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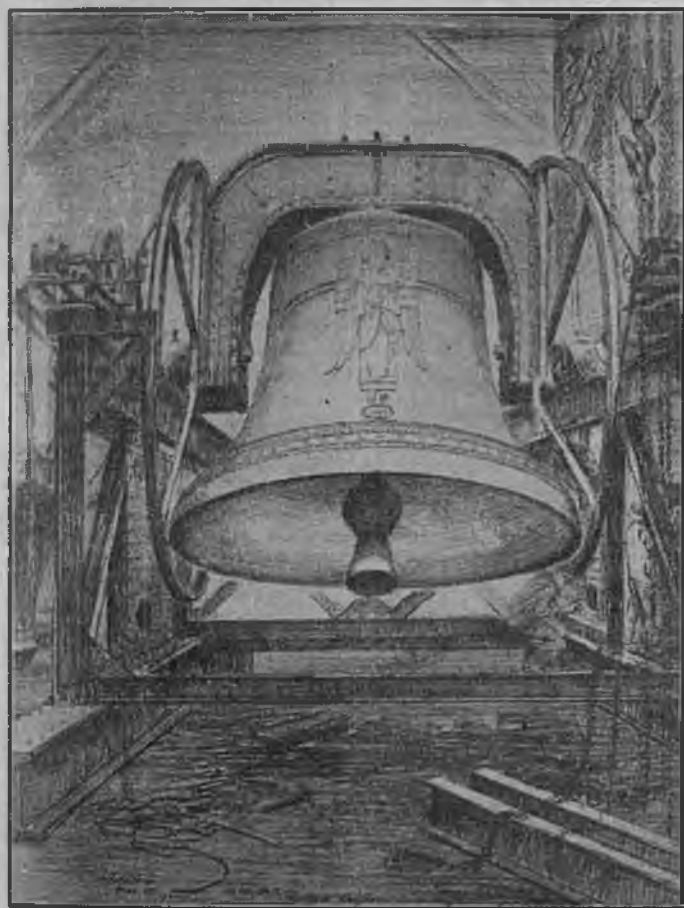
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In modern ringing history there have been few names more prominently before the Exercise than that of Mr. James George, whose achievement last Saturday, in completing his one thousand peals, made really a memorable event. The number of ringers who can possibly attain to such a record is obviously extremely limited, and when a man reaches this prodigious total it is a matter which calls for more than passing notice. Time was, and that not so very long ago, when the mere suggestion that a man could ring a thousand peals in his lifetime would have been laughed at as the imagining of a visionary; but it has come to pass, like many other seemingly impossible things. A generation or so ago the ringer who could claim to have rung a hundred peals was looked up to as someone quite out of the ordinary, while a man with two hundred and fifty to his credit inspired awe among those around him. To-day two hundred and fifty peals is a mere bagatelle; even five hundred counts as but a moderate total, comparatively. Times have vastly changed in ringing as in everything else. Half a century ago a peal was an event in a man's ringing career; something to be talked about for years; something which often satisfied ambition for a long period. To-day a peal is but an incident and relatively counts for little in a lifetime of ringing activity. Nevertheless, everyone recognises that a four figure total is really a wonderful performance, and those who have struggled for their single hundreds can best gauge the merit of it.

There are many who will doubtless ask, 'What is the good of it all, in the end?' As well may we ask what is the good of individual effort to excel in any recreation? If it encourages innocent ambition; if it gives a man enthusiasm in a healthful occupation; if it develops his physical and mental qualities, then surely it is worth something. But the men who have rung a thousand peals have every one of them laid the Exercise under a debt. Their activities have inspired others with a keenness which has developed, not always along peal ringing lines, but for the general advance of the Exercise; they have all been men who have been doing a great deal for others; assisting the 'lame dog,' encouraging the youngster, and, above all, 'doing their bit' as service ringers. It is the men who are the keenest peal ringers who are, as a rule, the most attentive to their duties in service ringing; who give up more time than most people know, to helping others; and whose successes in the belfry are an example and a pattern to others. The successful peal ringers are by no means selfish men; they are always first to lend a hand where necessary; and if a man is in

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his place on Sundays, helps out with the practice in the week and perhaps—as some of them do—instructs young bands on other nights, who shall say he is not fully entitled to all the peals he can ring?

