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THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE.

What is the right thing to do with the bells on Armistice Day? It is one of the occasions when the bells have their part to play in a national commemoration, a commemoration, by the way, which recent controversy has shown is deep set in the hearts of the people. No other anniversary throughout the year touches the spirit of the nation as does the eleventh of November, and nothing out of harmony with the feelings of the public should be done in any tower. Various views have been expressed in our columns, but we think those which are given in this issue are those which, on reflection, ringers everywhere will agree are most consistent with the commemoration. The Durham and Newcastle Association has issued a general request that, at the churches in its area, ringing before the service at which the Silence is to be observed, shall be half-muffled, and that subsequent ringing shall be with open bells. That, too, is the trend of other opinions, and we think this is the most expressive way in which the bells can be used.

Unquestionably the anniversary of the conclusion of the most terrible war in history, is a day for rejoicing, but we cannot overlook the fact that the day is also a Day of Remembrance. We shall all go to our churches or our war shrines on that morning, filled with the thoughts of those brave dead, who gave everything, even life itself, for their country, and bells that ring for such a service would, we feel, not be in sympathy with the feeling of the moment unless they were half-muffled. At the conclusion of the service of remembrance, however, it is fitting that the spirit of rejoicing should prevail, for never, surely, in the world's history was there a moment which brought greater relief to millions of mankind than the hour of the Armistice. The strain of more than four years of war, with its suffering and anguish, was lifted, and it is with a feeling of thankfulness that we can celebrate the anniversary.

To adopt the suggestion made by the Durham and Newcastle Association, which other correspondents' letters support, will not tend to make the occasion the day of gloom, which Mr. Cave is desirous of avoiding, but in our view the least ringers can do as their contribution, publicly made to the celebration of the Day of Remembrance, is to ring the bells half-muffled for the service at which the most impressive feature of the anniversary will be observed. What we hope is that there will be unanimity of action, and that in every tower throughout the land the same practice will obtain. The opportunity of taking part in a national commemoration presents itself to ringers in a unique way on Armistice Day, and we trust it will not be lost. Associations might do as the Durham and Newcastle has done—give a lead to their towers in this matter. There is yet time.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES.

Tenor 40 cwt.

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| ERNEST JONES Treble | JAMES MARTIN 7 |
| ROBERT SPERRING 2 | CLAUDE I. DAVIES 8 |
| ALFRED E. BACON 3 | WILLIAM H. PICKETT 9 |
| WALTER FISHER 4 | EDWARD CAUNCE 10 |
| JOHN WILKINSON 5 | JOSEPH E. SYKES 11 |
| HERBERT LUDKIN 6 | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor |

Composed by GEO. R. NEWTON. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

The conductor's 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Joseph E. Sykes and Joseph Broadley of Bradford.

BIRMINGHAM

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

On Tuesday, October 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

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| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 7 |
| *WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2 | A. PADDON-SMITH 8 |
| *ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 3 | JAMES GEORGE 9 |
| J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 4 | JOHN NEAL 10 |
| JAMES E. GROVES 5 | ARTHUR E. PEGLER 11 |
| BERNARD W. WITCHELL 6 | ALBERT WALKER Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung to commemorate the octo-centenary of the dedication of that great national treasure, Tewkesbury Abbey. Mr. Barnett is from Crayford, Kent, and Mr. Pegler from Bangor, North Wales. * First peal of Maximus.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

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| THOMAS BALDWIN Treble | CHARLES GARDINER 7 |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2 | ALFRED HANNIS 8 |
| WILLIAM IRELAND 3 | WILLIAM HASTINGS 9 |
| JOHN AUSTIN 4 | CHARLES BOND 10 |
| JESSIE GILLET 5 | JOHN BALLINGER 11 |
| ALBERT WRIGHT 6 | CHARLES BARNFIELD ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

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| *MRS. F. I. HAIRS Treble | CHARLES T. COLES 7 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2 | ALBERT W. COLES 8 |
| WILLIAM PYE 3 | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 9 |
| FRANK I. HAIRS 4 | REuben SANDERS 10 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 5 | WILLIAM J. NUDDS 11 |
| JAMES E. DAVIES 6 | HAROLD W. CLARK Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal on twelve tower bells. First peal on twelve as conductor.

SMARDEN.—On Oct. 14th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. H. Lambert 1, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, F. J. Lambert, Lambert, senr., 3, R. Lambert 4, R. T. Lambert 5, F. J. Lambert (first 720 in the method) 6.

HORSMONDEN.—On Oct. 11th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, for harvest festival: G. Burt 1, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, F. L. Lambert, senr. 3, R. Lambert (first 720 in the method) 6.

TEN BELL PEALS.**CARDIFF.**

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, October 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

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| *GEORGE LARGE Treble | CHARLES H. PERRY 6 |
| THOMAS BALDWIN 2 | SIDNEY DAWE 7 |
| WILLIAM B. BISS 3 | *ERNEST COOMBS 8 |
| JOHN W. JONES 4 | FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9 |
| *ERNEST H. HUNT 5 | WILLIAM BOLTON Tenor |

Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal of Royal. Arranged for T. Baldwin, Gloucester.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| ROBERT SPERRING Treble | EDWARD V. RODENHORST 6 |
| *ALFRED E. BACON 2 | JAMES SWINDLEY 7 |
| JAMES H. RIDING 3 | *ARTHUR WALKER 8 |
| GEORGE R. JONES 4 | JAMES MORGAN 9 |
| ARTHUR PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 5 | JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. Sykes and Mr. Joseph Bradley. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. Jones for having everything ready.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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| THOMAS B. KENDALL Treble | *ERNEST H. SIMPSON 6 |
| JAMES COTTERELL 2 | JOHN W. CUNDALL 7 |
| *JOHN LAWSON 3 | JOSEPH BROADLEY 8 |
| JOE HARDCASTLE 4 | FREDERICK SALMONS 9 |
| *JOHN WILKINSON 5 | JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor |

Composed by G. R. NEWTON.

Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Maude. Mr. Wilkinson was elected a life member previous to starting for the peal.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

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| ALFRED E. REEVES Treble | SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6 |
| WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 2 | SIDNEY HILLIER 7 |
| WILLIAM A. CAVE 3 | WALTER FARLEY 8 |
| WILLIAM KNIGHT 4 | JOSEPH GOULD 9 |
| JOSEPH T. DYKE 5 | THOMAS F. KING Tenor |

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

This composition has the 5th and 6th exclusively in 2nd's and behind the 9th. Mr. J. T. Dyke has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

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AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| GEORGE H. CROSS Treble | ROBERT HARDY 6 |
| GEORGE P. BURTON 2 | JOHN A. GODFREY 7 |
| WILLIAM CLOVER 3 | GEORGE MAYERS 8 |
| JOHN MOY 4 | FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 9 |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 5 | WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on ten bells by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and tenor. Fiftieth peal by Robert Hardy. 100th peal by W. E. Bason.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.**LONDON.**

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WILTON ROAD, PINLICO, S.W.1.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK H. CROOK Treble | *HARRY H. MANCE 5 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2 | †JAMES BULLOCK 6 |
| *WILLIAM H. WOOD 3 | *FRANK SKEVINGTON 7 |
| *RALPH MACKERRILL 4 | †HARRY MANCE Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PRITTLIEWELL,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| *ERNEST TORBANK Treble | WILLIAM DUDLEY 5 |
| HENRY T. WILSON 2 | LEONARD STILWELL 6 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3 | HARRY PARKES 7 |
| CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 4 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor |

Composed by E. BARNETT.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First in the method. L. Stilwell and H. Parkes were elected non-resident ringing members of the Association previous to starting.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'.

