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Looking down the list of the cathedrals in possession of peals of bells, one is struck by the fact that the large majority really have bells in good, or tolerably good condition, and certainly pealable. There are a few instances where improvements might with advantage be effected, and we hope that the example of York may induce those responsible to undertake the work in order that it may soon be said that, in the quality and condition of their bells, the cathedrals of England form an outstanding and complete illustration of what our church bells should be throughout the land. In those instances where the state of affairs demands that attention should be given to the bells, we hope the ringers will take every opportunity of bringing the matter before the responsible authorities. Equally important is the question of having competent ringers to handle them. Although the bells are in good condition, as we have said, in most cathedral towers, we are not so sure that the same can be said of as many of the bands. Here it is purely a matter for the ringers so to improve their competence that the ringing, as well as the bells of our cathedrals, shall be an example to every church in the country.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, August 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble	GEORGE WALKER 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 4	ALBERT WALKER 10
THOMAS H. REEVES 5	JOHN NEAL 11
JOSEPH T. DYKE 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal has the first twenty-eight courses, in seven course blocks, with the 6th the full extent at home in the tittum's position, and ten courses at home in the handstroke home position.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

FRANK SMITH Treble	DONALD FINDLEY 7
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 8
THOMAS NEWMAN 3	LEONARD H. BAYBUT 9
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
ARTHUR J. NEALE 5	STAFFORD H. GREEN 11
GEORGE A. CARD 6	EDWIN PUGH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on twelve, and first peal of Stedman.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HENRY PRING Treble	DONALD BARNARD 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	REGINALD G. GILBERT 8
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
CHARLES H. JENNINGS 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

* First peal. This peal, postponed from the previous week, was arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jennings on the occasion of their silver wedding.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
REGINALD D. MARSHALL 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN 3	STAFFORD S. GREEN 7
WILLIAM L. GORTON 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. Gorton was elected a member previous to starting.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	F. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
HAROLD S. HOBDEN 2	F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. 6
PHILIP S. THOMPSON 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
ALBERT HOBDEN 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by J. E. BENTON.

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN Treble	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE 5
HUBERT DAY 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 3	DAVID WHITING 7
ALPHABUS J. BERRY 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON
For calling, see N.D.A. Report, 1895, peal No. 634.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 15, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

G. WILLIAM HOLLIS Treble	NOAH REES 5
OLIVER THOMAS 2	JOHN W. DAVIS 6
CHARLES COULDING 3	SERGEANT HASTINGS 7
JOHN AUSTIN 4	JAMES HILL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CECIL NICE Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 5
BERNARD WELLS 2	ALBERT ELLIS 6
JAMES BATTERS 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
REG V. JOHNSON 4	ALFRED J. BULL Tenor

Composed by H. J. TECKER.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, August 19, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BOND Treble	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	*WILLIAM MARTIN 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Double Oxford.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

SAMUEL COTTON Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS 3	EPHRAIM W. RANDES 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

LLANDUDNO, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

GEORGE R. JONES Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
JAMES H. RIDING 3	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5392 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 5
ALFRED G. GRANT 2	JOSEPH B. FENTON 6
C. ARTHUR MANNING 3	ERNEST W. TIPLER 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung on the occasion of Lutterworth 'Wake.' The composition has the 6th the full extent 'Wrong and Right.'

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*PHILLIP SPRINGHAM ... Treble	*THOMAS BEADMONT 5
GEORGE GILBERT 2	*CHARLES NORRIS 6
†FRANK BELSEY 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
CHARLES WINZER 4	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method inside.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5
JAMES A. TEALE 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL 4	ARTHUR TROTTER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

This peal was rung on the golden wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson, of Lightcliffe, who were married on August 21st, 1876. Mr. Lawson has been a member of the Association Committee for a number of years.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART, BOB AND SINGLE.

Tenor 14 cwt.

T. COLLINGS Treble	T. BARLOW 5
E. TAYLOR 2	E. SHERLOCK 6
S. W. RILEY 3	T. ROLLERSON 7
A. RIDEHOUGH 4	A. NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by T. ROLLERSON.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the late John Hutchinson, for many years churchwarden and sidesman at the above church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PRISTON, NEAR BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERIC WADHAM Treble	FREDERICK C. RICH 4
HARRY PROUT 2	WILLIAM H. CROCKER 5
REGINALD BECK 3	*WILLIAM G. COOK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CROCKER.

* First peal. Rung on the 14th anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Friday, August 20th, in the belfry of All Saints' Church, Fulham, on handbells, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. Stevens 1-2, D. Stevens 3-4, W. E. Judd 5-6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7-8, H. Ellis (longest length) 9-10.

HORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, and two 720's of Cambridge, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

* WILLIAM CORFIELD Treble	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 4
* FRANK TRINER 2	* THOMAS HURD 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

* First Surprise peal. T. Hurd hails from Burslem, the others from Norton. This is the first peal of Surprise on the bells. J. E. Wheelton conducted the first peal on these bells exactly a quarter of a century ago.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER MANSFIELD Treble	† FRANK E. HAYNES 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	* HARRY BARRATT 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods away from the treble. This peal was arranged for Mr. H. Barratt, of Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire.

LOCKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT JOYCE Treble	CHARLES GEARY 4
EDWARD JOYCE 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 5
JACK BOOTH 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN R. MAIN Treble	GEORGE BASFORD 4
JOHN KING 2	* JAMES HUDSON 5
* LEONARD J. WYMAN 3	* ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells.

CREATON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

PERCY AMOS Treble	ALFRED PICKFORD 3
GEORGE PARKER 2	HARRY ENGLAND 4
THOMAS WISE Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

ACTON, SUFFOLK.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 of April Day, 480 of Old Doubles, 720 of Stedman, 1680 of Plain Bob, and 1680 of Grandsire.

FRANK A. TURNER Treble	FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 3
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	ARTHUR SYMONDS 4
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON Tenor	

Conducted by STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

First peal of Doubles for the London County Association. First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor. F. G. Symonds has now rung peals on all numbers of bells from five to twelve.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of twelve six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

* ERNEST F. BROWN Treble	RONALD G. BECK 4
FRED A. TARGETT 2	REGINALD F. BECK 5
HARRY PROUT 3	ERIC WADMAN Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehanged by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. Maxwell Fisher, who is leaving the parish.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Each 720 being called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	GEORGE WIFFIN 4
* BASIL REDGWELL 2	JAMES FLEETY 5
WALTER ARNOLD 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First Surprise peal. First peal of Surprise Minor by L. W. Wiffen, who has now completed the circle of Cambridge on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, August 22, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 21 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

* ARTHUR W. KINSEY Treble	FRANK E. DOWNES 4
WILFRED R. HARRIS 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	ALBERT WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal for the Guild by all railwaymen. First peal of Doubles on the bells since they were augmented.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Wednesday, August 18th, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. A. Tack 1, Miss Kitty Willers 2, R. Howard (conductor) 3, F. E. Haynes 4, H. Barratt 5, E. H. Finch 6. First 720 in the method for H. Barratt, for whom it was arranged.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—On August 10th, 720 London Surprise Minor: T. Lightfoot 1, C. Valentine 2, Miss L. M. Bibby 3, W. Bibby 4, J. E. Bibby (conductor) 5, P. Bibby 6. First 720 of Minor in the method by all.

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THE SOMERSET TOUR.

By G.W.S.

(Continued from page 523.)

The return from Wroxall to headquarters at Wrington was without incident, except that the writer, in riding pillion to the Somerset hero who was showing us some more scenery, became smothered in slush from head to foot in going through a stretch of real good mud at about 25 miles per hour. The victim did not see the joke in the same manner that it appeared to amuse the other members of the party.

Wednesday was a day of very mixed feelings. First of all we had to bid farewell to our host and hostess at the Golden Lion Hotel, Wrington, which caused us many regrets, as we had all been made very comfortable. The parting was only softened by the knowledge that we were going to spend the rest of the week with Mr. Lucas, at the Midway Arms Hotel, Queen Camel, where we knew we should meet an old friend and receive a right warm welcome. If any readers are desirous of spending a holiday in this part of the country, they will not do better than go to either of the above-mentioned places, where real friends of ringers abide and a hearty welcome is assured.