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 7
THOMAS H. REEVES 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 8
FRANK W. PERRINS 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	HERBERT KNIGHT 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
The 1,000th peal rung by Mr. James George.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, October 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr.

*JOHN G. W. HARWOOD Treble	EDWIN R. GOATE 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	†ARTHUR G. KING 7
JOHN C. DICKEN 3	†WILLIAM J. LEE 8
WILLIAM E. BASON 4	†EDWARD G. KETT 9
CHARLES F. SAYER 5	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*LESTER L. GREY Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
†THOMAS HAMMOND 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
†GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 8
JOHN BOOTH 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 9
†JAMES W. GROUNDS 5	†JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

Rung as a compliment to the composer on the attainment of his 1,000th peal. * First peal of Stedman Caters away from tenor. † 100th peal together. ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the eve of the 35th anniversary of Mr. E. Caunce's first peal.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	WILLIAM HANFORD 7
SIDNEY T. HOLY 3	ALFRED HACKETT 8
JOHN HALL 4	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 9
JAMES HEMMING 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON

Rung as the annual peal for the association, and on the eve of Bromsgrove harvest festival. It was originally intended to make this an officers' peal, but owing to the indisposition of the general secretary, Mr. C. Camm kindly made up the band at a few hours' notice. The remainder are office holders.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5819 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	PERCY HARRISON 6
SAMUEL COTTON 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
WILLIAM H. B. MUNDAY ... 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM 8
JOSIAH MORRIS 4	WILLIAM WILLSON 9
HAROLD G. JENNEY 5	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

Arranged as a birthday compliment to Thomas Taylor and Alfred Martin on their 70th birthday. The latter has been connected with this belfry for the past 50 years, and, unfortunately, could not ring owing to illness. The composition is now rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

SAMUEL BAKER Treble	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2	CHARLES WM. COOPER ... 6
*JOHN ROUND 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
†JOSEPH F. SIMPSON 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. HAYWARD. Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD

* First peal in the method away from treble. † First peal in the method. Rung on eve of harvest festival and in honour of the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE LAMBERT Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	PHILIP HODGKIN 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	JOSEPH WREN 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by WM. GARRARD. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Arranged for Messrs. G. Lambert, Ladd and Wren, who hail from East Grinstead, Sussex. Mr. R. T. Lambert's 100th peal, thirty of which have been conducted by Mr. A. E. Edwards.

BOLTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GR PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK MORRIS Treble	GEORGE PINCOTT 5
EDWARD WEBSTER 2	SAM JONES 6
FRED MORRIS 3	ERNEST COTSFORTH 7
JACK NUTTALL 4	JAMES LEATHER Tenor

Conducted by S. JONES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th, the son of the 4th ringer and Mr. T. B. Worsley.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	WALTER BARRETT 5
CHARLES CUTTING 2	HENRY ADCOCK 6
CHARLES ROOPE 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Robert Whiting, an original member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, who died on September 27th.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYR Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method in the county, by the association, and by all the band. It was rung at the first attempt, without previous practice.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 2, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

PERCY MASSON Treble	GEORGE WM. STEEL 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	HAROLD L. JONES 6
*HUGH TAYLOR 3	THOMAS WM. STRANGWAY ... 7
GEORGE COPLEY 4	J. A. BOWERS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WM. STRANGWAY.

