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### THAT MUCH-NEEDED REGISTER.

Another instance has occurred of an old method being rung as a new one. A fortnight ago we published the report of a peal of Rochester Surprise rung by the enterprising Leiston band, and last week we gave the figures of the method. Now, it appears, the method is none other than Lancashire Surprise, first published in 1907, reprinted in our columns in July, 1921, and subsequently published as Leek Surprise. The latter name was, of course, withdrawn when the prior claim to authorship was put forward, and 'Rochester' will, we are sure, be similarly surrendered under the circumstances. That the method should have been thrice independently produced does not detract from the skill of the separate composers, but the credit goes to the first in the field, and Mr. Arthur Craven has the right of authorship.

The point which we want to make, however, is that such a position of affairs ought to be avoidable. It may be said that it is an author's duty to investigate, before he puts forward a method or a composition as his own, to see if his production is original or a copy of something already in existence. To some extent this is true, but the difficulty that confronts an author is that the material through which he should search is so widely scattered that effective investigation is a practical impossibility. Just as we want a reference file of compositions, so is it necessary to have a complete register of all existing methods in order that authors could have at their hand a ready means of ascertaining what has, and what has not, been produced. In the case of the compositions the work of arranging and indexing them will be a very considerable task, for there are in all methods many thousands, and a good deal of work in wading through the last fifty years of ringing publications for figures by bygone composers would be necessary to make the file of the real value that it ought to be. At the same time there is a growing need for the work to be undertaken, and the longer it is delayed the more formidable will be the task when it is attempted.

With methods the work involved would be nothing like so arduous. Methods are not only much fewer in number, but we already have a fairly comprehensive collection of Minor methods and a big collection of plain Major methods in existence. What is required is to get together the figures of Minor and Major methods outside these two groups, and to add all the known Treble Bob and Surprise methods on eight bells, and the more restricted variety of methods on the higher numbers. This is a task to which the Central Council could set their hands without delay, and we hope to see them put it in hand at their next meeting, making it a proviso that in future all new methods must be registered with the Council before any right to authorship can be established in the event of a rival claim.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;**

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
EDWIN HORREX ... .. 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. 8
HENRY R. NEWTON ... .. 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. 9
HARRY MILES ... .. 4	HENRY G. MILES ... .. 10
GEORGE N. PRICE ... .. 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... .. 11
WILLIAM E. JUDD ... .. 6	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCE.

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung as a wedding compliment to R. F. Deal, whose wife sat in the tower as umpire.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

KENSINGTON.

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

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOT,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD ... .. Treble	ALBERT V. SELBY ... .. 6
ARTHUR CUTMORE ... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
HARRY DYAS ... .. 3	HENRY G. MILES ... .. 8
GEORGE W. FRAYNE ... .. 4	WILLIAM E. JUDD ... .. 9
PERCY E. CLARKE ... .. 5	GEORGE M. MACKMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PISTOW. Conducted by H. G. MILES.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES MEE ... .. Treble	† GEORGE LILLEY ... .. 6
* JAMES CHINERY ... .. 2	* T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 7
* ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 3	EDGAR RIVERS ... .. 8
† FRANK J. LEVITT ... .. 4	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... .. 9
ARTHUR E. MOORE ... .. 5	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

First peal of Royal on tower bells by the Suffolk Guild. \* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal on tower bells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 6
EDGAR GUISE ... .. 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 7
EDWIN J. BROWN ... .. 3	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 8
RICHARD CLARK ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... .. 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 5	JAMES R. JONES ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late G. NEWSON. Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

This composition has the 5th and 6th exclusively in second's place and behind the 9th. Arranged for A. E. Pegler (Bangor).

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5050 CHANGES,**

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JESSE GILLET ... .. Treble	HERBERT BECKETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM HARRIS ... .. 2	JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 6
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 3	ERNEST E. DAVIS ... .. 7
GEORGE CONDIC ... .. 4	JOHN W. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.  
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. Treble	JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 2	JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 6
BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 7
CHARLES MASON ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.  
A peal in this method is now rung for the first time.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Treble	FRED OVERTON ... .. 5
WALTER G. GODDARD ... 2	FRED METCALF ... .. 6
HAROLD RUSHBY ... .. 3	CHARLES TAYLOR ... .. 7
STEVE BROMFIELD ... .. 4	HERBERT MINGAY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TAYLOR.

The above peal, at the Vicar's request, was rung half-muffled in memory of 17 Barton men who fell at the battle of Loos, October 13th, 1915. 'Lest we forget.' First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;  
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 2	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... .. 6
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 3	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 7
GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

This and the peal at Bury St. Edmunds, and a peal of Stedman Cinques at Ipswich, which was lost after two hours' good ringing, were arranged for Messrs. Hibbins, Rivers and Dennis, who hail from Cambridge.

MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE H. SHUKER ... Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 5
JOSEPH HALL ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 6
ROBERT DAVIES ... .. 3	ALLAN F. BAILEY ... .. 7
†WALTER BROWN ... .. 4	†THOMAS JONES ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAS. W. WASHBROOK.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. R. F. Deal and Miss E. Tonge, solemnised at this church earlier in the day. Quickest peal on the bells. \* First peal on an inside bell. † 70th peal. † First peal, and was proposed and accepted as a member of the association before starting.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.  
SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JESSE FRANCIS ... .. Treble	CHARLES ANDREWS ... .. 5
*WILLIAM LOUD ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... 6
*HORACE TAYLOR ... .. 3	SYDNEY HILLIER ... .. 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.  
\* First peal of Major.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and One and a half Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ON THE HILL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 6
JOHN HAYES ... .. 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.  
\* First attempt at the method.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

*HERBERT G. HUMPHRIES... Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5
†THOMAS A. S. BLOXHAM ... 2	STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... 6
*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 3	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 7
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. FRITCHARD.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN.

Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.  
\* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;  
Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOSEPH BENNETT ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. SLACK ... .. 5
SYDNEY SADLER ... .. 2	WALTER WOOD ... .. 6
GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 3	HENRY LINDSAY ... .. 7
WILLIAM O. TALBOT ... .. 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.  
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. J. Whitaker, who was associated with the above tower for more than fifty years, and who was interred at Lawnswood Cemetery on that day.

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

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35. Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 2	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
WILLIAM BROWN ... .. 4	MATTHEW HACKETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. S. Rashleigh, Curate-in-charge of St. Margaret's, Hasbury, who is leaving for Bolventor, Cornwall; also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Matthew Hackett and William H. Webb, local ringers.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 5
E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 2	FREDERICK HARWOOD ... 6
JAMES ARMSTRONG ... .. 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. 7
HARRY FRANCE ... .. 4	*BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.  
First peal of Little Bob by all except the conductor. \* First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and by the Preston branch.

## STREATHAM, SURREY

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES W. CHAPMAN... ..Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 5
*MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 2	HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

## RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN R. MAIR ... ..Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 5
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 2	GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 6
BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 7
WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 4	FRED WILFORD ... ..Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

## FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM RICHES... ..Treble	CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 5
ROBERT RICHES ... .. 2	JAMES RICHES ... .. 6
WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. 3	WALTER RICHES ... .. 7
ERNEST LINCOLN... .. 4	ALBERT RICHES ... ..Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by A. RICHES.

The ringer of the 3rd hails from Dickleburgh, 4th from Evesham,  
5th from St. Cross, others are local men.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lb.

BEN. S. THOMPSON ... ..Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 5
TONY PRICE ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
ROBERT HARDY ... .. 3	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 2nd, who leaves for the  
United States on the 30th inst.

## WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THDRSTANS' FOUR-PART.	
BERT H. POUNTNEY ... ..Treble	CHARLES BEECH ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POWELL... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
EDGAR MARLOW ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. READ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Arranged for E. V. Rodenhurst, of Hodnet, Salop; also a birthday  
compliment to E. Marlow, of Wood Green, Wednesbury.