Chewton Mendip was our venue in the morning, and after all we had heard of the bells in this parish we expected something good. It is needless to say that we were not disappointed, for a more magnificent and melodious peal none of us has ever heard. The trouble here was selecting the band. Two of our members who had already had the good fortune to ring a peal, namely, Canon Coleridge and Joe Dyke, were quickly eliminated, but there still remained nine men for eight ropes. Lots were cast to settle the matter, and the unfortunate person to stand down was none other than Oliver Sippetts, who had been of such great assistance to us earlier in the week. The peal was safely brought round, and was, in the words of one of the listeners, a 'Superlative' one in more senses than one. We then journeyed to Shepton Mallet, where a peal of London was rung. This is a pleasing ring, but after the morning it is to be feared that they were not appreciated as they should have been. In other words, they suffered from comparison. As soon as we arrived at our destination at night, mystery surrounded the movements of our youngest member. From 7 o'clock until 9.30 p.m. he was reported missing; not a sign could be found of him anywhere. The rest of the party, who had gone to the belfry to sample the grand peal of six (tenor 37 cwt.), were casting furtive glances out of the window to see if any trace of his fair head could be seen. Half-way through supper, however, he turned up, with his face wreathed in smiles, but not a word would he vouchsafe as to his movements—no, not even under the close cross-examination of his bedmate. It is known that he enjoyed himself in the same village last year, and—well, one can only surmise.

On Thursday we rang at Ditcher, which has also a very fine peal. To the ears of some they would be superior to Chewton if hung in that tower. This appears a case for argument, and as no controversy is desired on the subject it will be best just to state the fact, and let the matter drop. Lunch was partaken of at the local hostelry, where his reverence took the carving business unto himself. By the time he had finished, a shoulder of mutton looked very sorry for itself.

At Evercreech we started for London, but before the end of the peal was reached it proved a bigger task than was anticipated, especially to the back-end men.

At Milborne Port, Double Norwich was specially arranged for Bertie, as he had not rung a peal in this method, notwithstanding that he has nearly thirty peals of London to his credit. Thence we made our way to Mere, where the local band were so enthusiastic about our visit that they very kindly engaged the services of a bell-hanger to put the bells in proper order before we started for the peal. Cambridge was the tune selected for this tower.

At night, Canon Coleridge presented Mr. Dyke with a new smoking apparatus. Mr. Pulling was the recipient of a tobacco pouch and a handbag for Mrs. Pulling (who, to everyone's deep regret, was not able to be present owing to her accident), as a small token of our appreciation for the work they had done to make the tour such a success.

East Coker, on Saturday morning, was the scene of our only failure. We tried to ring Bristol, but couldn't. No one was to blame in particular; we were all 'pretty much of a muchness.' The person we were sorry for was Alfred, who was troubled with nerves, probably the reaction from his spill a week before.

While waiting lunch, some of the members went out to Clossworth. It was in this village that Purdue had his foundry. His tombstone, which is in the churchyard, is getting into a sad state of disrepair, the lettering being scarcely decipherable. Cannot something be done from amongst the ranks of present-day ringers and foundries to restore the grave of the man who gave us so many magnificent bells in the West Country, of which his masterpiece is undoubtedly the 11th at Exeter? Mr. Taylor, who was with the party, rested for a moment on the stone; whether he was offering up a prayer for the repose of Purdue's soul, or seeking inspiration, cannot be said.

At St. John's, Yeovil, we rang Stedman Caters in the afternoon, and what with the sun pouring through one of the windows and the lumpy going of some of the bells, it proved one of the warmest jobs throughout the week.

It would not be fitting to close without a word of thanks to all the incumbents of the various churches for granting permission to use their bells, and for showing such general interest in our activities.

Also to the ringers at these churches for extending such a hearty welcome to everyone and getting everything in order.

Mr. R. T. Beck, of Chilcompton, kindly took the vacant rope in our first peal at Wrington, as Canon Coleridge could not join us until Monday evening, and Mr. W. Beeson, jun., was prevented from coming until Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Dobbie took on the role of medical attendant, and with her case of needles performed yeoman service by pricking the blisters of the tender-handed. She also made the arrangements for lunches at the various places at which we stopped, and coupled with her in this business we should mention Mr. W. Beeson, sen., of Godstone, Surrey, who accompanied the party for the outing. It is unfortunate that the state of his health will not permit him to ring peals, as he evinces such interest in the art. Then last, but not least, there is Mr. Pryce Taylor, whose car was always at our disposal and solved many transport difficulties.

Thus ended another week's holiday, marred by that very unlucky accident to our conductor and his wife on the very first day. We all missed Mrs. Pulling very much, and it was her express wish that her husband should join us as early as possible. It is good to know that the news of our successes brightened her wonderfully, and that she is now making good progress. It is the earnest wish of everyone that she will make a rapid and complete recovery.

Before we finally broke up, a large barrel was seen being lifted into the car of the gentleman from Loughborough. The taste for cider seems to be lasting. Another took a liking for Cheddar cheese, and was last seen rolling about half a hundredweight along Sparkford Station.

As last year, the possibility of a tour for next year was hinted at. Where will it be? Who can say? We can only surmise, but it's always the same old glorious —.

FOR THE BEGINNERS.

CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Keeping to Doubles, before going on to Bob Minor, etc., a few lines on the Grandsire method may be useful. I take it for granted that the young conductor has made himself perfectly acquainted with the difference in the dodging places, viz., 4—5 instead of 3—4, and has ascertained that this is brought about by the making of 3rd's place instead of 2nd's, with an extra bell in the hunt.

By ringing, to start with, the 5th, and making it the observation bell to what is known as the 'old 120' of Grandsire Doubles, a bob is called every alternate lead (or 'Home'), that is, the lead following 3rd's place. The fifth passes the treble in 3—4 up, and this will cause it to double dodge in 4—5 up, with the bell coming out of the hunt. The bob also has the effect of causing the bell that would have dodged in 4—5 up to make 3rd's place and take up the hunt.

This calling, twice repeated, brings rounds in 60 changes; therefore, to ring the full 120, a single must be called instead of a bob, half-way and end, or at either of the calling places, providing you call each half to correspond.

Miss Jessie Davenport, a young lady only 13 years of age, has rung her first 720 at Dore, Sheffield. This was for practice on Friday last, when 720 of Bob Minor was brought round by the following: Miss Jessie Davenport 1, Miss M. Davenport 2, A. S. Robinson 3, J. W. Sykes 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, W. Biggin (conductor) 6.

On Friday, August 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by the following: W. Edwards 1, A. F. Bailey 2, P. Laffin 3, J. Winterbottom 4, T. Jones 5, S. Greenhalgh 6, H. Greenhalgh (conductor) 7, W. J. Howard 8. It was the first quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of the treble, fifth and tenor, and first quarter-peal as conductor by H. Greenhalgh, and first attempt. Unfortunately our correspondent omitted to mention the tower at which this quarter-peal was rung.

On Wednesday, August 18th, at Rishton, Lancs, Fred Read called his first 720 (an extent of Bob Minor) at the first attempt. It was also the first 720 inside for Albert Yates, and the treble ringer's first pull for three years. The band were as follows: A. Chadwicke 1, R. Hall 2, A. Lord 3, L. J. Williams 4, A. Yates 5, Fred Read (conductor) 6.

At Washfield, Devon, on Tuesday evening, August 17th, Miss E. A. Snell rang her longest touch, which consisted of a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles, which occupied 45 mins.; Miss E. A. Snell 1, Miss G. M. Snell 2, Sergt. W. E. Snell, R.M., 3, H. G. May 4, W. Snell (conductor) 5, F. C. Balmont 6. A. J. Pitman's arrangement.

NOTES BY THE WAY.
MORE ABOUT PEAL TAPPING.
BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

My notes in 'The Ringing World' of June 25th on Elijah Roberts and peal tapping have brought me a most interesting letter from Mr. J. Segar, of Retford, which, with his permission, I will reproduce. Those who remember the peal tapping achievements of a few years ago will agree that no one has a greater right to express an opinion on this matter than Mr. Segar. I raised the question whether the mental strain of tapping a peal was not greater than any one has a right to subject his brain to, and I quoted an incident to show what other people thought of it. One of the young gentlemen who were tapping peals, I said, wrote to a well-known parson ringer, asking for the figures of a peal he intended to try and tap. The parson's reply was something like this: 'Elijah Roberts tapped peals, went mad and shot himself. I am not going to help you to a like fate.' Here is Mr. Segar's letter to me:—

'I have been interested in your articles on tapping because I sometimes do a little, and also because I am the "young gentleman who wrote to a parson ringer." In the first article you give a very clear explanation of how it is done. I use the transposition or mental vision method. I can see six figures so well that in 1913 I could tap thirty-five methods, and have brought round a 720 in each. My best published peal was one tapped in Anston belfry, consisting of seven extents in different Surprise Methods ("Ringing World," September 12th, 1913). I differ from your opinion with regard to the mental strain, and should be less fatigued tapping a peal than in conducting one of Grandsire Triples on tower bells.