* First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Cyril B. Rogerson and Miss Doris Caygill, daughter of Mr. G. Caygill, churchwarden, and esteemed vice-president of the local ringers' society.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, October 3, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HUGH McVAY Treble	*HENRY B. TAYLOR 5
*JOHN ANDERSON 2	ROBERT ANDERSON 6
JAMES E. SCOTT 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
EDWARD A. HERN 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

* First peal in the method.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN PERRY Treble	JOHN C. ADAMS 5
ROBERT PICKERING 2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung specially in honour of the ringing of 1,000 peals by Mr. James George. It was also the 100th peal rung by Mr. E. F. Mitchell for the above society.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. R. A. FARDON Treble	JAMES H. HUNNISETT 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	HORACE J. HUNNISETT 6
WILFRED G. WILSON 3	ROBERT A. FARDON 7
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Robert Holloway, late Master of the South and West Branch of the Middlesex County Association and captain of the Acton band, whose funeral took place that morning.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. BILLINGTON Treble	D. HAROLD ARGYLE 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 6
*WALTER STONE 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 7
ERNEST STONE 4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung for the harvest festival.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr.

*MISS K. E. FLETCHER Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 5
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND 6
†MISS D. R. FLETCHER 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	WILLIAM H. FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

DARLINGTON.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM BROADLEY Treble	THOMAS METCALFE 5
ALFRED COATES 2	J. CYRIL POLLARD 6
HARRY TAYLOR 3	T. BERNARD CLAYDON 7
WILLIAM DOWSON 4	ARTHUR W. WEST Tenor

Conducted by T. B. CLAYDON.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. Claydon, who is leaving to take up a position near Birmingham.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb. in F. sharp.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Treble	†WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
*JAMES MILLER, JUN. 2	*FREDERICK H. HARWOOD 6
†FREDERICK BLACKLIDGE 3	*JOHN THOMAS MILLER 7
*HARRY FRANCE 4	E. ROGER MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by resident members of the Preston Branch. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung at the second attempt.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS E. SONE Treble	BERTRAM LUCK 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
HARRY BAKER 3	*CHARLES H. SONE 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	†ALBERT REIFE Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newman, of East Malling, and as a birthday peal for Mr. A. H. Smith. Messrs. C. H. and T. E. Sone's 50th peal together.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY Treble	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
FRED A. HOLDEN 2	HENRY SQUIRES 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	*WALTER WILSON 7
†HAROLD MARCON 4	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method in the tower on eight bells.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

MISS FRED A. ORR Treble	*WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5
JOHN T. KENTISH 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
ALBERT DISBRENS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
RONALD H. BULLEN 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method in the county of Middlesex.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS STELLA DAVIS Treble	JAMES ABREY 5
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 2	†JAMES HAZELL 6
*MISS ESTHER MATHEWS 3	HARRY W. SMITH 7
†MISS RUBY HAZELL 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First peal. † First peal in method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN Treble	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	HERBERT C. AUNDSLEY 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

* 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells, in the county and by the association. Also first peal in the method by the ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KELLY, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(SOUTH-WEST BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM HILL Treble	†HERBERT BOUCHER 4
MRS. E. S. POWELL 2	REV. E. S. POWELL 5
†GEORGE FITZ 3	*F. ABEL JOHNS Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells, on which the first six scores of Grandsire ever rung in Devon by Devon men were rung under the inspiration of Rev. M. Kelly, nearly 65 years ago.

**SOUTHILL, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents.

STANLEY WALLACE Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN 4
GEORGE R. DILLEY 2	*HARRY SLATER 5
HERBERT J. HARLOW 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as the last token of respect to Mr. J. Faulkner, who was for many years a ringer at the above church, and who died suddenly on September 17th.

STEVENTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 240's of Morris' arrangement, eight of Pitman's and eighteen six-scores.

*FREDERICK J. NOBES... .. Treble	DAN H. WOODLEY 4
FRANK W. BUNCE 2	JACK HONEY 5
JOHN NOBES 3	A. PERCY FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

* First peal. Rung on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, also as a birthday honour to Mrs. Foulkes, widow of the late Rev. A. L. Foulkes, for twenty-seven years Vicar of the parish.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently.