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WORLD

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TAKING  
A COPY  
EVERY  
WEEK.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROLAND LEWIS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
WILLIAM NIBBLETT ... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 7
GEOFFREY LEWIS ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. CAMM.

First peal of Surprise Major for the above Guild. First in the  
method on the bells. J. J. Jefferies was proposed a member of the  
above Guild at a previous attempt.

## CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ARTHUR H. TAYLOR ... ..Treble	THOMAS PERRY ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. JONES ... .. 2	JOHN PERRY ... .. 6
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 3	JOHN J. TAYLOR... .. 7
JOHN WARRILOW ... .. 4	WILLIAM G. CURTIS... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. J. TAYLOR.

\* First peal (age 14 years). First peal of Grandsire inside. First  
peal of Grandsire on the bells. Rung for the Dedication festival,  
also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

## TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

HERBERT ALLRED ... ..Treble	PETER CROOK ... .. 5
ROBERT ALLRED, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 7
*FRED GRUNDY ... .. 4	JOHN POTTER ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. Robinson, who  
hails from Ambleside.

## SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN RAY ... ..Treble	HERBERT SHEPPARD ... .. 5
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... 2	GILBERT GUEST ... .. 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
*AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 4	WILLIAM A. PUGH ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

\* First peal. The above peal was rung as a birthday compliment  
to Mr. Herbert Sheppard. The band wish to thank the Rev. Dr.  
Swindell, Vicar of Sedgley, for kindly granting the use of the bells,  
and Mr. B. Fullwood (the tower-keeper), for having them in readi-  
ness.

## HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD CAUNCE ... ..Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
*ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 6
JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 3	CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. 7
CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... ..Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

\* First peal in the method. The conductor's 200th peal. J. Wilkin-  
son's 50th peal, and C. I. Davies's 25th peal. Rung on the eve of  
the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

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

Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ in F.

† WILSON ALLIN ... .. Treble	* SAMUEL HURDLE ... .. 4
† CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE ... 2	† JOHN RADFORD ... .. 5
* WILLIAM H. T. KING ... .. 3	JOSEPH LORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

\* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

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

FRANK WHITEMAN ... .. Treble	THOMAS HULL ... .. 4
HARRY HOLLOCK ... .. 2	ERNEST HUNT ... .. 5
JOHN MALYAN ... .. 3	JOSEPH CHATLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

THRADESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge.

EDWARD YOUNGS ... .. Treble	ALPHRUS BERRY ... .. 4
JAMES BETTS ... .. 2	ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 5
GEORGE BROWN ... .. 3	WILLIAM ROSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. A. G. Lee, who, to the regret of the parishioners, has resigned the living.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Four-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

720 Kent, 1440 Oxford Bob, 2880 Bob Minor, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. PRIESTNALL ... .. Treble	P. INGRAM ... .. 4
* I. WADE ... .. 2	T. CHANTRELL ... .. 5
J. H. SPENCER ... .. 3	C. ALLSOP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ALLSOP.

\* First 720 of Kent. First peal in three methods by all the band, who are service ringers from Ratby.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 4
FREDERICK CLAYTON ... .. 2	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... .. 5
HARRY ARGYLE ... .. 3	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM WILKERSON.

First peal on the bells, which have hung in the tower upwards of 200 years. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Arch-deacon of Aston for the use of the bells, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clayton for their kind hospitality after the peal.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 30th, for harvest festival, morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: L. Franks 1. W. Franks (conductor) 2. G. Upshall (Farnham) 3. R. W. Curtis 4. W. H. Eldridge 5. P. Carter 6. J. Sinden 7. G. Prodger 8.

BARLEY, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,  
(THE BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, October 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY HOWARD ... .. Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD ... .. 4
ALBERT HOWARD ... .. 2	WALTER F. SERMONS ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 3	ROBERT HOWARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

First Surprise peal on the bells and by all the band. Rung at the second attempt. Believed to be the first peal of Cambridge Minor ung in the district.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE WITTON,

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

Being 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings.

EDWARD G. HAWKINS ... Treble	GEORGE E. GREEN ... .. 4
ALFRED HALL ... .. 2	JAMES J. FARMER ... .. 5
REG. G. BATEMAN ... .. 3	HERMAN R. MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. G. HAWKINS.

First peal by all the band except the conductor. All are Sunday service ringers at this church. First peal on the bells, which were recently augmented to six by the addition of the three front bells as the war memorial of the parish.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

F. W. BENNETT, SEN. ... Treble	S. BENNETT ... .. 4
F. BATTERHAM ... .. 2	W. E. CLARKE ... .. 5
C. H. BARTON ... .. 3	A. BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BENNETT

First peal by all except the ringers of 2 and 5, who hail from Frampton. The remainder are of the local band. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Clark), for the use of the bells and also for entertaining them after the peal.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ST. THOMAS A BECKETT,

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

Being forty-two 120's with different callings.

* JOHN C. COOPER ... Treble	† LEONARD A. WILLIAMS ... 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2	* WALTER J. WHITLOCK ... 5
† RICHARD S. SHIMMANS ... 3	* JOHN BARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from the treble  
† First peal of Doubles.**THE EARLIEST CHANGE RINGER.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—Can any of your ringers give me the name of the earliest change ringer that has been recorded, or the earliest pricked figures of changes?

In Buxhall Church, Suffolk, there are engraved or scratched on a pillar in the ringing chamber (i.e., the central tower) the 'plain changes' on four bells with the tenor covering. These appear to have been signed by 'John Gboch, Bellringer,' between 1580 and 1620. For these facts, suggestions, and dates I am indebted to Mr. Vincent B. Redstone, the antiquary, of Woodbridge.

This seems to be certainly the earliest record extant unless there can be found any other as early or more certain. Until now, the earliest I have come across is that in Stedman's Tintinnalogia of 1667. He there states absolutely that no changes were known or thought possible within fifty or sixty years of that date. This would barely take us back to 1619; and it is pretty certain that Stedman knew what he was talking about.

Ufford Rectory,

HERBERT DRAKE.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

MORSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the North Farm,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5056 CHANGES;**

JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. 1—2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 5—6
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 3—4	R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 7—8

RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 9—10

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOS. T. GOFTON.

Umpire: STEPHEN W. STRATFORD.

Rung on the silver wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gofton.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Mark's Church,

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

HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 1—2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5—6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 3—4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... .. 7—8

Composed by the late JOHN COX. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpires: MESSRS. J. &amp; G. S. MORRIS.

Witnesses: MESSRS. S. A. &amp; W. L. JOHNSON.

First peal of Major 'in hand' by all.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, October 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor size 16 in A.

JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3—4	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. 7—8

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At 'ADVERSANE,' WELLINGTON ROAD.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... .. 1—2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 5—6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3—4	WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 7—8

\*WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 9—10

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by J. THOMAS.

Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

\* First peal of Steadman Caters 'in hand.'

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. -  
SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ISLEWORTH.**

The Southern District of the above association held another successful meeting at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday last. The fine ring of eight by Taylor's, were set going shortly after 3 p.m., and ringing continued until tea-time. A pleasant interval was spent at the 'London Apprentice,' and the excellent tea was much appreciated. The business meeting was afterwards held, and this over, Mr. F. G. T. A. Goddard's handbells were made use of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters being rung.

The tower was again visited, and further ringing indulged in. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich, and Cambridge Major.

The attendance was very good, and it was pleasing to note the number of visitors, especially from the Middlesex Association. Ringers were present from Bath, Battersea, Chelsea, Camberwell, Coggeshall, Ealing, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Heston, Isleworth, Lambeth, Ludlow, Old Windsor, Roehampton, Thames Ditton, Walton-on-Thames and Willesden. Four ladies were present: Miss Baker (Hillingdon), Miss Moss (Uxbridge), Miss N. Shorter (Walton-on-Thames) Miss Williams (Bath).