'I also think different to you with regard to the comparisons you make, namely, that it is very much harder to tap a peal of Bob Royal than London Surprise Major. I do not know whether you are personally acquainted with any tappers, or whether they will not divulge the secret, but there is another way of producing the changes in methods such as Plain Bob or Kent. The method is so easy that friends of mine with no previous experience have tapped a plain course of Bob Major with less than half an hour's instruction. It also has the advantage of making it easier to tap 5,000 of Plain Bob. Sixteen than Major, because the greater number of bells the less courses required. I am not proficient in this system (as I use the vision system), but could manage several courses of Plain Bob. I do not wish to convey that it is easy to tap 5,000 of Bob Maximus. I mean that the system is easy to understand, and that inexperienced persons can almost immediately produce the plain course. From there it requires a great deal of practice, but a man who was desirous of tapping a 5,000 of Plain Bob would find Maximus easier than Royal, and Royal easier than Major. The disadvantage of big numbers is the tremendous number of blows which have to be struck.'

Mr. Segar enclosed me an explanation of this system, which I will come to later. He concluded his letter:— 'As a tapper I have great admiration for a man who can "see" eight figures, namely, Mr. Morris's London Surprise, and I cannot understand the means of producing Stedman Caters, but the old idea of tapping peals made up of many plain courses was never deserving of the praise they received.

'I appreciate the good intentions of the Rev. — but he forgets that one swallow does not make a summer. I am sorry that some marriages are unhappy, and should not have to search back to 1865 to find a shooting affair ending a life of misery. Do you think the reverend gentleman has ceased officiating at weddings in order to save the young men and maidens of his parish from a similar fate?'

I certainly was quite ignorant of any system of tapping, and I am sure the vast majority of ringers are so too. My comparison between London Surprise Major and Bob Royal was based on the transposition or 'vision' system, as Mr. Segar calls it, and so far he corroborates me. For if it be so difficult to 'see' eight figures that only one man, Mr. Morris, is certainly known to have been able to do it to any extent, then to 'see' ten figures must be very much more so, while the task on the higher numbers becomes stupendous. The plan Elijah Roberts used is still uncertain, and probably will always remain so, but after reading Mr. Segar's letter I am almost sure that he used some system similar to the one explained by that gentleman. The way he arranged his bells was as follows:—

15	13	11	9	7	5	3	1
16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

and this is the arrangement required by the system Mr. Segar describes. But we do not know how he adapted this system to Stedman, and it will be remembered that a peal of Stedman Cinques is the best authenticated of all his performances.

The other point Mr. Segar makes is a good one. Different men differ so much in mental equipment that it is neither wise nor fair to dogmatise as to what any individual can or ought to do, though it is certainly true that no man ought to subject his brain to a long strain if there is the slightest chance of its doing him any injury. And, after all, it is possible that Elijah Roberts' suicide was only remotely the result of his abnormally developed brain. On this point, Mr. R. O. Street's letter, with the quotation from the 'Liverpool Daily Post,' throws a lot of light. For many years Roberts lived an active and outdoor life, and no one has ever suggested that he was then in any way eccentric. In his latter years he followed the trade of a publican, and a publican has peculiar and strong temptations. Perhaps with advancing years his interest in life and in ringing grew dim, and he may gradually have got into the habit of taking more than was good for him. At any rate, for a fortnight before his death, he had been drinking heavily, and the immediate cause of his cutting his throat was delirium tremens. A very sad ending to one whose name will always be remembered in the history of the Exercise, but fortunately not one which our recent peal tappers are likely to come to.

(To be continued.)

EALING BELL RESTORATION.

REHANGING OF ST. MARY'S BELLS COMMENCED.

On Sunday, August 22nd, for evensong, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, came to a premature conclusion through the tenor rope becoming obstreperous. The ringers on this important occasion were: Miss G. Baker 1, J. E. Churchill 2, E. J. Walsom 3, A. M. Stacey 4, P. E. Clark 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, J. H. Hunnisett 8. This is the last time the bells will be rung for some time, as Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, commenced work the following day. The bells are to be retuned and rehung with new fittings throughout. Funds are still required, and, as mentioned in this paper a few weeks ago, donations will gratefully be received and acknowledged.

There will be no further ringing at St. Mary's until further notice.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**ICKLETON RINGERS VISIT SEVEN TOWERS.**

The Ickleton Society had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday, July 31st, when some were accompanied by their wives, while a few friends made up a party of twenty-four. Permission had kindly been given to ring at seven churches in Hertfordshire, and as they were several miles apart it meant no dilly dallying by the way. The first stop was at Barley, where they were met by Mr. Tack, who had everything in readiness, and a few short touches were rung. A move was made for Standon, where a local ringer was awaiting the party. The bells are a lovely ring of six (tenor 17 or 18 cwt.), and short touches were the order to give everyone a chance of a pull and in order to carry out the programme of ringing at all the churches on the list. At Great Munden, Mr. Barnard Patmore had everything in readiness, and accompanied the visitors to Little Munden, where some of the local men were present to give the party a hearty welcome, including that well-known ringer, Mr. W. H. Lawrence, who kindly rang two bells to a touch for the benefit of several who had never seen one man ring two tower bells before. Here, in the churchyard, is a yew tree reputed to be a thousand years old, and still going strong. The next stopping place was Stevenage, where justice was done to a good meat tea. Mr. W. H. Stanley kindly met the party and piloted them to the church, which is a good way out of the town. The bells here are a heavy ring of six. On leaving the church the visitors were met by a ringer from Beddington and one from Graveley, and the latter kindly offered to ride in front on his cycle to direct the party to St. Ipoly's—a very out-of-the-way place. After a few short touches on the bells, the visitors went on to Graveley, the last place for ringing and a 216 Kent Treble Bob concluded the programme. Home was reached about 10.30 p.m. The members wish to express their best thanks to all the vicars for their kind permission to use their bells and to all ringing friends for their kindness in meeting the party, and also to Mr. W. H. Lawrence for his kindness in supplying the Hertfordshire routes.

BEDS RINGERS VISIT BUCKS AND HERTS TOWERS.

For the annual outing of the All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, ringers, a tour was made by motor-car to various churches. Included in the party were several members of the belfry of St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade. The first stopping place was Hardwicke, the journey being made through Soulbury, Stewkley, Dunton and Whitchurch. The belfry of Hardwicke, which contains a peal of six bells, was one of the most popular stopping places of the tour, and the ringing there was particularly good. A visit was paid to an interesting tombstone in the churchyard upon which is the following inscription: 'Within are

deposited the bones of 247 persons, which were discovered A.D. 1818, buried in a field adjoining to Holmans Bridge, near Aylesbury. From the history and appearance of the place where they were found, they were concluded to be the remains of those officers and men who perished in an engagement fought A.D. 1642, between the troops of King Charles I., under the command of Prince Rupert, and the garrison who held Aylesbury for the Parliament. . . . May the memory of brave men be respected and may our country never again be called to take part in a contest such as that which this tablet records. Erected by the late Lord Nugent.' A stop was next made at Aylesbury for an hour and a half, whilst tea was obtained, and a visit was paid by some half-dozen of the younger members to the swimming baths. The church at Wendover was the next stopping place, and several good touches were rung. The bells in this tower are hung just above the ringing chamber, and much more of them is heard by the ringers than in most belfries. A nice ride followed by way of the reservoirs to Tring, where just over an hour's ringing completed the programme. The methods which were rung during the tour were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob Minor, and Plain Bob Major.

PAIGNTON RINGERS' 200 MILES OUTING.