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb.

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| PERCY JONES Treble | HARRY BROUGHTON 5 |
| EDWARD DARE 2 | FRANK BOUCHER 6 |
| WILLIAM PIKE 3 | ALBERT ADDICOTT 7 |
| GEORGE COOKE 4 | BRINLY ADDICOTT Tenor |

Conducted by A. ADDICOTT.

First peal of Stedman by all. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd. This peal was attempted three weeks previously as a harvest festival peal.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| THOMAS ADAMS Treble | WILLIAM DENMAN, JUN. 5 |
| ALBERT FIEST 2 | JAMES BURDFIELD 6 |
| RAYMOND WOOD 3 | JOHN COOK 7 |
| PETER CHARMAN 4 | WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, October 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Anne, Highgate,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ERNEST BONFIELD Treble | RICHARD BEVAN 5 |
| JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2 | JOHN W. CORNFORD 6 |
| *ALBERT C. V. GASSON 3 | GEORGE CARD 7 |
| *JOHN SPARROW 4 | FRANK SMITH Tenor |

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by F. SMITH.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. F. Matthews (son of the 2nd ringer) to Miss K. Smith (daughter of the conductor).

ALTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| *GEORGE NOAKES Treble | *ARCHIBALD W. EVANS 5 |
| WALTER H. PERRY 2 | *JAMES W. TRAPPIST, SEN. 6 |
| *HUGH R. EVANS 3 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 7 |
| ERNEST E. HAM 4 | *LAURENCE J. NOAKES Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman by all except ringers of 6 and 7. First peal in the method on the bells by a local band. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1923, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Treble | HUBERT EDEN 5 |
| CECIL KAZER 2 | WILLIAM SEELEY 6 |
| *WILFRED C. IBBETT 3 | WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 7 |
| ARTHUR W. DIX 4 | *WALTER J. SIMONS Tenor |

Conducted by W. G. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. J. Field, an earnest Church worker, who was interred that afternoon. Mr. Field was an hon. member of the Herts Association for many years and of the local society.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Dionysius.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| STANLEY RICHARDSON ... Treble | FRED WALLINGTON 5 |
| ALBERT MARTIN 2 | WALTER WALLINGTON 6 |
| SAM BURDITT 3 | ARTHUR MANNING 7 |
| WILLIAM HECTOR 4 | *ALFRED PICK Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

The ringer of the 2nd is from Kibworth, 3rd from Desborough, tenor from East Langton, the remainder belong to the local company. First peal on eight bells as conductor. * First peal on eight. S. Burditt was elected a member before starting.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM GOODENODGH ... Treble | G. FREDERICK JAMES 5 |
| JAMES BUTLER 2 | JOHN DEARLOVE 6 |
| THOMAS EAST 3 | JAMES S. NAPPER 7 |
| WILLIAM J. NAPPER 4 | ROBERT ALDRIDGE Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES BUTLER.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

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| GEORGE S. MORRIS Treble | HARRY BROUGHTON 5 |
| ERNEST MORRIS 2 | E. HARRY STONELEY 6 |
| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 3 | JAMES F. CLARKE 7 |
| HAROLD J. POOLE 4 | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

Rung in honour of the coming of age of H. J. Poole.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

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| GEORGE S. MORRIS Treble | JAMES F. CLARKE 5 |
| ERNEST MORRIS 2 | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6 |
| E. HARRY STONELEY 3 | FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7 |
| HARRY BROUGHTON 4 | HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

On the Royal Memorial Bells of St. John the Divine,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

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| *MRS. LILIAN A. HARDY ... Treble | GEORGE W. FLETCHER 5 |
| *MISS HILDA F. WILLSON ... 2 | *L. WILLIAM JACOUES 6 |
| WALTER WHITEHEAD 3 | JAMES PARKER 7 |
| MISS EDITH K. PARKER 4 | WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by EDITH K. PARKER.

* First peal of London and first attempt. First in the method on the bells. Arranged for Messrs. Parker and Fletcher of Enfield, Middlesex, the latter being elected a life member previous to the peal.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(St. Chad's Society.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

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| *ALBERT L. SHORT Treble | EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5 |
| *JOHN GRIFFITHS 2 | *DENIS J. BOUCHER 6 |
| *JAMES E. LILLEY 3 | *REGINALD R. POLE 7 |
| *WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 4 | CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor |

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Double Norwich and rung at the first attempt. First peal of Double Norwich rung in Shrewsbury, also first peal in the above method by the Guild and St. Chad's Society, and first in the method by resident members in the County of Shropshire. All the above are Sunday service ringers except E. V. Rodenhurst, J. E. Lilley and J. Griffiths, each only 15 years of age.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

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| ALBERT S. BAYLEY Treble | JOSEPH HANLEY 5 |
| ROBERT EVANS 2 | WILLIAM SAUNDERS 6 |
| THOMAS E. ABBOTT 3 | WALTER LAGO 7 |
| WILLIAM D. WASE 4 | BERT RIXOM Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by T. E. ABBOTT.

First peal on tower bells as conductor. Rung as a centenary peal to Samuel Lawrence, the great Shifnal ringer, who died in the year 1823. The above ringers are a section of the Coalbrookdale band, and thank the Rev. J. K. Swinburne for the use of the bells, and Mr. W. Page, local captain, for having everything in readiness.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| WILLIAM LATTER | ...Treble | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM COLLINSON | 2 | HERBERT MARKWELL ... | 6 |
| FRANK BENNETT | 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... | 7 |
| WILLIAM BEESON, JUN. ... | 4 | KEITH HART | ...Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (Author's No. 119).

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is believed to be the first peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

KIDDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM JUDGE | ...Treble | JACK JUDGE | 5 |
| JOHN F. SHARP | 2 | WILLIAM STONE | 6 |
| LEONARD TOFFREY | 3 | WALTER F. JUDGE ... | 7 |
| FREDERICK T. CLINKARD ... | 4 | WILLIAM H. THORNE ... | ...Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Turner, sister of the ringers of 1, 5, and 7. Quickest peal on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... | ...Treble | CHARLES E. FISHER ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM P. GARRETT | 2 | HARRY R. ROPER | 6 |
| *JAMES DURRANT | 3 | CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... | 7 |
| FRANK L. FISHER | 4 | GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... | ...Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Cambridge on 'inside bell.'