At the conclusion of the ringing a social hour was spent at the 'London Apprentice,' and some tune ringing on handbells accomplished.

The very best thanks of all who attended were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to that sturdy veteran, Mr. Tom Beadle, for extending such a hearty welcome to the association.

The next meeting is at All Saints', Fulham on Saturday, Oct. 27th, when the beautiful peal of ten will be at the service of the members from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.

**ROWLEY REGIS RESTORATION.**

DEDICATION OF CHURCH, TOWER, CLOCK AND BELLS.

It was a great day for Rowley Regis, the 'Black Country' parish, near Birmingham, on Saturday, Sept. 29th, the occasion being the completion and opening of the new church, together with the tower, clock and bells.

The church was burnt down in June, 1913, but the tower and bells escaped. The tower, however, was afterwards found to be unsafe, and was taken down. So Rowley was without a church, until the present Vicar, Lieut.-Col. the Rev. F. J. Cheverton was appointed to the living about two years ago. He at once set to work with a committee to rebuild the church at the cost of over £14,000 and this great undertaking has now been completed.

The bells, a ring of eight, with the tenor about 13 cwt., have been installed by Mr. J. E. Groves. Modern fittings, cast-iron headstocks, dust-proof ball bearings, have been provided, and the bells hung in a frame of steel H sections, on rolled steel joists. The steel joists were built in the tower walls during the progress of the building and are fixed some three feet above a 7in. concrete floor. The result is a most excellent and up-to-date job, and no bells could possibly go better. This work has been carried out without taking the bells away from the church.

Not half the people who assembled for the dedication could be accommodated in the church the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Birmingham. On the Sunday evening the crowd was even greater. The collections on both days amounted to £320 but in spite of this excellent addition to the funds much more is still needed, and contributions may be sent to the Vicar or to Mr. Albert Parsons, Old Hill, Staffs.

The first church at Rowley Regis, dedicated to St. Giles, was erected in the reign of King John, between A.D. 1199 and 1216. In 1840 a much larger edifice was erected in its stead but the tower remained. The tower was eventually rebuilt in 1858. The church was rebuilt in 1904, but the new tower remained until the fire, caused by political incendiaries, in 1913.

**ROWLEY REGIS BELL FUND.**

Previously acknowledged, £11 17s.: Worcestershire Association, Southern branch meeting at Badsey, per Mr. J. Hemming, 14s.: K. P., Cradley Heath, 2s. 6d. Further contributions will be gratefully received by Mr. A. E. Parsons, 'Elma,' Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs.

**RINGERS WEDDED.**

MR. R. F. DEAL AND MISS E. TONGE.

Another wedding between ringers has taken place, the marriage having been celebrated at Miles Platting, Manchester on Tuesday, October 16th of Mr. Richard F. Deal, now residing in London, and Miss Emma Tonge, a member of the band at Miles Platting Church. Mr. Deal who, after some time spent in Australia, returned after service in the war, to Manchester, and did a great deal of ringing in the North. His bride has done yeoman service in her own tower, and both will be missed in Lancashire ringing circles.

The wedding was celebrated by a peal of Stedman Triples at Miles Platting, and the band, with other ringing friends, were afterwards entertained to supper by the bridegroom.

Mr. W. Brown spoke in eulogistic terms of the services rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Deal, and the 'Health of the Bride and Bridegroom' was proposed in a felicitous speech by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, and supported by Mr. W. H. Cooper.

It is proposed to present the happy pair with an illuminated address to mark the auspicious event, and to show the appreciation of his friends of the services rendered to ringing by Mr. Deal.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The monthly meeting of the South-West District was held at Heston on Saturday, October 13th. The bells were kept going from 3.30 till 5 p.m. with various touches, and a service was then held conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Wilkinson), with his daughter presiding at the organ. The service was very bright, thanks largely to a band of young ringers from Stoke Poges, under the tuition of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, and the scout band from Old Windsor, under the guidance of Mr. W. Welling (Scoutmaster pro tem.), whose voices helped considerably with the singing.

After service tea was served in the Parish Hall, when over 40 sat down to a sumptuous repast, with the Vicar presiding.—The hon. sec. and Ringing Master offered a hearty welcome to the visitors, who are always welcome at these meetings.

At the business meeting which followed, the usual vote of thanks was accorded to all who had assisted in making the meeting such a success, after which another visit was paid to the tower where standard methods were practised till 9 p.m.

St. Paul's tower, Hounslow, was open after tea, and a good many took the advantage of having a pull on these bells. During the evening the attendance increased to over 50.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of St. Paul's for allowing the use of the bells, and to Mr. C. Tricker, steeplekeeper. The meeting proved a most enjoyable and pleasant one.

**MACCLESFIELD'S NEW BELLS.****'OPEN' RINGING MEETING.**

An open day for ringers at Macclesfield, where the bells have just been increased to twelve, was held on Oct. 13th and a great day it proved to be. There were about 120 ringers present, including several ladies, from Cheshire, Lancashire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Yorkshire, and Mr. E. H. Lewis of Glasgow, who happened to be coming south for a few day's holiday. Ringing started at 2 o'clock, and continued until 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the school for tea, kindly provided by the church officials, and prepared by the ladies connected with the ringers' stall. The Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Stevons), the warden and other church officials were present to welcome the visitors. After tea the Vicar expressed his pleasure at the opportunity of extending a welcome to the ringers on behalf of the parish. Macclesfield was honoured by the presence of more than a hundred men skilled in the art of ringing from five counties and his own church officers and ringers were grateful for the spirit of comradeship which had drawn together so many enthusiasts to give a fuller demonstration of the qualities of the new peal. They had suffered loss through the enforced silence of the Parish Church bells, but now they felt that great occasions would be worthily commemorated by the ringing of this peal which, though it had cost so much, was a great asset to their noble church.

Mr. H. Fairclough, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, responded on behalf of the visitors, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and church officials for their invitation, and to the ladies for providing tea.

Mr. J. W. Washbrook said Macclesfield ought to be proud of their bells, which, for their weight, could not be beaten. — One of the ringers from Oldham also expressed his pleasure with the bells, and Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. J. Norbury, conductor of the local company, also made a few remarks.

The Secretary had a letter from Mr. Pryce Taylor expressing his regret at not being able to be present, as he had caught a chill, and had to spend a few days in bed.

Afterwards the bells were kept going until 9.30 by different bands, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung during the day.

When parting time came the visitors went away expressing the pleasure they had derived from their visit to Macclesfield and ringing on the first peal of twelve in the county. All were loud in their praise of the tone and 'go' of the bells.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****'OVERLAPPING' DISCUSSED.**

A most successful and well-attended quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Badsey on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Opportunities for eight-bell ringing being somewhat limited in the district, those present made full use of the octave at their disposal throughout the afternoon and evening, and quite a number of members rang their first touch in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise. Service was held in the Parish Church the association's special form of service being used. Taking for his text Psalm xix, 3, 'There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard,' the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Allsobrook, gave a most interesting and original address.

A collection for Rowley Regis Bell Restoration Fund realised 14s.

Tea, provided through the generosity of several Badsey friends, was partaken of in the Old Schools, and at the subsequent business meeting, the Vicar presided, supported by the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice (Vicar of Hampton), Messrs. J. Sladden and J. Pethard (churchwardens), and Mr. C. A. Binyon.

Several new members were elected and it was decided to accept the invitation of the Rev. H. B. S. Fowler to hold the next meeting at Elmley Castle.

It was also decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Badsey with as many of the local band as possible.

The question of 'overlapping' was open to debate, and was responsible for an animated discussion. Several members expressed their views, the result being that the 'districts' members expressed renewed confidence in the association.

