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## THE NEED FOR MORE RESERVES.

We should like to emphasise a point made at a meeting of the Kent County Association at Edenbridge on Saturday by the Rector, who, commenting on the fact that few of those present were young men, urged the necessity of training young ringers so that the gaps, which must inevitably come in the ranks of the seniors, can be filled and the disastrous state of having insufficient ringers to ring the bells in the future avoided. Everyone recognises, or should recognise, the fact that continuity of efficiency can only be obtained by training new men, not when the old have gone, but in anticipation of that eventuality, yet in how few cases, comparatively speaking, among ringing companies is this done? Once a band is got together they are, as a rule, content to go on without thought of the future, until something occurs to break the circle, and then, at any rate for the time being, if not permanently, ringing in that particular centre suffers a serious set back. It is a constant occurrence, and yet the number of bands where there is any systematic attempt to bring along young ringers is very small. There are, in fact, too few reserves. Where young ringers are to be found it is generally in those towers where there are not enough old hands to man the ropes. Many cases could be cited where the loss of only one ringer, through death or removal, has thrown a band back for a couple of years or more, yet a little foresight and the expenditure of the requisite time on tuition would have saved all this. We know the feeling. A band has struggled to make itself proficient, and has, perhaps, reached a stage when, at last, it can get some real satisfaction out of its performances, and things go so smoothly that the desirability or necessity for any young blood being introduced not only seems remote, but is definitely looked upon as involving a waste of time and trouble. It is, however, far from that in reality. Ringing companies generally have quite an insufficient number of reserves, as is often evidenced by the fact that when one man is absent it is not possible to ring all the bells for service. No pastime that we know would be content with such a meagre reserve force as we find in the Exercise, and ringing has continually to suffer the inevitable result, first in this tower and then in that. The difficulties in bringing in new men in these days of so many other attractions are fully realised, yet there never was a time when people had so much leisure on their hands. The hours of work are shorter by far than when the present grey heads of the Exercise began to ring, and there ought to be among the Churchmen in every parish half-a-dozen who would be prepared to give an hour or two a week to be trained as the reserve for this part of

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the Church's work. But what is wanted is not only the will to learn among a few young men in each parish, but also the will to teach among the old hands.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6001 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

THOMAS WILSON ... .. Treble	JOHN POTTER ... .. 6
FRED HINDLE ... .. 2	WM. PENNINGTON ... .. 7
JOHN BROWN ... .. 3	JOHN WATSON ... .. 8
GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 9
WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 5	JOHN NUTTALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method for ringers of 3rd and tenor. First peal in the method as conductor.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6016 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*FREDERICK A. LEESON ... Treble	*JACK A. AMOS ... .. 6
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 2	LEONARD MANNERING ... .. 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 9
*EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 5	*CHARLES DUNN ... .. Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal. The ringers of 1, 6, 7 and tenor are members of the local band.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6256 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

JAMES BILBY ... .. Treble	JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 5
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... .. 6
WILLIAM LAUD ... .. 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. T. DYKE

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 13, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM J. GROOM ... Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 5
JAMES BETTS ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 3	THOS. H. CHAPPELL ... .. 7
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

Arranged to oblige the ringer of the 6th.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN T. RICKMAN ... Treble	ROBERT J. DAWES ... .. 5
*ROBERT W. E. DAWES ... 2	KEITH HART ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 7
GEORGE W. STOKES ... .. 4	ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to Messrs. Stokes and Turner.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB MAJOR AND GRANDSIRE TRIPLES,  
5107 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 3qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON... Treble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 5
MISS EDNA WEBSTER... .. 2	GEORGE WEST ... .. 6
J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 4	FRED W. BAILEY... .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This peal (the author's No. 2) is rung for the first time, and contains 2,554 changes Bob Major and 2,553 Grandsire Triples. First peal with these methods 'spliced' by all the band and the association, and the second peal so rung.

## CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. Treble	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM COLEY ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 6
HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
WILLIAM BROWN... .. 4	BERNARD C. ASHFORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. B. Ashford, W. Webb, and M. Hackett. Ringers of treble and 6th were elected life members previous to starting.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF ORIGINAL TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. Treble	HENRY W. KIRTON ... .. 5
PERCY PARSLow ... .. 2	FRANCIS A. SMITH ... .. 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
EDWARD P. ASHBY ... .. 4	WALTER J. SIMONS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT

This is the first peal of Original Triples that has been rung.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE WILSON ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7
*LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt.

## LINTON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER (Stone-in-Onney) ... .. Treble	
CHARLES TRIBE (Tenderden) ... .. 2	
CHARLES WATERMAN (Cobham) ... .. 3	
*CHARLES W. FRANKLIN (Ashford) ... .. 4	
CHARLES A. WINNER (Frinsbury) ... .. 5	
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS (Chatham) ... .. 6	
CHARLES H. SONE (Linton) ... .. 7	
CHARLES TURNER (Dover) ... .. Tenor	

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by CHARLES H. SONE.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob and first attempt. Birthday peal for ringers of 4 and 5. The conductor's 100th peal.

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH. BISHOPSGATE.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*P.C. F. WILSON (LEICESTER CITY POLICE) ... .. Treble	
*P.C. F. DIGBY (METROPOLITAN POLICE) ... .. 2	
Sergt. W. C. DOWDING (BIRMINGHAM CITY POLICE) ... .. 3	
Sergt. H. JENNEY (LEICESTER CITY POLICE) ... .. 4	
P.C. J. C. DOEL (METROPOLITAN POLICE) ... .. 5	
P.C. H. POOLE (LEICESTER CITY POLICE) ... .. 6	
Inspt. W. BOTTRILL (METROPOLITAN POLICE) ... .. 7	
P.C. C. PEASE (METROPOLITAN POLICE) ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by P.C. HAROLD POOLE.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. This is the first peal of Stedman by a band of police officers. Rung after an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Major, time not permitting of a fresh start. It was rung on the eve of the promotion of Inspector W. Bottrill.

## COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. Treble	*L/c. CHARLES ANDREWS R.A. 5
BASIL REDGWELL ... .. 2	*EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7
GEORGE ANDREWS ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

\* First peal in the method.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	HARRY KILBY ... .. 6
HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. NODDS ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

This peal was the 100th rung in the tower.

## MACHEN, MON.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PIKE ... .. Treble	PERCY JONES ... .. 5
SAMUEL JONES ... .. 2	*WILLIAM HORSINGTON ... 6
ALBERT ADDICOTT ... .. 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER ... .. 7
GEORGE COOKE ... .. 4	JAMES HURFORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

\* First peal, and belongs to Abergavenny. Rung as a compliment to the conductor's daughter, who attained her twentieth birthday on this day.

## PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5408 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ERNEST CUTSWORTH ... .. Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 5
JOHN WILKINSON... .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 6
HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 3	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY' ... .. 4	ALLAN F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Mr. T. Barlow's 300th peal.

## SPELDHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT ... 5
JAMES MAYNARD ... 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. TUCKER.

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. R. T. and R. E. Lambert and also to Mr. T. Lambert, of Horsmouden.

## WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 17, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

FREDERICK BRUNNING ... Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 5
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 2	ERNEST F. POPPY ... 6
ALPHARDUS J. BERRY ... 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
JAMES BETTS ... 4	WILLIAM STREGGALL ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGITT.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

The above band reside in eight different parishes.

## SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART

FRANK R. COOMBS ... Treble	JACK JUDGE ... 5
FRANK TUFFREY ... 2	WILLIAM STONE ... 6
GEORGE BARTLETT ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
ALFRED MILES ... 4	CYRIL BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... Treble	†SIDNEY EDWARDS ... 4
FREDERIC T. HALES ... 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 5
GEORGE POPNELL ... 3	SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor inside. The Band wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank Mr. G. Popnell, who kindly entertained them to tea after the peal.

## CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 10, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

*ROBERT CORBEY ... Treble	EWART ANDREWS ... 4
RALPH HARRIS ... 2	JAMES BRADLEY ... 5
EDWARD MOORE ... 3	GEORGE MOORE ... Tenor

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

\* First peal.

## WORTH, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CECIL NICE ... Treble	*NELSON ELLIOTT ... 4
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 5
BERNARD WELLS ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal of Minor.

## PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

PERCY AMOS ... Treble	RAYMOND MALTBY ... 3
ISAAC BENNETT ... 2	CYRIL MALTBY ... 4
THOMAS WISE ... Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife and daughter of the ringers of the 2nd.

## BURSLEM.

## THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 14, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

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

Being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

*AARON BRAMMER ... Treble	HARRY BOX ... 4
THOMAS HURD ... 2	ERNEST GATER ... 5
WILLIAM P. DEAN ... 3	THOMAS HILDITCH ... Tenor

Conducted by T. HURD.

\* First peal.

## COTTENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ARTHUR KING ... Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 4
*FRED GINN ... 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	ALFRED C. RIVERS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal of Surprise. First Surprise peal on the bells. The band thank the Rector (Rev. R. P. Moline) for the use of the bells and Mr. E. Camps for having all ready.

## FENITON, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS GLADYS ARBURY ... Treble	ARTHUR G. SELLEY ... 4
JOHN ARBURY ... 2	REGINALD E. TROMAN ... 5
ARTHUR T. TROMAN ... 3	FRANK J. DAVEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARBURY.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all except ringers of 2 and 6. Ringers of 4 and 2 are sister and brother, and it is the first peal in Devon by such. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Ivy Arbury, sister of treble and second ringers, and Mr. Fred Stevens, of Grange Avenue, Redding.

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COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

HARRY CLARK	...	...	Treble	GEORGE PARKER	...	...	3
JAMES HAYNES	...	...	2	WALTER LOFF	...	...	4
THOMAS WISE	...	...	Tenor				

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

DALBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 30 of Grandsire (A. J. Pitman's Arrangement). Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

†JOHN A. PAYNE...	...	...	Treble	†ERNEST F. PAYNE	...	...	3
NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	...	...	2	*HARRY MORGAN	...	...	4
ERNEST MORRIS	...	...	Tenor				

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in two methods. First peal on these bells, which were made five in 1784.

HANDBELL PEAL.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 17, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

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

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal and first attempt.

made up the eight, and two courses of Bob Major and 504 Grandsire Triples were much enjoyed. The tone and 'go' of the bells is well worthy of mention, and the beautiful condition of both the ringing chamber and the bell chamber reflects great credit on the local band.

After an early tea in Nantwich, Wrenbury was reached at 5.30. Here the company made the acquaintance of one 'Arry,' who flatly refused to allow any ringing to take place until he had brushed out the ringing chamber! This task completed, he conducted the party to the roof of the tower, where he pointed out all places of interest, both visible and invisible, within a radius of about twenty miles. Having taken a photograph of such an obliging host, the band descended to a lower level and rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, followed by 120 Stedman Doubles.

The last tower on the programme was Tushingham, which was reached at 7.30 p.m. The visitors found the local band there to meet them, and, after a friendly chat, settled down to a 720 of Double Bob and Plain Bob spliced. This is believed to be the first 720 on the bells, and as such is perhaps worth recording fully: W. Thomas 1, A. E. Richards 2, G. Jones 3, J. W. Clarke 4, J. Morgan 5, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 6.

An attempt for a 720 of Double Oxford unfortunately came to grief in the fourth part owing to the second casting its rope.

After lowering the bells, the party boarded their fiery steeds and turned towards Farndon. On approaching the Egerton Arms at Broxton, however, it was thought that the engines seemed a little tired, so a halt was called to fill up with—petrol! The last place of call was School House, Farndon, where the party were very kindly entertained to supper by Mrs. Richards, and in front of a fire of real coal the many details of a perfect 'ringing day' were talked over. On making enquiries afterwards it was found that no one got into trouble for reaching home rather late! The hand wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who so willingly came forward to help towards the success of the day.

TWELVE TOWERS VISITED IN A DAY.

The ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, accompanied by one or two friends who are regular helpers in the belfry, enjoyed their third annual outing on Saturday, September 11th, and the following towers were visited: Brixton (5 bells), Yealmpton (6), Ermington (6), Modbury (6), Aveton Gifford (8), Loddswell (6), Churchstow (6), West Alvington (6), Kingsbridge (8), Dedbrooke (6), East Allington (6), and Halwell (6). The methods rung during the day were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major in the two eight-bell towers, and Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, and Plain courses of Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise in the six-bell towers.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A STRENUOUS WEEK-END.

Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths paid a week-end visit to Evesham between September 17th and 20th, the party including Messrs. E. Alexander Young (hon. secretary and treasurer to the Central Council), C. F. Winney, G. R. Fardon, A. B. Peck and H. Langdon. Arriving at Evesham by the 8.50 p.m. train on Friday night, they were met by Mr. J. Hemming (Southern Branch secretary of the Worcestershire and Districts Association), who accompanied them to the Crown Hotel, where accommodation had been arranged for them for the week-end. Saturday morning was spent in inspecting the churches, bell tower, and bells of Evesham. The view of the Vale from the top of the tower was much admired, as was also the war memorial, park, and gardens. In the afternoon, a visit was paid to Pershore, the visitors being accompanied by Messrs. J. Hemming, H. Middleton, J. D. Johnson, and F. J. Johnson, of the local company, while Messrs. Davies and Edwards, of Hereford, motored over to meet the party at Pershore. Bishop H. Gresford Jones had kindly placed the Abbey bells at the disposal of the party, and some good touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, and Grandsire were rung. Returning to Evesham, a hurried tea was partaken of at headquarters, and the bus was then taken to Badsey, where Stedman, Cambridge, and Grandsire were rung on this musical peal, Evesham being reached again at 8.30 p.m. The rest of the evening was spent with handbells, etc., till—well, perhaps the hour had better not be mentioned. Suffice to say, it proved a very enjoyable evening, the other hotel visitors taking a keen interest in the musical programme, while one aspirant sketched one of the band ringing a pair of handbells. A proper hanging place will be found for this picture in due course.

Orders were issued to meet at the bell tower the following morning at 9.30 for a quarter peal of Stedman Caters for morning service. Whether it was the drowsy Evesham air or the comfortable beds at the Crown is not quite clear, but 'Go, Stedman, bob,' was not called till twelve minutes past ten, and the bells did not run round till three minutes past eleven, at 1,239 changes, the ringers being: G. R. Fardon (composer) 1, J. Hemming 2, C. F. Winney 3, A. B. Peck 4, H. Middleton 5, J. D. Johnson 6, F. J. Johnson 7, H. J. Phipps 8, H. Langdon (conductor) 9, E. A. Young 10. Ringing also took place for evening service. The visitors also took a motor-launch trip for three miles down the River Avon, the river scenery being much enjoyed. No doubt, had the party had a longer stay, this motor launch would have been engaged for a fishing expedition to try and catch the Evesham famous 'Norton Corner pike,' which cannot be landed.

A handbell peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted in the afternoon on the Crown lawn, by Miss E. M. Johnson, A. B. Peck, C. F. Winney, H. Langdon, J. D. Johnson, and F. Johnson, but a mix-up occurred in the twelfth course, which brought it to an end. The visitors congratulated Miss Johnson upon her fine ringing.

Mr. Peck caught the 6.15 train on Sunday evening for London, Monday morning duty calling him back. Monday morning came all too soon for the remainder of the party, who journeyed back to town by the 9.24 a.m. train, all expressing their appreciation of the arrangements that had been made for them. Although it had been a strenuous week-end, it had also been a most enjoyable one.

J. H.

A PERFECT DAY.