OLD WINDSOR BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

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| WILLIAM WELLING | ...Treble | *ARTHUR CROSS | 5 |
| HUBERT J. CHAFFEY | 2 | WILLIAM C. PARKER ... | 6 |
| *EDWARD S. T. FARR | 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY | 7 |
| *MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... | 4 | LEONARD STILWELL ... | ...Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRICHARD. Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First attempt for Major. The ringer of the 3rd was proposed a member, and the 5th a life member of the Association before starting. The tenor man has now rung the tower round, and the conductor has called a peal from each bell in the tower.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

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| JAMES ARROWSMITH | ...Treble | SAMUEL HOLT | 5 |
| WILLIAM BERRY | 2 | TOM A. OGDEN | 6 |
| JAMES JACQUES | 3 | THOMAS K. DRIVER ... | 7 |
| *JOHN SMITH | 4 | FRANK BERRY | ...Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by W. BERRY.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th. The composition contains the 4th 12 times in 5-6, 5th and 6th 16 times in 5-6, and 2 and 3 never in 6th's place.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Monday, October 15, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's each of Morning Star, Dream and Grandsire, and twelve 120's of Old Doubles. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| *C. G. SNELLING | ...Treble | W. MUSK | 3 |
| C. R. CATCHPOLE | 2 | W. STEGGALL | 4 |
| J. FAIRWEATHER | ... | ...Tenor | |

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

* First peal. First peal on the bells in four methods.

HAMPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob.

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| F. ARROWSMITH | ...Treble | A. J. TAYLOR | 4 |
| T. TAYSON | 2 | H. TAYSON | 5 |
| G. TAYSON | 3 | W. TAYLOR | ...Tenor |

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

LLANFRECFA.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| *PERCY HERNIMAN | ...Treble | SAMUEL JONES | 4 |
| JAMES H. PHILLIPS | 2 | GEORGE WATTS | 5 |
| FREDERICK BOLTON | 3 | PERCY L. STAFFORD ... | ...Tenor |

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

First peal of Minor by all the band and on the bells. Rung as a farewell to James Phillips, the local leader, who is leaving the district. * First peal.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| *JACK COLLINS | ...Treble | JOHN RODWELL, JUN. ... | 4 |
| †CHARLES BUNTING | 2 | CLAUDE COUSINS | 5 |
| WALLACE COUSINS | 3 | TONY PRICE | ...Tenor |

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal. † First peal inside. Arranged for the ringers of 1 and 2, and as a farewell to T. Price of Shouldham, this being the tower where he first rang a bell. He goes to Boston, U.S.A.]

HANDBELL PEALS.

LESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, October 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor size 16 in A.

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| 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.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Peals by Members of the Sussex County Association whilst on Tour, October 13—20th.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 0 lb. in D flat.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble | CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 6 |
| I. GEORGE SHADE 2 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... .. 7 |
| WILLIAM NEVARD 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS 8 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4 | ALBERT D. STONE 9 |
| JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5 | KEITH HART... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

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| JOHN C. TRUSS Treble | WILLIAM NEVARD 5 |
| I. GEORGE SHADE 2 | CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 6 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... .. 7 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

The conductor's 250th peal. The anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams' wedding, 1881.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble | FRANK BENNETT 5 |
| JAMES H. SHEPHERD 2 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... .. 6 |
| WILLIAM NEVARD 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7 |
| CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 4 | KEITH HART... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, SOUTHOVER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble | JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6 |
| KEITH HART 2 | CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 7 |
| WILLIAM NEVARD 3 | ROBERT J. DAWE... .. 8 |
| I. GEORGE SHADE 4 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... .. 9 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5 | OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Treble | WILLIAM NEVARD 5 |
| CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 2 | OLIVER SIPPETTS 6 |
| I. GEORGE SHADE 3 | KEITH HART 7 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4 | *WILLIAM MEAD Tenor |

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method and hails from Clun.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, Oct. 18th, for a special mission service, attended by several bishops, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): J. W. Jones 1, W. B. Biss 2, G. Large 3, J. Davies 4, A. Parnell 5, E. Coombes 6, E. Stitch (Aberavon) 7, S. Dawe (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8, F. Chamberlain 9, Seymour R. Barker 10.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in C flat.

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| I. GEORGE SHADE Treble | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 5 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2 | FRANK BENNETT 6 |
| KEITH HART... .. 3 | JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7 |
| CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 0 lb.

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| KEITH HART... .. Treble | GEORGE WILLIAMS 5 |
| WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 2 | JOHN C. TRUSS 6 |
| CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7 |
| WILLIAM NEVARD 4 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... .. Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

A birthday peal for Mr. James Elliman, a resident of Sussex (Hove), who gave the steeple and bells to the town of Slough in 1913.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb. in D.

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| WILLIAM NEVARD Treble | CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 5 |
| I. GEORGE SHADE 2 | WILLIAM HART 6 |
| A. E. SHARMAN 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7 |
| WILLIAM H. FOSSELL... .. 4 | KEITH HART... .. Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble | GEORGE WILLIAMS 5 |
| KEITH HART... .. 2 | CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 6 |
| FRANK BENNETT 3 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... .. 7 |
| WILLIAM NEVARD 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 15 lb. in E.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble | WILLIAM NEVARD 6 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 2 | FRANK BENNETT 7 |
| ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... .. 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 8 |
| I. GEORGE SHADE 4 | KEITH HART... .. 9 |
| CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 5 | JOHN JAY Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

LISTENING IN!

An unexpected and rather delicate problem, says the 'Morning Post,' is arising in many localities where the parish church possesses a peal of bells and a keen body of bell ringers. Equally keen listeners-in are protesting that much of their pleasure is spoilt by the noise of the bells on practice nights. Yet bells are not of much use if they are not rung, and in order to be rung properly the ringers must practise. With a little give-and-take on both sides there seems to be no reason why listeners-in should not be able to have their full enjoyment and the bell ringers their accustomed practice.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. OVERLAPPING DISCUSSED.

The October quarterly meeting was held at Stoke-in-Coventry. Upwards of 30 members were present from Allesley, Birmingham, Coventry, Exhall, Rugby, Stoney Stanton, Chilvers Coton, Warwick, Higham, Monks Kirby, Nuneaton and the Stoke band. The bells were open at 3 p.m., and the Guild's special service was held in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. C. Potts) assisted by the curate (the Rev. C. D. R. Sharpe). The Rector gave an interesting address. After the service a capital meat tea was provided in the Parish Room, at which the following ladies kindly gave their assistance: Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. A. Roberts. It need hardly be said that full justice was done, and the members are greatly indebted to the Stoke friends for their kind hospitality.

The business meeting followed, and in the unavoidable absence of the president (the Archdeacon of Warwick), the Rector presided. He was supported by the Rev. C. D. R. Sharpe, the Rev. Frank Melville (Vicar of Exhall), Mr. A. Roberts (Ringing Master), and between 30 and 40 members.

Messrs. H. Argyle and A. Roberts were re-elected representatives on the Central Council. The Rev. F. Melville (Vicar of Exhall) and the Rev. Robert L. E. Oliver (Vicar of Monks Kirby) were also elected honorary members of the Guild. Three other gentlemen were elected ringing members.—Chilvers Coton was selected for the next quarterly meeting in January.