Heartly votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address, and presiding at the meeting; the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice and the churchwardens for their presence; to the donors of the tea, and the ladies who so ably attended to the tables; and to Messrs. C. A. Binyon and J. Pethard for the work they had done in connection with the meeting were carried with applause. — These gentlemen briefly replied, Mr. J. Sladden expressing the hope that the next visit of the association to Badsey would be in the summer, when he should be pleased to provide tea on his lawn. In this connection it is most refreshing and encouraging to note the increasing interest taken in ringing activities by the various incumbents and churchwardens, evidence of which was well to the fore at this meeting.

In addition to ringers from the branch towers, visitors were present from Worcester, Upton-on-Severn, Madresfield, Malvern, Wootton Bassett and Ilmington.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Eleven peals were attempted during the Sussex tour and ten were successful, viz.: Triples 1 Major 6 Caters 2 and Royal 1. Details will be published in our next issue.

The method rung as Rochester Surprise by the band at Leiston is not, after all, a new method. It is Lancashire Surprise, by Mr. Arthur Craven, and was first published in 1907. It was subsequently published under the name of Leek Surprise, and withdrawn when Mr. Craven's prior claim was made known.

The College Youths set out for something of a 'field day' in peal ringing on Saturday. It had been hoped to arrange four twelve-bell peals at four different churches by four different bands. Only three twelve-bell towers were, however, obtainable and, therefore, one ten-bell tower was substituted.

But the result was not all that could be desired, and only one peal was successful, Stedman Cinques being rung at Southwark, as recorded elsewhere. Young Ted Horrex was in this peal.

At Bow, Cheapside, Treble Twelve was lost after about an hour: at Stepney one of the band had to give up, but the worst luck of all was experienced at Cripplegate, where Treble Twelve 'went west' after about four hours' ringing!

How easy it is to make a slip in a footnote to a peal without careful research, is again illustrated by the fact that in sending the report of the handbell peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Ipswich, Mr. G. E. Symonds said the only other peal in method rung on handbells in the county was that at Ipswich on January 30th 1890. He entirely overlooked the three peals rung at Leiston in 1920, and conducted by Mr. C. F. Bailey.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the first double-handed handbell peal ever rung was Oxford Treble Bob Major at Sheffield on October 30th, 1811.

On Oct. 31st, 1791, a peal of 7,002 'Grandsire Quarters' was rung at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.

'Parish ringers' of Dartford rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on Oct. 30th, 1749—a good performance in those days when 'local hands' of change ringers were few and far between.

St. Paul's Cathedral bells were opened 45 years ago—on Nov. 1st, 1878.

Ringers are invited to an 'open' day at Derby on Nov. 3rd, when the bells of St. Andrew's now augmented to ten, will be available.

The report of a peal at Deekleburgh has been sent without the date.

## DEATH OF MR. J. WHITAKER, OF HEADINGLEY.

### A LINK WITH GIANTS OF THE PAST.

The Exercise has lost by the death of Mr. John Whitaker, of Headingley, Leeds, a link with the giants of the past. The deceased was born in Leeds in the year 1842, and took up change ringing at the age of 17, at the Parish Church of Burley, Leeds, soon after the light peal of six were installed there in 1854. He began to have higher ambitions, however, and soon became a familiar figure at Leeds Parish Church, in company with such celebrities as the Snowdon brothers, Messrs. J. and T. Lockwood and Henry Hubbard, senr., who were then attached to that tower, and it was during this time that Mr. Whitaker took part in what was probably the only peal of Treble Bob Maximus ever rung with the back bells in the tittum position. Mr. Whitaker also conducted the first peal of Double Norwich in Leeds in the year 1894, and about this time was associated with Messrs. H. Williams, the Brothers Thackray and A. Craven, in making history locally, by taking part in the first handbell peals in the district of Grandsire, Bob Major, Canterbury Pleasure, and Kent Treble Bob. His genial disposition and enthusiasm caused him to be in great request among ringers, and every tower in Leeds has benefited by many hours spent in trying to encourage young ringers, and helping older ringers in more advanced methods.

His interest in ringing continued up to the last, he being a constant ringer at St. Michael's, Headingley, until Sunday, Oct. 7th, when arrangements were made to ring a quarter-peal of Double Norwich in honour of his 81st birthday. Before that date, however, the remains of a previous attack of influenza asserted itself, and he passed away on Friday, October 12th, after a short, but severe attack of bronchial pneumonia.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, October 16th, the service at Burley Parish Church and at Lawnswood Cemetery (where the interment took place) was conducted by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, the President of the Yorkshire Association. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. G. B. Bolland, J. Thackray, P. J. Johnson and G. Robinson. Half-muffled ringing in various methods took place at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, in the evening, while his colleagues at St. Michael's rang a half-muffled peal of Double Norwich, which will be found recorded in its proper place, to the memory of a dear old friend and comrade, whose kind and genial disposition endeared him to a large circle of friends. Mr. Whitaker took part in 67 peals for the Yorkshire Association, and his death leaves the Exercise the poorer, by the loss of so enthusiastic and sound a ringer.

P. J. J.

# CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL BELLS.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW TREBLES BY THE ARCHBISHOP.

Canterbury Cathedral is now in full possession of a peal of twelve bells, the two trebles which have been added, at a cost of about £250, as a memorial to the members of the Kent County Association who fell in the war having been dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The augmentation has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have made a most excellent splice.

About a hundred ringers assembled for the dedication, which was performed after evensong on Saturday week. The service was simple but impressive, and will long be remembered by those privileged to take part in it. The surpliced clergy present, in addition to the Primate, were the Dean of Canterbury, Dr. S. Bickersteth (Vice-Dean), Dr. A. W. Robinson, Minor Canons F. J. O. Helmore (Precentor and hon. secretary of the Kent County Association), A. H. Partridge (Sacrist), and R. J. W. H. Potter, the Rev. C. Eveleigh Woodruff, and the Rev. Henry de Candole (Domestic Chaplain). Dr. C. Charlton Palmer (Cathedral organist) presided at a small organ placed by one of the pillars, and the Cathedral choir was also present.

'Soldiers of Christ, arise,' was sung as a processional hymn, and the Archbishop read opening sentences from the service of the Burial of the Dead. After Psalm xxiii. had been chanted, the Dean read prayers, including one that they might be worthy of those who had given their lives for their country. His Grace dedicated the bells in the following words: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ, we dedicate these bells to the glory of God and in memory of those members of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers who fell in the great war, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.—Amen.' The Precentor having read a prayer for the work of the association, a few rounds were rung on the twelve bells. The Archbishop's address was preceded by the ringers' hymn 'Unchanging God Who livest.'

## THE CATHEDRAL BELLS.

Nothing that we do, said the Archbishop, in this, the noblest of our cathedrals, could fail to have historical significance. Nearly every great episode in English history from Saxon days to our own had in some way or other a mark there or connection with those witness-walls. We knew a good deal about the bells which were successively hung or rehung there in centuries gone by. Association with the bells belonged to not a few of the great names connected with our church history. Dunstan, Ernuif, Wibert, Eastry, Arundel, and Chillenden were all of them to do with our bells and their placing or replacing there. If we looked at the dates of the various bell incidents, especially in the eleventh, fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, it would be difficult to connect with great public events what was done there in that steeple. And so it was in every way right and in every way natural that in connection with the great war our bells should be handled and desit with afresh. Never were they in more competent hands; never were they under a keener or wiser control than now. We rejoiced to think that the bells to-day augmented should carry over the centuries to come a reminder not merely of the great war—wherein among our English Cathedrals, Canterbury, of course, was closest to the fighting line—but also of the memory of those Kentish men and men of Kent who, belonging to our association, gave their lives in the great war for the cause of honour, liberty and truth.