Six members of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild had their annual outing on Saturday, September 11th. This year a tour was made in the Nantwich and Crewe district, and, as the weather was ideal, the journeys along the roads from tower to tower were most enjoyable. The company was made up by Messrs. H. W. Wilde, J. Morgan, G. Jones, W. Thomas, A. E. Richards and J. W. Clarke, the first four mentioned reclining in a 'Morris,' while the other two hung on to a Rudge motor-cycle. These two docile vehicles are now so used to carrying ringers that they will almost start themselves up as the bells are falling!

The first place of call was Nantwich Parish Church, and the back six were soon going along in a touch of Double Oxford. The early morning (9.30) energy of Mr. Richards, as revealed by his taking the tenor rope, was greatly admired by his colleagues. As there was a wedding at 10 a.m., ringing had to be suspended for a few minutes, but the time table allowed of a little 'A ring' and a short touch after the ceremony. The happy couple were thus assured of the band's sympathy and good wishes.

Wistaston was reached about 11 a.m., when a warm welcome was extended by Mr. A. Crawley and a few other local ringers. As the tenor here is 6 cwt., Mr. Thomas was warned to take special care whilst ringing the treble, lest he should overstrain himself! However, he managed to stick it through a well-struck 720 of Oxford and Kent spliced, conducted by Mr. Wilde. This was followed by a 720 of Bob Minor, two ropes being taken by Mr. H. Smith and Mr. J. Bayley, members of the local band, who thus scored their first 720.

The company then made their way back to Nantwich, where campanology had to make way for grilled chops, potatoes, and other appetising things. Feeling greatly refreshed in body and mind, the band then set out for Barthomley, arriving shortly after 2 p.m. The beautiful church, with its recently restored chancel, was much admired, and, on ascending the tower, the bells were found to be equally pleasing. Mr. A. Altman and Mr. J. Brassington very kindly  
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### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. NOTABLE PERFORMANCES RECORDED.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough branch was held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, October 9th. The event was a notable one, as a tablet, recording peals of Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major recently rung, was unveiled and dedicated. At 4.15 the ringers and friends to the number of about 50 assembled in the belfry, and the Rector (the Rev. W. Frift), in a short and appropriate address, paying high tributes to the ringers concerned, unveiled the tablet. The dedicatory prayers were offered by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves, president of the Wellingborough branch. The company then adjourned to the church, and the Guild service, conducted by the Rector, followed, the address being given by the Archdeacon from the words, 'Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am nothing.' In the course of his sermon he appealed to all present to cultivate the spirit of love or charity, not in the way of sentimentalism, but in the true spirit of self-sacrifice. If this was done, it would have an influence for good, and the bells would have a message to the people outside.

Tea was partaken of in the Conservative Room, kindly prepared by Mesdames Hewitt, Chambers, Bigley, Thomas, and Shelton, who also served at the tables.

The business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Guild, the Archdeacon having to leave at this point.—Earls Barton was chosen for the next meeting.—One unattached member was elected, and a Guild certificate was presented to Mr. G. Clapham, of Pinedon, who recently rang his first peal. Hearty congratulations were offered to the youthful ringer on his accomplishment.

The secretary (Mr. F. Barber) said he could not let the occasion pass without offering the heartiest congratulations to all the ringers concerned in the ringing of the four Surprise peals recorded on the tablet just unveiled. It was an excellent performance, seeing the peals were rung by practically a local band. The peal of Superlative was the 60th in that method rung by Mr. W. Perkins.—The congratulations were heartily supported by Mr. R. G. Black, general secretary, and acknowledged by Mr. W. Perkins.

#### ARMISTICE DAY RINGING.

Reference was also made to the death of Mr. I. G. Shade, a wonderful ringer, and a life member of the Guild, and the secretary said he was sure they all regretted the circumstances in which he met his death. The secretary also referred to the recent discussions in some of the London daily papers on Armistice Day, it being felt by many that during the last year or two it had been made too much of a 'joy' day. He said it was very gratifying to note that some of the London hotels had postponed their rejoicings until the following day. He felt sure it should be kept only as a 'day of remembrance,' and, if so, then the bells of England had a great part to play on November 11th, and he hoped they would all do their best to carry on the good work already begun.

Mr. F. Wilford moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Archdeacon for his address, to the local ringers and to the ladies who had helped with the tea. Before the company dispersed for more ringing, a course of Bob Royal was given on the handbells by the Pinedon-ringers.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in all the standard methods, including Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise. Amongst those present were Mr. J. R. Sharman (London), Miss E. Steel (Bedford), Mr. H. Baxter (secretary of the Kettering branch), and Mr. R. G. Black (general secretary).

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES IN EIGHTEEN EQUAL PARTS.

By the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

234567		324567		Part ends.
				234567
752634	1	S 573624	1	
S 647352	1		2	354267
236547	1	S 372645	1	524367
S 572436	1	S 653472	1	237546
365247	1		2	357246
S 273465	1	537426	1	527346
S 452673	1	725364	3	256574
734265	2	437625	1	356274
527634	1	254763	2	526374
735246	3	S 732654	1	324567
627435	1	S 647532	1	254367
356742	2	256347	1	534267
S 123456	1	732456	1	326574
S 467523	1	S 467532	1	256374
354267	1	254367	1	536274
				327546
				257546
				537246
				234567

Each part to be eight times repeated, calling one bob instead of the two bracketed singles in the third, sixth, twelfth and fifteenth parts, and inserting two bobs between these two singles in the ninth and eighteenth parts, and a single instead of a bob at the end of the ninth and eighteenth parts.

### SHIPWAY'S FALLACIES.

By GEORGE BAKER.

(Concluded from page 587.)

The great essential in all methods is symmetry of construction. That Shipway failed woefully in this important matter, is evidenced by his total failure to produce symmetrical extensions of Single and Double Court Bob. There were no arbitrary definitions in his day against the production of irregular methods, and Shipway produced plenty of them, therefore why he did not make use of the places which produce Single Court Bob Minor, i.e., two quick fourth's place bobs, and by these extend the method to infinity is a mystery. The method would be irregular from and including Major upwards, but, nevertheless, it is the method, and there is no other possible without introducing slow bobs or an additional place.

What Shipway is pleased to call extensions of Single Court Bob can be seen on page 58 of Reprint, and I need not say more about them than this, they are all asymmetrical—the Triples and Major each have five false rows to the lead, and the Catons three.

The following extension is true on all even numbers of bells from singles upwards, and is produced by two bobs only: Slow bobs when the pairs of bells are even, and quick bobs when the pairs of bells are odd:

Singles.	Minor.	Major.
1234	123456	12345678
2134	214365	21436587
2314	241356	24163857
3241	423165	42613587
	432815	46213857
3421	346251	64328175
		63482715
Lead-head	364521	36847251
1342		
	Lead-head	38674521
	135264	
		Lead-head
		13527486
	Royal.	Maximus.
	1234567890	1234567890et
	2143658709	2143658709et
	2416385079	24163850719e
	4261830597	426183057e9
	4628135079	462810345e79
	6482310597	6482013547e9
	6843201957	684023115e79
	8634029175	86043211e597
	8360492715	8063412e1957
	3806947251	083614e29175
		038t6e492715
		30t8e6947251
	3089674521	
	Lead-head	3t0e89674521
	1352749608	Lead-head
		13527496e8t0

Another extension which requires an additional place to bring up the correct lead-head runs true on all numbers, odd and even, to infinity, and the Major of this extension is the method from which I deduced the axiom 'that all methods, principles and systems are produced by making Bobs and Extremes in the Primary Principles, or the Treble Bob Principle.'

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**APSLEY END.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday, October 6th, 720 College Single in 28 mins.: F. C. Tompkins 1, J. Stopp 2, C. Henley 3, A. Brinklow 4, A. V. Good 5, H. Gilding (conductor) 6. First in the method by all. Rung in honour of the birthday of the ringer of the 3rd.—On Sunday, October 10th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins.: C. Henley (conductor) 1, C. Munt 2, A. V. Good 3, F. E. Tompkins 4, A. Brinklow 5, G. Dolt 6. First quarter by ringers of 2nd and tenor, first quarter inside by 4th, and first quarter as conductor.

