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### PEAL POINTS.

The question of peal points and their value as an incentive to ringing, or a comparison of merit, is a constantly recurring one, and the annual publication of the Peals Analysis is generally the occasion for reviving comment. Does the allocation of points for peals serve any real purpose? Opinions are divided on this matter, but, under the present method of dealing with the points, it certainly seems that they carry no great weight as an indication of the relative merits of the performances, either in regard to individual peals, or to the work of an association.

In compiling statistics of this kind there are, of course, many features which cannot be calculated in arriving at a value to be represented by points, but which, nevertheless, are of importance in appraising the true merits of a peal. The only thing that is now taken into account is the presumed intricacy of the method and the length of the peal, and even so, despite a long-continued attempt some years ago to fix relative values, there is still only a more or less rough-and-ready method of allocating the points, by placing methods in groups. This allocation does, perhaps, approximate to justice; but, leaving out of account those considerations which must vary with every peal, such as the first in the method, or by the band, there seems to be opportunity to overhaul the present assessment of points. By those who have had the experience, it is unanimously held, we believe, that 'spliced' method peals are unquestionably of greater value than a peal entirely in one of the methods. Again, it is held by competent judges that 'double-handed' handbell peals should be given more points than tower bell peals in the same method. This latter point has been discussed before, and, if we remember aright, the Council decided against it, but it is worth reconsideration. There is no argument in saying that each ringer gets double the number of points for his performance, when the peal is rung on handbells, because, under the present system, the individual is not taken into account. It may be equally advanced that no account is taken of anything but the complexity of a method, but there is no question that there is an added complexity to the performance when one man rings two bells.

Another question is that of the existing allocation of points, and there are those who consider that some revision is necessary. To take two of the most commonly rung methods, for example. On paper, Grandsire may be as simple a method as Plain Bob, but given a band equally capable in either method, it is, we think, not above argument that they would lose more peals of Grandsire Triples than of Bob Major in an equal number of attempts, which

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would prove that the former is the more difficult to ring in actual practice. Yet in the analysis Grandsire Triples does not get as many points as Bob Major. Again, is it not fairly generally recognised that a peal of Stedman Triples is at least as difficult to ring as a peal of Stedman Caters? There are other instances which one could quote, but these are sufficient, we think, to show that a reconsideration of the points in question was necessary. The Council had really come to a stage where they had to decide whether the points should be revised or cut out altogether. The decision to do away with the peal points, by an overwhelming majority, shows how strongly the view has grown in recent years that peal points are in reality valueless.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM H. P. EVANS ... Treble	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6
FREDERICK J. BAILEY... .. 2	GEORGE LARGE ... .. 7
SIDNEY DAWE ... .. 3	ERNEST COOMBS... .. 8
FRANK J. BAILEY... .. 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 9
JOHN DAVIES ... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to William B. Biss, a colleague and fellow ringer of the above who, as already reported, died under such tragic circumstances.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Treble	* EDGAR VALLANCE ... .. 6
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 2	JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. 7
JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 8
ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 4	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 9
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 5	PERCY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* 50th peal. First of Kent Royal on the bells. By the above, the conductor has now called peals of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus in the Kent Variation.

SURFLEET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 6
*SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 2	WALTER H. WOOD ... .. 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	HORACE M. DAY ... .. 8
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH .. 9
JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 5	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

\* First Surprise peal.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

B. ANNABLE'S THREE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb.

GEORGE H. MARTIN ... .. Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM PIKE ... .. 2	ALBAN E. SLATTER ... .. 6
EDWARD DARE ... .. 3	ALBERT ADDICOTT ... .. 7
PERCY JONES ... .. 4	GEORGE COOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. COOKE.

First peal of Bob Major for all the band. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Rung as an Empire Day peal.

SALTBURN-BY-THA-SEA, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

*On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS'.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*A. BOULTON ... .. Treble	*GEO. KEMBALL ... .. 5
*J. APPLETON ... .. 2	THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. 6
THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 3	† J. C. POLLARD ... .. 7
F. BARBER ... .. 4	R. LAUGHTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. C. POLLARD.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal as conductor in any method, and rung at first attempt. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. L. F. B. Knight, B.A., inducted as Vicar of the parish on May 25th, 1925.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

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

JAMES MARSHALL ... .. Treble	JOHN LLOYD ... .. 5
HARRY HOLDEN ... .. 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 6
WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3	C. ERNEST PERKINS ... .. 7
JACK KENDALL ... .. 4	WALTER MASTERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ERNEST PERKINS.

All are members of the local band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Monday, May 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

HENRY HUTTON ... .. Treble	HARRY BURDOCK ... .. 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 3	C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 7
JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. H. PELLING.

Rung in honour of Empire Day.

PENDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, May 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Treble	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 5
SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 6
FREDERICK J. STEELE ... .. 3	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... .. 4	HERBERT GREENHALGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of H. Greenhalgh; also as a birthday compliment to S. Greenhalgh. F. J. Steele's first peal for 15 years.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On May 19th, 720 of Bob Minor: T. B. Kendall 1, F. Seagar 2, Mrs. F. Seagar 3, J. Broadley 4, H. Stott 5, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 6. First 720 in any method ever rung by a local lady ringer at Shipley

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, May 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM RENWICK ... .. Treble	CRCIL ROBINSON ... .. 5
THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 2	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... .. 6
*MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... .. 3	WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... .. 7
GEORGE KEMBALL ... .. 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

\* First peal in any method, and first attempt for a peal. First peal by lady at the Parish Church.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, May 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. Treble	HARRY BURDOCK ... .. 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 6
*MUS. V. A. JARRETT, R.E. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. V. A. Jarrett.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, May 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 5
THOMAS MEREDITH ... .. 2	*GEORGE CHAPLIN ... .. 6
MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 3	*JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 4	JAMES PAGETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

\* Proposed a member before starting.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, May 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE DURLING ... .. 5
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 2	*ISAAC EMERY ... .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON ... .. 3	ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... .. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	DANIEL COOPER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

\* 300th peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES H. WALKLATE ... Treble	JOHN MALYAN ... .. 5
THOMAS J. HOLL ... .. 2	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... .. 6
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7
WILLIAM LITTLE ... .. 4	FRANK BEESON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

LEWISHAM, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WALKER ... .. Treble	WALTER SMITH ... .. 5
HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2	ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... .. 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
GEORGE DURLING ... .. 4	ISAAC EMERY ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' (Adapted).  
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... .. Treble	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... .. 6
JOHN HAYES... .. 3	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 7
GEORGE R. JONES... .. 4	WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BUTLER, SEN.

First peal as conductor.

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF REAL SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE HILL ... .. Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 5
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 2	E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 6
EDGAR VALLANCE ... .. 3	PERCY PRICE... .. 7
JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The composition has 240 78's in courses of four leads throughout, and rung for the first time. First peal of 'Real' Superlative by all the band. Mr. Geo. Hill hails from Penistone, and was elected a member before starting.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE MARRINER ... .. Treble	JOHN HOYLE... .. 5
JOHN BRAMS ... .. 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6
MRS. AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 3	ALBERT HARMEN... .. 7
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 4	AMOS W. CLARK ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by AMOS W. CLARK.

\* First attempt on an inside bell in the method. First peal as conductor in the method.

## PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN... .. Treble	GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 5
JOHN WILKINSON .. ... 2	THOMAS W. GILMOUR... .. 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Arranged for Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland.

## WARFIELD, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

ROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS V. ROBINSON ... .. Treble	F. LUSH ... .. 5
E. WHITTINGHAM ... .. 2	J. W. HIGGS ... .. 6
H. MACKMAN ... .. 3	J. R. MACKMAN ... .. 7
MISS M. CROSS ... .. 4	H. W. BOYLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

\* First peal inside.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—In honour of the Duke of Connaught's 75th birthday, on May 1st, at St. Anne's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Rose 1, Miss M. Nye 2, E. Haynes 3, H. Hunt 4, F. Ewens 5, B. Hawkins 6, F. Nye (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and 5th.

## HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. Treble	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 5
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 2	JAMES FLEURY ... .. 6
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 3	SAMUEL WARNE ... .. 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 4	ARTHUR ROOT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

First peal by treble and tenor. First peal inside by the 7th. First in the method by the 5th. F. Claydon has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 22, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

* J. ROBINSON ... .. Treble	† J. GARDNER... .. 4
† W. BETLEY... .. 2	‡ B. TREVITT... .. 5
† G. HISLOP ... .. 3	† P. BOARDMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. TREVITT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor inside. Rung for the festival of Ascension.

## BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, New London, Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

* HENRY WARN ... .. Treble	* ERNEST CLARKE ... .. 4
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM... 2	* HERBERT DEVENISH... .. 5
† ARTHUR BRADLEY ... .. 3	* HARRY BRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BRADLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Also first peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung on the eve of Empire Day.

## WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

## HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Consisting of seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. Treble	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 4
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 2	WILLIAM DAVIES... .. 5
SYDNEY ELTON ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal as conductor. This is the first peal of Minor on the bells, and the band, through this medium, wish to thank the Rev. J. B. Colthurst for the use of the bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 8th, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Guest 1, C. F. Stott 2, J. Ormrod 3, J. E. Markland 4, R. Newton 5, A. Heywood (conductor) 6, W. Pennington 7, P. Crook 8.



## STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Kent, three 720's of Woodbine, and three of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDRICK HINDES ... .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 4
HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. 2	JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... .. 5
ERNEST H. BOSTOCK ... .. 3	LEONARD H. BOSTOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

## SILVERDALE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. John.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720's Kent, three 720's Oxford, two 720's Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. WEBB ... .. Treble	JOHN HELME ... .. 4
THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... .. 2	JOHN W. HAYTON ... .. 5
FORNESS WOODEND ... .. 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 6

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were hung in 1887.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, May 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At 6½, HIGH STREET.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 13½ in E flat.

JOHN SPARROW ... .. 1-2	JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... .. 5-6
WALTER AYRE ... .. 3-4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... .. 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

Umpire: W. SEAR.

This, the first handbell peal in North Bucks, was rung at the home of the conductor's parents, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

## A TOUR TO SUFFOLK TOWERS.

On Sunday, May 24th, five members of the Essex County Association paid a visit to Suffolk. Arriving at Ipswich they were met by Messrs. A. and F. Bowell, who accompanied them to Wilby, where the bells have recently been rehung. Here they were met by Mr. J. Noller and Mr. T. Moyes. Before service, a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was rung by Fredk. Bowell 1, Joseph Bowell (Great Bromley, Essex) 2, T. Moyes (Wilby) 3, Ernest Eady (Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex) 4, Alfred Bowell (Ipswich) 5, Wm. J. Nevard (Great Bentley, Essex) 6. Conducted by W. Nevard. Owing to illness near the church, it was decided not to go to Laxfield, but to go on to Dennington. Here the party were met by Mr. Wardley, and a good 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by J. Noller 1, Alfred Bowell 2, Jos. Bowell 3, E. Eady 4, James Wardley 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6. After dinner, a call was made at Bedfield, where the visitors were met by Messrs. F. Ling and P. C. Potter. A well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob was brought round by Percy C. Potter (Bedfield) 1, W. J. Nevard 2, J. Bowell 3, E. Eady 4, F. Bowell (conductor) 5, A. Bowell 6. The next call was at Creetingham, where some good 120's of Grandsire Doubles and 120 of Stedman Doubles were rung by the band, assisted in the Stedman by G. Wightman and Stephen Wightman. Arriving at Ipswich again, it was agreed that a very pleasant day had been spent.

## THE BELLS OF NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have now commenced the work of restoration at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, and probably in about six months' time will complete the order for a new peal of eight, with tenor 13½ cwt.

On Sunday, May 17th, for morning service, 720 Grove Delight, and for evening service, 720 Spliced, Trowel, Duke of Norfolk, and College Exercise were rung, and instead of the recessional at this service a 'farewell touch' of 360 Norbury Treble Bob was rung. The ringers were J. Fernley, J. Fernley, junr., W. Fernley, J. W. Hartley, H. Langley, J. P. Fidler, H. Hallworth, L. Clough, with Samuel Potts (probationer).

## SWANSEA &amp; BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

## FIRST ANNUAL RINGING COMPETITION.

On the eve of Empire Day, a ringing competition open to the members of the newly-formed Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held at Brecon. The ancient art of raising and falling church bells in peal and method ringing were encouraged by the offer of a challenge shield for the best team to complete a fixed task. No less than ten bands were drawn from all parts of the Guild's district to the parish of St. David's, Brecon, to take part, and the new ring of six bells were well rung throughout the day. No company had the misfortune to break down, and the judge's report resulted in the competitors being awarded points as under, the maximum obtainable being 240: Neath, 222 points; Gorseinon, 220; Talgarth, 204; Llanstephan, 201; Baglan, 214; Llangatlock, 216; Cadoxton 'A.', 214; Llanelly, 221; Cadoxton 'B.', 221; St. Mary's, Brecon, 231.

A cold luncheon was served in the Parish Hall, the Vicar of St. David's (the Rev. John Simon, R.D.), being in the chair, and supported by the Rev. T. R. J. Jones, and other clergy, Mr. S. T. Rackham (Master of the Guild), Mr. W. H. Fussell, Slough (who judged the competition), Mr. J. Hammond (the secretary for the Southern District), Mr. Charles Powell (hon. treasurer), Mr. T. J. Richards (churchwarden), and the hon. secretary (Mr. W. R. Howells), nearly 100 ringers and friends enjoying the repast.

A hearty welcome was extended to the visitors, with the hope that they would enjoy their friendly rivalry and feel the benefit of their experience when they returned to their own towers.

The Guild is very much indebted to several gentlemen in Brecon whose generosity has enabled the Guild's hon. secretary to organise financially such undertaking—the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Rural Dean (the Rev. J. Simon), Dr. T. P. Thomas, Captain J. D. D. Evans, Dr. W. R. Jones, Mr. R. W. Phillips, Dr. J. L. Phillips, and other friends.

The competition ended at 4 p.m., when tea was served, so that those coming from a distance could get home in good time. Mrs. Simon was present, and kindly distributed the awards, consisting of a challenge shield and certificates for the first three places. The former only passed over Llanfaes Bridge, and is now on view in the window of the conductor, Mr. W. Evans, saddler, of Ship Street, Brecon. Second and third places were obtained by Neath (Mr. J. Hammond, conductor), and Cadoxton 'B' (conducted by Mr. J. E. Bloxham, who tied in the raising and falling).

The judge gave an address to the company, and explained his difficult position to do justice to every man in the competition with impartiality and fairness. To this end he was locked in a private room alone (near the church) and registered the faults made during the contest, and in doing so created an interesting set of diagrams, which were open to the inspection of anyone who wished to question the verdict. He congratulated the teams on the average excellence of the ringing, that no damage had been done to the ropes and fittings during the day's proceedings, and no band had broken down, all of which proved how valuable a little encouragement to the bell ringer was.

A vote of thanks to the donors, to the chairman and Mrs. Simon, and the judge, closed the gathering.

The company could not disperse before enjoying the privilege of a pull on the bells of St. Mary's Church, by kind consent of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon E. A. T. Roberts), who visited St. David's earlier in the day.

It is due to the hearty co-operation of Dr. T. P. Thomas (who presented the shield for competition) that such a successful gathering was brought about, and this competition is the forerunner of others to follow annually. Dr. T. P. Thomas was heartily thanked for his generosity, and the hon. secretary was requested to convey the company's message to him.

The Guild is very much indebted to Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, who at short notice undertook to judge the competition, for the very able and masterly way he adjudicated, and also for his comments on the day's proceedings.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the young band of local ringers for their valuable assistance in preparing the belfry, etc., and it is very encouraging to note that they are now getting quite accustomed to their bells. It was interesting to note also that the Baglan band included two lady ringers one of whom was a Bellringer by name.

During the luncheon interval, a collection was made towards the funds of the church, which is being rebuilt and enlarged, and this realised £2.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER. — For evensong, on Ascension Day, 720 Bob Minor: G. Clark 1, C. F. Otter 2, A. Hall 3, Jas. McCluskey 4, Jos. McCluskey 5, G. Jackson (conductor) 6. First 720 by 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, and first as conductor.—On Saturday evening, May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. Gardner 1, G. Clark (conductor) 2, G. Jackson 3, H. Arrand 4, H. Woodhouse 5, F. Clark 6, T. Revill 7, H. Trout 8. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of T. Byssouth, one of the local company.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## NORTHERN BRANCH AND CATHEDRAL BELL FUND.

The annual meeting was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 23rd, when, despite unfavourable weather, a good number of members and friends were present from the three districts. Among those who attended were the Rev. H. Law James (Guild Ringing Master), Mr. G. Ladd (hon. secretary, Elloe Deaneries Branch), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. H. Walker (hon. secretary, Doncaster and District Society), and Mr. J. T. Reid (Redbourne, late of Sheffield).

The bells of the parish church were available during the afternoon and evening, when touches were brought round in various methods. Rounds were also rung to give the less advanced members an opportunity of having a pull.

Choral evensong was attended by about 60. The Rev. S. Walton, one of the assistant clergy, intoned the service, and Mr. Alan Stephenson, Mus. Bac. Oxon, presided at the organ. The assistance given by the choir-boys also added considerably to the brightness of the service.