## ARMISTICE DAY RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Mr. C. F. Good asks for some ideas about ringing on Armistice Day: here is one. Now that the time for service has been fixed for 10.30 or 10.45 I would suggest that the bells be rung open for service, and that a short pause take place in the service about five minutes to 11, say, after the singing of a hymn and during the pause the bells be rung 11 rounds with the clappers muffled at back stroke, finishing as near 11 as possible (not later). Then ring 'open' for about half an hour after the service is finished.—Yours truly,  
Scarborough. BELL-RINGER.

## NOT A DAY FOR GLOOM.

Dear Sir.—Your correspondent, Mr. C. F. Good, raises a question that up to now has never been thrashed out in your columns. In past years a letter has appeared suggesting that bells should be rung muffled, and some towers have carried out the suggestion and at others peals have been rung muffled by visitors to the towers. Where this has been done by the expressed wish of the incumbent (who has the power at all times to direct how the bells shall be rung) I have nothing to say, but apart from this I hope the day may never come when Armistice Day will be kept with that solemnity and gloom always associated with muffled bells.

There is a tendency to turn what should be a happy and joyful

'You know,' went on His Grace, 'that by adding these two bells we have reached the maximum, I believe, of the equipment which any belfry can usefully hold for the highest development of our change ringing. We have learnt better in the last 50 years than ever before how to use our bells to their fullest power of harmony, of beauty and of suggestion. When they sound out over our old city and the hills which encircle it, the familiar message will now be enriched by new thoughts and new associations as we recall the brave men, some 56 in number, who, belonging to our association, ringers in our Kentish parishes, gave their lives.'

## AN OFFICE OF HIGH TRUST AND PRIVILEGE.

The office of bell ringer, continued the Primate, was one of high trust and privilege and of great responsibility. He rejoiced to see so many there that day, and he wished them godspeed. To every thoughtful man, whether he was a musician or not, bells had a glamour and a meaning. Some present would recall the strong voice of Ruskin, who, after dealing with music in its various forms, said, 'I have fallen back on the most sacred of all musical instruments—the bell. Whether the cattle bell of the hills or from the cathedral tower, monitor of men, I believe the sweetness of its prolonged tones to be the most delightful and helpful for the ear and mind of all instrumental sound.' At some periods of our history, bells—church bells among them—had a special, practical and simple use as a means of spreading the news of great happenings in our lives—victories, the births or deaths of princes, or common danger. To some extent that was still done, and even now bells had the power, as nothing else had, of making us, a great multitude scattered over a large area, sharers of the same emotions as others—joy or sorrow, sympathy or gratulation, thanksgiving or hope. They rejoiced in that solemn dedication, and felt that it not only meant something to themselves, but was also an added inspiration to the ringers. They rejoiced in gratitude and hope, trusting that it would come into their common weekday life, and bid them thank God and take courage.

The hymn, 'Ten thousand times ten thousand,' was followed by the Blessing.

Subsequently the Precentor entertained the members of the Association present to tea at Gaywood's Rooms.

The company included four of the six district secretaries—Messrs. T. Groombridge (Lewisham), C. Tribe (Ashford), F. Mitchell (Rochester), and E. Buesden (Canterbury). Mr. A. A. Hughes represented the founders, and Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, W. D. Smith and J. Rowbottom, of the College Youths, were also present.

A vote of thanks to the host was proposed by Mr. F. White (Tunbridge Wells), Minor Canon Helmore suitably replying.

The members of the Cathedral company of ringers who rang the bells at the dedication were Messrs. W. Andrews 1, E. Buesden 2, F. Brett 3, C. Brett 4, H. Fairbrass 5, P. J. Paine 6, G. Jenkins 7, F. Jenkins 8, F. Fairbeard 9, A. Andrews 10, M. Pierce 11, and G. Simpson 12. Ringing continued on the twelve bells until after 8 p.m.

The new treble bell has the following inscription: 'A.D. 1923, Kent County Association of Change Ringers. To the Glory of God, and in memory of the members who fell in the great war, 1914-1918.'

The second has the date of casting and the initials K. C. A. C. R., 1914-1918.

anniversary into a second Good Friday. Why should this be? On Good Friday we commemorate a death: the death of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. On Armistice Day we commemorate the day when the greatest war in history came to an end, surely a cause for joy and thankfulness to millions, and especially to all those serving their country, on sea and land, and in the air; whether they were in front line trenches, cold, and muddy and wet; back in rest billets waiting their turn to 'go up,' or here in England training for the business to be done 'over there.'

I remember the excitement of the day well. The battalion I was with was a new formation a 'Tanks' Bridging Battalion, one of three who were due to go overseas in a month's time. They were largely made up of men who had 'had some,' and didn't want any more. What a happy day that first Armistice Day was for them! The band paraded the town in the afternoon, and the men danced in the streets, and there was no one to say them 'nay.'

His Majesty has ordained that a two minutes' silence shall be kept at 11 o'clock on that day in memory of those who fell and how impressive that is taking place, as it does, in the midst of our ordinary work-a-day life. How much it would lose if we kept the whole day in the same spirit!

November 11th is a happy anniversary, and should be kept as such, always remembering the fallen by those solemn two minutes at 11 o'clock. Others will have other views, and I will respect them, but these are mine, and I am not ashamed of them: therefore, I will sign myself.—Yours truly,  
W. A. CAVE.

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ROYAL EXCHANGE, 1921.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

## THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 1921.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### RECORD GATHERING AND INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS AT BRAINTREE.

On Saturday, October 20th a meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Braintree, and proved what is believed to be a record in attendance for a district meeting in the county. There were 80 members present from Bocking, Braintree, Dunmow, Witham, Stebbing Rayne, Malden, Sible Hedingham, Belchampt St. Paul, Saffron Walden, Writtle, Cavendish Felsted, Springfield, Boreham, Chelmsford, Feering, Black Notley, Earls Colne, Greenstead Green Heybridge, Stisted, Kelvedon.

Service was held at Braintree Parish Church in the afternoon, the Rev. D. B. Barclay (Vicar) officiating the ringers' service being used. The lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P. Master of the Association. An address was given by the Rev. A. Negus, Rector of Great Leighs, from the words, 'Let us praise famous men . . . such as found out musical tunes.' He spoke of the perfect music of the full-toned bell, and said people in England had reason to be proud of their bells. Bell ringing as an art was peculiar to England. The preacher spoke of the good work continually rendered by the thousand members of the Essex Association in regularly summoning people to church all over the county. The men who pulled the bells were ought of sight, but the work they undertook gave great joy in big cities and small towns and villages all over the country.

Tea followed at the Masonic Hall, kindly provided by the Master of the Essex Association who presided, supported by the Rev. A. Negus, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (former secretary to the Essex Association), the Rev. J. A. Evans (Sible Hedingham); the Rev. R. Williams, Braintree; Mr. F. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden) secretary of the Association; Mr. F. Dench, secretary of the North-Eastern Division; Mr. P. Timson, secretary of the South-Eastern Division; and Mr. W. H. Dyson, Master of the Northern Division.

The Master thanked the Rector of Great Leighs for his appropriate address, and mentioned that Great Leighs possessed a nice ring of five bells, believed to be a maiden peal by Miles Gray. The Rector replied, and congratulated the Essex Association on having such an enthusiastic Master and the Master such keen colleagues.

