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NAMES THAT MUST BE CHANGED.

A move from outside the Central Council is being made in regard to the absurd nomenclature now employed in some sections of the Minor methods. The company at St. John the Baptist's Church, Leytonstone, one of the most accomplished six-bell bands in the country, has passed a resolution, which we publish on another page, urging Minor ringers to get this matter brought up and dealt with at the next Council meeting by bringing pressure to bear upon the representatives of their respective Associations. Our views upon the ridiculous names given by the Council's Committee to certain of the methods in the Collection are well known to, and are, we believe, very widely shared by our readers. The Committee's report, when it came before the meeting last year, was challenged upon the question whether the Committee had any authority to change existing names, and when the threat was made that the Committee would resign unless their report was adopted, the opposition subsided, and the portion of the report under which horticultural names were incorporated into a mathematical science, was accepted almost without protest.

The point is sometimes overlooked that a Committee's decisions are always subservient to the will of the Council, but with a pistol held at its head the Council at Salisbury, in effect, reversed the positions. Into the renaming of some of the old methods, which is really a matter of technical and historical detail, there is no need for us here to enter. But the giving of titles to hitherto unnamed methods involved only the exercise of common sense.

Efforts in these days should be directed to elevating the art, not only in our own eyes, but in the opinion of the public. We pride ourselves on the improvement in the status of ringers and ringing, and we ought at all costs to avoid anything that is likely to make us ludicrous in the eyes of intelligent men. Sooner or later the Council will have to eliminate the absurd names which now burden the art, and the sooner the better. The action of the Leytonstone ringers is a step towards bringing the question to a head, if only other six-bell companies will give the resolution their support. There is yet time to ensure that the subject is reopened at Whitsun by a notice placed on the Council agenda calling for a revision of the names, and in the interests of the Exercise we hope that floral nomenclature, and some of the other grotesque titles, will thereafter be a thing of the past. Although it is to Minor methods that these names have been given, it is by no means a question affecting six-bell ringers only. It is a matter of principle affecting the whole Exercise, but it

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must be borne in mind that nothing can be done at the next Council meeting unless proper notice is given, and we hope the Leytonstone Company, who are the first to move in the matter, will ensure that a properly framed resolution is placed upon the agenda for the London meeting.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE, CITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt. in B.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
FRANCIS E. DAWE 2	*COL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 8
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 3	GEORGE A. CARD 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 10
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
JEFFERY R. GAMMON 6	*HENRY C. TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*JOHN GEORGE Treble	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6
†ARTHUR PAYNE 2	JAMES E. SCOTT 7
*ERNEST GOSDEN 3	†ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 8
JOSEPH W. PARKER 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 9
WILLIAM H. BARBER 5	†ALBERT M. HALL Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on ten bells. Great credit is due to the ringers of the treble and third (aged 15 and 14 respectively), as it was their first attempt to ring Stedman Caters. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar (the Rev. R. E. Holmes) for granting permission to ring through a service.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF LEICESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

PERCY HARRISON Treble	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 6
HERBERT W. NEEDHAM ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS 3	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY 8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
HAROLD J. POOLE 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method, and first attempt.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 6
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	FRED HOPPER 7
*HARRY BAXTER 3	GEORGE BASFORD 8
FRED WILFORD 4	FRED W. SAWFOOT 9
THOMAS LAW 5	TOM TREBUTT Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by W. ROGERS.

* First peal on ten bells. This peal is in the inverted titturns throughout. Rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the ringer of the 9th. Ringers of 1st, 4th, 7th and tenor hail from Northampton; 2nd from Barton Scaggrave; 3rd from Broughton; 5th from Weston Favel; 8th from Finedon; 6th and 9th are local men.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, February 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE HARRIS Treble	EDWIN J. STRINGER 3
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	CHARLES WATMAN 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 7
SAMUEL GROVE 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Maternus Spitz, on his silver 'jubilee,' he having been ordained in the above church February 25th, 1899.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

*FRANCIS T. WAITE Treble	EDWARD EVANS 5
GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
GEORGE CONDLICK 3	*JOSEPH A. WAITE 7
*ARTHUR G. WAITE 4	ARTHUR SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. G. Condlack's 50th peal of Stedman.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS Treble	JOHN LLOYD 5
HARRY HOLDEN 2	WILLIAM H. COOPER 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	ROBERT MATHEWS 7
JOHN BASS 4	WALTER MASTERS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. PERKINS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Alfred E. Whatmore, who was interred at this church, February 26th. He was for 43 years a local ringer, and a member of the association from its formation.

ERITH, KENT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

WILLIAM A. BATTEN Treble	ERNEST J. KING 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 6
JEFFERY R. GAMMON 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
GEORGE A. CARD 4	WILLIAM E. J. HEWSON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WILTON ROAD, FIMLICO.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. PASMORE Treble	PERCY E. CLARK 5
ALFRED B. PECK 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD 6
HARRY R. PASMORE 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
HENRY R. NEWTON 4	ARTHUR H. GAMBLE Tenor

Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST W. NOY Treble	ALFRED G. HILL 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
CLER. SGT. JAMES BENNETT 4	GEORGE HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by CLER. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

PERRY BARR.

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

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT E. NORMAN Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
GEORGE MITCHEISON 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
RICHARD C. INGRAM 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TRESLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	WALTER BARRETT 5
WALTER MOBES 2	ERNEST LINCOLN 6
CHARLES CUTTING 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES CLARKE 4	FREDERICK SMITH Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble	EDGAR MARLOW 5
JOHN BASS 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

RICHARD E. WILSON Treble	ALBERT H. SAYER 5
GEORGE WILLSHIRE 2	ALBERT E. JARMAN 6
BEN REDD 3	WILLIAM J. JARMAN 7
FRED HILTON 4	JOHN JARMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

Messrs. Jarman hail from St. Lawrence, and Fred Hilton from Broadstairs.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6496 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM BROADLEY 5
*JOHN W. DOWSON 2	REV. ALBERT SIMPSON 6
ALFRED E. BACON 3	WALTER N. ASHBY 7
THOMAS METCALFE 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal in any method, and first attempt for a peal. This composition, now rung for the first time, is the shortest yet composed, containing the sixty course ends.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
GILBERT H. HARDING 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE... .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
CHARLES J. GARDINER 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. J. Hector, for whom it was the first peal in the method with a bob bell.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM F. U. JOHNSON... Treble	ERNEST J. WHITFIELD ... 5
*FREDERICK H. GREEN ... 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 6
EDWARD T. F. HENDLEY... 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 7
*MISS GERTRUDE D. BROWN 4	*ERNEST F. BRADFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CHEATER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band, the bells dating from 1763. The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. & gr. 26 lb. in G.

D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. Treble	FREDERICK H. ROGERS ... 5
REGINALD BROWN 2	OWEN H. GILES 6
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Doris Tucker, daughter of the ringer of the tenor.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRANK REYNOLDS Treble	GEORGE POWNALL 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW... 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by W. WILSON. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on this most musical ring. Composition No. 223, C.C.C., Section III.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—On Saturday, Feb. 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes), in 56 mins.: G. Winsor 1, T. Beaumont 2, J. Haigh 3, R. Paine 4, C. Norris 5, F. Belsey 6, W. Easter 7, W. Haigh (conductor) 8, W. J. Walker 9, A. Haylor 10.

CHUDLEIGH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(St. Sidwell's Branch, Exeter.)
On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten Part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	EDMUND SARGENT 5
WILLIAM HOWE 2	JAMES MOSS... .. 6
ALFRED MONKLEY 3	GEORGE BETTS 7
THOMAS BARTLETT 4	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

First peal on the bells; great credit is due to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on the restoration of this ring; the 'go' is excellent.

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Six-Part. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM MOOREY Treble	CHARLES CHILDS 5
*JOHN A. COLES... .. 2	CHARLES BISH 6
WILLIAM HOOKER 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 7
VICTOR H. SMITH 4	WILLIAM G. MILLS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN.