A very homely address, including a hearty welcome to the members of the branch to Gainsborough, was given by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Morris). Subsequently, 73 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent tea, provided at the Co-operative Hall. The business meeting followed, at which Mr. F. F. Linley (president of the Northern Branch) took the chair, and was supported by the Rev. Canon Morris (president of the Gainsborough District), the Rev. S. Walton, and members of the committee. Other clergy present were the Revs. H. T. Parry (president of the Grimsby District), R. Boud, St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln; and C. H. Frith, Elsham. Apologies for absence were announced from the Revs. E. W. Carpenter (Kingerby), R. G. Fookes (Lea), and J. Barber (Stow), also from Mr. E. Dawber, Gainsborough. The general secretary's report for 1924 was adopted, and the balance sheet passed.

The Secretary, in his report, stated that although steps were taken to form a new district at Sleaford, in accordance with a resolution passed, the scheme had not succeeded as was at first anticipated, and has, therefore, been abandoned for the time being. Two new towers became affiliated during the year (Blyton and Broughton), and four honorary and 46 performing members had been elected, bringing the total up to 247, which was a slight increase on the previous year. Twenty-three peals were rung by the branch.

The President congratulated the district secretaries upon the excellent work which had been done during the past year, and the whole of the officers were re-elected on bloc.

The following new members were elected: Mr. G. H. Hill, Gainsborough, honorary member; Messrs. G. Webb, Brigg and B. Baldwin, Elsham, performing members; and Mr. H. Walker, Doncaster, non-resident life member.

## CATHEDRAL BELLS MEMORIAL FUND.

Mr. W. H. Lloyd moved, and Mr. J. Canham seconded, the following resolution: 'That the sum of £20 be taken from the funds of the Northern Branch, and be paid into the Cathedral Bells Memorial Fund as the first result of the "final effort" being made by the Northern Branch to complete that fund.'—As an amendment, Mr. H. Torr proposed, and Mr. J. Dixon seconded, that the sum be £10. At this stage, the Rev. H. T. Parry stated that at a recent meeting of the Grimsby District the members commented upon the diminishing balance of the Northern Branch funds, and were in opposition to the resolution.—As a second amendment, Mr. C. W. P. Clifton proposed, and Mr. G. Chester seconded, that the sum of £5 be granted, reference being made to the forthcoming appeal from St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, and very probably a further appeal from Navenby in the near future. On being put, the second amendment was carried unanimously.

Votes of thanks were passed as follows: To the Rev. Canon Morris for the use of the bells and his instructive address; the Rev. R. G. Fookes (Lea) for the use of the bells; the Rev. S. Walton, Mr. A. Stephenson (organist), the choirboys, Mr. W. E. Mawditt (sexton), and to Mr. F. F. Linley for presiding at the meeting.

These having been duly responded to by the Vicar of Gainsborough and the President, the business concluded, after which some of the members returned to the parish church for further ringing, while others journeyed to the village of Lea, two miles distant, for a pull on the ring of six in that tower. The most praiseworthy ringing of the day consisted of a course of London Surprise Major in the afternoon, and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major, also a short touch of London Surprise Major in the evening.

During the day, members were present from the following towers: Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Lincoln (Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Arches and St. Peter at Gowts), Bigby, Brigg, Elsham, Stow, Scothorne, Welton, Surfleet, Pinchbeck, Branston, Blankney, Scotter and Corringham, in addition to the local company.

**WILBURTON, CAMBS.**—On Saturday, May 16th, a quarter-peal (1,440 changes), consisting of 360's of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob: R. Knight 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. Thurbon 4, H. Sharp 5, G. Few 6.

## A DOUBLE DOUBLE-CENTURY.

Fluky, it was between 19 and 20 years after the captain rang his first peal that, the 'colt' scored his first. Within the next 2½ years he had added another 99; inside the succeeding two years, the one-time pupil and tutor stood in the circle together for Cambridge Royal, having each to his credit 99. The peal was going strong, but one hour and 10 minutes from 'go' being called, down it came, forming neat circles on the floor, with a nice fluffy end. You do not start again the same day at St. Martin's, so 'go' Cambridge was called on the Monday following. No mishap this time, rounds coming up according to plan in 3 hours and 29 minutes, and the critics, who, the writer thinks, were waiting to celebrate the double double century, said it was the finest last course in a peal they had ever heard.

The 'jam' was measured out according to their expectations of a possible and correct celebration, having in mind also that it was the bob caller's 100th peal in that role. The writer apologises, but the 'jam merchants' must blame the law or the gentleman who keeps open house for all, for turning us all out in the damp. One thing is very certain, the culprits will not ring their 300th peal together, so a golden opportunity was missed by not applying for an extension.

## F. H. DEXTER'S 200 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Minor: 2 methods	1	
Grandsire Triples	12	6
Stedman Triples	25	20
Bob Major	a 12	3
Kent Treble Bob Major	7	2
Double Norwich Major	b 24	5
Superlative Surprise Major	15	7
Cambridge Surprise Major	c 25	d 13
Real Superlative Surprise Major	1	e 1
New Cambridge Surprise Major	2	1
Bristol Surprise Major	10	3
London Surprise Major	12	8
Grandsire Caters	5	2
Stedman Caters	21	15
Bob Royal	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	2
Cambridge Surprise Royal	18	9
Princess Mary Surprise Royal	1	1
Leicester Surprise Royal	1	
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	1
Stedman Cinques	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	
Total	200	100

a includes 13,440; b, 6,240; c, 12,896 (record); d, 7,008; e, 10,408 (record).

## HAROLD J. POOLE'S 200 PEALS.

	Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Minor: 2 methods	1	—	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Minor	2	2	—	—
Grandsire Triples	1	—	—	—
Stedman Triples	22	12	5	4
Grandsire Caters	2	1	—	—
Stedman Caters	9	1	12	7
Stedman Cinques	2	—	4	4
Kent Treble Bob Major	3	1	1	1
Bob Major	a 1	—	—	—
Little Bob Major	1	—	—	—
Duffield Major	1	—	—	—
Double Norwich Major	4	1	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	40	b 19	—	—
New Cambridge Surprise Major	2	—	—	—
Superlative Surprise Major	c 26	10	—	—
London Surprise Major	18	11	—	—
Bristol Surprise Major	16	11	—	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2	1	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	18	8	—	—
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	—	—	—
Princess Mary Surprise Royal	1	—	—	—
Leicester Surprise Royal	1	1	—	—
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	—	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3	1	—	—
Total	178	80	22	16

a Includes 13,440; b, 12,896; c, 10,400.

**ROYAL VISIT TO BARKING.**

On Tuesday, May 19th, on the occasion of their Majesties the King and Queen visiting Barking to open the electric power station, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 46 minutes on their arrival: A. C. Hardy 1, W. Beard 2, F. C. Russell 3, H. E. Parker 4, R. Fenn 5, G. V. Faulkner 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, H. Holgate 8. As their Majesties were leaving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 mins.: R. Fenn 1, W. Beard 2, F. C. Russell 3, H. E. Parker (conductor) 4, A. C. Hardy 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, C. Fenn 7, R. Molton 8.

**SUFFOLK GUILD****SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT HADLEIGH.**

Many successful district meetings have taken place at Hadleigh in the past, but the palm must be given for the present to the meeting which was held on May 9th. The local company, it is true, was poorly represented, but this is due to the fact that it is almost entirely composed of men who are engaged in retail business, and, therefore, were occupied in somewhat less musical if more profitable methods. Visitors came from Ipswich, Sproughton, Hintlesham, Yelham, Cornard, Assington, Polstead, Manningtree, Lavenham, Bildeston, Shelley, Stoke-by-Nayland and Sible Hedingham.

The Rector of Hadleigh, Dean Carter, presided at the meeting, which took place in the ancient Guildhall in the Churchyard. He referred to the forthcoming visit to Hadleigh of the Archbishop of Canterbury, on June 22nd, and asked for volunteers to ring on that occasion, as the local men were engaged in business. Many names were immediately given in to the district secretary, Mr. T. G. Reed.

In the belfry, owing to the numbers present, only short touches were indulged in, but the methods were many and varied, from rounds (to oblige a very young hand), Plain Bob (Minor and Major), Oxford and Kent (Minor and Major), Double Norwich, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples, to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. All these rolled home in splendid style, the only 'casualty' of the day being an attempt at a piece of London Surprise Major, which somehow or other came 'unstuck,' to the disappointment of all, but better luck next time!

**HOW HONG KONG LOST A PEAL OF BELLS.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Referring to the remarks of Mr. J. E. Sykes as to the difficulty of ringing a peal in Hong Kong, this would be quite a simple task, were bells and ringers available. From the middle of October to the middle of March, the colony enjoys climatic conditions second to none the world over. Throughout these five months, the temperature hardly ever exceeds that of an English summer average, the humidity is low, and picnics and tennis parties may be arranged months ahead, as it hardly ever rains. During the remainder of the year, the climate is very hot and damp.