### INTERESTING REUNION.

Mr. W. H. Dyson, Master and hon. secretary to the Northern Division, said the goodly attendance of 80 members was a record for a district meeting in Essex and he welcomed visitors from the Malden and Chelmsford and other areas. As his term of office as District Master was finished he was gratified to find such a good meeting at Braintree during that term. That meeting was interesting, because it was the first time for 45 years that the three surviving original members of the Braintree company had come together—Messrs. F. Rudkin, T. Edwards and W. H. Dyson. Mr. Edwards had retired from ringing, but Mr. Rudkin turned up to ring occasionally. Change ringing was first introduced to Braintree Church tower on Whit Sunday, 1879. Some little misunderstanding arose, and the ringers were banned from Braintree Church tower, and they exercised their art at Bocking Church. There was a vacancy in the living, and the Rev. J. B. Seaman took charge of Braintree, and proved a great friend to the ringers. A number of young fellows used to ring 'Churchyard Bob' on the Braintree Church bells. A meeting was held at the vestry, at which the wardens, Messrs. J. Rust and R. Crickmore, were very favourable towards the ringers and change ringing was revived. On Whit Monday 1879 the Essex Association was formed at Writtle, and Messrs. Rudkin, Edwards and Dyson went from Braintree to help to form it, and those three original members of the Essex Association were present that day (applause).

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre: And I was there also (hear, hear).

Mr. Dyson said change ringing progressed in Braintree, which became known in the country as ringing a great variety of six-bell methods. In those days there were no cycles or motors and people used to walk long distances to ring. Mr. T. Barker and others used to walk seven miles each way from Stebbing to ring at Braintree, and Mr. S. Hammond used to walk ten miles from Braintree to Great Tey to get a ring on the eight bells there. Members of the College Youths used to visit Braintree for ringing. In 1884 Mr. F. Rudkin conducted a peal in 14 methods on six bells at Braintree, and this was the first six-bell peal recorded in the College Youths' peal book (hear, hear).

### MR. HOWARD'S SERVICES TO ESSEX RINGING.

Feering and Halstead were proposed for the next meeting-place, and on a vote Halstead was carried by 19 to 11. The Master reported that Mr. W. H. Dyson was secretary and Master of the Northern Division and he was willing to continue either office. Mr. L. W. Wiffon (Braintree) was elected Master, and Mr. W. H. Dyson secretary.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed thanks to the Vicar of Braintree for the use of the bells and arranging the service to Miss Williams for playing the organ, and to the Braintree members for the kind welcome. The Rev. R. Williams suitably responded.

Mr. F. J. Pitstow proposed thanks to Mr. C. H. Howard for his hospitality in providing the tea, and said it was hardly appreciated

the great work Mr. Howard did for the County Ringers' Association. They would never find another Master like him who could give the time to attend meetings as he did in all parts of the county. In hundred years' time people would read about what Mr. Howard had done during his long term of office for ringing in Essex. Mr. Pitstow said Mr. Howard was continually advocating the augmentation of bells in other parishes, and he suggested that two new trebles should be added to the Braintree ring of eight, and that Mr. Howard's name should be inscribed on one of the new bells (hear, hear).

Mr. C. H. Howard, in reply, said he appreciated the large attendance of members at that meeting as a compliment to Braintree. Braintree was not an extraordinary place for ringing but it was on the map (laughter), and it had eight bells, and the local ringers performed their duties in the right spirit. The Master said he would bear in mind Mr. Pitstow's suggestion to add two more new bells to Braintree tower. He remembered when the last two bells were added to the ring to celebrate the 700th anniversary of Braintree Church in 1899 and those bells were hung and paid for six months before the dedication festival, although it had been said he would never get the money for them (laughter). The Master went on to speak of former big meetings of ringers at Halstead and Kelvedon, and said the interest now shown augured well for the future of Essex Association. The bells at Methersfield Church, which had been on the floor five or six years were now to be rehung, and he hoped they would also be retuned and be heard again. Other rehanges were going on, and at a church a few miles from Braintree it was possible a new treble would be added to the ring of five. There would not have been so many augmentations of bells in the county in recent years but for the Essex Association, the officers of which were generally consulted when such works were contemplated (applause).

In the evening the bells of the Braintree and Bocking Churches were rung in the following methods: Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and Treble Bob Major, Siedman and Grand-sire Triples.

## CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

### 'A WONDERFUL PRODUCTION.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like, with your permission, to congratulate the Rev. E. Bankes James on his peal of Cambridge Minor. It is a wonderful production even for a master mind. It is difficult to see how even the most bigoted purist can find a fault. If rounds is taken as the initial change of the first 720, each extent is complete without repetition. The fact that the rows 123456 are not 720 changes distant from each other does not affect the purity of the composition. In any peal of Minor rows are bound to repeat in a succeeding extent before 720 changes have been rung, and as a row, rounds is no different to any other.—Yours faithfully,

Sunderland,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

## A SILVER WEDDING.

### PRESENTATION TO MR. AND MRS. TOM GOFTON.

On Monday night, October 8th, the ringers of St. Paul's Church, Whitley Bay, met to do honour to their conductor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Goffton. The occasion was their silver wedding, and a presentation was made to them, consisting of a beautiful hanging clock, which strikes the Cambridge chimes and the hour on delightfully toned gongs. Mr. George Holmes, who made the presentation, on behalf of the ringers, eulogised Mr. Goffton as a master ringer, teacher and conductor and mentioned the good friendship which Mr. Goffton always maintained with the whole band how he welcomed visitors, and the care and patience which he exhibited in the teaching of new young ringers. The progress of the members of the belfry in ringing the many difficult peals which they have rung, had been due chiefly to the ambition and hard work of their conductor. Mr. Holmes also referred to the excellent qualities of Mrs. Goffton, who had been honoured and esteemed not only by the ringers, but by the whole district inasmuch as over four years ago she was elected unopposed as the first and only lady member of the local District Council, a position which she still holds to-day, with credit to herself and the entire satisfaction of her electors. Mrs. Goffton entered wholeheartedly into her husband's hobby and gave him every encouragement in the art.

Mr. Goffton who is a man of few words, but immediate action, suitably replied, and was splendidly backed up by his entertaining wife.

BONVILSTON.—For harvest festival, for evening service, at the Parish Church, on Oct. 17th a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: E. John 1, W. Samuel 2, E. Thomas 3, A. Hannington junr., 4, E. Coles (conductor) 5, H. E. Coles 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1st and 6th, and first quarter-peal as conductor.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**BUCKNALL.**—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, at St. Mary's Church (harvest festival). 720 of Wells and London Surprise Spliced (ordinary calling 9 hobs): Alice Wheeldon 1, W. Wheeldon, junr., 2, C. Preston 3, Alice Preston 4, W. Fradley 5, W. Wheeldon (conductor) 6. First in the district. Also 720 Violet Treble Bob, 720 and 300 Plain Bob: H. Billings, C. Bowen and Nigel Birch taking their share in what was a most successful day's ringing.

**MILTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: W. Stockford 1, C. Yates 2, A. Turner 3, R. Asplin 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5.

**ACON.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Brown 1, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 2, S. D. Breeze 3, P. Lane (first quarter of Stedman) 4, Robt. Holloway 5, E. W. Coulson 6, H. W. Hoad 7, E. Easton 8. Arranged for Mr. P. Lane, of Ludlow, and Mr. Hoad, of Robertsbridge. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Lawrence 1, P. Lane 2, W. H. Hoad (conductor) 3, C. E. Lankester 4, Robt. Fardon 5, H. Wincote 6, E. W. Coulson 7, S. D. Breeze 8.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, for evening service at St. Mary's, 672 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. W. Rogers 1, J. D. Harris 2, T. R. Taylor 3, W. Tate 4, P. W. Cave 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, junr., 7, E. J. Harding senr. (conductor) 8. Also for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples, and 224 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. W. Rogers 1, J. D. Harris 2, T. R. Taylor 3, P. W. Cave 4, W. Tate 5, G. Norriss (Heene, Worthing) 6, E. J. Harding, junr., 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.

**EXHALL, COVENTRY.**—On Sunday, Oct. 14th at the Parish Church, for evening service, 480 Grandsire Doubles: Wilf. Barnett 1, A. Plackett 2, C. G. Bates 3, W. Smith 4, D. Ellender (conductor) 5, G. Rathbone 6. Longest touch inside by ringer of the 2nd; also longest by the tenor ringer.