On Saturday, July 17th, the Paignton ringers and wives and friends, making a party of thirty-two, had their annual outing, and journeyed in two charabancs to Weston-super-Mare, via Exeter, Taunton and Bridgwater. A short halt was made at Taunton, and the next stop was Bridgwater. The ringers at once made for the tower, where they found the local captain waiting. A nice-toned peal of eight was raised in peal, and a few touches of Grandsire were brought around. Ringing had to be brief, however, as another band were waiting. The party were soon merrily sailing along again for Weston-super-Mare, but near Brent Knoll the second car got slightly entangled in a huge load of hay. Luckily no one was hurt, but the hood of the car was badly damaged. This caused an unfortunate delay, which somewhat upset the dinner arrangements. However, Host Huntley did his best for the visitors, but, as they had not done half their journey, ringing had to be 'cut out,' much to the ringers' regret. Off they started again for the famous Cheddar caves, where a delightful and interesting hour was spent. Next came a charming run through Wells, Glastonbury, Street and Taunton, where another halt was made. On reaching the borders of Devon, a vivid thunderstorm was seen raging in the distance, but ere the party reached home it had all gone to sea, much to everyone's delight. The trip, which was over 210 miles, was thoroughly enjoyed. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents and local steepiekeepers for kindness shown.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal of 5,040 Bob Major St. George, the first peal on the bells, was rung at St. George's, Southwark, on August 27th, 1750. It was conducted by Benjamin Annable. Was this a variation of Plain Bob, we wonder, or only the old method with a frill on the title because it was the first to be rung at St. George's Church?

On August 27th, 1814, a peal of 12,320 Treble Bob Major was rung at Otley in 7 hrs. 15 mins.

Forty years ago next Tuesday the first ten-bell peal was rung in Scotland—Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

The record handbell peal of 19,738 Stedman Caters was rung at Guildford on August 31st, 1912.

Bertram Prewett was killed in action on August 31st, 1918. One of the finest ringers that ever lived, he had rung 953 peals.

The ringer of the third in the peal of Oxford Treble Bob, at Over, on August 14th, was Frederick R. Crawley, and not George H. Crawley, as printed in our report last week.

A railwaymen's peal of Doubles was rung on Sunday, at Holmer, Herefordshire. It is the first peal that a band of railwaymen have rung for the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

THE TRINITY YOUTHS' PEAL BOOK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the enquiry under the head of 'Belfry Gossip' in your issue of the 6th inst., I should be interested to know whether the Trinity Youths' Peal Book has been found. It was given into my charge temporarily by the late Wm. Weatherstone, and returned by me to him about forty years ago. He and my old friend of pleasant memory, Wm. Pead, were then, I understood, the only surviving members of the society. There was some idea of reviving the society, but this was, I believe, never carried into effect. The first entry in the book was a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Nicholas', Deptford, on February 18th, 1782, conducted by John Day, who conducted the seven next peals rung by the society. The last entry, the sixty-seventh, was a peal of Grandsire Triples on January 20th, 1845, conducted by Richard Smith. The last peal but one, rung on December 20th, 1843, was stated to be the first peal with the new tenor.—Yours faithfully,

E. F. COLE.

6, Luxemburg Gardens,
London, W.6.

PROPOSED AUGMENTATION OF BELLS AT DEANE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Somewhat unexpectedly it has become necessary for me to press forward with all energy and speed in the project of rehanging and, as is hoped, of augmenting the number of our bells here at Deane. May I, therefore, ask all the kind friends who were good enough to take collecting cards after the Council meeting at Ipswich if they will very kindly return them, together with any amounts that they have happily collected, to me as soon as convenient?

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Deane Rectory,
Basingstoke.

PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly state that the peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal, published in your issue of the 20th inst. by Mr. Frank Bennett, were published by me some years ago. In Cambridge Royal or Maximus, the 6th bell must be placed into 3rd's place before being put into 5th's; likewise it must go first into 2nd's before being placed into 6th's. It is, therefore, quite obvious when the extent of the 6th was obtained very little knowledge was required to fill in the extra courses.—Yours faithfully,

F. DENCH.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you please inform me through 'The Ringing World' whether it is permissible to start a peal in this method from a slow six instead of a quick one? Would it be recognised by the Central Council?—Yours truly,

J. W. D.

As far as we are aware, there is nothing to prevent a peal of Stedman Triples beginning with a slow six, and as long as it is all Stedman Triples, it would be recognised as a peal by the Central Council.—Ed. 'R.W.'

A LONG TOUCH

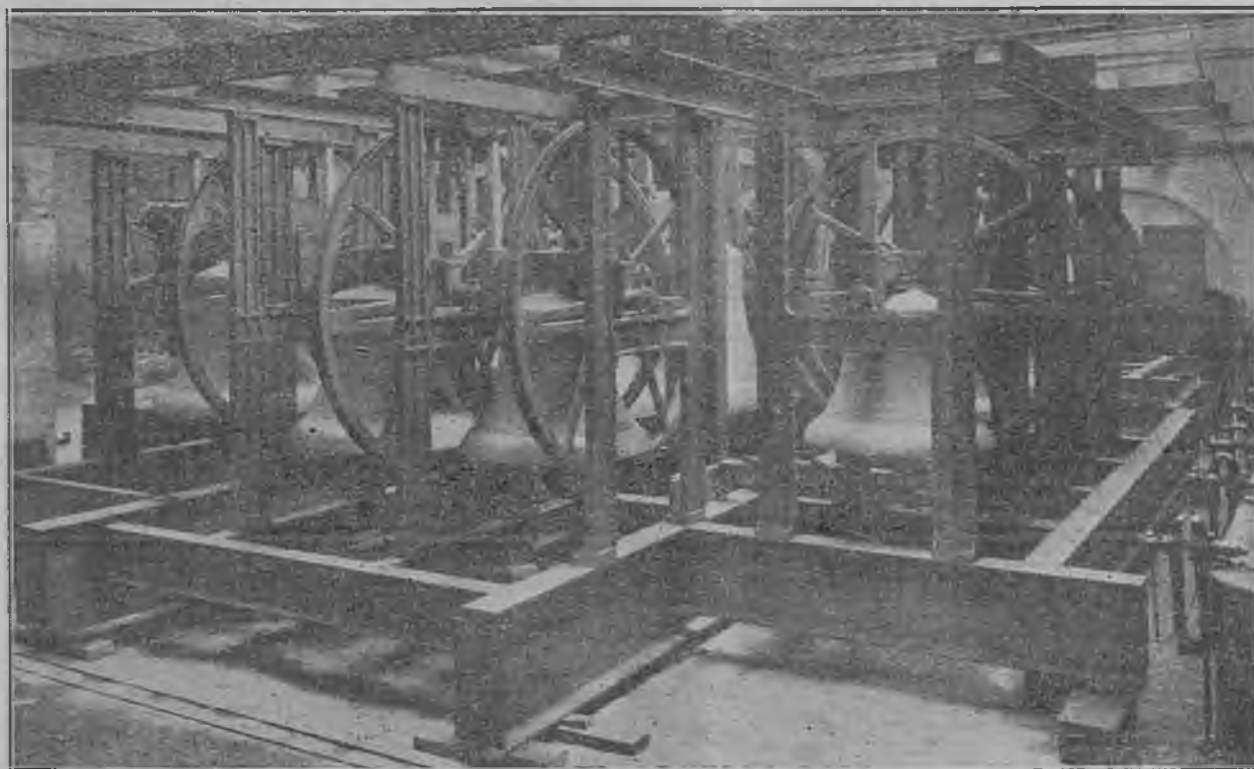
The greatest number of changes yet rung on the bells at St. Peter's Church, Felkirk, Yorks, was accomplished on August 4th, when 2,160, comprising three different 720's of Bob Minor, was brought round: A. Cole 1, H. Chant 2, M. Perry 3, D. Smith 4, F. Priestly 5, J. T. White (conductor) 6.

YORK MINSTER BELLS.

COMPLETION OF GREAT RESTORATION SCHEME.
A MAGNIFICENT PEAL OF TWELVE.



THE TENOR BEING TAKEN INTO THE MINSTER.



THE PEAL OF TWELVE ERECTED IN THE FOUNDRY, SHOWING THE MASSIVE FRAME.

THE NEW BELLS.

The opening of the new ring of twelve at York Minster, which is to take place on Sunday, August 29th, marks the completion of the greatest scheme for a peal of clutch bells carried out in England since the erection of the peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in the year 1878, and the event will remain a landmark in the history of bell restorations in this country. The scheme has been a comprehensive one, and was first considered seriously in 1924, when it became obvious that something must be done to put the Minster bells into proper ringing order. Recasting as well as rehanging was proposed. The Dean and Chapter were prepared to bear the cost of the rehanging out of the Minster funds, but were not able to undertake the recasting. This, however, was made possible by the readiness with which new bells were offered. Three were at once promised by three of the Minster canons, the chapter clerk offered a fourth, the ringers undertook to provide another, and so quickly, by generous gifts, the grand old city, whose history goes back to the time of the Romans, was assured of a peal of bells in keeping with the glory of its ancient fame.