* First peal. Rung by an entirely local company. This peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. Clissold, who has been a regular Sunday Service ringer at the above church for 46 years.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*FRED. G. LAMBERT, SEN. Treble	HERBERT F. MARKWELL ... 5
*BERNARD COLLISON 2	FREDERICK WHITE 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN 7
WILLIAM LATIER 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

* First in the method. Relieved to be the first in the method on the bells. It was intended to ring Superlative, but owing to the sudden indisposition of Mr. William Collison his place was taken by his son, and the method was altered to Double Norwich.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES GOLDRING Treble	HORACE TOULETT... .. 4
MAJOR HUGHES D'AETH... 2	CHARLES STREET 5
*GEORGE BRADEN 3	EDMUND LINDUP... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. LINDUP.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a complimentary peal to Major Hughes D'Aeth.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores each called differently.
Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED W. RANDELL Treble	HARRY BAXTER 3
MISS MAUDE CLARKE 2	MATTHIAS HOBBS 4
ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

This peal was rung as a compliment to the conductor, whose birthday was on February 29th.

LAUNTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb.

* RICHARD CASTLE Treble	FREDERICK SHARPE 4
HARRY TOLLEY 2	† LEONARD TUFFREY 5
† JACK JUDGE 3	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

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

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, March 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

* JAMES KNIGHT Treble	† THOMAS FIRMAGER 4
CHARLES W. CLINCH 2	EDWARD E. TIDY 5
PERCIVAL C. TIDY 3	LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Hylton H. F. Tidy, a member of the local band.

WOOTTON COURTENAY.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM MIDDLETON Treble	SAMUEL BAKER 4
NORMAN BALL 2	WALTER CONIBERE 5
THOMAS COURT, JUN. 3	ALFRED COURT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER CONIBERE.

First peal by all the band, who are all members of the tower.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called ten different ways.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALEC MUNDAY Treble	GERALD F. GRIFFIN 4
RONALD BECK 2	* THOMAS SNELL 5
* REGINALD BECK 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by RONALD BECK.

* First peal.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	* SAMUEL ROYLE 4
† GEORGE VERNON 2	JOHN H. DAVENPORT 5
* HARRY PARKER 3	ALBERT BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by J. H. DAVENPORT.

* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor. The ringers of 3rd, 4th and tenor hail from Davenham, treble from Warrington; 2nd and 5th belong to the local band.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven complete 720's each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM S. BUTLER Treble	ERNEST BRIGHT 4
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	ANDREW EVERS 5
WILLIAM BUTLER 3	HENRY DORRING Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal on the bells, and by all except ringers of 2nd and 4th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest Bright.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, March 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

† RAYMOND PHILPOTT 1-2	* GEORGE W. STEERE 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	† JOHN FOSTER 7-8
† WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 9-10	

Composed by E. FRANCIS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. MELVILLE AND MRS. PULLING.

† First peal on 10. * First peal of Royal away from the tenors. † First peal on 10 in hand, and first of Royal. First peal of Royal by the above society. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Dobbie, of Teddington, an old member of the Holy Trinity Society.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

At the Residence of Major J. H. B. HESSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor, size 18 in G.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 1-2	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: T. MACK.

Witness: R. HAYES.

A previous attempt in the afternoon was lost, after one hour. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jessie Melville.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

At RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	* LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	† GEORGE WIFFEN 7-8

Composed by FREDERICK PISTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal away from 1-2. † First peal on handbells.

BRIERLEY HILL RINGER'S DEATH.

The band at Brierley Hill, Staffs, have lost a devoted member and valued colleague by the death of Mr. Alfred Whatmore, which occurred at his home on the 20th ult., after an illness of about a week at the age of 73 years. The deceased was a native of Brierley Hill. He had been in business as a fruiterer, etc., in High Street for many years. In his early life he became a chorister at the Parish Church, where he served two years under the late Rev. Franklin some 60 years ago. From that time he had been connected with the church as a chorister and bell ringer until his death. He was elected on the first committee of the Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts' Association, by which body he was held in high esteem. Deceased was not a keen peal ringer, having rung only nine in all, but he did a great deal of valuable work in training young ringers. The funeral took place on Tuesday week at the Parish Church, Rev. H. W. Jones, R.D. (Rector), officiating. The Rev. T. N. Hulme and Canon M. S. Newland, R.D., Vicar of St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, also attended the service, which was choral. The hymn, 'Abide with me,' was sung, the choir chanted the 90th Psalm, the organist, Mr. T. Williams, played the 'Dead March,' and hymn, 'On the resurrection morning,' concluded the service inside the church. The bearers were bell ringers—Messrs. W. Potter, W. Masters, H. Holden, J. Lloyd, W. Shuter, and T. Williams. Two plain courses of Grandsire Doubles were rung at the graveside: E. Perks 1-2, J. Bass 3-4, J. Lloyd 5-6. Beautiful floral tributes were sent, including one from the bell ringers at the Parish Church. After the service (owing to illness near the church), the ringers journeyed to Wellaston Church, and, by kind permission of the Vicar, several touches were rung on the bells (half-muffled), including 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Holden 1, W. Potter 2, T. Williams 3, J. Bass 4, J. Lloyd 5, C. E. Perkins (conductor) 6.—720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. E. Perkins 1, W. Potter 2, J. Bass 3, R. Mathews (conductor) 4, W. Bratherton 5, J. Lloyd 6.—720 London Surprise Minor: W. Bratherton 1, H. Cooper 2, J. Bass 3, W. Cooper 4, R. Mathews 5, J. Lloyd 6.

THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

(Continued from page 154.)

The toast of 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' which Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the chairman, proposed, was responded to by Mr. A. Paddon Smith, the hon. secretary, who told several stories which put the company into a merry mood. In thanking the members for having drunk his health so heartily in connection with the toast of their ancient Guild, he said it was the fifteenth and not the twelfth time, as their chairman had remarked. It was the only recompense he wanted, and when one saw a room full of happy people such as that, what other recompense could he want? The most excellent relations existed throughout the Guild, and at St. Martin's they were particularly happy. Their Rector was deeply sorry he could not be with them that night. He would not have missed that gathering for worlds could he have helped it, but he was unfortunately in bed with influenza. He had written a letter in which he said that he considered that dinner to be one of the most important gatherings of Churchmen held in Birmingham. That was rather a nice compliment to pay them. They had both churchwardens with them that night. They were both very grey, but none of it whatever was due to worry with the ringers (laughter). The Guild was the only organisation connected with the churches in Birmingham, that never had to go to the churchwardens to ask for funds to carry on. They subscribed to their own funds, and carried on their own work entirely independent of offertories and subscriptions from outside; indeed, they subscribed to other funds for which appeals were made (hear, hear). He was not saying this to blow their own trumpet, but it was useful, with clergy in the room, that they should know what ringers could do and did do (applause). If the loyalty and enthusiasm of the members of the Guild continued in the future as in the past they would be able to hand on the traditions of the Guild not only in as good a condition as they were handed to them, but even better. He would like to think that years hence their successors would look back to these days and thank them for carrying on (applause).

Rising again, Mr. Paddon Smith submitted the toast of 'The Visitors' in a happy speech of welcome, and this was responded to by Mr. Percy Johnson, hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association. He felt, he said, that one was doing honour, not merely to the great names that had been associated with Birmingham St. Martin's Guild, but doing honour to one's own society by coming there to pay one's tribute to men who had been second to none in the whole history of change ringing. On behalf of the visitors, and of his own society in particular, he offered the sincerest fraternal greetings to the Guild. Long might it flourish. He also hoped that those whose names one became so familiar with, who were members of St. Martin's Guild, might long enjoy their prowess and add lustre to the traditions that had been passed down to them by bygone generations of ringers. It was a great pleasure to the visitors to be able to add their little tribute to the honour of the men who had gone before, and he hoped they might be able to come for many years to enjoy the company they were so pleased to meet at that gathering (applause).