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Triples.	Major.	Caters.	Royal.
1234567	12345678	123456789	1234567890
2143657	21436587	214365879	2143658709
2416375	24163857	241638597	2416385079
4261357	42618375	426183957	4261830597
4623175	46281357	462819375	4628103957
6432715	64823175	648291357	6482019375
6347251	68432715	684923175	6840291357
	86347251	869432715	8604923175
6374521	68374521	896347251	8069432715
			0896347251
Lead-head	Lead-head	869374521	8069374521
1352746	13527486	Lead-head	Lead-head
		135274968	1352749808

Cinques.	Maximus.
1234567890e	1234567890et
2143658709e	2143658709te
241638507e9	241638507t9e
42618305e79	42618305t7e9
4628103e597	4628103t5e79
648201e3957	648201t3e597
68402e19375	68402t1e3957
8604e291357	8604t2e19375
806e4923175	806t4e291357
08e69432715	08t6e4923175
0e896347251	0t8e69432715
	10e896347251
08e69374521	0t8e69374521
Lead-head	Lead-head
13527496e80	13527496e8t0

Nothing can be urged against these two extensions except the arbitrary definition which makes the even numbers on the one hand, and the odd numbers on the other hand illegitimate because of the four blows in front or behind.

In his Double Court Extensions Shipway made the biggest muddle of all. His so-called Double Court Triples has nine false rows to every lead, the Major four, and the Caters five. Neither Major nor Caters are double methods.

**PRESENTATION AT OSWALDTWISTLE****RETIREMENT OF MR. JAMES HOULDSWORTH.**

On Sunday morning, the ringers of Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, presented Mr. James Houldsworth with a ringer's gold badge, suitably inscribed, in recognition of his 23 years' service as ringer and conductor in this tower.

Mr. William Riley, who made the presentation, voiced the members' appreciation of Mr. Houldsworth's services, the splendid progress made under his leadership, and their sorrow at his retirement from the tower and district, coupled with a hope that he would not be altogether lost to the Exercise.

Mr. Houldsworth, who was taken by surprise, could only thank the band very much both for the present and their loyalty to the tower. His greatest reward would be to see the tower make even greater progress in the future.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

At Holy Trinity Church, Hoghton, Lancashire, on Monday, October 4th, 2,016 Bob Major: W. Margerison 1, Miss May Clayton 2, F. Calderbank 3, G. Hooper 4, W. Hsley 5, J. Harrison 6, J. Moulding 7, J. Brown (conductor) 8. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Richard L. Vernon, of Tong, Shropshire, to Miss Barbara Heywood, daughter of Sir James De Hoghton, Bart. The above is the longest length of Major on the bells by a local company.

At Witney, Oxon, on Monday, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: C. Wheeler 1, N. Spindlow 2, E. Brown 3, T. Bull 4, J. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, C. Channon 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Leslie Oliffe and Miss Dora Abbott, of Enstone, the bridegroom being a member of the local company.

At St. Nicholas Church, 1,320 Bob Doubles, with four different callings, in 50 mins.: S. J. Bolton 1, A. M. Ireland 2, G. H. Gore 3, H. Clayson 4, W. Laws (conductor) 5, F. Beake 6. Specially arranged in honour of the wedding of H. Beake, a local ringer, and Miss D. Dove, and this is believed to be the longest touch ever rung on the bells by a local band.

At Salford, on Sunday, September 19th, as a wedding compliment to the Rev. E. Stephenson (curate) and his wife, 1,344 changes of Grandsire Triples were rung after evening service in 54 mins. at Sacred Trinity Church: H. S. Kellett 1, Miss A. Brierley 2, J. Hall 3, F. Stonely (conductor) 4, A. Lees 5, T. Jones 6, H. Lees 7, P. Cross 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The restoration of Ickleton bells, where recently the tenor broke, will, it is hoped, soon be taken in hand. There are varying schemes afoot, and it is likely that a decision will be taken at a Church Council meeting this evening. There are four of the local ringers on the Council, so that it may be relied upon that the best will be done in the interest of the bells and ringing. Those who desire to help this poor parish should send their donations to Mr. Percy Webb, Ickleton, Cambs.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major reported to have been rung at Helmingham, on September 22nd, was rung at Debenham.

The most interesting anniversary of the week is that of the first peal of Stedman Triples, which was rung at St. Peter Mancroft on October 25th, 1731. The story of this peal was well told, not long since, by Mr. J. A. Trollope, in his 'Notes by the Way.'

The first peal of Stedman Caters rung out of London was at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on October 25th, 1790. There has been more than a little Stedman heard in the Bull Ring since those far-off days.

When, on October 24th, 1807, the Oldham men rang 15,120 Bob Major, doubtless they thought they had set up a record and had rung a longer peal than any other set of men, or they would surely not have stopped short at that number. It seems pretty certain that they could not have known of the peal of the same length rung at West Ham on November 25th, 1737, or the 15,360 at Aston in the year 1793, which latter was, we believe, the longest peal on record until the 15,840 of Kent Treble Bob at Bethnal Green in 1868.

A great number of peals have been rung at St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, London, but the 'first ever' was scored by the College Youths on October 24th, 1825. It was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at Wakefield on October 26th, 1822, and then, so far as Cambridge on ten bells as concerned, the world stood still for nearly 80 years. Nine members of the Wakefield Society, with Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds, took part in this historic performance, the composer and conductor of which was William Woodhead.

Fifty years ago next Thursday a peal of 9,120 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Holbeck, Leeds.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### COLLECTION OF PEALS OF TREBLE BOB.

The Peal Collection Committee will be glad to receive from composers or others within the next month any fresh peals of Treble Bob, in order that the collection may be fully up to date. Peals should be sent to Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hopesay Rectory, Aston-on-Clun, Salop.

## WELLS CATHEDRAL BELLS.

### To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to your correspondent re weight of Wells Cathedral bells, the following particulars were given in the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's book, 'Among the Bells':—

	cwt.	qr.	lb.	
1.	7	3	0.	1891. Mears and Stainbank
2.	9	0	0.	1891.
3.	9	1	0.	1757. Abel "Rudball."
4.	9	3	0.	" "
5.	12	0	0.	" "
6.	14	0	0.	" "
7.	20	0	0.	" "
8.	23	1	0.	" "
9.	30	0	0.	1877. J. Taylor and Co.
10.	57	0	0.	" " "

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

## A LIST OF 'RINGING' TOWERS.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. J. R. Nichols, of 59, Rutland Road, Stamford, Lines, has written asking me to use my best endeavours to reinforce his request for particulars as to towers where bells are hung as per his letter in 'The Ringing World' a few months ago. He regrets that, so far, only three secretaries appear to have been able to give him the information which he desires for his forthcoming book on the History of Ringing.

We have had no such list on ringing towers since Troyte's list some 50 years ago, and which is now not only out of print, but out of date, and an up-to-date list would be to the advantage of the Exercise at large. I beg, therefore, strongly to recommend Mr. Nichols's request to all those who are able to supply him with any useful information.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Thursday evening, October 14th, at St. Andrew's Church, for the harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: F. Kemp (first quarter in the method) 1, Miss F. Wyman 2, J. Read 3, S. Meadows 4, C. Wells 5, G. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.

**INTERESTING PEALS.****POLICEMEN'S PERFORMANCE IN LONDON.**

Among the interesting performances which we record this week is a policeman's peal. It was rung at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, by Metropolitan, Leicester and Birmingham members of the force, and Stedman Triples was scored after an unsuccessful start for Cambridge Surprise Major had left insufficient time for another attempt with the tenor in. Arrangements for the peal were made by Mr. H. Bottrell, of Scotland Yard, who will be congratulated by his many friends, both of the police and the Exercise, upon gaining well-merited promotion to an inspectorship.