**DEVIZES.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 7th, for the harvest festival service, 720 Bob Minor: W. A. Swift 1, C. D. Heginbotham 2, S. Hillier 3, G. England 4, H. Taylor (conductor, Melksham) 5, F. Green 6.—On Oct. 8th for organ recital service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Greenland 1, Miss F. Rowe 2, W. A. Swift 3, F. Green 4, S. Hillier (conductor) 5, L. Swift 6.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday evening, Oct. 7th, for the dedication service of St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by H. G. Rowe Cheshunt (1,260 changes): E. Watkins 1, J. Eagles 2, R. H. Stevens 3, J. Binfield 4, C. R. Walker 5, H. J. Saunders 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, G. Godfrey 8. The above was also rung as a farewell to the ringer of the treble who is sailing for Australia.

**FULHAM.**—On Sunday evening, Oct. 7th, at All Saints' Church, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. E. Wilkins 1, W. H. Wood 2, J. A. Trollope 3, W. H. Hollier 4, A. Culmore 5, F. Skevington 6, G. C. Hes 7, A. Coles 8, A. Harding 9, J. W. Driver (conductor) 10.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Sunday evening, Oct. 7th, for harvest thanksgiving at St. Andrew's Church, 630 Grandsire Triples: D. Phillips 1, E. Sitch 2, J. Sitch 3, A. Rolph 4, J. G. Mackdougall 5, J. Bone 6, J. Dale (conductor) 7, E. Riseley 8. After service, 163 Bob Minor.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Southwark to St. Mary's, 504 Stedman Triples prior to evening service: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, T. R. Taylor 3, E. J. Harding, junr., 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding senr. (conductor) 7, F. W. Rogers 8. Also after the service, 504 Stedman Triples: T. R. Taylor 1, F. A. Cluett 2, J. J. Symons 3, F. W. Rogers 4, J. D. Harris (conductor) 5, W. Tate 6, E. J. Harding, junr., 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.

**LINSLADE, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. White 1, J. Scar 2, W. J. Jeffs 3, \*A. Butcher 4, A. Vickers 5, \*J. Arnold 6, F. Vickers (conductor) 7, F. Buttrum 8. \* First quarter-peal.

**WORCESTER.**—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for the harvest festival, 1,092 Stedman Triples: S. J. Holt 1, W. Niblett 2, C. Camm 3, G. Hinton, junr., 4, W. Lewis 5, J. J. Jeffries 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, W. Edgington 8.

**KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Sept. 30th, previous to evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: H. Beard 1, A. Dollings 2, N. Wiles 3, L. Turner 4, A. Beard 5, P. Inskip (conductor) 6.—Also 720 Bob Minor: W. Francis 1, A. Dollings 2, N. Wiles 3, A. Beard 4, P. Inskip 5, L. Turner (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to late Churchwarden Mr. W. Folkes.

**WOODFORD, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, Sept. 30th, at the Parish Church, for harvest festival services, 720 Double Court: C. R. T. Morris 1, G. E. Wightman 2, L. H. Hoff 3, E. Plummer 4, E. Wightman 5, C. R. Morris 6.—Also 720 Kent Treble Bob standing as above.—720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Plummer 1, G. E. Wightman 2, L. H. Hoff 3, W. Shute 4, E. Wightman 5, C. R. Morris 6. Also 360 Bob Minor: C. R. T. Morris 1. All conducted by E. Wightman.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## THE APPEAL FOR TWELVE BELLS AT THE CATHEDRAL.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Old Bolingbroke on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Members attended from Benington, Butterwick, Croft, Frampton, Freiston, Stickney and Wrangle. The Rev. H. Law James, Ringing Master of the Guild was present, as was also Mr. G. Ladd, hon. secretary Elloe Deaneries Branch, the former having cycled from Surfleet, and the latter from Pinchbeck, two miles further. A short service was held, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. C. Pain. Tea was partaken of at the Duke's Head Inn. Following this the usual business meeting was held, the Rector being voted to the chair.

The Rev. H. Law James again spoke very strongly on the matter of raising funds for placing four new trebles to the existing ring of eight in St. Hugh's tower of Lincoln Cathedral, to the memory of those members of the Guild who gave their lives in the great war, and in connection therewith the secretary was instructed to issue collecting cards to all towers where there are members of the branch.

Frampton was unanimously chosen as the place for the next meeting (the annual meeting).

The Rector was heartily thanked for the use of the bells, for his able address at the service, and for presiding over the business meeting. After the meeting the tower was again visited and the bells, a nice-toned peal of six in F sharp, one of the first to be tuned on the Simpson principle, were kept going in the following five and six-bell methods: Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. A course of Cambridge Surprise was also successfully brought round. Although only about 15 or 16 ringers were present, yet a very enjoyable meeting took place.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon was held at Somersham on Saturday last, when members were present from Ramsey, Godmanchester, Chatteris, Cambridge, Dry Drayton, Newmarket, Sutton, Longstanton, Willingham, and the local ringers. Service was held in the church, with a short address by the Vicar, the Rev. H. P. D. Pinkey. Tea was served in the boys' room at the Vicarage.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar took the chair. A letter was read from the district secretary, the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Longstanton, expressing regret at being unable to be present, through illness, and wishing the meeting every success. Mr. T. R. Dennis was, therefore, asked to act in his place.

The Rev. H. P. D. Pinkey was unanimously elected as hon. member and Messrs. J. Ransome and R. Lowe (Somersham) as ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Huntingdon in January next year.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and taking service, and Miss Pragnall (organist) concluded the meeting.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, and two 120's of Stedman Doubles were rung, many ringers getting their first touches in the various methods.

## A BERKSHIRE AUGMENTATION.

On Saturday, October 13th, a new treble bell was dedicated at the Parish Church, Neasmore, Berks, to the memory of George Hedges, who had served the church as chorister for 55 years and bell ringer for 45 years, 32 years of which he was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and foreman of the local band. The ceremony took place at special evensong at 3.30. The 19th Psalm was chanted, the first lesson being read by the Vicar of Cheiveley, and the second lesson by the Rector of Welford. A procession then was formed, and, headed by the crossbearer, marched to the tower, where the dedication ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. A short peal was rung by the local band as the procession returned, and after the special prayers the ringers' hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' was very heartily sung. The Master preached an especially appropriate sermon from the words, 'Thou mayest add thereto.' The preacher said that, like David, their dead friend was not permitted to see the completion of the work so near his heart. That was to be done after, as a memorial to him, who was a good English Churchman. During the singing of the hymn, 'The sacred bells of England,' a collection resulted in a considerable addition to the bell fund. Tea was served in the Church Room, the Rector (the Rev. C. L. Jeaves) and Miss Strange Brown, with many lady helpers providing a bountiful repast. The bells were kept going afterwards with touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Cambridge Treble Bob and Bob Minor. All were well pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells, which are now an exceptionally well-balanced and tuneful ring, with tenor 8 cwt. in B flat. Most of the towers in the Newbury Branch were represented, the hon. secretary (the Rev. E. W. Thorpe) and the general secretary of the Guild (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) being among those present.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have carried out the work, which included the provision of three large iron girders to sustain the weight of the bells, as the main beams showed signs of decay.

**RUTLAND SURPRISE.**

By ARTHUR CRAVEN.

In introducing this useful and musical method to the Exercise, I must first of all explain that it is one of the 'Cambridge' and 'Yorkshire' Surprise family, and is the outcome of my endeavours to clear the false rows and the adjoining places in 1-2 from these methods. I think an examination of the method rung at Bolsover will prove that I have been successful. The musical qualities are equal to those obtainable in such methods as Bob Major or Double Norwich. The bob is made in 4th's place. There is only one false course in Major with the tenors together, i.e., 24365 and when a bob Before is used the lead where this occurs is cut away.