While I was resident in the colony in 1920-1, I interested a leading business man, who was a keen supporter of the Cathedral, in the project of putting a peal of bells in the tower. There are four of Mears' bells, hung dead, there at present, and I obtained an estimate from him for a peal hung for ringing. But for the 2½ months which necessarily elapsed while the letters were in the post, I fully believe Hong Kong would now be the proud possessor of the only ringing peal in the Far East. But in the interim, my friend, who had quite made up his mind to see the thing through, experienced heavy financial losses, in common with many other business people, through the slump which began throughout the Far East in 1920.—Yours truly,

HOWARD FREEBORN.

The Dell, Little Chalfont, Amersham.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.**

A district meeting was held at Sawston on May 23rd, ringers being present from Somersham, Histon, Cambridge, Barley, Trumpington, Fulbourn, Chatteris, Ickleton, Royston, Castle Camps, Stapleford, and the local band. Ringing took place from 3.30 until 6 o'clock, when the association's form of service was held in the church conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Nattrass. Tea was provided at the White Lion, followed by the business meeting.

Willingham and Barrington were suggested for the place of the next meeting, but Willingham was finally decided upon.

At the suggestion of the secretary, it was decided to visit the three five-bell towers at Balsam, West Wrating, and Weston Colville on Tuesday evening, 26th May.—After the meeting further ringing took place.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal of Stedman Triples rung more than a hundred years ago was that at Shifnal on June 5th, 1819, by St. Martin's Youths.

A handbell record was made at Pudsey on June 5th, 1911, when a peal of 13,440 Bob Major was rung in 7 hours 7 minutes.

The famous peal of 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Debenham on June 6th, 1892, in 10 hours 32 minutes. This is still the record length in the method. Debenham, in 1880, was the scene of two long lengths of Kent Treble Bob Major, the first 7,296, and the second 10,272.

The Chester Guild rang a record length of 16,800 Kent Treble Bob Major at Mottram on June 8th, 1906, in 9 hours 40 minutes.

June 9th is the anniversary of the peal rung at Christ Church, Philadelphia, in 1850. It was conducted by Henry Haley, of the College Youths, who, with others, including James Hewett, of the Cumberlands, was in America on a handbell ringing tour. The tenor was rung by two men, R. Dodds, a one-legged man, ringing it for 2 hours 15 minutes, and J. Davey finishing off the peal.

Two of Yorkshire's representatives on the Central Council arrived at Chester on Sunday with eighteen other members of the association to look after them.

The busiest man in Chester over the holiday was Mr. E. W. Elwell, the hon. secretary of the Chester Guild, and the Reception Committee, who did not spare himself in his efforts to make the visit of the Council, both officially and individually, a most enjoyable one. With the enthusiasm of youth he combines a charm of manner which won all hearts.

We regret to record the death of the wife of Mr. York Green, of Cambridge, and the sympathy of the Exercise will go out to him in his bereavement.

## 5,024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By A. J. PITMAN (PORT TALBOT, GLAM.).

234567	B	M	W	H
352647	x			
427365 (4th's)				
436527 (In)	—			
562347		—	—	
635427	x			
452367		—	—	
534627	y			
642357		—	—	
527346			—	(4th's)
235647 (In)				
36245	x			3
64352	x			
45362			2	
56423	x			3
62534	x			
42635			2	
23456	x			3

This peal is produced from Mr. J. W. Parker's three-part courses. First rung at Loughborough Bellfoundry, conducted by H. J. Poole, on May 14th, 1925.

## GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Purton on Saturday, May 23rd, there being a good attendance. The early arrivals found there was a set of ropes to go up before a start could be made with ringing, but this little difficulty was soon overcome, and the bells were raised in peal soon after 3 p.m. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. R. B. Harrison), to whom Mr. E. Bishop moved a hearty vote of thanks for his hospitality, and for the use of the bells. He also thanked the ladies for waiting at table.

One new member was elected, after which a few touches were rung on the handbells.

A short service in church was followed by further ringing. Touches of Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, Plain Bob and, and a few rounds and Doubles for the beginners, were rung. The following towers were represented: Swindon (Christ Church and St. Mark's), Blunsdon, Stratton, Rodbourne Cheney, Woolton Bassett, Faringdon, and the local band.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX. — On Thursday, April 30th, in 49 minutes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: George A. Hughes 1, E. Leversuch 2, S. Hoare 3, C. Dyke 4, G. Cheshire 5, F. Edwards (conductor) 6, J. Milner 7, L. Weare 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### TUESDAY'S MEETING AT CHESTER.

#### PEAL POINTS TO GO.

The 33rd annual meeting of the Central Council was held in the Refectory at Chester Cathedral on Tuesday, and was attended by 73 members, Canon G. F. Coleridge (President) being in the chair.

The proceedings opened with prayer, offered by the Dean, who then welcomed the Council to the Cathedral.

The minutes of the last meeting, having been published in 'The Ringing World,' were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were read from the Revs. C. E. Matthews, A. H. P. Boughey, C. C. Cox, E. W. Carpenter, F. J. O. Helmore, H. Simpson, Tyrwhitt Drake, Maitland Kelly, C. C. Marshall, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Ald. R. B. Chambers, Messrs. W. Wilson, J. T. Rickman, J. Carter, Barton, C. E. Borrett, T. E. Metcalfe, E. H. Lewis, T. H. Taffender, G. Bolland and C. R. Lilley.

At this point the Bishop of Chester visited the meeting, and offered a generous welcome to the Council. He spoke of the ringers' share in the work of the Church in the endeavour to bring all into the fellowship of the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

The President, in thanking the Bishop and Dean for their welcome and the Precentor for his presence, said this was only the second time in the history of the 37 or 38 meetings of the Council they had been welcomed by a Bishop and Dean. Only at Salisbury, two years ago, had they had a similar welcome.

Arising out of the minutes, Canon Baker asked what had become of the resolution passed last year with regard to urging upon Advisory Committees of the various dioceses the desirability of having a member who was an expert in bells.

The Hon. Secretary said all he had been able to do was to publish a letter in 'The Ringing World,' asking the various hands to get their representatives on the Parochial Church Councils, and so, by getting representatives on the various other bodies, eventually get a member on to the Advisory Committees.

Members spoke of what had been done, or, in some cases, left undone, in their own dioceses, and eventually it was resolved to send a direct letter to the secretary of the Advisory Board in each diocese.

The statement of accounts, as already published, was adopted.

The Hon. Librarian presented his report, which showed a small falling off in the sales of publications.

Arising out of his report, it was agreed to repurchase the copies of 'The Preservation of Bells,' held by Canon Elsee, to sell leaflets of corrigenda to the three sections of the Collection of Peals at 2d. the set, and authorised the librarian to obtain copies of the 'Bell News' for the years 1912 to 1915.

It was pointed out that the stock of some of the publications of the Council were almost exhausted, and the Hon. Secretary proposed that, in view of the increased cost of printing, the remaining copies be sold at an advanced cost of 50 per cent., and this was agreed to.

It was resolved that the 'Council's Rules and Decisions' should be revised, and the revision will be submitted at the next meeting.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported for the Peal Collection Committee. The work on Treble Bob Major had been completed, and he asked for directions as to what should be done with the material collected. Later, Mr. Richardson reported that the committee had consulted, and Miss Parker had kindly undertaken to type the remainder of the collection, so that it could be placed in the Library with the other typed volumes (hear, hear). The committee did not make any recommendation as to printing a selection of the peals, and it was decided to bring the collection up to date by including peals published since the first sections were compiled.—The report was adopted.

There was no formal report before the Council from the Literature Committee, but the verbal reports of the individual members were accepted.

The Rev. H. L. James reported that the Methods Committee were now in a position to go on, and, in the course of the year, to print a selection of some 70 or 80 of the collection of Plain Major Methods.—The report was accepted.

The report of the Analysis Committee, already printed in our columns, was proposed by the Rev. A. T. Beeston.

At the suggestion of the committee, the Council gave an instruction that in future the names of individual conductors and the number of peals they have rung be omitted from the analysis.

A discussion took place on the question of peal points, and it was eventually decided by a large majority that in future points be omitted from the analysis.

The report was then adopted.

The Towers and Belfries Committee's report was forwarded by Mr. E. H. Lewis. In this it was stated that experiments in the welding of cracks in bells were being made.—The report was adopted.

After the luncheon interval the Rev. A. T. Beeston presented the report of the Records Committee, which incorporated two years' records of new methods rung, and the new progressive lengths.

The Hon. Secretary reported for the Science Museum Exhibit Committee. Matters were, he said, held up because at present the floor and wall space at the Museum was not yet available.—The report was accepted.

A lengthy report upon the revision of nomenclature was presented by Mr. G. B. Burton, and, after discussion, it was decided that the report should be published, so that it might be considered at the next meeting, the committee being thanked for their report, which dealt with a very controversial subject.

This concluded the reports of committees, and, on the motion of the President, all the committees were thanked for their services.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Cards of Instructions on the upkeep of bells had been printed. It was resolved that a copy should be sent to all Archdeacons in England and Wales, requesting them to bring it to the notice of their respective Rural Deans; and to hon. secretaries of guilds and associations, with the request that they will bring it before their district secretaries, and, by this means, introduce it to all belfries.