A discussion took place with reference to holding the annual meeting earlier in the year, and eventually a notice of motion was given to move at the next quarterly meeting, 'that the annual meeting be held in April instead of July.'

Another subject that provoked a deal of discussion was 'Why does the Midland Counties Association hold meetings in Warwickshire?' Ultimately a motion that the matter be allowed to drop was carried.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Stoke friends (including the ladies) for the splendid tea, to the Rector for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, giving the address and for the Parish Room for the meeting.

The Guild's hearty congratulations were accorded the Stoke band on ringing the first peal of Bristol for the Guild.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major, London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. Some excellent double-handed ringing was also accomplished. The falling of the bells in peal brought the ringing and a very pleasant meeting to an end.

FOUR SHIRES GUILD. A COMPETITION MEETING.

The 'Four Shires Guild' held their half-yearly meeting and competition at Wootton-Wawen on Saturday, Oct. 27th, when competitions in rising and falling, call changes, and method ringing, took place. Owing to the very wet day, the attendance was not so large as usual. Ringers were present from Moreton-in-Marsh, Ilmington, Campden, Ebrington, Quinton, Stratford-on-Avon, Aston-Cantlow, Henley-in-Arden, and the local band. The judging was ably carried out by Mr. Walter Large, Stretton-on-Fosse, and Mr. James Hemming, of Hampton, and they awarded the points per cent., as follows: Ilmington, Rising and Falling, 98; Call Changes, 99; Method, 100. Moreton-in-Marsh, Rising and Falling, 96; Call Changes, 95; Method, 98. Ebrington, Rising and Falling, 71; Call Changes, 74; Method, 68. Quinton, Rising and Falling, 50; Call Changes, 69; Method (did not compete). The home team is not allowed to compete, but is awarded the average number of points on the day's ringing, namely, Rising and Falling, 78; Call Changes, 87; Method, 85.

At the close of the competitions a service was held, and a most impressive sermon was preached by Mr. E. T. Boyd-Wilson, Diocesan lay reader. After the service, about 60 members and friends sat down to an excellent meat tea, provided by friends in Wootton-Wawen.

At the business which followed, the handsome challenge shield of the Guild was presented to Ilmington, this tower having gained the greatest number of points on the year's ringing, namely, 573 out of a possible 600. The judges spoke of the great improvement in the ringing at this meeting, and congratulated the young towers on the plucky way in which they rang in this, their first competition.

The Secretary advised the young towers to put their shoulders to the wheel and get on with method ringing, and also urged the older towers to try and advance a little farther along the campanological road. He impressed upon them the fact that, if they could but realise it, the competitions were lost and won in their own towers.

The Secretary also spoke of the great loss to the Guild by the death of Brother Samuel Marshall Russell, who died from the effects of wounds, gas and hardships, which he endured while a prisoner of war.

The company showed their sympathy and respect by standing for a minute in silence.

This brought the meeting to a close, and after the National Anthem had been sung the belfry was again visited for further ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Good wishes to Mr. William Newell, of Reading, who will reach his 85th birthday on Thursday next. Few people have done the spadework for ringing that the 'father' of the Reading ringers has done.

The 'Bury Post,' of Nov. 5th, 1788 recorded a handbell peal of Bob Major at Nowton, in which the tenor was rung by a girl of 13.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise was rung at Huddersfield on November 5th, 1821.

Thirty-five years ago next Thursday the Burton-on-Trent men rang a 6,720 London Surprise Major.

The first 'name' peal was rung by a band of Williams at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on November 3rd, 1796. This was a peal of Grandsire Caters and William Shipway was one of the band.

Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, band are out for something in the way of a local record, if not extending beyond 'local.' At present only three 720's London Surprise have been rung on the bells, and all by the same band, with three different conductors. They hope before long to record six different conductors with the same band in the first six extents in the method.

During matins at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Armistice Day, a procession of clergy, choir and congregation will proceed to the war shrine there to lay Offerings of Remembrance. A wreath will be placed on the war shrine from ringers. The service will begin at 10.45 a.m., and details of the ringing will be found in our notice columns.

The little booklet entitled 'Why are you a ringer?' written with the sole object of impressing on ringers the sacred part of the church work which they are called upon to perform, has been in big demand. Copies are twopence halfpenny each, or twelve for 1s. 6d., including postage, and can be obtained from Mr. W. J. Southwood, 14, St. James' Road, Exeter.

The centenary of Samuel Lawrence, one of the greatest ringers of his day, was celebrated by a peal at his native place at Shifnal, Shropshire, on Saturday.

A number of peal reports are unavoidably held over until next week.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT LEICESTER.

PRESENTATION TO MR. HAROLD J. POOLE.

The whisper went round the belfry, 'the youngster's twenty-one on October 21st, and a feed would be an excellent way of celebrating the event; shall us?'

The reply was short and to the point: 'Yes, let's.'

The 21st falling on Sunday meant that another day would have to be found for the gathering, and Tuesday, the 23rd, was selected. The detective-sergeant was detailed to make the necessary arrangements, his knowledge of the capabilities of the various houses in the city 'within the meaning of the Act' being unique. At 7.30 prompt on the day appointed, the ringers and friends assembled. It was quite a ringers' 7.30, the last one strolling in only twenty minutes late. All who had promised to attend turned up, with the melancholy exception of the organiser, who unfortunately was ordered to bed by his doctor the previous day. The sympathy of all went out to him. His wife made a good substitute, however, and brought up the number to the full total. At the word 'go' nineteen knives and forks got busy on the excellent fare provided to which full justice was done. A convivial evening followed. The 'dairymen' was appointed to the chair. Tunes and changes on handbells were the first items on the programme followed by songs by Messrs. Wm Webb, H. W. Needham and A. Martin.

The Chairman after making a short and appropriate speech, handed to Mr. H. Poole a framed photograph of the record Cambridge Major band, with the best wishes of the St. Martin's Society, and wishing him 'many happy returns.'—Mr. Poole made a short and breezy reply.

The whole party then drank to his health, after which Messrs. Webb and Broughton most successfully slaughtered the well-known duet, 'Larboard Watch.' One had forgotten the words and the other the tune. The pianist, R. F. Elkington, alias 'Anstey' for short—did not help matters by attempting to play the piece with the score upside down! The old St. Martin's Birmingham, man who was present had something to be thankful for, in the fact that he is as deaf as the proverbial stone.

Recitations by the worthy host and Mr. Weeks and a song by Mrs. Weeks then followed. The funny man of St. John's—sometimes known as 'A Flat'—gave a striking representation of a zoological garden in a fit. Further handbells ringing brought a most successful evening to a close.

The only fly in the ointment in connection with the celebration was that a specially arranged attempt for Cambridge Royal at St. Martin's on the previous Saturday came to grief owing to a rope breaking after 23 hours' excellent ringing. The disappointment was the keener for the fact that the previous twelve attempts for Surprise Royal which had been arranged for nothing in particular, were successful. Still thirteen always was considered to be unlucky.

ARMISTICE DAY RINGING.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION DECISION.**

At the annual meeting of the above Association, held on Saturday last, the question of Armistice Day ringing was fully discussed.