The important work was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have thus been responsible for the three largest ringing peals in the world—St. Paul's with a tenor of 62 cwt., Exeter with a tenor of 72 cwt., and now York with a magnificent ring, whose tenor is 60 cwt., and sounds a fine deep B flat—actually the deepest toned tenor of any ringing peal in the world. The old ring, cast in 1844, were broken up, and with the addition of new metal have been converted into a peal of a full and rich quality of tone and perfectly 'voiced.' The bells have been tuned on the 'Taylor True-Harmonic' system, which ensures absolute sweetness and purity of tone, all harshness and dissonance being eliminated thereby. The perfection achieved in this ring is the result of years of exhaustive research work by the Loughborough firm, by which they have obtained vast experience of bell tuning.

The addition of a new semitone, an A flat bell, between the 6th and 7th bells of the peal of 12, has provided a middle ring of eight in E flat, and thus, like Exeter, York will have four rings of six, a minor and two major eights, a minor and a major ten, as well as the ring of twelve.

The bells have been hung with new fittings of the most modern type, incorporating all the latest and original improvements introduced by Messrs. Taylor and Co., designed not only with a view of reducing the labour required to ring the bells, but so also that the bells should remain in perfect ringing order, with the minimum amount of attention. The patent 'balanced' type of clapper is fitted to several of the bells, and this ensures each bell 'clapping up' on the right side without any checking of the rope on the part of the ringers, in addition to giving the bell a sharp blow, thereby producing a full tonal effect.

The bells are hung in a new massive iron framework, on a foundation of stout steel girders, well braced and firmly bolted together, the ends being grouted into the tower walls, thereby forming a bond and becoming a source of strength to the tower; in fact, on ringing up the heavier bells, with clappers tied, during the course of restoration, it was possible to be in the bell chamber without being aware that the bells were in full swing, the general design and strength of materials being so perfect that no movement or looseness was apparent.

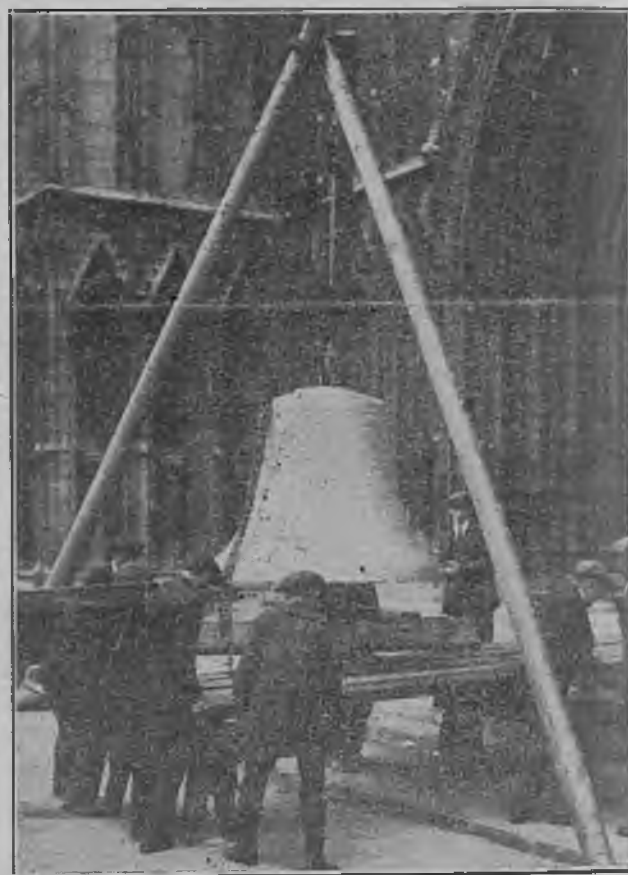
The diameter of the tenor is 5ft. 8in., and the inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

- Treble. CAMPANA SANCTAE HILD VOCOR ME REFECERVNT
GEORGIVS AVSTEN CANCELLARIVS EBOR: ET ALICIA
AGNES, VXOR EJVS. A.D. MCMXXV.
- 2nd. CAMPANA BEATI WILLELMI EBOR: ME CAMPANARVM
PVLSATORES EBORACENSES. XIV REFECERVNT
MCMXXV.
- 3rd. CANTATE DOMINO CANTICVM NOVVM ME REFECERVNT
ROBERTVS STANLEY PEARSON (IN EXERCITV REGIO
MAJOR) ET ETHEL, VXOR EJVS. MCMXXV.
- 4th. IN MEMORIAM DILECTAM DAVID SANDERSON LONG,
M.D., ME REFECIT EJVS VIDVA ISABEL LONG.
MCMXXV.
- 5th. IN MEMORIAM DILECTAM CAROLI HAWKINS ET
JOHANNIS BAILLIE, VIRI PATRICII CANONICORVM
EBORACENSIVM ME REFECERVNT POSTERI EORVM.
MCMXXV.
- 6th. SVRSVM CORDA. ME REFECERVNT ARTVRVS HEN-
RICVS BARRON, CAPITVLV EBOR: CLERICVS ET ANNA
MARIA, VXOR EJVS. MCMXXV.
- A tone. EXALTA BO T DOMINE A.D. MCMXXV.
- 7th. VENITE EXVLTEMVS DOMINO ME REFECIT JOHANNES
CROSS. MCMXXV.
- 8th. IN MEMORIAM DILECTAM JOHANNIS FREDERICI LORD,
PRESBYTERI, ME REFECERVNT VIDVA EJVS ET
FILIVS. MCMXXV.
- 9th. SONATE DEVM TOTVS ORBIS. ME REFECIT ARTVRVS
NEVILLE COOPER CANONICVS. MCMXXV.
- 10th. TE DEVM LAVDAMUS: ITERVM FVSA, A.D. MCMXXV.
- 11th. GAVDEAMVS IN DOMINO, ITERVM FVSA, A.D. MCMXXV.
IN MEMORIAM DILECTAM VIRI FIDELIS ET HONORA-
BILIS JOHANNIS THOMAE SUTCLIFFE DE MAYROLD,
ME REFECIT J. SUTCLIFFE THOMAS FRATER EJVS.
- Tenor. GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO. INTERVM FVSA A.D.
MCMXXV.

THE HISTORY OF YORK MINSTER BELLS.

The bells of York Minster have had an interesting history, and from the ringer's point of view the famous peal is the more noteworthy because it was the home of the first peal of twelve bells hung for ringing in this country. Moreover, within one period of 79 years it possessed two separate rings of twelve and one peal of ten bells. The following particulars of the bells are extracted from a history which Mr. J. R. Ferram, of Salisbury, wrote for 'The Ringing World' in one of our early numbers, and they are well worth reproducing now that the Minster is in possession of a new and magnificent ring of twelve.

The earliest notice of the bells is found in an old record extracted from the fabric rolls, dated A.D. 1371, written in mediæval Latin, wherein it appears that several bells were recast and rehung, and some work done to the clock, which altogether amounted to the sum of £60 10s. 1d. Later on, in Torre's manuscript, we find that certain metals were delivered to Thomas Innocent, bell founder of York, for casting four bells on July 11th, 1466.



UNLOADING THE ELEVENTH BELL AT THE MINSTER DOORWAY.