*HECTOR A. KNIGHTS... .. Treble	HENRY BIRD 4
TOM ATKINS 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 5
C. HENRY WEBB 3	FREDERICK E. WILSON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. ROWLEY.

* First peal on six bells. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on St. Michael's Day for harvest festival. P.C. F. E. Wilson belongs to the Leicester City Police, the rest to the Hinckley District.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD A. SNEATH Treble	JOSEPH O. LANDAN 4
GEORGE LADD 2	JOHN CURRY 5
JOHN G. AMES 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

BURWARTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

HUBERT JONES Treble	GEORGE RANDLE 4
WM. MAPP 2	WM. R. NASH 5
WM. J. BENIAMS 3	ARTHUR C. NASON ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

Rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Mary to Burwarton, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

WORDSLEY, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six Pitman's 240's; 30 six-scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HARRY BOSWELL Treble	†JAMES SHAW 4
HERBERT T. PIPER 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5
JACK W. TAYLOR 3	†ALBERT ADDISON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. BROTHERTON.

* First away from tenor. † First peal. † First attempt, and proposed a member before starting. Birthday peal for J. W. Taylor.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*H. J. CUSHING Treble	*S. HYDER 4
W. PICTHALL 2	*H. A. SMITH 5
J. WILLIAMS 3	C. J. A. CUSHING 6

*A STEDMAN Tenor

Conducted by C. J. A. CUSHING.

* First peal.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 30, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 240's of Pitman's and 18 six-scores. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. MORRIS Treble	GEORGE J. R. PRICE 4
ROBERT MCCANN... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
EDGAR R. JONES 3	JAMES RANDLE Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal on the bells. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving service.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise and five 720's of Kent. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

WILLIAM BAVIN Treble	FRED C. GINN 4
CHARLES ROBINSON 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
A. WILLIAM T. GINN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

This was William Bavin's first attempt for a peal. All the above ringers are natives of Over.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT 21, VINCENT ROAD, HIGHAMS PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5043 CHANGES;

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 7-8
CHARLES T. COLES 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Witness: A. W. COLES.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, October 5, 1928, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, called differently.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 1-2	ARTHUR SYMONDS... .. 5-6
WILFRED JARVIS 3-4	LEONARD PRYKE 7-8

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal by Messrs. Pryke and Jarvis.

[Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.]

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LEYTONSTONE BELLS RE-OPENED.

About fifty ringers and friends attended the official reopening of the peal of six bells at St. John-the-Baptist's, Leytonstone, on Saturday, September 29th. The bells have been quarter turned, new headstocks have been fitted, and they have been rehung in the old frame. The work has been satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. A. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, and the firm has fully upheld its reputation. The bells were rededicated at the morning service on Sunday, September 23rd, by the Rev. Canon W. T. Brown, M.A., Rural Dean and Vicar of St. John's, and a short touch was rung after service by the local company.

Visitors began to arrive on Saturday at 3.30, and the bells were kept going to courses and short touches in various methods until five o'clock, when tea was generously provided by the Vicar and churchwardens in the Parish Hall, and all who sat down apparently did justice to the fare provided. The Vicar presided, supported by the churchwardens (Messrs. J. H. Clarke and John Wish), the hon. diocesan reader (Mr. H. Heather, J.P.), and Mr. W. Miller (Master of the Leytonstone company).

After tea the Canon welcomed the visitors to Leytonstone, and said how pleased he was to hear the bells again. He congratulated Messrs. Bowell upon their work, and said he was very satisfied with the improved tone of the bells. In lighter vein, he said that bells were not always appreciated, and told of a certain parishioner who, when hurrying to catch his train with his mouth half full of breakfast, strongly objected to being informed that 'Now the day is over.'

Mr. H. Heather, J.P., amused the company with some funny stories, two of which he insisted came straight from his Court. This may be, but they were funny. His 'Watchman's Story' of the 'minding the 'ole in the road' was very much appreciated.

