members, 3/6 to non-members) for those who notify me by Tuesday, October 23rd. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 1 o'clock. The bells of Darlington are available for ringing.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**GLADWICK, LANC.**—On Tuesday, Sept. 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), at St. Mark's Church, Gladwick Oldham, in 50 mins., as a birthday compliment to James Knight: James Knight 1, F. Crossland 2, A. Fielding 3, A. Clegg (conductor) 4, S. Stott 5, J. T. Clegg 6, E. B. Shaw 7, J. Kirk (first attempt) 8.

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**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. Tickets, 8s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. Howell, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young.

**LINCOLN 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.

**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.—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. The bells will be available for ringing at 5.30 p.m.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., The Precincts, Canterbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be at Higher Walton on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at about 1/6 per head for all who notify me not later than Tuesday, October 9th.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

**MACCLESFIELD PARISH CHURCH.**—On Saturday, October 13th, the new peal of 12 bells (tenor 26 cwt.), by J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, will be open to all ringers. A hearty invitation is given to all.—J. Norbury, 37, Church Side, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, October 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the New Hall at five o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service with an address by the Rector at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the New Hall, Knebworth Park, at 1/3 each, followed by meeting. All ringers heartily welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dist. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Crosby on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready at 4, meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Mortonhamstead on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. All those requiring tea please notify me by October 9th.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church St., Paignton.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wath-on-Deane, Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready early. Short service. Tea afterwards, moderate price. The Vicar and local company offer a hearty welcome to all ringers.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (5) at 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. A good attendance is requested to welcome the new Vicar.—T. Tebbutt, District Sec., 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. All visitors the guests of the Vicar, the Rev. C. A. W. Aylen. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for October.—\*St. Clement Danes, Monday, 15th, 6.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Monday, 29th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 22nd, 7.30. \*Quarterly business meeting to follow at headquarters, 8.15 p.m. Large attendance requested.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Tunstall, where two new trebles have recently been added, on Saturday, October 20th. Tower open at 3. Ringers' Association service at 5, conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. H. Greene), followed by tea and business meeting in the Village Hall. Will all ringers intending being present kindly note this is a country village, and tea will only be provided for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, October 17th? Meat tea 3d. per head, members; 1/6 non-members.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on October 20th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 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.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Braintree, Saturday, Oct. 20th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Service at 4.30 p.m. After which tea will be provided by the Master of the Essex Association to which all ringers are cordially invited. As this is the meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year, together with other business, it is hoped all ringers will make an effort to be present. Those intending to do so are requested to send notice to W. H. Dyson, Dist. Master, High Street, Braintree, not later than October 18th.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, October 20th. The bells at St. Martin's (10) and Christ Church (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Service at Christ Church at 5. Tea and meeting to follow, at the Church Room, West Hill. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, October 17th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 20th, at All Saints, Isleworth. Ringing from 3.30 p.m., and tea at the 'London Apprentice' at 5.30 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, London, W.5.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (8, tenor 11 cwt.) available from 3. Service at 5. Address by the Vicar of Dore (the Rev. W. R. Gibson). Tea can be arranged if not less than 20 send in their names to Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, 'Kilmar,' Leyfield Road, Dore, by Tuesday, 16th. Tea and meeting in Schoolroom at 5.45 p.m. Motor buses leave Ecclesall tram terminus every half-hour direct to church. Fare 6d. Trains leave Sheffield (L.M.S.) at 2.10, 2.22, 3.8 and 3.52 p.m. Fare 7d. As considerable difficulty has had to be overcome to obtain the use of these bells, I hope all who possibly can will try and help to make the meeting a success.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**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.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—A meeting will be held at Bushey on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Institute. The tower at Oxhey will be open in the evening. All cordially invited.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. —Quarterly meeting at Thirsk on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (8) of the Parish Church available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30, business meeting following. Will all who require tea not fail to notify the Secretary by Wednesday, October 17th. All ringers welcome. —A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A practice meeting will be held at Stapleford on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (six) available afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.** — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Important business will be discussed, and members are asked to make a special effort to be present. Those requiring tea are requested to send word to Mr. F. E. Pervin, 5, Cross Street, Coventry, not later than Thursday, the 18th. Tram No. 7 from Coventry Station will convey members to the church.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woodford, on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. —W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—A meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, October 20th (bells 8), commencing at 3 o'clock. —J. Saddington, Dist. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Arrangements for tea will be announced next week.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

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