At the last minute P.C. G. Shipp was taken ill with an attack of influenza, and P.C. J.C. Doel very kindly took his place at a moment's notice. The Cambridge came to grief after half an hour's ringing, but Stedman was successfully accomplished in the remaining time available under the conductorship of P.C. H. J. Poole, of Leicester City force.

It is not an easy task to arrange a band of this description, as a police officer never knows at what moment duty may interfere with his leisure. Sergt. Dowding, for instance, was not dismissed from duty until six a.m. that morning, and then had to travel from Birmingham to London to take part in the peal. It is hoped to make another attempt for the Cambridge in the New Year.

The first peal of Original Triples, the fundamental of changes on seven bells, had to wait from the beginning of ringing history until last Saturday before it was rung. It was placed to the credit of the Herts County Association by a band at Bushey, under that enterprising conductor, Mr. Maurice Hibbert. The method may be simple, but the calling is a busy job for the conductor, there being no fewer than 610 calls in the peal. The composition was published in our issue of August 22nd, 1924. It is by Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester.

'Name' peals are not a frequent occurrence, and the peal of Treble Bob rung by a band of Charlies—all members of the Kent County Association—at Linton is worthy of commendation.

**DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM LAWRENCE.****A VALUED MEMBER OF THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, October 11th, the death occurred at 24, Wimbome Gardens, West Ealing, of Mr. William Lawrence, for many years one of the leading ringers of West Middlesex. By birth a Wiltshire man—he was born at Aldbourne on March 23rd, 1859—he did much of his early ringing in Sussex, where he was a member of the Christ Church, Eastbourne, band. About twenty-five years ago he was appointed, from among 164 candidates, to a position in the architect's department of the London County Council Fire Brigade, and went to live at Hanwell, and afterwards at West Ealing.

In 1912, a new ring of eight was put up at St. Stephen's Church, Ealing, and Mr. Lawrence was appointed honorary steeplekeeper, which post he held till 1919, when a serious illness compelled him to give it up. He called the first peal on the bells—Holt's ten-part. About the same time he rang the tenors to several peals of Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples on handbells. His other peals consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain and Treble Bob Major, and included the 1,250th and last peal that the Rev. F. E. Robinson rang in.

A serious illness a few years ago put an end to his active participation in ringing, but his interest in it remained to the end, and one of his last acts was to give a lecture on bells and ringing before the Selborne Society, of which he was an active member.

He was a great collector of old bells and other curiosities. Photography was another of his hobbies, and he was a lover of country life, in which connection he was a frequent contributor to the 'Country Home Magazine.'

Although, on account of his failing health, Mr. Lawrence had not been much among ringers in the last two years or so, his death is deeply regretted by a large circle of friends in the Exercise. For years he did valuable and unobtrusive work, and all who had the pleasure of meeting him recognised in him one of Nature's gentlemen.

He was a member of a number of ringing societies, including the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which was the first he joined, the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, the Sussex County Association, the Middlesex County Association, and the Ancient Society of College Youths. For three years he represented the Middlesex Association on the Central Council.

The funeral took place on Friday at the Westminster Cemetery, Hanwell.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at Cheshunt. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, many London friends being present in addition to those of Herts, and ringing was practised in methods up to and including London Surprise. The Vicar, Rev. C. B. Law, came into the belfry and extended a warm welcome to all, and rang the tenor to Stedman Triples. He afterwards sat down to tea with the assembly and presided over the business meeting, at which two new members were added to the Cheshunt band. All attended the evening service, and afterwards the belfry was the place of attraction.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****YOUNG RINGERS WANTED.**

The autumn meeting of the Tonbridge district was held at Edenbridge, on Saturday, and was attended by nearly 40 members. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and it was noticeable that there was an improvement in the striking compared with what it usually is at these meetings, although several members had good practice in methods which they have not the opportunity of practising in their own towers. Unfortunately the meeting clashed with a rural deanery thanksgiving service that was held at Tonbridge the same afternoon, and the usual service could not be held. An excellent tea was kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Edwards at the Church House, and several ladies assisted Mrs. Edwards in attending to the wants of the members.

The business meeting followed, Mr. G. Edwards, of Penshurst, presiding. Two non-resident life members from East Grinstead were elected. At this point the Vicar (Rev. H. C. Edwards) arrived, and Mr. G. Edwards vacated the chair for the Vicar, who first extended a hearty welcome to the members, and next expressed his deep regret that the usual service could not be held. He had given the matter great consideration, and he had regretfully come to the conclusion that his duty was to attend the thanksgiving service at Tonbridge. He had endeavoured to obtain the services of other clergymen, but without success.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Edwards for generously providing the tea, to the ladies for their kindness in waiting on the members, and to Mr. J. Heasman and the local ringers for making the excellent arrangements, were passed.

The Vicar, in reply, again expressed his pleasure at meeting the members, and promised to convey the vote of thanks to the ladies. He also said that he noticed that a good many of the members were getting rather white on their heads, and there were not many young members amongst them. He urged them to get young men to learn their art, or it would be disastrous if there were no ringers to ring their bells in the future.

This concluded the meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower, where ringing in various methods was indulged in until nine o'clock.

**A BIRMINGHAM PEAL.****TABLET UNVEILED AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.**

On Sunday, October 10th, following the evening service, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. A beautiful marble tablet (kindly designed by Mr. A. Padden Smith, hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild), the gift of Councillor R. R. Gelling, the donor of the bells, was unveiled by Alderman J. S. Pritchett. The tablet records in gold lettering the first peal rung upon the bells on January 28th, 1924, after they had been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, M.A., had preached an excellent sermon upon bells and ringers, etc., and when the ceremony took place the belfry and gallery leading thereto were crowded with spectators. Mr. Samuel Grove and Mr. Percy O. Lafin, who took part in the peal, were among those present, and took part in the ringing, as also did Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., and Messrs. Edward Large and George E. Large.

A few remarks were made by Alderman Pritchett and Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, M.A., which were much appreciated. It was very pleasing to notice that Mrs. Pritchett and Mrs. Badger were present.

The bells were rung for a short time before and after the unveiling. The young band at this church are making great progress under the capable tuition of Mr. James George.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****ROCHDALE BRANCH SOCIAL.**

The annual party and social of the Rochdale branch was held at Oldham on Saturday, October 16th. The Parish Church bells were available during the afternoon, and a good number of ringers visited the tower. Tea was served in Lord Street Schools, to which nearly 150 sat down.

A short business meeting was held afterwards, the Vicar of Oldham in the chair.—The Vicar extended a hearty welcome to those present.

It was resolved to hold next year's party at Cross Stone, and votes of thanks to those who had worked to make the affair a success were passed. Before the meeting closed reference was made to the Vicar's coming retirement, and those present joined in wishing him a pleasant relaxation.

An interesting programme, including songs, humorous items, handbell selections and dancing followed, and all spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

**SPLICED METHOD PEALS.****To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—I was with interest I read your leading article in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' and I heartily endorse your remarks therein, especially that part which refers to the splicing of even methods to even methods and odd methods to odd methods.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES FERNLEY.

Hazel Grove, Stockport.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## THE EFFECT OF RELIGIOUS CHANGES ON RINGING.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The attitude of the Puritans towards bells and ringing is illustrated by the following incident. In 1532 Abbott, the Archbishop of Canterbury, visited Scotland, and at Dunbar he was shown the parish church by 'a crumpty, unseemly person, the minister thereof.' He inquired how many bells there were, and was told, 'None.' His Grace asked 'how it chanced,' and the minister replied, with some astonishment at so simple a question, that 'it was one of the Reformed Churches.' In Edinburgh, Abbott found only one bell; all the rest had been shipped to the Low Countries. That was in Scotland, where Puritanism had far greater power among the common people than ever it had in England.

In England there does not seem any evidence that its influence led to any destruction of bells, but it did tend to lessen their use in the services of the church, and, consequently, since the common people loved their bells, and would have them rung, if not for one purpose, then for another, it did tend to secularise bells and ringing.