It was unanimously decided that the bells be rung half-muffled 'as a tribute to the fallen' (it being a day of remembrance as well as of rejoicing), for the morning service, be it at 10.30 or 10.45, or thereabouts. After the two minutes' silence, the bells to be rung open for the remainder of the day for whatever ringing takes place.

All bands of ringers connected with the Durham and Newcastle Association are asked to fall in line with this decision.

The programme for ringing at Newcastle Cathedral is ringing half-muffled for the 10.45 a.m. service. Ringing open directly after the service, during the afternoon, and for the evening service.

'FOLLOW THE WAY OF THE CHURCH.'

Sir,—Is it not best to follow the way of the church in this matter? The joy of her festivals is preceded by the sorrow of the vigil or fast in order to remind us of our Lord's words, 'Your sorrow shall be turned into joy.' Let the bells give out the same message. Before the Silence let the bells ring muffled, or a Requiem peal. After it the loud peal of thanksgiving. This ringing could be either immediately before and after the service which accompanies the Silence or on the preceding and following days (or even weeks). Such a method of ringing would I think, be both understood by people generally, and appreciated.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE.

Sir,—While there is much in Mr. Cave's letter which will appeal to many, I regret that I cannot go all the way with him in his argument. He says he hopes it will not become a second Good Friday. Well, Good Friday is a movable date, and is fast losing its significance, and after all, although our Lord gave up His earthly life—these men did the same, and 'Greater love' — You know the rest.

The first Armistice day was an orgy of riotous liberty from the nightmare of four and a half years. There was then no cenotaph or war memorial anywhere. Since that time the day has been set apart—as far as is practicable—as a day of remembrance. The two minutes' silence was intended to be universal Empire homage, but is any honour too great for the men who died? To my mind, if any ringing is done at all, it ought to be muffled for the memorial service.

The recent public outcry against the cancellation of the cenotaph service has caused the Government to reinstate it. This shows the hold the day has upon the people, whether sacred or secular at other times. To ring 'open' for the memorial service would be equal to rejoicing on Good Friday over the murder of Christ—though there are some sects who 'glory' in the death of Him. Armistice Day service has become an institution and it makes men think. Even if by adding our quota of muffled bells, it brings back the sorrow of other days: better that than callousness. When a nation forgets the horrors of war, it is ready to embark again. May we never forget. — Yours sincerely,

W. WILLSON.

AN EFFECTIVE REMINDER.

Dear Sir,—Will you please give me a little space in your widely read paper to 'broadcast' these few lines. Armistice Day is essentially a day of remembrance.

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.

Flesh of her flesh they were spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free

The most appropriate service ringers can render on Armistice Day as an act of thanksgiving, and also as a tribute to the immortal memory of the fallen is to ring a quarter-peal for the morning service with the bells half-muffled. There cannot be a more fitting prelude to the impressive memorial services which will be held in our churches on that day. There is the open note of praise and thanksgiving, and then the muffled tone, resembling, as it does, a divine answer of the departed, echoing from the heavens—a common communion with them. It is not given to any other instrument of music to sound to all mankind such an effective reminder of this sacred day. For the remaining services of the day the bells should be rung open.

It is not necessary to make this day a second Good Friday, neither is it necessary to remind your readers that so long as the great war remains within living memory those gallant brothers who 'paid the price' of victory will not be forgotten. One recalls many of them—ringers, choristers, and others—who, had they lived, would have done much in the service of the church.

These were His servants, in His steps they trod,
Following through death the martyr'd Son of God.

This then is the reason why various sections of the community will not be denied paying their acts of remembrance in their own particular way—apart from the official two minutes' silence—and very rightly so, too.

I am sure ringers will welcome the opportunity of paying this beautiful token of affectionate regard to the memory of those who ungrudgingly gave their lives for the land they loved.

For an hour, then, before the appointed time of service let the towns and countryside be flooded with this eloquent and sacred music; and, if I may suggest it, a record of these acts of thanksgiving and remembrance be filed in the columns of this journal. — Yours faithfully,

R. A. HORNSBY,

Hon. Secretary of the Towcester and District Association.
Green's Norton.

MUFFLED RINGING APPRECIATED.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to say, in answer to Mr. W. A. Cave, that I can hardly agree that 'Armistice Day' should be more a joy day than anything else. In the first place, my original suggestion was that 'the bells should be rung half-muffled, the open side in joy and gratitude for the blessing of victory, and the muffled side in proud and grateful remembrance of those we loved and lost.' As you sir, truly said in your issue of Nov. 3rd last year, the occasion for rejoicing occupies only a secondary place, and that it is primarily as a Day of Remembrance that this anniversary occupies first place in the hearts of the British people. And as the Archbishop of Canterbury said as reported in your last issue, "that bells had the power as nothing else had of making us all sharers of the same emotions as others in joy or sorrow, sympathy or gratulation, thanksgiving or hope."

With these expressions I am in hearty agreement, and I contend that the most appropriate and impressive manner of carrying out the thoughts and wishes of the public generally is by ringing the bells either half or fully muffled on that day, and I have good reason to know that such ringing is greatly appreciated. While thanking my fellow-ringers for what they have done in this direction for the past two or three years, may I again appeal to them to do their best to 'carry on.'—Yours faithfully,

Wellingtonborough.

F. BARBER.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.**ENJOYABLE SOCIAL EVENING.**

A social evening, arranged by the Bristol United Guilds, was held on Tuesday, October 23rd in the St. Thomas' Parish Room. It was a stormy evening, and the weather probably kept many away who would (and should) have been there. The fair sex were very well represented, not all ringers, of course, although there were about seven of those present, four of whom, with Mr. E. J. Brown, gave selections on a peal of 20 handbells, and here we may make a note of the fact that at last we are able to listen to other tunes upon handbells, apart from the well-worn 'Lassie,' 'Soldiers' Joy,' and 'Harvest Home.' They gave a very good performance, and their instructor is to be congratulated on the result of his painstaking efforts. The other items on the programme, all of which were well received, were supplied by Miss Ivy Baker, Mr. W. S. Emery, Mr. Rawlings (cello soli), Mr. Tiley and Mr. Rudman (the two latter also combined in a couple of duets), and last, but by no means least, Mr. Guise's Orchestra, a really first-rate combination of musicians, of whom it was said by one who has had a wide experience that it was the best band he has danced to outside of London. There was an interval for refreshments, coffee, sandwiches and cakes being on sale practically at cost price, and that they were appreciated was shown by the fact that everything was cleared.

The Rev. T. Fowler, president of the United Guilds was the chairman, and he voiced the thanks of the gathering to all who had contributed to the programme, and to the authorities at St. Thomas' for lending the room. The artistes had given their services freely, and the company were all very grateful.

In addition to the Vicar of St. Thomas' (the Rev. M. Paterson) his two churchwardens were both present with their wives, both of whom were seen joining in the dancing, which took place after the interval, and up to 10.15, when 'God save the King' brought a happy evening to a close. A collection taken at the door realised £2 3s. 1½d.

The thanks of all are due and are hereby tendered to all the ladies who were responsible for the refreshments, and also to Mr. Guise for arranging such an enjoyable evening.