Mr. E. W. Elwell proposed the following motion, which was seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and carried:—'That, considering the future possibilities of Radio, the attention of the Press and Literature Committee of the Central Council be drawn to the performances of "Bell-chiming" occasionally broadcast, as such performances are liable to create a wrong impression of the true nature of bell ringing, and, further, to request the committee to bring to the notice of the British Broadcasting Company all unsuitable imitations of bell ringing which may be broadcast.'

Alderman Pritchett moved: 'That this Council, as a general rule, disapproves of the augmentation of peals of eight into peals of ten.'—The Hon. Secretary seconded, but there was an overwhelming vote against the resolution.

On the motion of Mr. W. A. Cave, it was resolved that on Page 13 of the Rules and Decisions in the paragraphs headed (a) 'on nine and eleven bells' (b) 'on eight, ten or twelve bells' the words 'in any one method' be omitted. This was decided on, on account of the new developments in ringing peals in spliced methods.

The Council resolved to meet next year at Ipswich.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn referred to the Washbrook Memorial Fund. He said they had actually £115 15s. in hand. They wanted £160 or £170, and out of the sum already subscribed £90 9s. had come from members, towers or branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He appealed to societies who had not yet subscribed to acquaint him with what they proposed to do, so that he might report to his Guild at the annual meeting that the money was in hand and the work could proceed.

Mr. Young gave notice that at the next annual meeting he would move 'that the time has now arrived when the so-called scientific or Simpson tuning is in the best interest of the Exercise.'

This concluded the business, and the proceedings closed with votes of thanks to the Bishop and Dean of Chester, to the President for presiding, and to the Chester Guild for their arrangements.

Later some of the members attended Evensong in the Cathedral, and, with their friends, were entertained to tea by the Chester Guild. Afterwards many of them inspected the Cathedral, under the guidance of the Dean.

In the evening a large party assembled at the Grosvenor Hotel, where a social was held. In recognition of his services in conveying such a large number of the visitors on the Eaton Hall railway, Mr. H. W. Wilde was presented with a pair of silver candlesticks.

#### THE SOCIAL SIDE.

Excellent arrangements for the entertainment of the Council had been made by a committee of the Chester Guild, composed of the Rev. C. A. Clements (Master), Mr. E. W. Elwell (hon. secretary), Rev. A. T. Beeston, and Messrs. H. W. Wilde and J. W. Clarke, who received great assistance from Messrs. W. Seance, R. Sperring and J. Swindley.

Members of the Council began to gather in Chester on Sunday, when quite a number arrived in the city from various parts of the country. As usual, a party of Yorkshiremen—not all of them connected with the Council—made it the occasion of an excursion, and their headquarters, the Stafford Hotel, was the scene of a considerable gathering in the evening. Earlier in the day various towers were visited for Sunday service ringing, and many got as far afield as Wrexham, where a fine peal of ten bells hangs in one of the most noble bell towers in Great Britain.

On Monday ringing at the Cathedral, with an inspection of this edifice, occupied many ringers the better part of the morning. The magnificent pile, upon the restoration of which vast sums have been spent in the last half century, was visited during the day by thousands of people, and the manner in which the crowds were provided for by the Cathedral staff, from the Dean downward, and the manifestations of the work carried on, were proof in itself that the venerable building, which has grown from a Monastic church of the Benedictines, is a living centre of Church life.

Some of the visitors scored a peal at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, and early in the afternoon a party, numbering about 70, including many ladies, assembled at the Blossoms Hotel prior to an excursion by motor launch on the River Dee to Eccleston and Eaton

Hall. They had the privilege of being shown over the Duke of Westminster's famous mansion and the beautiful gardens, and what interested them not least was the tiny railway, which runs through the grounds, and which was laid down by the late Sir Arthur Heywood. The engines and rolling stock were made at Sir Arthur's workshop at Duffield, and, although on this occasion the haulage was undertaken by a petrol engine, the original steam locomotive was inspected with much interest. There are some miles of track, and over this the visitors were taken in two parties in the miniature carriages, the engine driver being another well-known ringer, Mr. H. W. Wilde, who is responsible for the upkeep of the railway, and whose kindness was much appreciated. Some of the party afterwards visited Eccleston Church to ring, and then made their way back to Chester, some having to 'foot it,' on account of the heavy Bank Holiday traffic on the river.

At the Blossoms Hotel an informal social was held in the evening.

### HENRY HOBART, OF BILDESTONE, SUFFOLK.

The following memoir on the career of the old Suffolk ringer, who attained to some fame in his day, was written by the late Mr. Samuel Slater, of Glemsford, and came into the possession of his son, Mr. T. Slater, with many other ringing papers.

#### A MEMOIR BY THE LATE SAMUEL SLATER.

The subject of this memoir was a distinguished campanologist; he was born at Bildestone on April 22nd, 1800, and began to practise the art of change ringing at a very early age. When only a boy, his father, who was then parochial schoolmaster of Bildestone, and a good six-bell ringer, made a stage for his son to stand on in the belfry so that he might be able to reach the tuft of the rope, and in this way, when only a boy, he rang the second bell in Bildestone steeple to his first 720 of Bob Minor. At the time he weighed only four stones, and the bell seven cwt. He took a great delight in the art of bell ringing, and soon became a proficient, having the gift of a superior ear. After he grew to manhood he used frequently to visit various towns for ringing purposes, and rang in four hours his first long peal on January 14th, 1819, on the Stowmarket Church bells, this being a 6,160 Bob Major. His brother Thomas also rang in the same peal. This was composed and conducted by John Elmer. His second and third peals were Bob Major; one of 6,224, and the other of 6,336 changes on the same bells, conducted by John Elmer and John Naunton, of Ipswich, respectively.

About this time, Mr. Hobart, junr., was appointed parochial schoolmaster of Monk's Eleigh, which post he held for some time. Through negligent habits he was, however, soon dismissed, and he then removed to Hadleigh, and found employment in a stonemason's yard, where he did the lettering of gravestones, etc., being an expert in such work. Here he resided for some time, and upon hearing that the Redenhall (Norfolk) company had rung a peal of 8,000 changes on their own bells of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 1828, he got up a band shortly afterwards in order to try and supersede this Redenhall peal in number of changes. On the Hadleigh Church bells (tenor 28 cwt.), a peal containing about 9,000 changes of Bob Major, the composition of one David Boys, a native of Hadleigh, was attempted, but after ringing about 7,000 changes, and being at work about four hours, one of the band was so much fatigued that they had to give over. The ringing was, as far as it went, conducted by Joseph Lewis, of Bramford. Soon after this, Mr. Hobart returned to his native town, and took a lively interest in ringing matters, and organised a band. In 1841 they scored a 5,040 in seven Minor methods on Bildestone Church bells, the methods being as follows: Bob Minor Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, New London Pleasure, Morning Exercise and Cambridge Surprise, Mr. Hobart himself ringing the tenor bell, and also conducting the peal.

The writer recalls his saying that at the time of ringing this peal he could sing every change of each 720 as rung, and on being spoken to after the peal, offered a wager of £5 that he would sit down and sing or 'champ' every change before a competent judge. He had now become a proficient in the art, and was well known as an excellent ringer by several Metropolitan ringers—one then celebrated. I have heard him talk of W. H. Burwash; but in one respect none could equal him in Suffolk, as he could recite touches of various Minor methods with his voice giving to each bell its proper place and time, and the writer has also heard him sing, or as he used to call it, 'champ' touches of Treble Bob Major.

To verify this, I now give an extract from the diary of the late Mr. John Carr, of Waltham Abbey, dated Lavenham, September 14th, 1846: 'Mr. Hobart sang three leads of Treble Bob Major—a very clever man: he also rang two bells behind me in a course of Treble Ten, and thus ended one of the most pleasant evenings that I ever knew.' On September 14th I passed through Bildestone, the town where Mr. Hobart resides, and Mr. Hobart was quite capable of taking down the course ends of a peal while being rung. His next two peals were rung at Hadleigh, both Bob Major: one was the 5,003, composed and conducted by the late William Garrard, senr., of Ips-

wich. The other was the 6,000 by the late Mr. John Marven, farmer, of Copdock. This was conducted by Mr. John Pettit, of Hadleigh, who was 50 years old that day. Pettit, who was then landlord of the 'Eight Bells' of that town, got the band together to try this peal, promising them one guinea and a good dinner if the attempt was made, and two guineas if the peal was rung. This promise, I have heard, was carried out to the very letter.