Mr. Albert Walker proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World.' He recalled the previous papers that had dealt with ringing matters, including 'Bell's Life,' 'Church Bells,' 'Bell News,' 'Campanology,' and 'The Bell Ringer,' all of which were now extinct. Ringers, he said, ought to be very grateful that they still had a paper published in their interests. They had to depend on 'The Ringing World' for all their news, and they only had to imagine what it would be like without a paper devoted to ringing to realise the value which 'The Ringing World' was to the Exercise. When other papers dealt with ringing news it was generally inaccurate or misleading, and ringers would be 'lost' without a paper of their own. He, therefore, appealed to all ringers to do all they could to support 'The Ringing World,' and to extend its circulation by getting more subscribers. He congratulated the Editor upon the way he conducted the paper, and coupled his name with the toast.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who responded, referred to the increasing notice which bells and ringing were now receiving in the daily and county press of the country, and remarked that this notice might have a great influence on the general public. It was, therefore, necessary that the Press should be educated on the right lines, from the ringers' point of view, and there seemed to be scope for much good work in this direction by the Central Council.

Councillor Clutterbuck proposed 'The Health of the Chairman,' and alluded to the fine work which Alderman Pritchett was doing on the City Council of Birmingham, as well as in many other capacities.

Alderman Pritchett, in responding, said he only occupied that position on account of the absence of the Rector, who they all hoped would have a speedy recovery. Continuing, the Chairman said he could not expect to be present at that gathering many more times, but as long as he was able he should come (applause). There was no gathering in the whole year—and he attended a good many—where he felt more thoroughly happy than he did at the annual

Henry Johnson Dinner (applause). It was extremely pleasant to see his old friends round him, and he trusted they would meet on many similar occasions. He wished them all happiness and prosperity in 1924 (applause).

This concluded the speech-making, and the proceedings concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

The musical programme was mainly sustained by the St. Martin's Quartette (Messrs. Hale, Chapman, Bayliss and Gorman), who were most heartily thanked for their gratuitous services by the chairman. Their concerted pieces were 'Here's life and health to England's King,' 'All things love thee,' and 'There's music in the air,' and the admirable way in which these pieces were sung, coupled with the fine blending of the voices, provided a great treat. Members of the quartette also contributed individual items. Mr. Leonard Chapman sang 'Nirvana,' Mr. William Hale 'The Open Road,' and Mr. William Gorman 'The Admiral's Broom,' all of which were greatly appreciated. In addition, Mr. Albert Cockpock, of Nottingham, gave a splendid rendering of the baritone solo, 'Maire, my girl,' for which he was warmly applauded. Mr. E. J. Woodhall was the accompanist. Tunes on handbells were rung by parties of the St. Martin's Guild, and the enjoyable evening passed all too quickly.

A number of visitors stayed over the week-end in Birmingham, and rang at St. Martin's, the Cathedral, Bishop Ryder's and St. Chad's, on Sunday.

On Tuesday, at St. Martin's, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, specially arranged for the Rev. F. L. Edwards, was rung by H. Spencer 1, A. E. Norman 2, T. Russam 3, Rev. F. L. Edwards 4, P. O. Laffin 5, M. J. Morris 6, G. Walker 7, J. Pemberton 8, A. P. Smith 9, G. F. Yendall 10, A. Walker (conductor) 11, J. Neal 12.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT AT PONTEFRAC.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Pontefract on Saturday, March 1st, but was only poorly attended, the wintry conditions which prevailed keeping many members away. The peal of eight at All Saints' Church was made good use of during the afternoon, by kind consent of the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Shipley, M.A.), while the fine peal of ten at the Parish Church of St. Giles was available for an hour after tea, by courtesy of the Vicar of Pontefract (the Rev. J. Young, M.A.).

A shortened form of evensong was held in All Saints' Church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. A. G. Shipley, who took his text from Acts i. 25, 'That ye may take part in this ministry.' The reverend gentleman said the office of a ringer was a high one, and a necessary one, and their lives should correspond to the nobility of the bells. The bells of his parish would always be at the service of the association, and he was glad to see the ringers come that afternoon to renew friendships and spend a happy time. He enlisted the sympathy of ringers with that parish, which had recently been under great trial. There was, however, hope for a brighter future.

Tea was afterwards provided by a local ringer, Mr. Bernard Moody, at his cafe, and some 24 members sat down, representing Bailsworth, Kingston-on-Hull, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Tadcaster, Thorne, Wortley, York, and the local towers.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar of Pontefract being in the chair. Letters of apology for absence were received from Mr. A. E. West (vice-president) and Mr. H. Fairlam (Ringing Master), also a fraternal message from Mr. C. D. Porter, hon. secretary of the Barnsley and District Society.

A kind invitation was received from Sherburn-in-Elmet, to hold the next quarterly meeting there in June, and this was gratefully accepted.

The retiring officials, Mr. A. E. West (Sutton-on-Hull), vice-president, and the three committeemen, Messrs. G. T. Miller (Hull), W. Gibson (Beverley) and J. Drake (Goole) were unanimously re-elected.

Six new members were made from All Saints', Pontefract, Messrs. P. Dyson, G. Dyson, W. Tate, R. Ponsoby, V. Applegate, and R. Atkinson.

Votes of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar of All Saints' for his excellent address at the service, was responded to by the Vicar of Pontefract, who is also a ringer and a member of the association. He said the vote was superfluous, as they were only too glad to have ringers, and considered it a duty to help the association in every possible way.—The local company was also thanked for their excellent arrangements, Mr. A. Walker, senior, replying on their behalf.

This concluded the business, and members adjourned to the two towers for further ringing, thus bringing to a close another delightful and happy meeting.

TAUNTON.—At St. George's (Wilton), on March 3rd, 720 York Surprise Minor: W. Coles 1, A. Wyatt 2, A. W. Hayward 3, G. Coles 4, P. Merson 5, J. Hunt (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all. Rung as a compliment, on her 11th birthday, to the daughter of J. Hunt.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

An instructive and enjoyable district meeting was held on Saturday, March 1st, at Fulbeck. It had been arranged to take place at Leadenham, but unfortunately the bells were not available owing to illness near the church. Ringers were present from Lincoln, Branston, Leadenham, and the local company. During the afternoon and evening, touches in the following methods were rung: Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman Doubles, and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Upon arriving for tea, a pleasant surprise awaited the visitors, for several members from Great Hale and Heckington, who were having a tour, had found the tearoom, and were busy attending to 'the inner man.'

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. G. Chester, of Lincoln. Three new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting, to be held at Ruskington, on June 21st.

The usual vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for the necessary arrangements, and to the caterers for providing tea, was passed.

Further ringing then took place, and brought to a close another enjoyable meeting.

GRAMOPHONE BELL RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to a recent query, I beg to say that a record of the plain course of Bob Minor on the bells at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, was taken on a wax barrel about 1900.

To ascertain if the full plain course could be taken on one record we first timed the machine whilst it travelled across the barrel, then rang a plain course, taking the exact time occupied, after which it was found that the above was possible.

Two impressions were taken, the first in the bell chamber, which did not prove a success, owing, I believe, to the noise being too great. The second impression was taken the same night, and the machine placed in the clock chamber about twelve feet below the bells. This impression proved a success, and the record was used several times at concerts given at the Church School and other places locally.

The gramophone was owned by Mr. Robert Sharples, one time a ringer at the above-mentioned church.

I do not know what became of the gramophone or record, as Mr. Sharples sold the gramophone shortly afterwards.—Faithfully yours,
JOHN BENTLEY.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The pre-Lent meeting was held on Saturday, March 1st, at Winlaton. Owing to a funeral no ringing was indulged in until 3.30, after which hour the bells were kept going in various methods until tea was served at the Crown and Cannon Hotel at 5 o'clock, when 19 sat down.

A committee meeting had previously been held, presided over by the president (Mr. C. Todd). There was very little business to dispose of.

Mr. Hall brought forward a scheme for 'roping in' more honorary members, and so help the funds of the association. After discussion and a few alterations, it was decided to go on with the scheme. A circular is to be printed, and sent out to likely 'victims.'