DOUBLE NORWICH BY SHROPSHIRE BAND.

On Saturday, Oct. 27th the St. Chad's Society, Shrewsbury, added to their laurels by scoring a peal of Double Norwich. It is only three months since the band began to practise the method, and they are proud of being the first Shropshire band to ring a peal in the method in the county. All are at present members in the Archdeaconry. It is now hoped that higher methods will follow. St. Chad's band will be glad to see any Surprise ringers at practice on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. or Sundays 10 and 5.30 p.m.

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MR. REUBEN HALL, OF OLDBURY. AN ACTIVE MIDLAND VETERAN.

In celebration of the 71st birthday of Mr. Reuben Hall, of Oldbury, a peal of Grandsire Caters, in which Mr. Hall rang the tenor, was rung at West Bromwich on October 13th as already recorded in our columns. Born at Bourton-on-the-Water Gloucestershire, Mr. Hall went to the Oldbury district as a young man, and worked at Messrs. Lee's saw mills, Swan Village, for nearly 50 years. He began his connection with Oldbury Church when the bells were installed in 1887 to commemorate the Jubilee of Queen Victoria, and for 30 years Mr. Hall was tower keeper. He also held the position of clock winder, and the clock and chimes did not cost the officials anything during this period.

The peal at West Bromwich was by an interesting coincidence Mr. Hall's 200th, and he was congratulated both upon this and upon his birthday, as well as upon the excellent way in which he rang the 23 cwt. tenor.



MR. REUBEN HALL IN THE BELFRY.

After the peal, ringers and friends adjourned to the Plough Inn, where an excellent spread awaited them, kindly provided by Mr. Hall. After justice had been done to it the evening was spent in selections on the handbells, Messrs. Jaggar, Screen and Hall playing a prominent part.

The best thanks of those present were passed to Mr. Hall for so kindly entertaining them, and the sincere hope was expressed that he might enjoy good health to take part in change ringing for many years to come. Thanks were also tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Reeves for the kind and able manner in which they catered for the party, also to Mr. Edward Reeves for making the arrangements.

The following is the list of Mr. Hall's peals:—Stedman Cinques, 5; Stedman Caters, 14; Stedman Triples, 44; Grandsire Cinques, 2; Grandsire Caters, 61; Grandsire Major, 2; Grandsire Triples, 41 (conducted 2); New Grandsire Caters, 1; New Grandsire Triples, 2; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Major, 14; Bob Triples, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Forward Major, 2; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Erin Cinques, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, 3; Oxford Bob Triples, 1. Total 200; conducted, 2.

Among the peals of Grandsire Caters was one of 11,563 at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, and another, half-muffled, of over 9,000 changes, the longest half-muffled peal on record.

PRESENTATION TO WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

Mr. William Lawrence, of Ealing, has recently retired, on a pension, on reaching the age limit from the Fire Brigade section of the Architect's Department of the London County Council. The appointment which Mr. Lawrence held was gained in open competition, and the esteem in which he was held by his colleagues has been shown by a presentation made to him, consisting of a solid silver, bell-shaped inkstand, accompanied by a cheque. The inkstand was supplied by Mr. G. Langford, Woking, and was finely engraved with the following inscription: 'Presented to William Lawrence on his retirement, as a token of esteem from his colleagues in the Architects' Department of the London County Council.'

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING AT DORE.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held (by kind permission of the Midland Counties Association) at Dore on Saturday, October 20th. A nice bright day, a place easy of access, and a beautiful little peal of eight bells, all helped to attract visitors, upwards of 40 being present, the towers represented being Arksey, Barnsley, Ecclesfield, Eastwood, Handsworth, Horbury, Rotherham, Sheffield (the Cathedral, St. Maries' and All Saints), and Wortley, also out-county members from Bolsover, Chesterfield, Norton, Killamash and Treeton. A short service was held in the church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. R. Gibson) officiated, and gave a short address. The organist and choir-boys also attended, and helped to make the service a very bright and cheerful one. A splendid tea was provided in the Schoolroom by the local company and their ladies.

Prior to the meeting the gathering was entertained by the Sheffield Cathedral company, who rang a course of Stedman Cinques on the handbells in faultless style. The Vicar was so delighted that he engaged them on the spot for a concert on Shrove Tuesday next.

At the business meeting which followed, Messrs. F. Garner (Arksey) and H. Revill (Ordsall) were elected to membership of the association, and Rawmarsh was selected for the next meeting if the necessary permission can be obtained. This is to be held on Dec. 8th.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for his address, the churchwardens, the organist and choir-boys; the ladies for their services at tea; the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness; and last but not least to Mr. J. E. L. Cockey for the very able manner in which everything had been arranged for the welfare and comfort of the visitors.

It is very pleasing to note that during the day several of the local company were successful in getting through their first touch of Kent Treble Bob Major.

NORTHERN DIVISION GROWTH.

A quarterly meeting of the Northern Division was held at Thirsk on Saturday Oct. 20th. The meeting was well attended by members from that part of the division, and the weather being exceptionally fine everybody had a very pleasant day. It was the first time the association had visited Thirsk, and members who were not present will be pleased to know that the whole of the Thirsk band were elected members of the association, and the Vicar of Thirsk became an honorary member.

A service was held in the church, when the Rev. K. P. H. Austen welcomed the ringers to Thirsk, and spoke to them on the pleasures as well as the usefulness of their art.

A business meeting took place immediately after tea the Rev. E. Drage, vice-president of the association, being in the chair. The ringers were also pleased to welcome as their guest Canon England, of Hesse. Ringing friends, who are interested in the work of the association in this large and scattered district of the North of Yorkshire will be gratified to learn of the increased number of ringers in this district. Fifteen new members were elected at this meeting, making a total of 12 since the reorganisation of the Northern Division in 1920.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Saltburn on the third Saturday in February and it is hoped ringing friends in the North will make a note of this date, and where possible, make an effort to attend the meeting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BETTER ANNUAL REPORT WANTED

A meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Kirton-Lindsey on Saturday, October 20th, but was poorly attended members being present from Gainsborough and Brigg, in addition to some of the local company. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. E. Dawber of Gainsborough, presided. An apology of absence was read from Canon Hicks, of Messingham.

Mr. F. W. Atkinson proposed, and Mr. C. H. Baker seconded, that a better annual report be published by the Guild, something after the pre-war style, giving the names of the officials in the branches, also the names of the members in every tower in the branches, the district secretaries' names etc.

The district secretary was instructed to write the general secretary of the Northern Branch and express their views on the matter.

It was also resolved that the secretary write to the Rev. Parry, of Bigby, congratulating him on ringing a peal at Bigby.

Regret was expressed that Mr. F. S. W. Butler, of Gainsborough, was unable to be at the meeting owing to an illness, and the secretary was asked to convey the meeting's sympathy to him.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and also to the ladies for providing the tea, concluded the meeting.

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE.