Hobart's next peal was Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5,120, at Stowmarket, when he himself was fifty years old. On this occasion he rang the third bell, and conducted the peal. This is recorded as the first peal in this method on those bells. His last peal was John Reeves's 5,600 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 1853, when he rang the tenor and conducted the peal. This was on the far-famed bells at Lavenham. This peal, he has informed me, was rung at the third attempt. One was lost in the last 500, and once the ringer of the sixth bell had to give over when more than 5,000 changes had been rung. Lastly, he rang the 4th bell, and conducted four 720's in the year 1867 on the Hitcham Church bells in two hours, the methods being Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and New London Pleasure.

After that he did little ringing. He visited Lavenham regularly on the anniversary of their bells, June 21st, and Hadleigh on Coronation Day. In his time he also attended several prize ringing contests, notably those at Ardleigh, Essex, and Polstead, Suffolk, etc., with his Bildestone band, and generally carried off the prize. As Mr. Hobart spent most of his later time in his native town, he was located in a district not suited for peal ringing. This will account for his not ringing a larger number of peals. He generally rang the tenor bell, and although only a spare man, weighing but nine stone and a half, he did it with perfect ease. For a great many years of his later life he followed the occupation of walking postman from Bildestone, through Hitcham, Brettenham to Thorpe Morieux, a distance of fourteen miles walking for each day, and filling up the middle of the day working with the wheelwrights of the village. When over 70 years of age, he informed the writer of the fact that he had never known what a day's illness was, but had worn spectacles 40 years. He died on Wednesday evening, June 14th, 1871, in the 72nd year of his age, after the only (three days') illness of his life. As a last tribute of respect to his memory, muffled peals were rung at Hitcham, Stowmarket, Lavenham and Monk's Eleigh. Mr. Hobart had a brother named Thomas, a ringer, as I have stated above, and they rang together for several years, but in 1836 Thomas removed to London, and joined the London Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

### RINGING AT TRURO CATHEDRAL.

On Sunday, May 17th, the Truro ringers were delighted to receive a visit from Messrs. C. R. and J. E. Lilley, of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. At the Cathedral, where there is a fine peal of ten (tenor 33 cwt.), 168 and 34 Grandsire Triples were rung in the morning: C. Anderson 1, J. E. Lilley 2, W. Arthur 3, E. S. Sleeman 4, W. H. Southard 5, C. R. Lilley 6, W. Sleeman 7, A. S. Roberts 8, R. Pascoe 9, J. Anderson 10 (9, 8, 10 covering). In the afternoon, before evensong, 504 and 112 Grandsire Triples by eight of the above. The conducting was shared by Messrs. W. H. Southard and C. R. Lilley. In the evening, before service at Kewyn Church, Truro, 336 Grandsire Triples: A. Matthews 1, A. F. Knight 2, H. M. Smeath 3, C. M. Thomas 4, C. R. Lilley 5, E. C. Freund 6, J. E. Lilley 7, J. T. Guiley 8. After service, 168 and other short touches of Grandsire Triples.

### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent at Castle Donington by members of the Loughborough district, numbering about twenty. A substantial tea was kindly given by Major Dalby, who came and expressed his interest in change ringing. The Major was warmly thanked for his kindness, and thanks were also accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

The next meeting is fixed for Shepsted.

SELBY.—On Sunday, May 17th, at Selby Abbey, 759 Grandsire Caters, on the occasion of the christening of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Denn, and grand-daughter of the Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D., Vicar of Selby Abbey: J. W. Hall 1, R. Fenton 2, W. A. Hall 3, T. Morgan 4, H. S. Morley 5, E. Storr 6, F. Cryer 7, G. W. P. Fenton 8, H. Fairlam (conductor) 9, T. Strudwick 10.

TOTTENHAM.—For Divine service, on May 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Springham 1, H. Barnett 2, H. W. H. Strickland 3, S. Crabbe 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. Ellis 6, C. Bilton (conductor) 7, W. Patmore 8.

EXETER.—For Sunday evening service, on May 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Davey 1, J. Hasgood 2, A. Monkley 3, T. J. Stokes 4, C. Routley 5, A. H. Goad 6, J. Wrin (East Grinstead), conductor, 7, W. Bailey 8.

## CLAYTON COMPOSITE CATERS.

By JOSEPH W. PARKER.

I venture to bring before the Exercise this composite method for Caters, believing that, if it is given a fair trial, the advanced ringer will prefer it to Stedman. It is on similar lines to the Triple Methods published in diagrammatic form some time ago, but has the advantage that peals may be obtained by ordinary Stedman bobs and singles.

It retains the valuable features of Erin in keeping the heavy bells well together, and at home every 54 changes. In the course, they fall naturally into three different orders, i.e., 978, 897 and 789, giving varied music throughout, and instead of the monotonous repetition of the same slow work, it has two slows and one quick. An examination of the diagram will show that the front work, while presenting very little more difficulty, is much more interesting than Stedman, and it should appeal to those who at present have little to choose from on nine bells. It may be practised on seven bells, but will not give 5,040 changes, and it will not run on 11 bells.

## THE METHOD.

	123456789
	214365879
	124638597
	142365879
	412638597
	421365879
	241638597*
	426183957*
	462819375
	642183957
	624819375
	264183957
	246819375
	428691735
	248967153
	284691735
	824967153
	842691735
1st Division end	482967153
2nd Division end	958371462
3rd Division end	365214978
4th Division end	276849315
5th Division end	817593246
6th Division end	541632897
7th Division end	694728531
8th Division end	739185624
9th Division end	123456789

\* Ordinary Stedman Bob and Single made by 7th's place between these two rows.

## A PEAL OF 5,508.

123456	Divisions	2	5	8
243516		S	—	—
413526		—	—	—
123546		—	—	—
253416		S	—	—
541326		—	—	—
146325		—	—	—
425316		S	—	—
215346		—	—	—
145326		—	—	—
546321		—	—	—
431256		S	S	—
351246		—	—	—
524136		—	—	—
234156		—	—	—
354126		—	—	—
512436		—	—	—
132456		—	—	—

Repeated.

Reduced to 5,022 if the first three courses are omitted in one part by commencing with a bob at 8 only, which brings up the fourth course end.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.—On Monday, May 4th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 45 mins.: C. Blackburn 1, A. Blackburn 2, A. Marshall 3, T. Scott 4, E. Betts 5, R. Goddard 6, J. Banks 8, F. Hodgson (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal for all except tenor.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Monday evening, March 23rd, at the Parish Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: \*T. Patrick 1, \*W. Harrod 2, H. Chinnery (conductor) 3, B. Harrod 4, A. Keeling 5, \*W. Stafford 6. To celebrate the birthday of Mr. A. Howard, one of the sidesmen. \* First 720.

## PHANTASMAGORIA OF CONSTRUCTITIS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I did arrive home yestereen to ye conjugal hearth expecting to be awaited by ye Beste of Spouses with slippers atost, and ye patriarchal throne drawn to ye cheering blaze, but, alas! did discover ye goode Dame immersed in ye perusal of a recent publication on 'ye solution of ye science of dreams,' and ye causes thereof. I did timorously inquire ye reason for such patient study, and did but elicit ye information that ye good Dame had, as is her wont, been reading ye recent copies of our own particular 'Who's who' journal, and had become so mystified by all ye mazes of figures and explanatory notes thereon, and that she had perforce come to the conclusion, after perusing her 'Enquire Within Upon Everything,' that her Book of Dreams could afford a solution to the problem. I did at once assure ye goode Dame that she was 'barking up the wrong tree,' as all these screeds were facts, not fancies, and were choice morsels culled from the ablest brains of what we did arrogantly term our Noble Art. 'But,' quoth She, 'if they are all facts and all able brains, how is it that the one doth belie and deny the others, to be in his turn decried? And how can it be that all these brains are the most able of Your Art, if these vaunted brains cannot understand one another's facts?' I did, at once, explain that the brains did exist, as was it not a declared and well-proven fact that Nature abhors a vacuum; and that all these argumentative epistles were necessary to arrive at ye truth, and were all straightforward lines of argument. But ye goode Dame did remind me that dear old Euclid had remarked something about two straight lines continued to infinity could not expect to meet, but that I had the small consolation that even as when rogues fall out honest men get their own, so might it apply that when experts disagree the seekers after truth might gain something of a concrete nature to console them, an they did not object to scramble amid the concrete matter with which the Experts did bombard one another. But as ye date had arrived when ye Gathering of ye Wise Ones did occur, perhaps they would come to a decision, especially as it is to be held in ye Antient and Walled City of Chester, and she did opine that, an they did not agree would be as well to shut the gates, and the 'camp' would be complete, an she held Tyler's office. However, I did remind her that many would not be there to debate or vote, as the case mote be, and that the good old sparring match could be continued till ye Wise Ones did again have their week-end out, and that if ye goode Dame could offer no better solution she had better leave it to ye Council.

Council forsooth! ye Council and ye Exercise will fall back on ye old saw that ye proof of ye pudding will be in ye eating thereof, that ye proof of whose writings are true, and theories sense would be in ye ringing and general acceptance thereof. But to end it all 'twould do great good, an ye experts did hold classes like ye good Mr. Cave was holding to educate ye masses, so that their grey matter would be discriminative enough to pick out the wheat from ye tares, and then of a truth would posterity benefit, even though ye present generation did languish a decade or so, and suffer ye brickbats thrown from one to the other the while ye poor rank and file dismally parade through the line of fire every Friday.