Mr. W. Miller, the Master, offered the visitors a hearty welcome to Leytonstone on behalf of his band. He mentioned that he had been connected with the tower for some thirty-five years, and that this was the first occasion within his memory that a ringers' meeting had taken place there. The tower, being situated in the main road (a fairly busy shopping centre), did not lend itself to much Saturday ringing, but he hoped that in the near future something might be arranged. He thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for the splendid tea, Mr. Heather for his entertainment, and the following ladies who so kindly helped with the arrangements: Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Wish, Miss Dawson, Misses Harwood, Keep, and Miller. He regretted that Mr. Bowell and his sons had been compelled to leave before the tea.—The Vicar and Mr. Clarke briefly responded, and a course of Grand-sire Caters upon handbells followed, by: J. Moule, G. Faulkner, J. Thomas, E. C. S. Turner, and E. D. Smith.

Canon Brown then called upon Mr. Heather to unveil the brass tablet in the porch of the church, which records the fact that the work has been done by Messrs. Bowell, and acknowledges the generosity of Miss Emma Barron, the founder of the Barron Bell Trust, in defraying the cost.

The bells were kept going from 6.30 until 8 o'clock in a variety of methods ranging from Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise in four methods.

The new peal of eight at Leyton was available in the afternoon, and the peals of six at Wanstead and Woodford in the evening. Several of the visitors took the opportunity of ringing at these towers, and Miss Elsie Chapman is to be congratulated upon adding four towers to her already extensive 'bag.' The first extent upon the rehung bells at Leytonstone was rung for evening service on Sunday, September 30th, being 720 of Spliced Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, and Primrose Surprise.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Winchester District was held at Brown Candover on Saturday, September 29th, when a good company of ringers, ladies and friends, was present. It was impossible to do any ringing at Brown Candover tower as the bell framework was in want of repair. The Rev. Gough conducted the service and gave a splendid address.

After tea, which was prepared in the Church Hall, a business meeting followed. The Rev. Gough was voted to the chair, and expressed his regret that the belfry was in such an unsafe condition. He hoped that funds would be raised to restore it in the near future. Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Guild) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, also to those who helped with the most enjoyable tea.

The rest of the evening was spent at Old Alresford tower, where there is a very nice peal of six. Various touches, including Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor, were rung. Afterwards a visit was paid to Micheldever tower.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**YOUNG MEN MUSTER WELL.**

A meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Llangibby on Saturday last, a good number putting in an appearance from both Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire. A feature of the gathering was the number of young men who attended.

The bells, originally a ring of six by Rudhall, augmented to eight a few years ago by Taylor, with a tenor of 15 cwt., were much admired by those who had not previously paid Llangibby a visit. They were raised in the afternoon and kept going until 4.30, when service was held in the church, the Rector (the Rev. A. Lancaster Osman) officiating and giving an interesting address.

Following the service, an excellent tea, generously provided by the Rector, was served at the White Hart Hotel. At the subsequent business meeting, over which the Rector presided, various routine matters were dealt with, such as instructors' reports, reports on augmentations and restorations, and the election of new members.

The hon. secretary read a leaflet which he had received in reference to the book just published, 'Bells through the ages,' and it was unanimously resolved that a copy be purchased by the association.

The best thanks were accorded the Rector for his exceptional kindness and hospitality, and, in replying, he said it had been a very great privilege and pleasure to him to do what he could for the association.

The bells were afterwards kept going until late in the evening in Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major. The weather was delightfully fine, and the meeting one of the very best.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**GREAT MEETING AT NORTHAMPTON.**

A special general meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Northampton on Saturday, September 29th, and proved to be very successful. A service, at which the Guild's form was used, was held in St. Edmund's Church. The special preacher was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who gave a very interesting and instructive sermon.