In many cases the ringing of bells, which once was for purposes of ritual, was continued, but the original reason was forgotten. It survived as custom without any reason, and sometimes purely secular and even grotesque reasons were given for it. At Kegworth, in Leicestershire, for instance, the ringing of the Angelus at 7 a.m. survived, but the villagers thought it was to waken the rectory servants.

In these circumstances it is not surprising that since change ringing started at a time when Puritan ideas were very strong, it was looked upon, both by its friends and its foes, as a purely secular pastime. From the early days of the seventeenth century, when the 'invention of the sixes' marks the real beginning of change ringing, until 1660 the power of Puritanism was steadily increasing. The Catholic party had to fight a desperate, and, for the time, a losing battle to maintain its hold within the church, and had little or no opportunity of influencing the position of ringing in the church services.

The year 1648 saw the death of Charles I., the establishment of a Commonwealth in England, and, as far as Parliament could do it, the turning of the Church of England into a Puritan sect. The effect on ringing does not seem to have been very great, but when in 1660 the reaction came, and the Kingdom and the Church were restored, it received a big impetus. This was the time when Fabian Stedman was living and ringing at Cambridge. In 1657 the College Youths are said to have visited that town, and, when there, were presented by him with some five-bell peals, which they rang at St. Benet's.

Shipway, following a certain antiquary named Parnell, says that Stedman's Principle was rung at that time, but that, I think, is an error. The Principle was evidently not produced until later—between 1668 and 1677. So that either the College Youths' visit did not take place till after 1657, or, which is likely, what was rung was some plain changes which Stedman and other men were at the time developing. In 1668 Stedman published his first book, the 'Tintinnalogia,' and he tells us that the previous few years had seen a great and remarkable development of ringing.

Perhaps, in the whole history of the Exercise, ringing and ringers never stood higher in the estimation of the general public than it did at this time. It seems to have attracted all classes of people. Professor Jebb, in his 'Life of Richard Bentley,' says that the chief sports of the undergraduates at Cambridge at the time were tennis, racquets, bowls and bell ringing. And in London the College Youths were apparently a well-to-do lot of men. Ringing, however, still remained secular.

There was a Catholic reaction in the Church during the last years of the seventeenth century, but it did not last long enough to have much effect on the ritual of the services or any at all on ringing, and its main force was spent when, for political reasons, the most prominent of its leaders left the Church.

Religious opinion in the Church of England of the eighteenth century was totally different from that of the seventeenth. The long and bitter conflicts were succeeded by a period of quiet and apathy, and the general effect was to confirm the secular nature of ringing. The country clergy were largely the younger sons of the country gentry. They held the service on Sundays, and the rest of the week they behaved much in the same way as the squires, hunting and shooting, and taking part in the ordinary country sports, except that, generally speaking, they were free from the heavy drinking and gross talking which were common at the time.

To such men prize ringing was a thing to be encouraged. They did not consider it any profanation of the Church, and, indeed, under the circumstances and at the time, prize ringing probably did far more good than harm. There was little or no idea of reverence for the church building. The altar was merely a table, to be used at the celebrations, which were seldom held except on the three great festivals, and at other times was a convenient place where odd things could be put, and where, often enough, the parson laid his hat and cloak during the service. If the altar was so treated, there is little to wonder at when the bells were used for sport or other secular purposes.

As I have already pointed out in these notes, it is instructive to compare the inscriptions on the bells cast in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries with those cast before the Reformation and at the present day. The ringers themselves were ordinary men with ordinary faults and failings. One of the most notable of the vices of the eighteenth century was drunkenness. It pervaded all classes of society from Cabinet Ministers, judges and land-owners downward. It was common in the Universities. The amount of wine that some of the most eminent men of the time drank is staggering. Nobody considered it as anything particularly wrong. So long as a man could 'carry his liquor' and not make himself a nuisance to others he could get drunk as much as he pleased. And no doubt ringers, being sociable and gregarious folk, were particularly liable to this failing. Ringers, too, are conservative people, and hang on to old customs, and it is likely enough that they did continue their convivial habits after greater sobriety became common among the better educated classes.

The religious revival begun by John Wesley and his supporters did not touch the Church of England directly, and did not influence ringing at all. The Evangelical movement of the last years of the eighteenth and early years of the nineteenth centuries was within the Church, but its influence was not for the good of ringing. Those

**MR. LINDOFF'S 278,828 PEALS OF LONDON SURPRISE.**

Next week we hope to publish a special article upon Mr. Gabriel Lindoff's production of 278,828 peals of London Surprise Major.

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excellent and pious men, its leaders, were very little concerned with the ritual of public services or with reverence for church buildings. They sought rather the conversion of individuals, and any ringer who came under their influence was much more likely to give up ringing altogether as a worldly thing than to consider himself a church worker.

Thus the whole tendency of religious opinion in the Church of England during the seventeenth, eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries was to make change ringing a purely secular pastime, and, of course, that idea largely survives to-day. But now it is being increasingly realised that bell ringing, while it is a secular pastime, is also something more, a part of the ritual of the Church; and that bell ringers have a very real status as church workers. To the realisation of this we owe a great many advantages. Our bells are better cared for; our belfries are clean and well furnished; and we ourselves are held in higher esteem. And this is entirely due in the first place to the Catholic movement which began in the middle of the nineteenth century, and has continued to this day. As I have already said, the vast amount of what that movement stands for is entirely outside our present subject. All that concerns us here is the greater reverence and care for the church buildings. It began with the east end, but its influence has spread to the tower. The early ritualists personally did nothing for bells, they had other and more immediate things to think of. It was the widening of the influence among all parties of the Church that has brought in reform.

But, while the old order was passing, and before the new had come, ringing and ringers had to pass through a time of reproach. They had inherited the traditions of more than two centuries. Naturally, they lagged behind the reforms which were taking place in the east end of the Church. This, I think, is the chief reason why ringers and ringing were held in so low esteem during the forty years or so which preceded the nineties of the last century.

**LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS  
EFFORTS TO MAKE NEW SURPRISE RECORDS.**

On Saturday, October 30th, under the auspices of the Sussex County Association, an attempt will be made to ring 14,144 London Surprise Major at Warnham, Sussex; starting time 10.30 a.m.

On the same day, as already announced, an attempt will be made at Bolton Parish Church by members of the Lancashire Association, to ring a record length of 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major, starting at 1 p.m.

Both the above, if successful, will create new record lengths in the respective methods.

**BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.**

On Sunday evening, October 17th, for divine service, at the Church of St. Alkmund, Derby, a quarter-peal of Boh Minor (1,344 changes) was rung in 52 mins.: E. Clarke 1, C. Draper 2, H. Waterfield 3, G. Freebrey (conductor) 4, P. H. Tate 5, W. Slater 6, H. Carigan 7, J. L. Foster 8. This was the first quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 6th, 7th and tenor, and first in the method by an entirely local band since the bells were rebung.

At St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church, London, on Monday, October 11th, in 43 mins., 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: H. Francis (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Hawkiss (first quarter-peal) 2, R. E. Geare (first inside) 3, W. H. Howe 4, A. W. Coles (conductor) 5, J. Clifford 6.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****A SAD MEETING AT CONISBOROUGH.**

What promised to be an enjoyable meeting on Saturday, at Conisborough was marred by the news, which the ringers received on reaching the tower, of the death of the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Strawbridge). The reverend gentleman had taken the usual service at 10.30, and immediately after had a stroke, from the effects of which he passed away at 12.30 p.m. He will be very much missed by visitors to Conisborough tower, for it was his custom to ascend to the ringing chamber and give a few words of welcome, and to take the chair at the meetings.

As there were several little matters to bring forward, it was decided to hold the usual business meeting, and this was held in the schoolroom, the vice-president, Mr. F. Willey, presiding. Before proceeding to the agenda, a vote of condolence and sympathy with the widow and family of the deceased Vicar was carried by all present standing in silence for a few moments.