In the 16th century there appear to have been four bells in the north-west tower and eight in the south-west one. On January 7th, 1655, these four were removed to the south-west tower, and this seems to have formed the first peal of twelve in England. In 1657 the eleventh bell was cracked; the fourth also, being untunable, both were recast. The metal of the largest of the three bells of St. Nicholas-without-Walngate (at that time pulled down) was added to make up the weight required. A further record stated that: 'T. Dickinson, being Lord Mayor of the City of York in the year 1657, in conjunction with the Alderman and Councillors, gave £150 towards refounding some of the old bells, and making the chimes sound delightfully and perfectly on them all.' According to the dates on the old bells the fourth, seventh and eleventh seem to have been the ones recast at that time; and possibly also one or more of the smaller bells. Notwithstanding all this the four bells from the north-west tower did not even then harmonise with the other eight. So in 1681 Samuel Smith, bell founder of York, was employed to recast them. The inscriptions on the twelve bells at this time were as follows:—

- Treble. DEO ET REGI SACRVM. 1681.
 2nd. IVBLATE DOMINO PSAL. LXVI. 1681.
 3rd. EXVLTA DEO PSAL. LXXXI. 1681.
 4th. GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO. 1681.
 5th. SUM . . ROSA PULSATA . . MUNDA MARIA . . VOCATA.
 6th. I WILL SOVND AND RESOVND TO THY PEOPLE LORD
 WITH MY SWEET VOICE TO CALL THEM TO THY WORD.
 1599.
 7th. BEATVS EST POPVLVS QVI AGNOSCVNT CLANGOREM.
 1657.
 8th. TE DEVM LAVDAMVS. 1671. IOHANNES LAKE RESI-
 DVS ROBERTVS HITCH DECANVS ROBERTVS SORESBY
 PRECANTOR CHRISTOPHERVS STONE CANCELLARIVS.
 9th. PETRVS PSALLO PETRVS XPE TIBI DVM RESONAT
 CHORVS ISTE.
 10th. SWEETLY TOLLING MEN DO CALL TO TASTE ON FOOD
 TO FEED THE SOUL. 1627.
 11th. FVNERA DEPLOBO, POPVLVM VOCO, FESTA DECORO.
 THOMAS DICKENSON MILITE MAIORE CIVIT: EBORACI
 VICE 2 DA SVMPHIBVS PROCVRANTE 1657. H. HAR-
 WOOD, E. CLAVERT, E. ELCOCK.
 Tenor. EXVLTEMVS DOMINO. 1627. PHINEAS HODSON CAN-
 CELLARIVS . . . WICKHAM ARCH — NVS EBOR.

(The three dots between words on the 5th represent three lions passant, the two upper ones crowned.)

These bells were hung in two tiers, the front five above, and the back seven below. They were never perfectly in tune. Even after being recast by Samuel Smith the front four were too light for the back eight, the treble being only two feet in diameter, and the second, third and fourth in the same proportion, there being a difference of nearly six inches between the fourth and fifth. It may also be noticed that the treble of the late peal of twelve was two feet six inches diameter, whereas the late tenor was quite three cwt. lighter than the one cast in 1627.

In 1733 it was decided to try what rehangng would do towards improving matters. The 'York Courant' for November 26th, 1733, gave the following account of this:—

'On Monday, Mr. James Harrison, of Barrow, in Lincolnshire, finished the rehangng of the peal of twelve bells in the south-west tower of the Cathedral, according to the article entered into by him with the Venerable Dean and Chapter. This was the first peal of twelve bells in England, the tenor or largest bell being upwards of a note deeper than the tenor of any other peal of twelve, and is near six foot in diameter. The eleventh is about 54 hundredweight. The rest of the bells, indeed, are not in proportion to those, in which disadvantage the skill of the undertaker appears very much, for they perform their revolutions very regularly, and their clappers are so well managed as to make every agreeable harmony. All twelve are hung upon one surface, or plain, in one frame. After this alteration several peals of Triples, Bob Minor and Caters have been performed on the said bells by the new Society of York Scholars, who design to shortly attempt those of Bob Major, Cinques, and Maximus. The tenor may be rung by one man for some time; but two can manage it with ease. All the rest are raised and maintained by one man to each bell for a considerable time. The whole is completed to the satisfaction of the church, and is agreed by most able judges to be the best finished piece of work that has been known in these parts. The said Mr. Harrison has also regulated the chimes upon the said bells in a very elegant manner.'

It should, perhaps, be pointed out that the 11th, said to be about 54 cwt., was actually one 42 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb., and the tenor, reputed to weigh 63 cwt., was found to be only 55 cwt. 1 qr. The 'several peals' referred to were probably only touches.

WHEN THE MINSTER HAD A PEAL OF TEN.

Notwithstanding the rehangng by Harrison, the old peal of twelve bells was still considered unsatisfactory, and in Dean Fountayne's time an estimate for a new peal of ten was obtained from Lester and Pack, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London, the new peal to be as nearly as possible like the peal of ten at St. Mary-le-Bow, London, cast by the same firm in 1762, just three years previously. The estimate was to cast a peal of ten bells, weighing collectively ten tons, at 13d. per pound, £1,213 6s. 8d. To take 13 old bells, computed to weigh 12 tons 18 cwt., and allow 10d. per pound for them, £1,201 19s. 8d., leaving a balance of £11 7s. The 13 old bells mentioned were presumably the back seven of the old peal of twelve, the old hour bell and two quarter bells of the clock, and the three bells formerly at St. Michael, Spurriergate, to which church the front five of the old Cathedral bells were removed, where they still are, a treble having been added to them to make a peal of six.

The Cathedral bells were accordingly taken down in 1765, and it appears that then the eighth bell was sold to a Mr. Beckwith for eleven pence per pound. The back six bells were then found to weigh as follows:—

	cwt.	qr.	lb.		cwt.	qr.	lb.
Seventh	14	2	16	Tenth	40	3	26
Eighth	19	2	11	Eleventh	42	1	14
Ninth	26	1	7	Tenor	55	1	0

From this it appears that not only were the front four bells of the old peal too small for the back eight, but there was also an immense disproportion between the ninth and tenth, nearly 15 cwt. There was

a difference of quite seven inches in the diameter of these two bells. The order to cast the new peal of ten as nearly as possible like 'Bow bells' was faithfully carried out, the tenor weighing 53 cwt. 0 qr. 25 lb., just 3 lb. heavier than Bow tenor. The bells were opened on August 19th, 1765, and the following advertisement relating thereto was published:—

'This is to give notice to all Gentlemen ringers and others that there is a new peal of ten bells (cast by Lester and Pack, of London), to be open on Monday, the 19th of August next, at York Minster, and allowed by the best judges in London to be as fine a peal of that number as any in the kingdom, and as heavy. Free liberty being given any strangers to open the peal. Any ringers that choose to come the Sunday evening before will be allowed to ring a round peal upon trial. They are now hanging by Samuel Turner, bell hanger to the above firm. If any gentleman, churchwardens, or others want any new peals of bells, or any that want new casting, or hanging, by sending a letter to the said S. Turner, at the Cross Guns, near the Minster, betwixt this and the first of September next, they shall be waited upon immediately, and their work faithfully executed after the very best manner by their most obedient and humble servant, S. Turner.'

The inscriptions on this peal of ten, as taken from an old history of York Minster, printed in 1763, are as follows:—

On each bell: 'Lester and Pack of London Fecit. 1765.'

Fifth: 'Musick is Medicine to the Mind.'

Sixth: 'Our Voices shall with Joyful Sound: Make Hills and Val-
 lies echo Round.'

Seventh: 'In Wedlock Bands All ye who Join, With Hands your
 Hearts Unite: So shall our Tuneful Tongues combine, To
 Laud the Nuptial Rite.'

Eighth: 'Ye Ringers all that Prize Your Health and Happiness:
 Be Sober Merry Wise And You'll the same Possess.'

Ninth: 'To Honour both of God and King: Our Voices shall in
 Concert Ring.'

Tenor: 'J. Fountayne, Dean. W. Cowper, W. Berdmore, W. Cay-
 ley, W. Mason, Residentaries.'

We must here notice that an old clock bell used to hang in the south transept. It was 43 inches in diameter, and weighed about 14 cwt., and was inscribed 'Ave Gratia plena Dominus tecum.' The clock, being worn out, was removed in 1752; and this bell, together with the two quarter-jack bells was removed in 1762 and sold to Lester and Pack with other old bells, as before stated.

There was also a service bell which formerly hung in one the turrets of the south transept. It measured 30 inches in diameter, and was inscribed as follows:—

'Surge Cito Propera Cunctos Citat Excitat Hora Cur Dormis
 Vigila Me Resonante Leva, 1592.'

This bell was removed in Dean Gale's time to the top of the central tower and, later on, to the south-west tower, where it was destroyed in the fire of 1840. Lester and Pack's peal of ten bells escaped the fire of 1829, caused by Jonathan Martin, the mad incendiary, which only destroyed the eastern part of the Minster, but in the evening of May 20th, 1840, another fire broke out in the south-west tower, which quickly spread to the roof of the nave. In a short time the whole tower was on fire, and Lester and Pack's peal of ten bells was totally destroyed, as well as the roof of the nave and the old service bell.

When the Cathedral was restored, Stephen Beckwith, M.D., presented the peal of twelve bells, which occupied the tower until last year. The peal were in the key of C, the same as the former peal of ten. The tenor was about half cwt. more than the old one, and was put up, together with the clock, before the rest of the peal. The whole peal were rung for the first time on July 4th, 1844. The inscription on the 11th was:

'Soli Deo Gloria Anno Domini MDCCCXLIII. Regine Victoriae Britanniarum Regno Septimo, Archiepiscopus Edwardi Archiepi: Ebor XXXVII. Stephanus Beckwith, Medicinæ Doctor inter Eboracenses Primarius Testamento Legavit. Carolus et Georgius Mears, Londini Fecerunt.'