At the business meeting five new members from Heighington, seven from Whickham, and one from St. Ignatius, Sunderland, who was elected in the belfry previous to starting for a peal, came up for confirmation, and four new honorary members were also elected (17 in all).

The association is glad to welcome the Winlaton band back to the fold.

A course of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major on handbells brought a very successful meeting to a close. An adjournment was then made to the tower for more ringing.

The towers of Newcastle Cathedral; St. John's and St. George's, Gosforth; Gateshead, St. Ignatius, Sunderland; Winlaton, Tanfield and Whitley Bay were represented.
E. F.

DEATH OF MRS. MARKHAM.

Many of the old friends of the late Sir Arthur Heywood will regret to hear of the death of his eldest daughter, Mrs. Markham, which occurred at Manchester on February 25th, after a short illness.

The funeral took place at Denstone, Staffordshire, on Feb. 29th.

Mrs. Markham (better known to ringers as Miss Muriel Heywood) was for many years a member of the Midland Counties Association. Thirty years ago she was an accomplished handbell ringer, and used to take part in ringing touches of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, along with her father and two younger sisters.

This is the second death among the late Sir Arthur's children, his youngest son, Capt. Arthur Percival Heywood, after being severely wounded, died in France, Sept. 28th, 1918.
H. W. W.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'The Ringing World' completed thirteen years of publication with our last issue.

A new Surprise Royal method was rung on Saturday at St. Martin's, Leicester, and has been named by the ringers after their own city. The figures appear on another page.

The first peal at St. Martin-in-the-Fields was rung on March 14th, 1727, by the London Scholars. This was a peal of 6,006 Grandsire Cinques. On the following day the College Youths had access to the bells, and rang a yet longer peal, viz., 6,314 Grandsire Cinques.

At Christ Church, Bristol, a 10,133 Grandsire Caters was rung in 5 hrs. 54 mins., on March 14th, 1837.

Thirty years ago to-morrow a peal of 6,720 Bob Major was brought round on handbells at Norwich.

On March 16th, 1778, a 6,240 Treble Bob Maximus was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

On the same day, in 1767, 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Debenham in 6 hrs. 1 min.

The first peal of Violet Treble Bob Major was accomplished at St. Peter's, Huddersfield, on March 16th, 1865.

A peal of Duffield Maximus was rung for the first time on March 17th, 1891, at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

Before starting for the peal at Bow Church, Cheapside, on Saturday last, a nice Gothic tablet was erected in the ringing chamber, the gift of Mr. Frank Dawe, recording the peal of Stedman Cinques accomplished on December 8th last.

At the finish of the peal there last Saturday, the rope of the 9th became 'unmended' whilst the bell was being lowered. Truly a close shave.

The ring of six at Much Dewchurch, Hereford, is being rehung in new fittings and ball bearings by Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham, who is also adding a treble bell at Wellington, Hereford.

Ringers seeking employment in the building or motor trades should communicate with Mr. A. Trippier, The Glen, Eccles, Manchester.

THE NOMENCLATURE OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am directed to inform you of the following resolution, which was passed at the annual general meeting of the St. John Baptist Association, Leytonstone, on the 3rd March, 1924:—

That members of this association feel that steps should be taken by six-bell bands, to enforce a decision regarding the Nomenclature of Legitimate Minor Methods, at the coming meeting of the Central Council, and that the secretaries of those associations to which its members belong, be asked to place before their next meetings the following, viz.: To the effect that steps be taken by the C.C. representatives of such associations to do all in their power to enforce a sensible decision in this matter, and strongly to oppose the shelving of the question for another year. Also that the Editor of 'The Ringing World' be asked to publish this resolution, in the hope of co-operative action by other six-bell companies who may be interested.

Yours faithfully,

GEO. DAWSON,
Hon. Secretary.

DEVON GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held on Saturday, March 1st, at Alphington. An enjoyable service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Rev. B. C. Bennett (Rector), who prior to the service gave an interesting outline of the many historical parts of the church. The tea and meeting were subsequently held in the Institute. Among those present were Mr. E. Shepherd (chairman of the branch), Mr. W. J. Southwood (hon. secretary and treasurer), Mr. J. C. Oke (assistant secretary), the Rev. E. V. Cox, the Rector, and 66 members, representing the following bands: St. Sidwell's, St. David's, Heavitree, Thorverton, Topsham, Newton St. Cyres, Littleham, Withycombe Raleigh, Sowton, Christow, Alphington, and Kenn. Sympathetic reference was made to the death of the Rev. F. Jones (Rector of St. Sidwell's).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Christow on Saturday, September 20th. Eight new members were elected, including one honorary member. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector, the verger, and the ladies for presiding at the tea tables. Courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells by Messrs. W. Drake, F. J. Davey, E. Shepherd, and G. Betts.

After the meeting a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells at St. Thomas's: W. J. Southwood 1. E. Shepherd 2. W. Drake 3. J. C. Oke 4. A. Monkley 5. E. Sargent 6. W. Richardson 7. J. Harris 8.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM NEWELL.

CLOSE OF A LONG RINGING CAREER.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, Mr. William Newell, of Reading, 'father' of the Reading ringers, passed away on Thursday, February 28th.

Mr. Newell was born in the little village of Brightwell, and came from the home of his father, a blacksmith, to seek fortune in Reading when still a boy. He was engaged by a former well-known licensed victualler, the late Mr. Henry Russell, of Broad Street, and after a few years he became confidential clerk to Mr. Gosling, of the Britannia Brewery, on Caversham Road. Later he went to the Mitre, West Street, where, for a quarter of a century, he prospered as brewer and licensee, retiring into private life about 27 years ago.

It was as a musician, vocalist, and campanologist that he found his wider sphere. He was a 'puller and hauler' of bells as a boy in his native village, and so far as the Reading district is concerned, it may be said that pulling and hauling comprised the whole of the local campanological exercise before Mr. Newell assisted to impart the intricacies of the art to the ringers. With the aid of such experts from Oxford as the late Charles Hounslow he introduced ringing on a higher plane, and from that time—about 1868—Mr. Newell worked as an enthusiastic teacher of campanology until a few months ago.

As an amateur musician Mr. Newell was also extremely competent and popular. He joined the old 'Reading Saxhorn Band,' which played in the Forbury during the middle years of the last century. Gifted with a pleasant tenor voice, he joined the choir of St. Mary's, Castle Street, Reading, being a chorister for 45 years. Latterly he had attended Greyfriars' Church.

Being appointed to the captaincy of St. Mary's belfry, Mr. Newell held the post for a number of years, retiring in 1870. He then organised, in imitation of the once famous 'Poland Street Hand Bell Ringers,' known throughout Europe, a band of vocalists and campanologists who enjoyed considerable popularity in Reading and the district around. They took the title of 'The Royal Berks Handbell Ringers.' Some years later he was offered the post of towerwarden of St. Laurence's, and being unable to resist the fascination of that rich peal of ten, he reverted to his first love, and remained there as conductor and teacher for 44 years.

Unfortunately there is no record of the peals which Mr. Newell rang, but he had scored a considerable number. As a lad he took part in muffled ringing for the death of the great Duke of Wellington.

A widow and a son, the Rev. E. Newell, Baptist pastor of St. Austell, Cornwall, are left to mourn their loss. An elder son, Mr. Will Newell, junr., died twenty years ago while engaged in mission work in Peru.

There was a large congregation at Greyfriars' Church, Reading, on Monday afternoon of last week, when the funeral took place. Many local ringers attended, and the three clergymen who officiated, were Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), President of the Central Council; the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C. (Caversham), Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild; and the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis (Caversham), formerly hon. secretary and treasurer of the Oxford Guild. There were many beautiful wreaths, including a magnificent floral bell, which lay upon the coffin in the church—a token of love from the family. The hymn, 'The sands of time are sinking fast' was sung, Mr. S. E. Marsh at the organ playing 'O rest in the Lord' at the close. The interment was at the cemetery.