Some discussion took place as to the price of 'The Ringing World,' but it was realised that the only solution was to increase the number of readers, and a special appeal was made to all present to purchase a copy each week.

The next meeting was due to be held a week before Christmas, but in view of its close proximity to that date and the restricted earnings of many members, it was decided to try and arrange to amalgamate with the Sheffield and District Society at Rawmarsh on December 4th, if this be possible.

Votes of thanks to the local band and the ladies for their kindness in providing tea were heartily carried.

Visitors were present from Doncaster, Tickhill, Thorne, Hatfield, Arksey, Sprotborough, Sheffield All Saints', Ecclesfield, Dore, Bolsterstone, and Barnsley, and a few touches were rung on handbells.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.****PROPOSED AUGMENTATION AT WEST CLANDON.**

A meeting of the Western District was held at West Clandon on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and the bells were kept going until 4.30 p.m., when service was held and an address given by the Rector (Sir John Herschel), who was formerly hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Twenty-two members and friends sat down to an excellent tea, which was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rector presided. Hersham was chosen for the next meeting. A collection was made and handed over to the local secretary in aid of the bell fund which is being raised to add two more bells to make the present ring of six into eight.

Votes of thanks were passed to Sir John Herschel for the use of the bells and for his excellent sermon, to Lady Herschel for presiding at the organ, to the ladies who so kindly arranged the tea, and to all who helped to make the meeting a success.

The business meeting over, further ringing took place. Touches ranging from Stedman Doubles to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor were rung. The towers represented were: Leatherhead, Guildford, Thames Ditton, Ockham, Worplesdon, Swindon, Walton, a large number of the local company, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, was also present.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN SPALDING TOWER.**

A meeting of the Elloe Deaneries branch was held at Spalding on Saturday, October 9th. The bells were set going at 2.30, and the methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grand sire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. Tea was provided at Barker's Restaurant, to which 40 ringers and friends sat down.

The business meeting was held afterwards, the president (the Rev. G. H. Clark) being in the chair. There were also present the Rev. B. G. Nicholas (Vicar of Spalding), Revs. H. Law James and E. C. Gee. The ringers present included C.S.M. J. Bennett and Flight-Serge. F. A. Holden.

It was decided to hold five meetings a year, with the annual meeting at Spalding.

The bells, a nice peal of eight, have all been recast and hung in a new iron frame with ball bearings, and have been placed about 20ft. lower in the tower. The work has been done by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The tone and go of the bells leave nothing to be desired from a ringer's point of view.

The tower has also been restored and a new clock added by Messrs. J. Smith and Co., of Derby, the total cost of the restoration and improvements being £2,220 18s. 4d., all of which has been raised by voluntary subscriptions within twelve months.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On Thursday evening, October 14th, for harvest festival, 720 London Surprise Minor in 24 mins.: Cyril M. Mitchell 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, G. R. Ambrose (first in the method) 3, P. M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, J. Ruries 5, G. Morrad 6.

**KIDDERMINSTER.**—On Monday, October 11th, 1,440 of Stedman Triples in 56 mins.: T. J. Salter 1, G. Davies 2, E. J. Brooks 3, K. Salter 4, J. Woodberry 5, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, J. Bennett 8. Rung as a compliment to the 7th man on his 48th birthday.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**KEIGHLEY, YORKS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, October 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: R. W. Jennison 1, J. Hogg 2, E. Green 3, R. Bottomley (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, J. Hall 5, R. W. Jennison, jun., 6, S. Murgatroyd 7, J. Coullon 8.

**SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**—On Sunday, October 17th, at St. Margaret's Church, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Minor in 47 mins.: W. Wilkinson 1, J. Young 2, F. Dewey 3, J. Kemp 4, H. Harper (first quarter-peal) 5, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 6.

**MERTHYR TYDFIL.**—On Sunday, October 17th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: K. Beardmore (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Jones 2, F. Sharpe 3, L. Stirk 4, E. Lush 5, W. Fisher 6, J. Coles (conductor) 7, F. Stirk 8. Arranged for E. Lush, who was on a visit from Wells, Somerset.

**HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—At the Church of St. Mary, for the harvest thanksgiving service, on October 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: P. A. Aldham 1, D. A. Aldham 2, J. Ison 3, C. Payne 4, S. White 5, B. Ridgway 6, F. Cotton (conductor) 7, L. Perrin 8.

**SALEHURST.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 17th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, T. Head 2, G. King 3, F. Morgan 4, G. Mills 5, C. Creasey (conductor) 6, T. Booth 7, L. Booth 8.—After evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: F. Morgan 1, T. Booth 2, C. Creasey 3, G. Mills 4, G. King 5, W. Head (conductor) 6, E. Mills 7, J. Goodsell 8.

**MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.**—At St. Edmund's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, October 17th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 43 mins.: C. Everett 1, E. Nicholls 2, J. Stapp 3, H. Jones, jun., 4, H. Jones, sen., 5, A. V. Good (first quarter of Minor as conductor) 6.

**CHATHAM.**—On Sunday evening, October 17th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) with bells half-muffled as a token of respect and in remembrance of Mr. H. Blomely, late churchwarden: H. Springate 1, J. Kidd 2, T. Hill 3, H. Hogarth 4, S. Shellock (conductor) 5, F. Belsey 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8.

**MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.**—On Sunday, October 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): P. S. A. Aston 1, C. Grimes 2, F. Jones 3, B. Timms 4, N. Brion 5, J. Gardner 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, H. Hiatt 8.

**TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, October 17th, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: C. T. Coles (conductor) 1, H. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, S. W. Crabb 4, C. Button 5, H. W. C. Strickland 6, E. A. Hull 7, H. Ellis 8.

**WINGHAM, KENT.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 10th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): E. Kendal 1, H. Bates 2, P. Branford 3, J. Sharpe 4, L. Housess (conductor) 5, C. Butcher 6. First quarter of Doubles by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Sunday, October 10th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: S. Brown 1, J. Herbert 2, W. H. Worsley 3, Robt. Bullen 4, C. E. Collis 5, C. Moody (first quarter-peal in method, bob bell) 6, W. T. Elson 7, E. Cassel (conductor) 8.

**SKIPTON, YORKS.**—On Sunday, October 10th, at Holy Trinity Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service, conducted by Walter Wallace, of Derby, who was over on a visit: G. Bottomley (Skipton) 1, W. Bailey (Skipton) 2, J. Langstroth (Gargrave) 3, C. Langstroth (Gargrave) 4, Dr. Wales (Gargrave) 5, W. Wallace (Derby) 6, C. Wallace (Derby) 7, W. D. Hillary (Skipton) 8.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—On Sunday, October 10th, at the Parish Church for the thanksgiving service, to conclude the Diocesan Festival by the Bishop of Rochester, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. James 1, P. Spice 2, E. Mounter 3, G. Durling 4, G. Huxley 5, G. James 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, H. Skinner 8.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for harvest festival, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Thos. Groombridge, sen. (conductor) 1, A. James 2, G. James 3, T. Knight 4, G. Huxley 5, E. Mounter 6, P. Spice 7, H. Skinner 8.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.**—On Sunday, October 10th, for the harvest festival, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) from Groves' Variation, in 44 mins.: H. Walker (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Tudor 2, A. M. Hickman 3, E. V. Rodenhurst 4, J. Clark 5, S. Hughes 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.—After the service, 518, from Holt's 10-part, conducted by E. V. Rodenhurst.

**LISCARD, CHESHIRE.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: E. Woosnam 1, A. Woosnam 2, W. Simpson 3, W. Hughes 4, D. Hughes 5, J. Hughes 6, F. Winstanley 7, W. Woosnam 8. Composed by W. Simpson, conducted by Wm. Woosnam. This touch has the 6, 7 and 8 coursing each other in plain course order throughout.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Sunday, October 10th, for evensong, at St. Mary's, on the occasion of the dedication festival, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, F. W. Rogers 2, J. Paterson 3, J. D. Harris 4, J. Topp 5, R. J. Stone 6, T. R. Taylor (conductor) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8.