Dear Sir,—Please withdraw all claims to the method we rang at Leiston as Rochester Surprise. It was quite an oversight, and we wish it to be called by the original name, as first published, Lancashire Surprise.—Yours truly

C. F. BAILEY.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday evening, October 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hurrell 1, F. Fraser 2, E. J. Pannett 3, H. James 4, J. Daffers 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, October 28th at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: H. A. Harding 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. Harding 3, Miss G. Baker 4, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 5, J. H. Hunnisett 6, H. J. Hunnisett 7, C. G. Cooper 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul for harvest thanksgiving, on Thursday, Oct. 25th, 720 London Surprise, second on the bells, in 24 mins.: F. A. Mitchell, H. Argent, F. M. Mitchell, L. Beckett, J. Burles (conductor), G. Morrad.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 28th, for harvest continuation service, 720 London was lost in the last course owing to a rope breaking. — For evening service, 720 London Surprise in 23 mins.: F. A. Mitchell, J. Burles, L. Beckett, H. Argent, F. M. Mitchell, G. Morrad (conductor). Also 120 Woodbine Treble Bob and 108 and 72 Plain Bob, with A. Livermore, C. Mitchell, F. Scabright and S. Baker.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, for Divine service, in the evening, 720 'Wragby Delight': F. T. Dawson 1, J. W. Walker 2, F. Triner 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6. This is the first 720 in this method for all and was rung at the first attempt.

LONDON.—At St. Giles' Cripplegate, on Sunday, Oct. 21st, for evensong, 1,311 changes of Stedman Cinques: Mrs. F. I. Hairs 1, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 2, W. Pye 3, C. T. Coles 4, G. R. Pye 5, F. I. Hairs 6, W. A. Alps 7, J. E. Davis 8, W. Nudds 9, Harold Clark 10, R. Sanders 11, C. W. R. Greenwood 12, First quarter of Cinques on tower bells by Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 14th for evensong (harvest festival) at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: *W. H. Howe 1, F. Putland 2, J. Warneken 3, *A. Pulland 4, H. Killiv 5, A. W. Coles (conductor) 6, *W. Gloyer 7, *G. Cowley 8. * First quarter-peal in this method. † First inside.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, for harvest festival, morning service, 1,088 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Coldrick 1, M. Moorhouse 2, Ek. Blacketh 3, Ed. Blacketh 4, J. Hey 5, A. Fieldhouse 6, J. Thackray 7, J. W. Moorhouse (conductor) 8. Rung with lantern half-muffled in memory of J. Whitaker, of Burley.

SHAW, NEWBURY BERKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, for harvest festival, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. Smith (Thatcham) 1, A. W. J. Bird (Thatcham) 2, E. Smith (Newbury) 3, S. Quintin (Newbury) 4, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 5. This is the first quarter-peal for service ever rung on the bells.

BRENTWOOD.—On Oct. 14th, for evensong, on the occasion of harvest festival at St. Thomas' Church, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples the first quarter-peal at this church by service ringers attached to the belfry: R. Heazel (first quarter-peal) 1, F. King 2, E. Furbank 3, H. Turner 4, Albt. Rainbird 5, E. D. Baker 6, G. Miles (conductor) 7, W. Leggett 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival on Sunday, Oct. 14th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich: Robt. Holloway 1, F. Goodfellow 2, E. M. Atkins 3, F. Skevington 4, Robt. Fardon 5, A. Harding 6, E. W. Coulson 7, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 8. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. E. Lankester 1, H. Wincote 2, S. D. Breeze 3, C. Brown 4, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 5, W. Lawrence 6, E. W. Coulson 7, Robt. Fardon 8. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. J. Moore 1, *H. Harding 2, J. Churchill 3, G. W. Stevens 4, Robt. Fardon 5, J. H. Hunnisett 6, F. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, C. G. Cooper 8. * First quarter inside.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, for evening service, on the occasion of the dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Rainbird 1, J. Horwood 2, G. Margetson 3, G. R. Pye 4, E. Butler 5, A. Pye 6, H. Dawkins (conductor) 7, F. Berry 8. First quarter-peal in the method by J. Horwood and F. Berry.

ASHFORD, KENT.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 14th, for harvest festival, evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Parkes 1, A. C. Kay 2, G. Durling 3, T. Tabrett 4, H. C. Castle 5, G. W. Everett (conductor) 6, E. Powell 7, G. Swaffer 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th for evening service (harvest festival), 336 Grandsire Triples: D. Green (first touch) 1, F. Montford 2, A. M. Hickman 3, T. Tudor 4, J. Clarke 5, W. Weatherby 6, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8. After service, 419 Grandsire Triples: W. Broadhurst (longest touch) 1, T. Tudor 2, A. M. Hickman 3, F. Montford 4, J. Clarke 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8. Also a 336.

HARWICH.—On Oct. 14th, for evening harvest thanksgiving service, 224 Kent Treble Bob Major; also 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Bernard 1, F. Chaplin 2, G. Ellis 3, A. Alderton 4, G. Thompson 5, J. Scarfe 6, G. Taylor (conductor) 7, F. Watling 8.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 14th, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: F. Martin 1, M. Bend 2, A. Mackears 3, C. Briggs 4, R. C. Blakey 5, J. W. Kirton 6, A. W. Ward (conductor) 7, J. Branston 8. Mr. A. Mackears comes from Long Bennington, the remainder are all regular service ringers.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, for evening service, at St. Alfege Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: J. J. Lamb 1, W. Berry 2, E. E. Richards 3, W. Rawlings 4, F. W. Thornton 5, G. H. Rawlings 6, T. Jakenian 7, D. Hodgson 8. Composed and conducted by Edward E. Richards, and rung as a compliment to him upon the 59th anniversary of his birthday.

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Now what is the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to do with that 'Collection of Legitimate Methods'? On page viii it is stated:—

'(5) Delight method, having places made at all but one cross-section.

'(6) Surprise having places made at all the cross sections.'

The Rev. E. Bankes James published a method called 'Bristol Surprise.' Now, Mr. A. Craven publishes a method called Rutland Surprise. Both methods are against the ruling laid down in the book, as they do not contain places at all cross-sections. Are we to condemn the book, or are we to condemn the method? The Major, Royal and Maximus are three different methods.

JOHN CARTER.

THE PEAL AT LIVERPOOL.

This peal was the 1st on twelve bells by the 2nd and 3rd ringers, and the first peal of Maximus by the treble, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th and tenor ringers. Half an hour before the peal Mr. Sperring had never seen twelve ropes hanging down in one tower much less rung on twelve, and the conductor had never previously called 'go' on twelve. The band much regret the absence of the genial Ringing Master of St. Nicholas, who should have called the peal but was prevented at the last moment. Messrs. G. R. Newton Jones, Fisher and Pickett were elected members of the Chester Guild, and Mr. Pickett was elected a member of the Lancashire Association before starting for the peal, which was the first of Maximus by the Chester Guild.

WEDDING BELLS.

ROYAL CUMBERLANDS MARRIED.