SAMIWELL PEPPERY, BART.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## NORTHERN DIVISION.

At the little Gothic church, in the centre of the beautiful park at Knebworth, the association held its summer meeting on Saturday, May 30th. The new Rector (the Rev. W. V. Mason) heartily welcomed the ringers, and conducted a short service, with an address. He afterwards accompanied them to the Lytton Arms for tea and meeting, over which he presided.—It was agreed that the next meeting should be held at Barkway, owing to illness near the church at Barley.—The Rector was unanimously elected an hon. member, which he very cordially appreciated, inviting us to the Rectory another year to tea. Unfortunately the meeting was not well attended, owing to the Whitsun holiday; however, for quality of ringing and the methods rung, it was considered well worth while.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Sonning Deanery Branch held a combined ringing practice at Twyford on Saturday evening, May 16th. About 30 members were present, and visitors from the East Berks Branch and Reading were very welcome, as was also Mr. H. Bungay, who was staying in the district. The following towers of the Sonning Branch were represented: Wokingham, Sandhurst, Wargrave, Hurst, Waltham and Twyford. The following methods were practised: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

We learn with regret of the departure of Mr. Mackman, of St. Laurence's, Reading. He has been of great help in teaching the art to the younger members of the branch. He departs with every good wish for his success in his new sphere.



## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On Empire Day, May 24th, at Isleworth, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Beckensale 1, T. Beadle 2, W. H. Hollies 3, J. Milner 4, E. F. Cole 5, W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, A. Sheard 8.

**BLETCHLEY.**—For evening service, on May 24th, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Sear 1, H. Sear 2, W. Mead 3, J. Mead 4, J. Marks 5, F. Sear 6, W. Ayre (Heimel Hempsted, conductor) 7, H. V. Sear 8. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

**GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, May 24th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Sharp 1, J. Woodyatt 2, L. Clay 3, T. Bullock (conductor) 4, W. Lewis 5, W. Edgington 6. It is 38 years since T. Bullock rang his first 720 in the same method in the same tower on the same bell.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—On Empire Day, at St. Illtyd's Church, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples; for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Jones 1, T. Petty 2, J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, H. Wright 8. \* Longest length on an inside bell by the ringers of the 2nd and 6th.

**SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.**—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), on Sunday, May 17th, for evening service, in 47 minutes, with 4, 6 and 8 covering: W. Richards 1, C. Millard 2, W. G. Moon 3, A. Speed 5, F. D. Rickards (conductor) 7, G. Bishop 4, F. J. Nicholls 6, H. F. Moon 8. First quarter for ringers of 3rd, 4th, 6th and 8th.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, May 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,280 changes) was rung in 48 mins.: F. C. Russell 1, H. E. Parker 2, G. L. Joyce 3, F. Faulkner 4, R. Fenn 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, A. C. Hardy 8. First in the method by ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

**PORTISHEAD.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, May 17th, a quarter-peal, to celebrate the christening of the son of Mr. Williams, a ringer of this band: Miss G. Stadden 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Miss Stokes 3, A. Nisbet 4, — Goldstone 5, Miss Orchard 6, W. Gillingham 7, W. Colburn 8.

**SWANMORE, HANTS.**—On Sunday, May 17th, for morning service, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor: W. Linter, junr., 1, E. Jacobs, junr., 2, W. Allen 3, W. Linter, senr., 4, H. Ainsley 5, Roy Linter (conductor) 6.

**FEERING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: R. Porter 1, R. Fisher 2, J. C. Newman 3, G. Hayward 4, C. J. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. A. F. Curtis, formerly Vicar of the parish for 12 years.

**ACTON.**—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Boucher (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Lankester 2, C. Brown 3, Miss Hawksworth 4, H. Wincote 5, Robt. Fardon 6, Robt. Holloway 7, A. E. Smith 8. Also rung as a welcome to Mr. J. R. Mackman and his son Howard among his old friends again.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, May 18th, for morning service, and to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. A. J. Le Clercq, one of the local ringers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 minutes: J. Read 1, G. Upshall 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Prior 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. — Also on Sunday, May 25th, for morning service and in celebration of Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: J. Read 1, G. Upshall 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

**BOLTON, LANCs.**—On Sunday, May 10th, at the Holy Trinity Church, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Cutsforth 1, T. Barlow, junr., 2, F. Abbott 3, R. P. Heald 4, T. Barlow, senr., 5, R. Newton (conductor) 6, P. Crook 7, A. Burton 8. Arranged for Mr. Richard Newton, of Boston, U.S.A.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, May 10th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: A. Cutmore 1, G. W. Frayne 2, R. C. Pidgeon 3, H. G. Miles 4, P. L. Miles 5, A. N. Selby 6, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 7, C. W. Roberts 8, A. F. Harris 9, E. G. Locke 10.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, on Sunday, May 10th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Morley 1, L. Squires 2, A. C. Rose 3, J. J. Cawdell (conductor) 4, F. S. Thompson 5, A. Buck 6, W. C. Manscombe 7, A. Spicer 8.

**CRANLEIGH.**—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Charman 1, Mrs. R. Whittington 2, W. Charman 3, H. Tidy 4, A. Charman 5, R. Whittington 6, H. Charman (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, L. Warner 8.

**Palm Sunday, April 5th, 1925,** for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: \*A. Voysey 1, \*J. Rumble, junr., 2, G. H. Humphries 3, J. Rumble, senr., 4, J. Talbot 5, J. E. Cooper 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, H. G. Pratt 8. \* First quarter-peal.

**STANMORE.**—Middlesex County Association.—On Thursday, April 30th, at St. John-the-Evangelist, Stanmore, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: G. A. Hughes 1, \*E. Leversuch 2, S. Hoare 3, C. Dyke 4, \*G. Cheshire 5, F. Edwards (conductor) 6, J. Milner 7, L. Weave 8. \* First quarter-peal.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**TORQUAY.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday evening, May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins. (composed by Mr. James George): F. Allwood 1, Mrs. F. T. Gover 2, S. H. Ward 3, P. J. Laxton (first quarter) 4, Rev. E. S. Powell 5, F. T. Gover (conductor) 6, F. E. Parnell 7, A. Pope (first quarter) 8.

**GUILDFORD.**—At Holy Trinity Church, to celebrate Empire Day, on Saturday, May 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: C. N. Burdock 1, Mrs. W. R. Melville 2, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 3, W. T. Beeson, junr., 4, H. Burdock 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Steere 7, C.Q.M.S. G. Gilbert, R.E., 8.

**THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.**—On Saturday afternoon, May 23rd, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: P. Steggalls 1, E. Youngs 2, A. J. Berry 3, A. E. Austin 4, F. Hayward 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6. Rung to oblige Mr. A. J. Austin, of Great Shelford, Cambs.

**BOCKING.**—On Saturday, May 23rd, for Confirmation, by the Lord Bishop of Colchester, at the Parish Church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Webb 1, H. E. Hammond 2, W. H. Dyson 3, G. Melbourne 4, F. Ely 5, J. Redgwell 6, H. B. Hammond 7, C. H. Howard (conductor) 8.

**BURNHAM-ON-SEA.**—On Wednesday, May 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Evans (conductor) 1, A. Routley 2, F. Iley 3, W. Rossiter 4, F. J. Page (Manchester) 5, W. Worgan 6, G. Chamberlain 7, W. Russell 8.

**GUILDFORD.**—At Holy Trinity Church, for Ascension Eve service, on Wednesday, May 20th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,344 changes), in 52 mins.: H. Harris 1, C. N. Burdock 2, H. Hutton 3, G. W. Steere 4, H. Burdock 5, W. R. Melville 6, C.Q.M.S. G. Gilbert, R.E., 7, A. H. Pulling (composer and conductor) 8.

**ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.**—On Wednesday, May 20th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Birch 1, J. Withers 2, F. C. Ames 3, W. Dean 4, F. Banton 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 5th; and on the bells by a local band.

**UXBRIDGE.**—On Wednesday, May 20th, for practice, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: Miss G. Baker 1, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 2, J. H. Lucas (first inside) 3, Miss P. M. Moss 4, G. Gutteridge 5, F. Corke 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys 8.

**SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.**—On Thursday, March 19th, on the bells of St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Saban, senr., 1, F. Bird 2, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 3, H. Saban, junr., 4, W. Morris 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. Tarling 7, S. White 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. H. J. Tucker.

**ELLESMERE, SALOP.**—On Monday, May 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, — Miller 3, A. Haynes 4, A. Allen 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. Arranged for Mr. Miller, who hails from Wellington, Salop, and conducted by T. Butler, senr., while standing out. Also on April 27th, with T. Butler, senr., taking part instead of Mr. Miller, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by T. R. Butler; and on May 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), commencing and finishing with 'Queens,' conducted by T. Butler, senr. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Biggs.