**BEDWELLTY, MON.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, October 3rd, for harvest thanksgiving festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 55 mins.: T. Lewis 1, G. Poppell (conductor) 2, W. Williams 3, W. Williams 4, W. Powell 5, T. Poppell 6, T. Black 7, F. Morgan 8. Longest length for ringers of 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8; and first quarter-peal on the bells by a local band.

**RICKMANSWORTH.**—For evening service, on Sunday, September 25th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: W. Croseley 1, H. W. Kirton 2, T. Stephenson 3, G. Foster 4, E. G. Benson 5, E. Hookham 6, J. B. Marks 7, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 8.

**MERTHYR TYDFIL, GLAM.**—On Sunday, September 19th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Davies 1, G. Jones 2, F. Sharpe 3, Mr. Jenkins 4, W. Fisher 5, E. Thomas 6, J. Coles (conductor) 7, F. Stirk 8. First quarter inside for the ringer of the 2nd, and first quarter as conductor for the 7th ringer. Arranged for Mr. Jenkins, who was on a visit from Tenby.

**HOUSLOW.**—On Sunday, September 19th, for morning service, 1,280 Bob Major in 46 mins.: W. F. Ellingham 1, F. G. Goddard 2, F. E. Hawthorne 3, E. Cassell 4, J. Kent 5, S. G. Armstrong 6, J. Milner 7, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Bob Major by ringers of 3rd and 6th.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, September 19th, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: W. Blackman 1, R. Dale 2, S. Knight 3, H. Mance 4, W. Chantler 5, E. Waller 6, S. A. Paice (conductor) 7, G. Dibley 8.

**PLYMOUTH.**—At Emmanuel Church, on Sunday, September 19th, for harvest festival service, and on the 56th anniversary of the consecration of the church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Wildes variation of Thurstans' four-part) in 46 mins.: J. Lilley 1, R. J. Beer 2, \*H. Tippet 3, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 4, W. Hiscott 5, W. Richards 6, J. Woodley 7, \*R. B. Baldry 8. \* First quarter-peal of Stedman.

**CHALFONT ST. GILES.**—On Sunday, September 12th, at St. Giles' Parish Church for evening service, 720 Plain Bob: G. Clark 1, W. Elcombe 2, G. Olney 3, A. C. Lanford 4, G. Ayres 5, H. W. Edwards (conductor) 6.—On Sunday evening, September 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Elcombe 1, W. Redrup 2, G. Olney 3, A. C. Lanford 4, H. W. Edwards 5, A. Elburn (conductor) 6.—On Sunday evening, October 3rd, 720 Plain Bob: G. Clark 1, W. Elcombe 2, G. Olney 3, G. Emmett 4, G. Ayres 5, H. W. Edwards (conductor) 6. A. C. Lanford comes from Goldhanger, and is now at Chalfont Colony. All will wish him a speedy recovery, but he would be missed at Chalfont bellry on Sunday evenings.

**LAVENHAM.**—On Sunday, September 12th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes): F. A. Turner 1, M. T. Symonds 2, F. A. Poulson 3, A. Symonds 4, W. R. J. Poulson 5, W. Burgess 6, D. Elliott (conductor) 7, J. King 8. Longest length in the method by the tenor man.

**NOTICES.**

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, Oct. 30th. The bells will be available from 2.45. Everybody welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, October 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. 8 Bells. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 289th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may, until the closing date, Nov. 3rd, be obtained from: Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, C. W. Roberts, J. W. Rowbotham, Albert Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, 5 p.m.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Oct. 28th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at White Cot Dairy at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. for appointment of secretary and committee representatives.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Forest and Gloucester Branches of the above association will hold a joint meeting on Oct. 23rd at Newnham-on-Severn. Bells at 3 till 8.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30. There will be no service, owing to the Vicar of the parish being away on mission work.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Birchington on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Divine service at 4.30. The bells of Quex Park will also be open for ringing. Half rail fares will be paid at this meeting up to 2s. Tea will be provided, at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head.—Edwin G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wrangle on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. Buses run from the Post Office, Boston, at intervals during the afternoon. Leake bells (6) will be available also after the business meeting.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bulwell on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Tower open 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Clutton, Oct. 23rd. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business at 5.15 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton, Bath.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (kindly supplied by the Vicar) and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made. Will all who can please attend this meeting?—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Sandlake on Saturday, October 23rd.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY** will hold their quarterly meeting at St. George's Church, Mossley, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available at 3.30. Meeting held at 7 o'clock prompt.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Chelmsford Tower will also be available during evening. Broomfield has a suitable bus service from Chelmsford. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 27th?—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Tea may be had at Mrs. Barfoot's, Castle Street. A good attendance is hoped for.—A. Knights, Local Hon. Sec., 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guldborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Husbands Bosworth on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 26th inst.—W. Bott, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Breadsall (bells 6) on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — The 49th annual festival will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock. Committee meeting at 12 noon in the Cathedral Vestry. Dinner at the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, at 2 p.m., 2s. 6d. to members, 3s. to non-members. Those coming to dinner please notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 26th. The bells of the City churches will be open during the day. Please meet at Cathedral to make up bands for different churches.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North and East District. — The next meeting will be held at All Hallows', Barking - by - the - Tower, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Service at 5.30, preacher Rev. M. Hope. Tea at 6 o'clock in All Hallows' Mission, 1s. each, only to those who advise me by the 27th. Business meeting after tea. Bells available: All Hallows', Barking (8), 3 to 5.30 and 7 to 9; St. Olave's, Hart Street (6), 3 to 5.30; All Hallows', Lombard Street (10), 7 to 9. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Rochester District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, Oct. 30th. The bells at the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 3.50 and from 6.30 to 8.45. St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), will also be available. Full evensong at the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Carlton Café, High Street, Rochester, at 5. Business meeting to follow. Tea will only be provided for those who notify me on or before first post Wednesday, the 27th inst.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.** — South and West District. — A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing from 3.15. Ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.** — The next meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.—James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Burton-on-Trent District. — The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m., and evensong 6.30. Those requiring tea should let me know by the previous Thursday.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Abbots Langley, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells open 4 p.m. Tea 5.30, meeting after.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Banbury and District Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Wardington on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, the 26th inst. — R. R. Lewis, South Bar, Banbury.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672). — A meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Tower open 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. On Nov. 13th a whist drive will be held in St. Mary's Institute. Tickets 1s. each. Plenty of prizes.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Taunton Deanery Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Meeting and tea afterwards. Those requiring tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Bristol Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Abbots Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. A frequent interval of buses run from the centre. Kindly notify by the 26th inst.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — St. Mary's, Dunmow. — The two new trebles to complete the octave will be dedicated by the Bishop of Colchester on Sunday, Oct. 31st, at 3 p.m., when all ringers are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments in St. Mary's Room after service.—W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at Todmorden Unitarian. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LADIES' GUILD.** — A meeting will be held at Hapds-worth, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, to form a Northern Branch of the Guild. The bells will be available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30, with an address by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam. Tea and business meeting to follow. The Rector is kindly providing tea for all lady ringers. Gentlemen will be charged 1s. each. All ringers will be heartily welcomed, and those requiring tea should notify Miss N. Cawthorne, 394, Hands-worth Road, Sheffield, before Wednesday, Nov. 3rd. — Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Meeting of the Central Division at Barcombe on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Tower open 2.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Those who intend to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Nov. 3rd.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Bowden and Stockport Branch. — The practice meeting arranged for Staly-bridge on Oct. 30th will not take place. The next quarterly meeting will be held there on Nov. 27th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.** — Preliminary Notice. — The fifth Croft's memorial dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, 1927. Further particulars later.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.** — Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. sec. of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, has removed from 29, Barrack Hill, to 'Cartref,' Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

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