The chief mourners were Mrs. W. Newell (widow), the Rev. Ernest J. S. Newell (son), Mrs. W. H. Newell (daughter-in-law), Miss Grace H. Newell, Miss Ruth Newell (grand-daughters), Mrs. Poore (sister), Mrs. G. Bullock (sisters-in-law), Goring, Mrs. Ernest Bullock, Mr. S. Bullock, Mrs. H. Smallbone, Goring, Mrs. Hewett, Mr. George Hamblin (brother-in-law), Plumstead, Mrs. Taylor (niece), Wallington, Mrs. Pearson (niece), Herne Hill, Miss Winter (Streatham), Mr. and Mrs. W. Butler (Wallingford), Mr. W. Phillips (Brockham), Mrs. Napper (Didcot), and Mrs. Slyfield (Bracknell). Among the many wreaths were tributes from St. Laurence ringers, and the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the conclusion of the service, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by four of the deceased's old ringing friends, Messrs. H. Egby, F. W. Hopgood, R. T. Hight and J. R. Mackman, and in the evening St. Laurence's bells were rung to muffled touches.

Mr. Newell had a number of interesting experiences during his long campanological career, some of which furnished the material for many a good story. Here is one: One Sunday night, many years ago, the parish clerk of St. Laurence's, Mr. George Foxell, found a black bag in a cupboard under the tower. Handled, it rattled mysteriously. At this time there was fear of dynamite plots. The parish clerk suspected the bag of harbouring an infernal machine, and told the Vicar, then the Rev. J. M. Guilding. Neither dared touch it, so called in a policeman. He refused to take risks and held solemn council with a colleague. They favoured leaving the bag where it had been found. 'Don't do that!' begged the

Vicar, 'it may blow up the church.' Eventually they picked it up with a broom handle and gingerly bore the rattling thing to the police office. The officer-in-charge would not have it opened indoors, so it was removed to the yard. With a long iron bar the bag was forced open, and lo! out rolled a jangling set of handbells. They were Mr. Newell's.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on June 10th (Whit Tuesday) next, at Westminster. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 28th.

Secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, together with the names and addresses of representatives, and should be sent to the honorary secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, of 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT WALTHAMSTOW.

A meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, and although the attendance was not up to the usual average in point of numbers, the quality of the ringing in no way suffered; some excellent touches in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major being rung.

It was intended to hold a service at 5 p.m., but the Vicar asked to be excused owing to extreme pressure of work. He, however, found a few spare minutes during tea-time to give the ringers present a welcome to Walthamstow. After a very nice tea had been disposed of, a short business meeting was held, at which ten new members were elected.

It was announced that the annual general meeting of the association was to be held at Fulham on Saturday, April 26th, whilst St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, was chosen for the next meeting of the district on the second or third Saturday in May.

The hearty thanks of the members were given to the Rev. G. H. Siddans for the use of the bells; to Mr. Bignell and friends for preparing such an excellent tea; and to Mr. H. A. Edwards for arrangements made.

Afterwards some good touches of Stedman Caters, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on a now famous peal of bells, which are a credit to the towerkeeper, 'Jimmy' Adams, who is never happier than when he is looking after their welfare. It has been said that if all towerkeepers were of his kind, bell hangers would go 'broke,' and we can quite believe it.

SURPRISE ROYAL COMPOSITIONS.

TREBLE BOB 14-IN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Whilst I am not fully competent to judge the claims put forward by Mr. Craven and Mr. Lindoff regarding the 14 courses of Surprise Royal, containing the 6th the extent at home, I would like to point out that the reports of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild for the years 1902-3 and 1903-4 contain the figures of three compositions of New Cambridge Surprise Royal containing the qualities mentioned, and which are all stated to have been composed by Mr. Lindoff. All three compositions were rung at the Church of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge. I enclose the figures of these peals, with the dates on which they were rung.

One is always glad to notice anything done out of the ordinary, and the three leads of Treble Bob 14 rung on handbells at Birmingham recently undoubtedly deserved all the applause it got. But the chairman was in error in saying that such a performance could not be heard anywhere else in the world. As a matter of fact, a similar touch was rung last year by seven members of the Middlesex Association at 53a. Old Town, Clapham, S.W.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

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9th Feb., 1903.

4th March, 1903.

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LEICESTER SURPRISE ROYAL.By **FREDERICK H. DEXTER.**

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Rung at St. Martin's, Leicester, March 8th, 1924, conducted by Harold J. Poole.

DEATH OF MR. J. FAULKNER, NETHERTON.

The death occurred on February 27th, of Mr. Joseph Faulkner, of Netherton, for the past four years leader of the band at St. Andrew's Church, and for many years well known and highly respected throughout the Exercise in the Midlands. The deceased, who was 55 years of age, was a member of the Worcestershire Association and Staffordshire Association. His loss will be greatly felt. Mr. Faulkner was a native of Witney (Oxon), where his mother still lives at the age of 96 years. Deceased leaves a widow and two sons to mourn their loss.

The funeral took place on Sunday week, and a large number of ringers attended to pay their last tribute of respect. At the graveside a course of Grandire Triples was rung by J. Screen, J. Jaggar, A. Rowley and R. Hall, and afterwards muffled touches were rung on the bells of the Parish Church, where deceased, in addition to being a ringer, was also a sidesman.

LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Aldershot on Saturday, March 1st. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and the bells were kept going in various methods until 4.30, when the service was held. The Rev. W. Drury gave a very interesting address on the Minarets of the East. Tea was served in the Vicarage Room, where the Vicar (the Rev. E. Garth Ireland) welcomed the visitors.

The business meeting was then held, and Miss Wise, of Old Woking, was elected a member, and Worplesdon chosen for the next meeting, in June.

The following towers were represented: Aldershot, Chertsey, Farnham, Guildford, Reading, Sandhurst, Shore and Worplesdon.

REV. H. A. COCKEY'S WIDOW.**DEATH AT BATHEASTON.**

Ringers in the dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol, and in Essex, will regret to learn of the death, which took place on Monday week at Batheaston of Mrs. Frances Anne Cockey, widow of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, formerly Vicar of St. Anne's, Oldland, Bristol. Mrs. Cockey was the fourth daughter of the late Canon Henry Nicholson Ellacombe, who for more than 50 years was Vicar of Bitton, Bristol. After her husband's death at Christmas, 1916, she went to reside at Batheaston. Last summer she was taken ill and never fully recovered from a serious operation which followed. Mrs. Cockey leaves three sons and one daughter. The eldest son, Mr. Charles Cockey, is a District Commissioner on the Gold Coast, and arrived home on leave about a month ago. Another son, Mr. Leonard Cockey, is at the Air Force Staff College at Andover, and the two younger children, Miss Freda and Mr. Geoffrey Cockey, lived with their mother.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Northern Division was held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Ringers were present from Barley, Cambridge, Hatfield, Hitchin, Graveley, Kington, Little Mundon, Royston, and the Baldock band. A short impressive service in the Chapel was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. W. Alington), who gave an instructive address on 'Inscriptions on bells.'

Tea was followed by the meeting, at which the Rector was heartily voted to the chair.

The Rector was unanimously elected an honorary member, and seven ordinary members were also elected. Knebworth was selected for the summer meeting, to be held in June.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. J. Cawdell, a hearty vote of thanks was given the Rector for presiding, and further thanks from the secretary for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for presiding at the organ.—The party then returned to the church for further practice.

Baldock possesses a fine 14th century spacious church of flint and Portland stone; it stands on the site of a former church, with a lofty embattled western tower, with spire containing eight musical bells; some of them are ancient. The second and third are dated 1650, the first and fourth 1685, and the fifth 1742, the latter being recast in 1898.

The peal boards contain the names of some eminent ringers, including the Revs. Coleridge, Wigram and Robinson. There is a remarkably fine rood screen dating from 1480, extending across the whole width of the nave and aisles. The chancel and chapels are in the Perpendicular style.

F. R. B.

PRESENTATION AT LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL.