Once again it is our pleasure to record the marriage of a pair of ringers—this time from the Royal Cumberlands. On October 21st, at the Church of St. Martin, Gospel Oak, Mr. C. J. Matthews (eldest son of the Master) was united to Miss Kitty Smith (eldest daughter of a past Master), the ceremony being performed by the Vicar, in the presence of a goodly assembly of relatives of both families. A reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride's parents, whilst the peal of six were ringing out merrily, the ringers afterwards joining the party to wish the newly-wedded couple 'all the best.' Mr. F. Smith gave away his daughter, who was simply dressed in fawn, and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. Mr. C. Smith acted as best man. The couple afterwards left for Eastbourne.

On the following evening a peal of Double Norwich was rung to mark the occasion at Highgate, where the bride learned her ringing, and has taken part in a few peals.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Although numbers were smaller than usual, owing to the rough weather, a very successful meeting was held at Littleton on Oct. 27th. Members were present from Royston, Melbourne, Cambridge, Newmarket, Sawston and Trumpington. Methods rung included Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Delight, Cambridge and London Surprise.

NOTICE.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 10th, at Eastwood, near Rotherham. Bells ready early. Members must make own arrangements for tea.—C. D. Potter, Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ROCHESTER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Rochester district was held at Tunstall on Saturday, October 20th, and over 40 ringers put in an appearance. The bells at this tower have recently been augmented by two new trebles, through the generosity of Mr. Chas. Homewood, to commemorate attaining his 80th year. The work has been most satisfactorily carried out by Mears and Stainbank with their customary thoroughness.

Ringling in various methods was indulged in until 5 o'clock, when the association service was held in the beautiful little church, which was prettily decorated for the harvest festival, the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Green) taking the service, and giving an excellent address on 'The ideals of men.' Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., of Canterbury, proved himself equally as accomplished at the organ as he is at the rope's end, and the choir helped to brighten the service.

Forty-one members sat down to an excellent tea in the Village Hall, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector.

The Secretary read an interesting report of the year's work. They had lost one tower, and gained 11 practising members and deplored the fact that they had, he thought, the smallest number of hon. members in any district in the county. Bell restoration had been going on. Cliffe-at-Hoo had been rehung. Gravesend had an entirely new peal, two more bells had been added to the peal in the tower they were at that day, and the two tenors at Frindsbury had been recast and were hoped to be in by November 1st. Their war memorial was now an accomplished fact, as the two memorial bells were dedicated at Canterbury the week previous by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the contributions from the district to date amounted to £11 11s. 11d., of which sum £7 17s. 5d. was collected at church services on the occasion of their meetings. He thanked all for their response to his appeal on behalf of Mrs. Hayes, widow of one of their old district ringers, which had realised £14 8s. Financially, they finished the year, after paying all district expenses with over £16 in hand. Of the peals rung he was pleased to record the first that had been rung on the new peal of ten at Rochester, and while appreciating the efforts of members in peal ringing, he was fully aware of their knowledge that the primary use of the bells was for Sunday service ringing, and he was pleased to see the district well to the fore in that respect.

The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted.—Three new practising members were elected, and the Rector of Tunstall became an hon. member.

The election of officers followed, and Mr. E. H. Spice (Tunstall) said they were thankful to their district secretary for the way he conducted their business, and he proposed that Mr. F. M. Mitchell (Milton-next-Gravesend) be re-elected.—This was carried unanimously, and Mr. Mitchell in responding, said anything to further the interests of their association and district was a pleasure to him.—On the proposition of the district secretary, the district representatives to the Central Committee, Messrs. Haigh (Rochester) and W. Spice (Tunstall), were unanimously re-elected.

Mr. Haigh conveyed the thanks of the members to the Rector for his address at the service for the use of the bells and for presiding over their meeting, to the choir for their services and to Mr. Pitman for presiding at the organ.—The Rector and Mr. Pitman briefly responded.

The tower at Sittingbourne was open after the meeting, and Tunstall was quite deserted after a course of Superlative, the ringers wending their way through the orchards (the fruit had alas! all been picked), and good use of the bells at Sittingbourne was made with methods up to Cambridge Surprise.

This can be recorded a thoroughly representative meeting as members from the remotest districts put in an appearance, and judging by the way the business was conducted, thorough harmony prevails in the Rochester district of the Kent Association.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20th a most successful meeting was held at Whitwick, Leicestershire. The ancient church, situated in the heart of the Charnwood Forest, with a record of rectors dating back to the ninth century, was visited by some twenty or more ringers from Ugglescote, Loughboro', Whitwick, Shepshed, Burton-on-Trent and Netherseal. The ringing commenced with a touch of Stedman Triples. Further methods were indulged in, including Bob Major and Grand-sire. The bells are rather an ancient lot, and not so very musical, but although it is quite thirty years since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. the 'go' is excellent.

One new member was elected at the business meeting, viz., Mr. Harry Kirby, of Shepshed, where it was decided to hold the next meeting.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Monday, October 22nd, at Garston Parish Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,923 changes): C. Turner 1 R. Kelly 2. J. Hooley 3. W. E. Hughes 4. J. W. Rawlinson 5. W. Hughes (conductor) 6. S. Millership 7. C. Packer 8. Rung in celebration of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rawlinson's silver wedding.

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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. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Giles, Cripplegate; St. Magnus, London Bridge; St. Dunstan in the East, all from 3 to 5 p.m.

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.—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.—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.—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.—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, Greenhirst 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.

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 1s. per head at 5.30. 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. Business meeting in Schools after tea. All ringers welcome. Will members still owing subscriptions kindly let me have same at earliest convenience?—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — A ringing meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. A good attendance requested.—J. Hallsall, Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for November: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 4th, 10 a.m.; St. Clement Danes, Monday, 12th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Monday, 26th, 7.30 p.m.; St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, 5th, 6.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 19th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Nov. 6th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 8th and 22nd; *St. Michael's, Cornhill (election of officers), on the 13th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holmer on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Vicarage Room, 5.45 p.m., 9d. each to those notifying me not later than Nov. 6th.—C. Edwards, District Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at White Cot Dairy at 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Gedney on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 3.30. In order that arrangements may be made for tea will those intending to be present let me know by the 7th inst?—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Cathedral bells (12)

available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., and St. Marie's (Roman Catholic) from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Business meeting in Cathedral belfry at 5 p.m.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chaniberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All welcome.—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting 6. Tea 6d. each. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. — Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE. — A ringers' social will be held at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, on Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea and entertainment in Priestwell Schools. Will all those who intend to be present kindly send their names to Miss R. A. Bell, 417, Halifax Road, Todmorden, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 7th? All ringers and friends welcome.—William Horan, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at St. Nicholas, Bristol, on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at the C.M.S. House, St. Stephen's Street. Please notify me by Nov. 5th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol. Please note.—A meeting in connection with the annual dinner of the Bristol United Guild will take place after the quarterly meeting.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haycock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Nov. 17th, when all ringers will be welcomed. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual, but please send a postcard those requiring same by the 13th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. — J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey, Surrey.

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. CLEMENTS YOUTHS, St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing, Sunday mornings, Nov. 18th and 25th, from 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock. On Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, ringing 10 o'clock to 10.45 a.m. Half-muffled ringing immediately after morning service and again at 2.15 p.m. to 3.15. Any ringers visiting London during the week-end will be heartily welcomed.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

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