All the other bells simply bore the inscription, 'Carolus et Georgius Mears, Londini Fecerunt MDCCCXLIV.'

'Great Peter' was cast in the year 1845, the cost being defrayed by subscription.

The bells were last rehung in 1913.

The dedication of the new bells takes place on Sunday. Owing, however, to the fact that the flooring in the tower has not yet been completed, it has become necessary to postpone the arrangements for the 'Ringers' Day,' which had been announced for September 4th. Due notice will be given in our columns when another day is fixed.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Wednesday, July 7th, as a farewell compliment to the Rev. A. Rust, who was leaving the parish for Bedfordshire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: Rev. A. Rust 1, W. T. Prior 2, A. Levey 3, F. Bird (conductor) 4, W. Morris 5, H. Saban 6, W. Turling 7, S. White 8.

BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On May 28th, for a Confirmation service, 720 changes of Cambridge Surprise: W. Hazeldine 1, J. Stanway 2, L. Higgs 3, W. Arthur Weston 4, H. Whitehurst 5, Jonah Cottrell 6. First 720 Cambridge Surprise on the bells by a local band, all the above belonging to the tower.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT BRAMSHOTT.

A successful meeting was held at Bramshott on Saturday last, and, incidentally, it was the first time that a district meeting had been held there. Considering that it is rather an awkward place to get at, being in the north-east corner of the district, a good muster turned up, including ringers from Bramshott, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), the Master (Mr. G. Williams), Messrs. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), C. W. Player (Stone, Ashford), and C. Tribe (Tenterden). Apologies for absence were received from Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary) and also Mr. A. H. Pulling, who has been instructing the Bramshott ringers.

The handy ring of six were fully utilised during the afternoon, while Mr. E. Woods (churchwarden) kindly showed some of the members many interesting features of the church. An enjoyable service was held in the church, when the Guild's form was used, and an interesting address on ringing during the last century was given by the Rev. O. S. Watford, of Haslemere.

By the kind permission of Colonel B. F. R. Holbrooke, D.S.O., and Mrs. Holbrooke, tea was partaken of in their lovely grounds. At the business meeting which followed, the colonel kindly accepted the invitation to take the chair. Mr. A. Booker (Bramshott) was elected a full member, Messrs. C. W. Player and C. Tribe compounding members, and the Rev. H. A. Howies and Colonel Holbrooke honorary members.—It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Havant on November 13th next, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

A letter was read from Mr. A. H. Pulling complimenting the local band on the progress they had made and on the spirit in which they had taken his instruction, which he hoped to continue.—In reply, Mr. W. H. Wright (Bramshott) said that they could not have had a better instructor, as he had a very genial manner with young ringers. He was delighted to hear that Mr. Pulling was going to continue, and that they would have him as long as he wished to come to Bramshott.

The Master then read a letter from the vice-president (Rev. C. E. Matthews) who had recently had a long illness. It was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent from the district to him, also to Mrs. Pulling, who had met with an accident on the Somerset tour, and to Mrs. Pullinger, wife of the general secretary, who was in Winchester Hospital.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rectors of Bramshott and Liss for the use of the bells, Colonel Holbrooke for the use of his grounds, and also to the gentlemen who had kindly entertained the members to tea, the clergy, the organist and the caterers. Some of the members then journeyed to Liss, where an enjoyable half-hour was spent, while others took the opportunity of looking round the beautiful grounds. Thanks are also due to Mr. E. Woods, who kindly met some of the ringers at Liphook station and took them to the church in a motor conveyance.

During the day the ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. BLACKBURN BRANCH SOCIAL.

The annual meeting, tea and social of the Blackburn Branch was held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Rishton, on Saturday last. The bells were raised about 2 o'clock, and were kept going in various methods during the afternoon. An enjoyable tea was provided in the schoolroom, about 70 ringers and friends participating.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. Ira Brown (Vicar) presiding, supported by the Ringing Master, Mr. L. J. Williams.—Several new members were enrolled, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting (for ringing only) at St. Michael's, Blackburn, on Saturday, October 2nd, this to be followed by a business meeting at St. Peter's, Burnley, on Saturday, November 7th.

Mr. Rennie Hartley was re-appointed on the general committee for the next two years, and Mr. J. Watson was re-elected branch secretary.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for presiding, to the church officials for the use of the bells and schoolroom, also to the Rishton ringers and lady friends who had helped to make the tea and meeting a success.—The Vicar suitably replied.

Then followed the 'tit-bit' of the day. A splendid social had been arranged. Songs and recitations were rendered in fine style, and afterwards a short dance programme was carried out.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Ludlow and Church Stretton district was held at Cleobury Mortimer, and ringers were present from Bridgnorth, Bromfield, Coalbrookdale, Knighton and Ludlow, also Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. Wm. Short.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung, and before tea a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 minutes, by the following: Wm. Saunders 1, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor) 2, Wm. Short 3, Geo. Oliver 4, L. Hewett 5, W. Lago 6.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson presided at the business meeting, at which it was decided to hold combined practices at Bromfield in September and Church Stretton in November.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, August 22nd, for the evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins. (Haley's variation): J. Eagles 1, S. A. Baker (Cheriton) 2, C. R. Millway 3, R. H. Stevens 4, J. Perry (Brewood, Stafford) 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, H. J. Saunders 8, day compliment to J. E. Moreton.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Canterbury Pleasure Minor was rung in 45 mins.: W. Young 1, F. Batterham 2, A. Young 3, J. Kemp 4, G. Coleman, junr., 5, G. Coleman, senr. (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. All are regular Sunday Service ringers at the above tower.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, August 22nd, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Burgess 1, A. Ives 2, C. Bower 3, E. Leggett 4, J. King 5, W. Stiff (conductor) 6.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, August 22nd, 1926, for Matins, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 720 London Surprise Minor: E. Brown 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.—For evensong, on the occasion of the visit of Canon Peacock (a former Vicar), 720 London Surprise Minor: E. Brown 1, W. Oliver 2, G. W. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, R. Park (conductor) 5, W. H. Porter 6.

BISHOPS STORTFORD.—On Sunday, August 22nd, for Divine service at St. Michael's Parish Church, Bishop's Stortford, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: F. Springham 1, D. Hadyn 2, W. T. Prior 3, *J. Jarvis 4, A. Bull 5, F. Bird 6, H. Dew (conductor) 7, *W. Bush 8. * First quarter-peal.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Watson (conductor) 1, G. Piper 2, F. Rainbird 3, G. R. Pye 4, H. Dawkins 5, W. Leggett 6.—Also 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Rainbird 1, W. Watson 2, H. Turner 3, H. Dawkins 4, E. Butler 5, G. R. Pye (conductor) 6.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—At St. Peter's Church for evening service, on Sunday, August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: P. Hammett 1, J. Smith 2, C. Bengier 3, J. Bengier 4, W. Simons 5, J. Squire 6, G. White (conductor) 7, R. Hayward 8.

FULBROUGH.—On Sunday, August 22nd, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. H. Doick 1, S. Greenfield 2, S. Picton 3, H. C. Greenfield 4, Ron. Picton (Watford, conductor) 5, E. Edwards (Watford) 6, A. C. Greenfield 7, G. A. C. Block (Fulham) 8.

HAVANT, HANTS.—At St. Faith's Church, for morning service, on August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: M. Marshall 1, E. Hedger 2, W. Monk 3, B. Clark 4, W. Gent 5, R. J. Stone (Portsea) 6, R. J. Hasted (conductor) 7, S. Parsons 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, August 22nd, at St. Mary's, for evensong, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 53 mins.: J. D. Harris 1, C. Tribe (Tenterden) 2, H. Jennings (Ryde) 3, W. H. B. Wilkins (Oxford) 4, T. R. Taylor 5, R. J. Stone 6, C. W. Player (Stone, Ashford) 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, August 22nd, at the Church of St. Leonard, for evensong, 1,280 Bob Major: Miss E. E. Hardcastle 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, E. E. Bish 3, F. E. Collins 4, T. Welbourne 5, J. L. Watkins 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, J. Lee 8.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Knowles 1, Mrs. Knowles 2, Miss Orchard (Portishead) 3, J. Munday 4, F. Vincey 5, P. C. Orchard 6, R. Grater (conductor) 7, W. Cockram 8. Specially arranged for Miss Orchard.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, August 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Webb 1, H. W. Lidbetter 2, T. Beadle 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, J. Herbert 5, A. Harding 6, H. A. Folkard 7, A. Sheard 8.