In the belfry at Llandaff Cathedral on February 12th, a presentation was made to Mr. John H. Aldridge (late captain and secretary) of an association certificate, suitably framed and inscribed: 'Presented to Mr. J. H. Aldridge by the members of the Llandaff Cathedral Bell Ringers as a mark of appreciation of his 27 years' service, and to record his appointment of vergier to the Cathedral and his Mastership of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, 12th January, 1924.'

Mr. Sidney Dawe, in presenting the gift, expressed the gratitude of the ringers to Mr. Aldridge for his valuable services, and said that although his duties entailed his resignation as a member of the band, a cordial invitation to the tower was extended to him whenever he has time at his disposal.

Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), the association secretary, spoke of the sterling qualities of Mr. Aldridge as a ringer, and said it gave him great pleasure to attend that evening.

Mr. Aldridge, in acknowledging the gift, thanked the ringers for their kindness, and said he would certainly avail himself of the invitation to the tower. His happy associations with the ringers would live in his memory.

The visitors included Mr. Fred Chamberlain and Mr. G. Large, of St. John's, Cardiff. Touches of Bob Royal and Stedman were indulged in, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. BIG MEETING AT DEVIZES.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Devizes on Saturday, March 1st. The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James's were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. The usual Guild service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke). A hountiful tea was provided in St. John's Parish Room, to which 74 sat down. The tea was kindly given by the late hon. secretary and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. Brownlee-West, as this date, March 1st, was the eve of the 57th anniversary of their wedding day. Among those present at the service and tea were Mr. H. Brownlee-West and Miss West (to the regret of everyone present, Mrs. Brownlee-West was unable to attend, owing to a slight attack of bronchitis), Rev. A. H. T. Clarke, Rev. Canon F. Phipps, Rev. H. C. B. Lethbridge, Rev. R. S. B. Proby (Rector of Hilpertion), Mr. J. J. Slade (churchwarden, St. John's), Mr. H. H. Baker (organist, St. John's), and ringing representatives from Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church and Holy Trinity), Warminster, Bratton, Erlestoke, Market Lavington, Hilpertion, Patney, Rowde, Erchfont, Keevil, Bromham, Holt, Midsomer Norton, Croydon, Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James's), Southbroom.

After tea, the Branch Chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Devizes. Mr. Heginbotham briefly spoke of the position the branch held in the Salisbury Guild, and attributed much of this success achieved to the solid groundwork laid by Mr. Brownlee-West during the nine years he was branch secretary.

One new life ringing member and five ringing members were elected, and the next three meetings were fixed as follows: At Steeple Ashton in April; West Lavington in May; and Warminster in June.

The Rev. R. S. B. Proby, of Hilpertion, having made a few interesting remarks, Mr. S. J. Hector, Ringing Master, gave the younger ringers some useful advice.

Mr. Brownlee-West thanked those present for their good wishes for Mrs. Brownlee-West and himself, and assured them all it was a very great pleasure to him to see them again.—The Rector of Devizes made an amusing speech, and the hearty singing of Auld Lang Syne brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

The ringers then returned to the towers for more ringing. Touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Doubles, Little Bob and Plain Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH AND ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Stony Stratford on March 1st, when a fairly representative gathering attended, representing the following towers: Bletchley, Beachampton, Calverton, Penny Stratford, Newport Pagnell, Old Bladwell, Shenley, and the local ringers. After service, tea was provided in the Parish Room by the Rector (the Rev. H. Last). The usual business meeting followed.—The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) said he thought it would be an opportune time to discuss the question of the annual festival being held at Oxford every year. He said he regretted to see the somewhat drastic measures that had been taken in the other part of the county, together with the controversy that was existing, which was not good for the future welfare of the Oxford Guild. He hoped that some amicable settlement would be arrived at satisfactory to all members. He wished to be quite open on the matter, but he thought they had to review the position from how the North Bucks Branch looked upon the place of meeting for the annual festival. To reach Oxford meant travelling a distance of about 30 miles, which distance would not be exceeded by many other parts of the Guild. If, however, it was decided to take the annual festival to South Bucks or Bucks travelling difficulties would deprive them of the privilege of attending each year. In putting forward the proposition that the festival still be held at Oxford, it was not a selfish proposal, but one that he thought was a right one, to enable North Bucks to keep in touch with the Oxford Guild each year instead of possibly only one year in three.

A vote was taken, and it was unanimously decided to support the motion that the annual festival be held at Oxford.

The usual votes of thanks were expressed to those who had made the necessary arrangements, and suitably responded to.

A further visit to the tower brought an enjoyable meeting to a close. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on Saturday, March 1st. This meeting is becoming more popular every year, owing to the rapid strides in change ringing which are being made by the different hands in the district, and the interest which is being shown by the clergy of various parishes, who are beginning to recognise ringers as a most important body of church workers. The bells of St. Stephen's were available throughout the afternoon and evening, and the Cathedral from 7 until 8 o'clock, well struck touches of Grandsire Stedman, Treble Bob and Bob Major being rung. At Divine service the Association form was used, and an address given by the Rector (the Rev. C. Stonehouse), his subject being 'Bell ringers as church workers, and their responsibilities as such.' Mr. Basil Cockersell presided at the organ.

Tea was held in the Church Room, provided by Mr. F. Wilson. The Rector presided, supported by the hon. general secretary (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), Mr. C. Sanderson (churchwarden), the district secretary (Mr. E. G. Buesden), and representatives (Messrs. Brett and Millway), also Miss R. Thomas, of Mersham. Towers represented were Canterbury, Dover, Lyminge, Elham, Littlebourne, Wickhambreux, Wingham, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, St. Lawrence, Folkestone, Brabourne and Mersham.

Mr. E. G. Buesden was again re-elected district secretary, on the proposition of Mr. Castle (Elham), seconded by Mr. E. Highwood. Mr. C. Millway and Mr. C. Brett were re-elected representatives.—Meetings were arranged as follows: Summer meeting, in June, Wingham; July, St. Nicholas-at-Wade; autumn, St. Lawrence; annual (1925), Canterbury.

The following towers were added to the association list: Wingham, Chillham, Lyminge and St. Nicholas-at-Wade. The following hon. members were accepted: The Rev. George Kennedy Allen Bell, the new Dean of Canterbury; Rev. H. E. Trimner (St. Nicholas'), and Mr. C. J. Elgar (Wingham). Four members of Birchington, 14 of St. Nicholas-at-Wade, three of Goodnestone, one of Wingham and two from Lyminge, were elected full members of the association.

Mr. Millway proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and a hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to Mr. B. Cockersell, who so ably presided at the organ.

25,920 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. J. PITMAN, PORT TALBOT.

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The calls are Oxford 'Plains' and Oxford Bobs.

This composition is obtained from two original sets of courses.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Monday, March 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: G. Franklin 1, J. Mathews 2, E. Smith 3, F. W. Lack 4, T. H. Townsend (conductor) 5, J. Leafley 6. Rung as a token of respect, after the funeral of Mr. Charles William Pearson, who was Vicar's warden and a church worker in the parish for a good many years.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Monday, February 18th, 720 Bob Minor: L. Ginn 1, C. Robinson 2, F. Warrington 3, W. R. Wayman 4, A. Ginn (conductor) 5, H. Dring 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. G. Gleaves 1, F. Ginn 2, F. Warrington 3, G. E. Crisp 4, H. Dring 5, A. Ginn (conductor) 6.