The method extends perfectly to any number of bells and in Royal and Maximus carries a clear proof with tenors together. I append the extension of the method to 10 and 12 bells, and recommend Surprise ringers to give it their attention, which I am certain they will not regret.

Major.	Royal.	Maximus.
12345678	1234567890	123456789012
21436587	2143658709	214365870912
12463857	12463856079	1246385607912
21648375	21648350597	2164835059712
26143857	2614385079	261438507912
62418375	62418350597	6241835059712
26146735	2614603957	26146039579
62417255	6241083575	62410835759
64271835	6420183957	64201839579
46728153	4602819375	46028193597
47021835	4620189435	46201893957
74268153	4602817953	46028179375
47286513	4068271935	40682713957
74825631	0486729153	048672919375
47826513	04087621935	040876219735
74285631	0478289153	048652717953
72458361	4087296513	408652717935
27543816	0476925631	048676729153
72548361	074826513	064787021935
27453816	7094285631	064787269153
72435186	0792458361	064787269513
27341566	7028543816	064787269531
23745186	7205948361	064787269513
32471568	2750493816	064787269531
34217586	7205439186	064787269531
43125766	2750341968	7205439186
34215678	7253049186	7205439186
43125587	2735401968	7205439186
41325578	2374510986	7205439186
14236587	3247159088	7205439186
41263857	2374519608	7205439186
14628375	3247156980	7205439186
14263957	3421758608	7205439186
	4312576980	7205439186
	3421567890	7205439186
	4312658709	7205439186
	4132567890	7205439186
	4132567890	7205439186
	4126385079	7205439186
	1462830597	7205439186
	1426385079	7205439186

**5280 Changes.**

23456	M	B	W	H
42356	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—
24565	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	—
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Twice repeated.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th, the full combinations in 5-6, with the 2nd never there, and the 3rd never in 6th's place at a course end. First peal rung in the method, October 13th, 1923, at Bolsover, Derby. Conducted by John Flint.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

At St. Mary's Church, Fryerning, Essex, on October 17th, a quarter-peal of Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Mr. A. P. Lucas, a well-known England and county cricketer, twenty years churchwarden at St. Mary's, who was interred earlier in the day. 720 Kent Treble Bob, 504 Oxford Treble Bob, 36 Plain Bob: L. Camp 1, E. Sitch 2, C. Harrington 3, G. Camp 4, G. Rogers 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.

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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, F. 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.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for October. — St. Clement Danes, 29th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec: pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held: t Lewisham on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. It is hoped there will be a good muster, as there is important business on the agenda.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**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. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 1 o'clock. The bells of Darlington are available for ringing. Ringers are requested to meet at St. John's, where hands can be arranged for the different churches.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Litlington, Cambs, near Royston, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. In order that satisfactory arrangements may be made for tea those intending to be present should inform me by Oct. 24th.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ratcliffe (Wollaton not being available) on Saturday, Oct. 27th. It is hoped all towers will be represented at this meeting to hear committee's report and other important business.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Shore, Holy Trinity, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting at 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Two peal tablets will be unveiled by Canon H. J. Elsee. Service at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head. Members and friends all welcome.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; a short service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, kindly provided by the local band. Will all those members intending to be present kindly write direct to the local secretary, Mr. F. Verney, St. Mary's Cottages, Elham? Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting. — E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at All Saints', Fulham. Ringing from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed. — Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, W.5.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Hon. Sec., Manchester Branch, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head, for those who advise me not later than Oct. 30th of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Trull on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided after service and business meeting following. Those who hope to attend for tea please let me know by the previous Tuesday. — P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. The usual allowance of half fares (maximum 2s.) will be paid at this meeting. Will all members intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 30th? — C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells from 2 till 9. Service at 4.30. Tea in St. George's Mission Hall at 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 30th.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at St. James', Milnrow. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. All are welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenbirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Short service, 4.45. Bells available afternoon and evening. Cordial invitation to all. — W. Ayre, Sec., School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, 1923. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley, Leeds.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Edmonton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 1/- per head at 5.30, and those who require same must please advise me by Tuesday, Oct. 30th. All members and friends are welcome. I shall be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions at an early date.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The Autumn meeting will be held at Leafield on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock. Service with an address, 4 o'clock. Followed by a Meat Tea. Business meeting afterwards. All visitors welcome.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, 1923. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service, with an address by Rev. R. P. Farrow, Rector of Stoney Stanton, at 4.15. Tea provided by the Vicar (Rev. H. V. Williams) for all who notify Mr. P. Reynolds, The Hollow, Earl Shilton, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 30th. Business meeting in Schools after tea. All ringers welcome. Will members still owing subscriptions kindly let me have same at earliest convenience?—F. Colton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

**DERBY.**—On Saturday, Nov. 3rd, the bells of St. Andrew's Church, recently rehung and augmented to ten, will be open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. Short service, 4 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Social evening after ringing. All ringers heartily welcome. Tea will be provided in the Schools, at 1/- each, for those who will communicate, not later than Nov. 1st, with W. Wallace, Hon. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than Nov. 10th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.**—Practices will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 until further notice.—H. Hollick, Hon. Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. James George has removed to 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham.

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**DEATH OF MR. H. BROOKE.****WINNER OF MANY PRIZES.**

The death has taken place of Mr. H. Brooke, of Liversedge, who has passed away at the age of 67 years. Deceased who was well known in Yorkshire ringing circles, had won between 50 and 60 first prizes in tower bells and handbell contests. He had also been successful at Belle Vue, Manchester, with the Liversedge Albert handbell ringers. In these competitions he helped to secure five first prizes and three seconds. Among the many peals he had rung were five of Cumberland Exercise Major and five of Violet Treble Bob Major. One of his best performances was in September 1891 when he won the first prize at Belle Vue, Manchester, handbell contest, and on the following day won the first prize with the Liversedge company at Almondbury on tower bells, an achievement he was always proud of.

The funeral took place on September 29th at Liversedge Parish Church, the bearers being seven of his ringing colleagues. Muffled ringing took place on Saturday, Oct. 13th, 2,688 changes being rung in 1 hr. and 45 mins. by the following: Ben Cooke 1, Sidney Goodall 2, Edward Crabtree 3, Walter Knott 4, F. Hodgson 5, Ernest Gatts 6, Edward Crowther (conductor) 7, Herbert Peel 8.

**BISHOPSTOKE HANTS.**—On Sunday, Sept. 30th, for service in the evening, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: E. Wilson 1, C. H. Giles 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Edwards 4, E. Ayliffe 5, G. Grant 6, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 7, C. Ayliffe 8.

**ST. ALBANS.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, Sept. 30th (harvest festival), for morning service, a quarter-peal of Sledman Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: C. Walklate 1, J. Blow 2, S. Lindsell 3, W. Little 4, J. Chatley 5, W. H. L. Buckingham 6, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 7, F. Beeson 8. First quarter-peal for the ringers of 2 and 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 51 mins.: C. Walklate 1, F. L. Whiteman 2, S. Lindsell 3, W. Little 4, J. Malyon 5, W. H. L. Buckingham 6, J. Chatley 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8.—On the eve of the harvest festival, an attempt for a peal of Sledman Triples, failing, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,230 changes), in 50 mins.: G. W. Debenham 1, T. J. Hull 2, H. E. C. Goodenough 3, W. Little 4, J. Malyon 5, W. H. L. Buckingham 6, J. Chatley 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—For the harvest festival, on Sunday, Sept. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. W. Wright 1, R. Evans 2, B. J. Tobr 3, J. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. Jones 6, D. R. James 7, C. Greeds 8.

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