FULHAM.—On August 22nd, for evening service, 1,265 Stedman Caters: *H. Ellis 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Belcher 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, D. Stevens 6, *H. Stevens 7, J. W. Driver (conductor) 8, F. Skevington 9, A. Harding 10. * First quarter Stedman Caters on tower bells. Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment to Miss Smith.

PORTSMOUTH.—On August 22nd, for Matins, at the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 51 mins.: H. Hooper 1, E. C. Martin 2, C. Tribe 3, F. W. Burnett, junr., 4, P. Giles 5, C. W. Laver 6, H. L. W. Aitken (conductor) 7, L. P. Cook 8. Arranged for the ringers of the 3rd and 6th, who are on a holiday from Kent.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 15th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise: S. Wright 1, L. Camp (first 720 of Cambridge inside) 2, C. Harrington 3, G. Camp 4, J. Jennings (Great Bardfield) 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6. Also 360 Woodbine Treble Bob, same as above, except E. Sitch (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, August 22nd, for evensong, 720 London Surprise: L. Camp 1, W. Bradley (Bloomfield, first 720 in the method) 2, G. Camp 3, H. Wright 4, E. Sitch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6. Also 216 Oxford Treble Bob.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 15th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Howard 1, W. F. Sermons 2, W. A. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, H. Barratt 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by H. Barratt, for whom it was arranged.

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Bekesbourne on Saturday, Aug. 28th, for a combined practice of Minor methods at 5.30. All ringers will be welcomed.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Farnham Royal (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells available from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hayfield on Saturday, Aug. 28th, to give encouragement to the newly-formed local band. A good attendance is requested.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec., 3, Gower Road, Hyde.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Motor-bus leave Old Market at 2.15.—C. H. Jennings, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Whatton-in-the-Vale on Saturday, Aug. 28th (6 bells). Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Trull on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Ringing at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided by the Vicar after service, and business to follow.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Aug. 28th, at St. Luke's, Derby. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Enfield (St. Mary Magdalene), on Saturday, August 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.45, but please advise me. St. Andrew's bells open from 7.30. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E 17.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea afterwards.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec., Coddington, Ledbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Brecon on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Towers of St. Mary's and St. David's Churches open for ringing from 10 a.m. (8 and 6 bell towers). Service 3 p.m. in Havard Chapel of the Cathedral Church. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Tea at Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence), by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop, 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., National Provincial Bank Chambers, Neath, Glam.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Oldswinford on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Tower open at 3. Tea at 5.30. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Hursley on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be at Harworth, on Saturday, August 28th. Will members please make own arrangements for tea? This month's method for special practice is Cambridge Surprise Minor.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, August 28th, at Littlehempstone. Bells available 3 p.m., short service 4 p.m., tea and business meeting to follow. Berry Pomeroy bells (8) also Totnes (8) available after 6 p.m.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

*Falling at intervals upon the ear
In cadence sweet now dying all away,
Now pealing loud again and louder still,
The music of the village bells.*

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—Saturday, August 28th. Bells open 4. Tea 5.30. Meeting after. (Nearest station: Bushey, cheap trains from Euston.)—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on September 2nd, 16th, 30th; *St Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; St. Mary's, Beddington, on the 11th, at 3 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral on the 14th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m., except Beddington. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m., tea 5 p.m., and special evensong 6 p.m. Requests for tea (no charge) to be sent to the Rev. B. C. F. Andrewes, The Vicarage, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, as soon as possible.—R. H. Dove, Hon. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newton-Nottage, Porthcawl, on September 4th. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available after 2.30. Members requiring tea please advise Mr. H. Tyson, 23 Fungalow, Tanfield Lea, Tantobie, not later than September 1st.—G. S. Taylor and H. Tyson, Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good muster of members is expected to be present.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Chicheley on Saturday, September 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Sept. 3rd. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells ready early and visitors welcome. Tea will be provided at 1/6 per head for those who notify William Sturman, High Common, Barlborough, Chesterfield. Cheap buses and railway fares, ex Doncaster, Worksop, Mansfield and Sheffield etc., (Underwood's) and L.N.E. return fares.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chieveley on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/-, all ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. E. Smith, East Lane, Chieveley, near Newbury, by Wednesday, Sept. 1st, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Rd., Shaw, Newbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Grafton Underwood (5) on Saturday, September 4th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday. Badges now ready price 1/3.—H. Baxter, Silver St., Broughton, Kettering.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting on September 4th, at Bolsterstone (8 bells). Tea will be provided, free of charge to those who notify Mr. Harrison, 'Bank View,' Hope Street, Stocksbridge, Nr. Sheffield, by Thursday, September 2nd. Bus service every 20 minutes from Middlewood Tram terminus.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Chart Sutton on Sat. September 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Buses from Maidstone to Sutton Valence, then 10 minutes walk. Tea will be arranged. Please notify me before Wednesday, September 1st.—C. H. Stone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS, St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.—Annual Outing to Southend-on-Sea on Saturday, September 4th, leaving Liverpool Street Station at 1.50 p.m. Fare to members, 3/3. Will members desiring to attend please notify the Hon. Sec. by Wednesday, September 1st, to enable arrangements for cheap tickets to be completed?—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec., York House, Watford Road, Sudbury, Middlesex. Telephone, Wembley 144.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings during September: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m. and Mondays, the 13th, at 7.30, and the 27th, at 7.30 sharp, committee meeting at 8.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 7th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The first annual Shield Contest will take place at St. Mary's, Barnsley, Saturday, September 11th, prizes will also be awarded to winners of the Shield. Mr. R. Ricketts, Wath, has kindly offered six silver medals to the company securing second place. The last date of entry is Sept. 7th. Entries must be forwarded before that date, addressed to C. D. Potter, Luda House, 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley. Further particulars at a later date.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s. each). Those hoping to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 7th.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, September 11th. The bells of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry will be available from 3 o'clock, also Stamford-on-Soar (8 bells). The Bell Foundry Works will also be open from 2 till 4 p.m. to enable visiting ringers to look round. Tea is being arranged at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. Business meeting afterwards. Will ringers and friends kindly let me know who will be requiring tea by Sept. 9th?—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rose Dene Bungalow, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells available at 3.15 and St. Mary's after tea. A hearty welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W. 4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Selby on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 8th. Members are reminded that all subscriptions should be paid without delay, as the financial year end is Sept. 30th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

LITTLEHAM PARISH CHURCH, EXMOUTH.—The dedication of two additional trebles and the reopening of the six other bells will take place on Saturday, Sept. 11th, at 3 o'clock. Preacher: The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Hon. Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and President of the Central Council of Church Bellringers. Collection for the Bell Fund. Ringers who are desirous to ring and who require tea (9d. each) must send their names to Rev. J. E. Blakeman Ball, The Glebe House, Littleham, Exmouth, not later than Sept. 4th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Commemoration Dinner will this year take place at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 18th, at 6 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Ven. John Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon and Vicar of Sheffield, supported by officers of the Association. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) from 2.30 to 5.30. Applications for dinner tickets (price 5/6 each) must be made to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, September 14th.—Sidney F. Palmer, 85, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

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BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**THE FORTHCOMING SHIELD CONTEST.**

The monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held on Saturday, August 14th, at the picturesque village of High Ackworth. The bells are an ancient ring of six, and were ringing at intervals from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tea was partaken of at the Brown Cow Hotel, where there was a warm welcome and homely attention. The business meeting followed tea. The company included one of the churchwardens, who apologised for the absence of the Vicar (Rev. Boucher), who was away on holiday, and emphasised the welcome already given by saying he was a 'brother string' of twenty-five years' experience, and was thus able to share their feelings as church workers.

The business of the meeting was of the usual happy order. A sum of 13s. 6d. was allowed out of the funds to pay for the teas of some of the members who are affected by the strike troubles in the coal world. Twelve new members were elected.

The committee's report of arrangements for shield contest, which is to take place on September 11th, at Barnsley, was approved.

Mr. R. Ricketts (Wath) honoured the society by an offer of six silver medals as a second prize for the contest, on condition that prizes are also awarded the winners of the shield. This was accepted as a challenge by the secretary, and duly accepted.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Vicar, the two churchwardens, to the ladies for tea, and all the local company for their arrangements.

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