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HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on March 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: F. Smith 1, J. J. Pratt 2, Miss G. Baker 3, W. Ibbett 4, P. Jones 5, Miss P. Loss (conductor) 6, J. Bacon 7, R. Carter 8, W. Honor 9, J. H. Lucas 10.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 9th, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, E. H. Kynaston (longest length inside) 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, H. T. Hughes 5, R. T. Evans (conductor) 6, R. Edwards 7, G. Beaton 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, composed by H. W. Wilde), in 46 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, J. Hughes 3, H. T. Hughes 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, R. T. Evans (conductor) 6, R. Edwards 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Sunday, March 9th, for evening service, at the Abbey Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. Worley (first quarter and first attempt) 1, F. Woodwards 2, H. Cobb 3, R. Davis 4, E. Naish (first quarter and first attempt) 5, F. Naish (conductor, first attempt at quarter-peal) 6, W. Hutton 7, C. Spicer 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, March 9th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Dafters (Lee) 1, F. Fraser (Eltham) 2, H. James (Lee) 3, W. Nevard (Great Bentley) 4, S. A. Mason (Farningham) 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, J. Dafters (Lee) 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Monday, March 3rd, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Clarke 1, H. E. Tomkins 2, E. Gates 3, E. C. Lambert 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, W. Bonham 6, H. C. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Clarke 8. First quarter-peal by treble and 2nd ringers, and first as conductor.

CHIPPING CAMPDEN, GLOS.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for afternoon service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, in 55 mins.: G. Brotherhood 1, T. Whatcott 2, C. Withers 3, W. Large (conductor) 4, H. Withers 5, E. Withers 6. This is the first quarter by all except ringers of 4th and 6th.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Chambers 1, W. Scott 2, A. Cullaway 3, W. Scott, junr., 4, H. Barton (conductor) 5, W. Upton 6.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday, March 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Shuker (1st 720 in any method) 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, T. G. Hawkins 4, E. C. Hartley 5, W. L. Guttridge 6.

APPLETON, BERKS.—For morning service, on Sunday, March 2nd, 1,269 Grandsire Caters, in 44 mins.: W. Holfield 1, H. White 2, Miss S. Davis 3, R. T. Hibbert 4, G. Holfield, senr., 5, W. Hibbert 6, S. F. White 7, G. Holfield, junr. (conductor), 8, R. White 9, F. White 10.—For afternoon service 603 Stedman Caters and a short touch of Grandsire Caters: H. White 1, G. Holfield, junr., 2, Miss S. Davis 3, A. H. White 4, G. Holfield, senr., 5, R. White 6, W. Hibbert 7, C. G. White 8, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 9, W. Holfield 10. The visitors thank the Appleton band sincerely for all kindnesses shown during the week-end.

PASSENHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 2nd, 720 Grandsire Doubles: F. Case 1, H. Hurst 2, H. Ridgway 3, L. Smith 4, T. Roberts (conductor) 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Lawson, wife of the Rector (the Rev. F. E. Lawson).

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: T. Taylor 1, W. D. Peart 2, A. S. Loach 3, F. C. Bendall 4, W. C. Revnolds 5, E. Pagett 6, A. Mills (conductor) 7, S. Loach 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Sunday, March 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): E. Heath 1, W. Chivers (first quarter on an inside bell) 2, C. Hazelden 3, Mrs. C. Hazelden 4, W. Loader 5, G. Petter 6, G. J. Nicolls 7, E. Raddon (composer) 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, W. Enticknap 10. After service, 503 Grandsire Caters: E. Heath 1, W. Chivers 2, E. Etheridge 3, E. Raddon 4, W. Loader 5, G. Petter 6, S. Radford 7, G. Tomsett 8, C. Hazelden (conductor) 9, W. Enticknap 10. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor and Corporation to the church.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for evensong, 496 Bob Major: E. Mundr 1, E. Dumper 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, G. Williams 6, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 7, O. H. Giles 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, March 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, H. James 3, J. Hurrell 4, J. Mason (Farningham) 5, H. J. Norgate 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, J. Dafters 8.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES.—On Sunday, Feb. 24th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: G. E. White 1, T. Appleby 2, J. Butler 3, S. C. Coventry 4, H. Hatto 5, R. Bushnell 6, W. Annleby (conductor) 7, C. Bushnell 8. First quarter-peal by the local band.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, Feb. 24th, at the Parish Church, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: J. W. Collins 1, C. Bunting 2, W. W. Cousins 3, J. W. Rodwell 4, J. R. Rodwell 5, C. Cousins (conductor) 6. This was the last 720 rung at this church before the Vicar (the Rev. J. P. Hutchens) left for Southsea with Marrow.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—For evensong, on Feb. 24th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 49 mins.: J. Foster 1, J. T. Scott 2, E. Weatherby 3, H. Hutton 4, R. Philpott 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Steere 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 10th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Markwell, senr., 1, S. Smedley, senr., 2, S. Smedley, junr., 3, J. Knott (first 720 in any method) 4, A. E. Parsons 5, W. T. Palmer (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Feb. 17th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: L. G. Palmer 1, W. T. Palmer 2, F. E. Parsons 3, F. S. Parsons (first 720 in any method) 4, S. Smedley, junr., 5, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 6, S. Smedley, senr., 7, J. Knott 8.—For evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: L. G. Palmer 1, A. E. Parsons 2, F. Wostenholme 3, S. Smedley, junr., 4, F. E. Parsons 5, W. T. Palmer (conductor) 6, S. Smedley, senr., 7, H. Stow 8. First 720 in any method by the ringer of the 3rd, who makes the 4th to ring his first 720 in this tower during the month, all having been taught to handle a bell within the last ten months; great credit being due to them.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, at St. Ebba Church, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Harris 1, F. Wilkins 2, G. Stace 3, H. Tolley 4, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 5, F. Clinhard 6.—Also on Sunday, Feb. 10th, 720 College Single: W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 1, W. Harris 2, G. Stace 3, F. Clinhard 4, H. Tolley 5, F. Wilkins 6.

EDENBRIDGE.—For evening service, on Sunday, January 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Steddy 1, J. Heasman 2, H. Leigh 3, E. Collison 4, A. Belton 5, E. H. Leigh 6, G. Edwards (conductor), Penhurst, 7, E. J. Jenner 8.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.—Recently, for evening service, a course of 252 and 504 Bob Triples: R. Hancot 1, T. Davis 2, J. Goldy 3, F. Clayton (conductor) 4, C. Davis 5, C. Dale 6, J. Fifield 7, W. Simmonds 8. This is the first touch in the method by all except the conductor, and first attempt on eight bells by all except ringers of 3, 4 and 6. Also 252 with J. Simmonds treble; rest as before.

NOTICES.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on Saturday, May 10th. The augmented peal of the Parish Church will be available. Members are particularly requested to attend this meeting. Proposed alteration to Rule III received. Any further alterations or suggestions should reach me on or before April 12th, 1924.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

PARISH CHURCH, COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—Bellringers' Sermons—On Sunday, March 23, special sermons will be preached—in the morning by the Rev. C. S. Jackson, Rector of Willey, in the evening by the Rev. W. A. Warner, Rector of Broseley. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Matins 11 a.m., Evensong 6.30. There will be a musical service in the afternoon at 3 in which the following will take part: The Broseley Quartette Party, Miss Elsie Broome (contralto), Miss Malcolm (violinist), local handbell ringers, the choir and Mr. Wallace Wall (organist). The offertories will be given to the ringers who receive no other remuneration for their services. Donations will be gratefully received by the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe (Vicar), the Churchwardens or Mr. William Saunders.

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AN ANCIENT BELL.

A VENERABLE SUSSEX POSSESSION.

Lewes, the county town of Sussex, contains some very ancient churches, in which are to be found several pre-Reformation bells. Probably the oldest bell of all, however, of which the town can boast, is not now hung in a church, and has found a home in the market tower. This bell, known locally as 'Old Gabriel,' has a long history, and hangs in lonely state, rung only on 'great' occasions, the last being the declaration of peace and the marriage of Princess Mary. But formerly this ancient bell hung in the tower of the vanished Church of S. Nicholas, which was situated on the north side of the High Street. This was subsequent to the year 1319. The church fell into so dilapidated a condition that it was popularly known as the 'Broken Church'; but it remained in existence until 1761. The bell occupied the upper part of the tower; the lower part was used as a blacksmith's shop.

In the Town Book of 1690 is an entry which states that an agreement was entered into with Thomas Barrett, of Lewes, 'an eminent clock maker,' by which he was to have twenty shillings for mending the clock 'to be paid to him as soon as he hath mended him Also he is to have four pounds paid to him yearly for ringing the bell at four in the morning and eight at night.' From this it is to be gathered that 'Old Gabriel' was used as the curfew bell of Lewes.