**SOUTH WIGSTON.**—On Monday, May 18th, at St. Thomas's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Burton 1, A. Bell 2, J. Clarke 3, R. Jolley 4, L. Willars 5, E. Jolley (conductor) 6, S. Cheney 7, W. Tyres 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

**SHREWSBURY.**—On Wednesday, May 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. R. Lilley (conductor) 1, J. E. Lilley 2, C. Lee 3, J. Griffiths 4, Jim Evans 5, W. T. Goodfellow 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, John Evans 8.

**MELKSHAM, WILTS.**—On Saturday, May 9th, at the Church of St. Michael's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: W. Walters 1, G. H. Archard 2, J. Francis 3, W. West 4, A. West 5, R. H. Legg 6, W. R. Baxler 7, E. Rodford 8. Conductor, W. West. First quarter-peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. Taylor.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.**—On May 8th, as a birthday compliment to Miss L. Thoday (donor of treble bell), a quarter-peal of Rob Minor (1,320 changes): H. C. Frohock 1, N. Robinson 2, C. H. Frohock 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, B. Huckell 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. A peal was to have been attempted, but owing to illness near by, this had to be left to a future date. Owing to the position of this church, peals here are restricted at all times.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—On Ascension Day, April 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes), in 51 mins.: E. Day 1, G. Croft (conductor) 2, T. Scott 3, F. Bacon 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hara 6, L. Fidler 7, H. Day 8.

**PUTNEY LONDON.**—On Tuesday, April 14th, on the occasion of the Easter vestry, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: E. Cassel 1, J. Herbert 2, A. Jones 3, W. H. Worsley 4, C. Moody (first quarter-peal of Stedman inside) 5, T. Rolton 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, W. Williams (first quarter-peal) 8.



## NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, the 21st (6 p.m.); St. Magnus on the 11th and 25th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; \*St. Mary le Bow on the 30th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting and the cup contest will be held at Norton, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 6th. The draw for the order of ringing will take place at 3.30 prompt. Tea and presentation of cup at 6 o'clock.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Lutterworth on Saturday, June 6th. Ringing 2.30. Tea 5. All welcome.—H. J. Poole, 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Ringing friends welcome. — Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netley on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Alexander Café, to be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Dis. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

BRIGHTWALTON.—The new treble bell will be dedicated on Saturday, June 6th. Service at 4. Preacher, Dr. Wickham Legg, Archdeacon of Berks. Collection for Bell Fund. Tea 4.50. All ringing friends welcome.—J. E. Hedges, Brightwalton, Wantage.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stourton (6 bells) on Saturday, June 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. H. Poole King. Tea 5 p.m. (6d. for members, 1s. for others). Meeting to follow. Other towers available: Bourton (6), Zeals (5).—R. E. P. Gorringe, Sec., Manston Rectory, Sturminster, Newton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 12.30 o'clock. Service in church at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, June 6th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6. — Walter Hughes, Branch Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Somersham on June 6th. —Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Berkhamsted on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, June 6th. St. Saviour's bells (8) available at 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 1s. 3d. per head, at Werry's Cafe, Stall Street, at 5.30. Ringing at St. Michael's at 6.30.—E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, June 6th, at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham. Bells ready 2.30, also bowls and clock golf in Vicarage grounds. Service in church 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newton, Wisbech, on Saturday, June 6th. Six bells. Good condition. Service, tea and business meeting. — H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn (10 bells), on Saturday, June 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. The annual branch meeting, tea and social has been arranged for Saturday, August 15th, at the Burnley Parish Church.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting will be held at Debenham on Saturday, June 6th (to coincide with 33rd anniversary of 16,608 Treble Bob Major). Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room at 4.45, at a charge of 6d. each. Short business meeting to follow, at which the Vicar has kindly consented to preside. All ringers welcome.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for June: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 8th and the 22nd, at 7.30. The annual outing has been fixed for Saturday, June 27th, to Marlow. Trains from Paddington at 1, 1.25 and 2.7 p.m.; return fare 3s. 5d. Tea 1s. All members invited.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 13th. Ringing from 3.20, and tea will be arranged, as usual, at 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DEVON GUILD.—North-Eastern Branch.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Uplowman on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1s. each. Numbers for tea must reach me by Tuesday, June 9th.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (10)—available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 10th. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual cup contest on six bells will take place at Hoylandswaine on June 13th, commencing at 3.15 p.m. (draw at 2.40 p.m.). Secretaries and all other intending visitors kindly note that tea will be provided for all those notifying Mr. L. Wilkinson on or before Tuesday, June 9th. In view of the above event the usual monthly meeting will not be held in June.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Business meeting directly after tea. Will those requiring tea please write by June 10th to F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes?

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Harrold on Saturday, June 13th. Bells at 2.30. Tea at 5. — L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, June 13th. Tea will be arranged. Bells available at 2.30 p.m.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined ringing practice will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, June 13th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. Darvill, Highecockett Lodge, Hare Hatch, near Twyford, Berks.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting for combined practice will be held at Brockenhurst on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Hon. Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, June 13th. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meat tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. per head at Cooke's Cafe, Carolgate, for those who notify D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford, not later than June 10th. Short service from 4.20 to 4.50 p.m. will be held in the Parish Church, East Retford. Visitors welcome.—H. Haigh and H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, June 13th, on which date there is to be a fete in the historic grounds of Raby Castle, in aid of the fund for the new peal of eight just installed. Will anyone intending to be present at tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 10th?—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The first general quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 20th. Will local secretaries and members please note? Further details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Saturday, June 20th, at St. Mary's, Beddington. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1s. Business after. Will those requiring tea please let me know by the 17th? Everyone will be heartily welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) ready early. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5, at 1s. 6d. per head. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, the 18th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Helmshore, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Expecting a good attendance of members.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Northfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. B. Cartwright, 68, Beaumont Road, Bournville, not later than Wednesday, June 17th?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—First general quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) open for ringing from 2 p.m. onwards. Committee meeting 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. It is important that those intending to be present at tea (at a moderate charge) should advise Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, not later than the 16th inst.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available throughout afternoon and evening. Service in the Church at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, at 1s. 6d. per head, for all who notify Mrs. E. Knight, Carlton-in-Cleveland, Stokesley, not later than Thursday, June 18th. Business meeting immediately after tea. Annual subscription now due. All ringers cordially invited.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—The 302nd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Service at 12 o'clock. Lunch at 1 o'clock. Bells available all day from 9 a.m. All visitors welcome. Will those who wish to attend lunch kindly notify the secretary by the 23rd?—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Northaw on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 Tea (1s.) and meeting to follow. Please let me know by June 17th all who require tea. Nearest Stations, Cuffley or Potters Bar, from King's Cross or Broad Street, or bus from High Barnet to Potters Bar.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, June 20th, with the idea of forming a Branch in that district. Short service in Parish Church at 4 p.m., tea and meeting afterwards. Will any ringers interested, who intend to be present, please inform General Secretary by Wed., June 17?—R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

**LADIES' GUILD (Midland District).**—The annual meeting will be held at Clent, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available at 3.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting, at which election of officers will take place. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names of those desiring tea should be sent to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, not later than Wednesday, June 18th.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The Annual general meeting will be held at Reading, on Saturday, July 11th. Fuller particulars later.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—The new certificates are ready, price 6d. For 3s. 7d. more, a good oak and gold frame can be supplied, if ordered now.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

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#### MEDIÆVAL BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I should like to thank 'Irenæus' for the information, re old bells, published in 'The Ringing World' of March 13th, also Mr. J. R. Jeram in the issue of April 3rd, and others who have contributed to the subject since my report of the Eythorne Bell Dedication on January 9th.

My sole object was to arouse some discussion. The particulars I sent were given me in writing, and I had no reason to think they were others then accurate, but examination of the bells reveals neither founders' name nor date on the two old bells. The shields are as Mr. Jeram states, and in addition to 'Nomen Magdalena Campana,' the words 'Jevet Melodie' appear. The church is dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul. I am endeavouring to obtain more definite information re date and founders' name, and will write again if successful.

F. ELLIOTT

(Late of Eythorne).

#### FROM BOSTON, U.S.A.

An enjoyable gathering was held at Old Glossop on Saturday, May 16th, to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Richard Newton, of Boston, U.S.A. (formerly of Manchester), who are now on a visit to this country. Numerous touches were rung on the bells of the Parish Church, Mr. Newton having the pleasure of taking a rope with everyone present. Later a social evening was spent at the Queen's Arms Hotel, at which the ringers were joined by their wives and other friends. Songs and handbell ringing passed the time merrily away, and 'the health of Mr. and Mrs. Newton' was heartily honoured, with good wishes expressed for their safe return.

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