Little or nothing is known of the history of the bell for another hundred years, but in 1760 it announced the death of George II. After that date it was silent until 1791, when a public subscription was opened for the purpose of erecting a tower in which to place the old clock and bell. In less than a month the sum of £500 was received, of which amount Mr. William Plummer, of Gilstone Park, Hertfordshire (the first M.P. for Lewes), subscribed £300, and the Hon. Henry Pelham, M.P. (Lewes), and Mr. Thomas Kemp (the founder of Kemp Town, Brighton) each £100.

About the same time (September, 1791) Lord Hampden, of Glynde, conveyed a plot of land to the town of Lewes for the purposes of a market and to provide a site for the tower in which the clock and town bell were to be housed. In the following April complaint was made that the tower could not be completed on account of the difficulty in obtaining bricks, the kilns for ten miles round Lewes being occupied in providing bricks for other buildings in the town and neighbourhood. The difficulty was overcome in a few months, and in October, 1792, Old Gabriel was safely hung in the new tower, where he soon after proudly proclaimed his own exaltation and excellence in tones not to be equalled by any bells of more modern foundries.

Until the rehanging no record seems to have been made of the weight of the bell. Before it was placed in its new home the weight was taken and found to be 17 cwt. 3 quarters 2½ lb. Its value, from the silver it contained, says a chronicler, was estimated at two shillings the pound.

For some reason not known the old town clock was not re-erected in the tower, as was originally intended, but was sold with the old market house and the public whipping post for £23. The loss of the old timekeeper of Lewes was deplored by the inhabitants of the town, who declared that the new clock was 'not of sufficient use, even to tell the hour of the day, for Old Gabriel is so closely environed that at some points he can scarcely be heard beyond the eaves of the neighbouring garrets.'

Little is known of the history of the 'Broken Church' of St. Nicholas, the tower of which was Old Gabriel's original home, but in the 34th year of Elizabeth (1592) the Queen granted among other hereditaments in Sussex (and other counties) to William Tipper and Robert Dawe, of London, gentlemen, to hold of the manor of East Greenwich in free and common socage 'All that the late chapel or church of S. Nicholas decayed and ruined, commonly called the "Broken Church," now converted into a tenement situate and lying in the town of Lewes in the county of Sussex, at the annual rent of 8d.' 'Old Gabriel's' historian in the Sussex Archaeological Society's 'Collection,' adds that the constables of the borough appear to have had possession of this site before the grant to Tipper and Dawe, for in the Town Book in 1571 it is stated that 'this year the Constables and Fellowships leased for twenty-one years a piece of waste ground with the walls of the "Broken Church" at the yearly rent of three shillings and fourpence towards the defrayment of the town charges. After the year 1592 the "Broken Church" seems to have been held by the borough officials.'

Lewes possesses one peal of ringable bells, the ten at Southover, and it is interesting to note that there is to-day prominently connected with them a Robert Dawe.

NOTICES.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — (Late the St. James' Society.)—Meetings for March, 1924: St. Clement Danes, Mondays, 17th and 31st, 7.30 p.m. —J. Bullock, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, March 20th; and *St. Paul's Cathedral, 25th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch in Rossendale, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, March 15th. Ringing from 3.15 p.m. Shall be glad to know at the earliest those requiring tea.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on March 15th at St. Paul's, Hammersmith Broadway. Tower open for ringing from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., meeting after. All ringers will be welcome.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, March 15th. Bells (6) available at 3, tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, District Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — Members and others are reminded of the re-opening after restoration of the bells at Bulkington on Saturday, March 15th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Carisbrooke (8) on Saturday, March 15th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Maries, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells 2 to 7. Business meeting in the Commercial Room at the Talbot Hotel, Arundel Street (two minutes from church), 7.30. Business very important.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Framlingham District.—A practice meeting will be held at Laxfield on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.—J. Hall, Dis. Sec., College Road, Framlingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by invitation, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 22nd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) 5, followed by business meeting. Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, March 18th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tenbury on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m., service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Dis. Hon. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday, March 22nd, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Benenden on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea arranged.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Nomination meeting.—The next meeting will be held at Armley, Christ Church, on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.—The next social will be held at Saturday, March 22nd. Ringing, St. Mary Redcliffe, 3.30 p.m. Tea at St. Thomas' Church Room 5 p.m. Social and dance to follow. Historical documents of St. Thomas' on view, by kind permission. Everyone invited.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Horsham on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, at the Queen's Head, at 5 o'clock. Those intending being present kindly advise me not later than March 18th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

TIVERTON.—The bells of St. Peter's, after being recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter at the 11 o'clock service on March 23rd, and there will be a ringing festival on Easter Monday. Particulars later.—Richard Grater.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at Low Moor on Saturday, March 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each to those who send word to me by March 24th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells from 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Annual outing.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, March 29th. Ringing at Trowel from 2 to 3 p.m. At 3 p.m. prompt those present will commence a tour of the Stanton Hill Iron Works and the new Huime Pipe Plant, by the kindness of the officials; then on to Stanton-by-Dale for tea at 5.30. Stanton bells will be open from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please send their names to Mr. E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston, not later than Thursday, March 27th?—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 21st. Nominations for President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary for ensuing year, and for four representatives on Central Council for next three years should reach me one month before the above date.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

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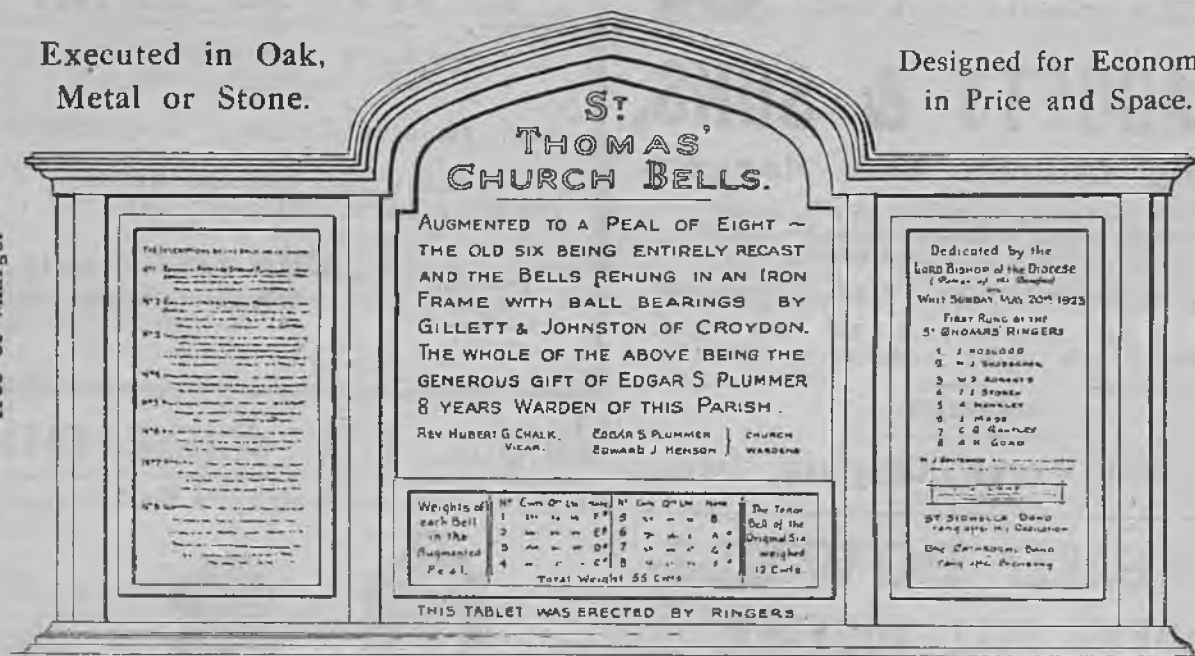
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