After service, tea was held in St. Giles' Buildings, an excellent spread being arranged by Mr. F. Wilford and the Northampton Branch committee, assisted by lady helpers. Ninety-five sat down, those present including Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. R. C. Thurstfield (president, Kettering Branch), Rev. G. E. Petter (president, Gillsborough Branch), Rev. W. Fearis (president, Daventry Branch), Mr. F. Wilford (Master), Mr. W. T. Wilson (treasurer), Mr. R. G. Black (general secretary), Messrs. F. Barber, J. Nickerson, T. Tebbutt, H. Baxter and W. C. Moore (branch secretaries), Mr. R. T. Elthbert (general secretary of Oxford Guild), Miss Stella Davis (Bucklebury), Mr. A. King (Luton), Rev. C. J. Watkins, Rev. A. M. Johnson, Miss Thurstfield (secretary of Northants Branch of Ladies' Guild), Messrs. H. and W. Sear, and friends from Bletchley.

Rev. R. C. Thurstfield moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn for his address, to the respective clergy for the use of their bells, and conducting the service, to the ladies who assisted with tea, and all who had in any way helped to make the meeting a success.—This was seconded by Mr. F. Barber and carried.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Rev. C. J. Watkins suitably replied.—The bells available were St. Giles' (ten), St. Edmund's, St. Peter's, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (eights), many visitors having a ring at all four churches.

St. Peter's bells, which were cast in 1734 by Abraham Rudhall, have recently been tuned and rehung in modern fittings, and go splendidly.

In the face of all we hear to-day of the scarcity of young ringers, it was encouraging to see so many keen young ringers at this meeting, some having their first ring on eight or ten or a touch in a fresh method.

Various methods were rung up to London Surprise Major, Grand-sire and Stedman Caters, an attempt for Cambridge Royal failing in the last lead.

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH.

A meeting of the Peterborough Branch was held at Whittlesea on Saturday, October 6th, about twenty-four members attending from Northampton, Kettering, Peterborough (St. Mary's and St. John's), Wisbech, Somersham and the local band. The Guild form of service was conducted by the Vicar, and after tea a short business meeting was held.—Wisbech was chosen for the next meeting on December 1st.—Four new members were elected.—The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Bob Major.

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GREAT EASTON BELLS RESTORED.

The dedication and opening of the new ring of six at Great Easton, Essex, took place on Sunday, October 7th, the ceremony being performed by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, in the presence of a crowded congregation. Immediately after the dedication, rounds were rung by the newly-formed local band.

For many years it had been unsafe to ring the old five bells owing to the bad state of the tower, but now this has been restored, and with the addition of a new treble and tenor Great Easton has a fine peal of six. The old tenor, which was cracked, has not been recast, but now occupies a place of honour in the ringing room. The other four bells were retuned and quarter turned, and the whole ring hung in a new frame. The tower was a timber structure on brick walls. The timber work has now been removed and the tower completed in brick in Tudor design. The new frame girders take a bearing on the old brickwork, which is about 18 inches thick. The tone and 'go' of the bells, which are hung on ball bearings, leave nothing to be desired, and everyone was pleased with the very able way that Messrs. Taylor and Co. have carried out their work.

During the afternoon many ringers arrived from various parts of Essex, including Messrs. E. J. Butler, W. Keeble, A. Saunders, W. Arnold and W. J. Nevard. At four o'clock all present were invited to an excellent tea provided by the Rector (the Rev. P. E. T. Widdington) and the parishioners. The Rector said what a great day it had been for all at Great Easton, also how pleased he was to welcome so many ringers.—Mr. A. Saunders (District Master of the Northern Division) suitably replied on behalf of the Essex Association. During the day methods ranging from Bob Minor to London were rung, Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Messrs. Taylors, who was present, taking a rope in several touches. One 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by: P. Almond 1, W. J. Nevard 2, E. J. Butler 3, W. Keeble (conductor) 4, J. P. Fidler 5, A. Saunders 6. This was the 144th tower in which W. J. Nevard has rung in the county of Essex.

THE PEAL AT IRTHLINGBOROUGH:

Great credit is due to F. Palmer who rang the treble in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Irthlingborough on Saturday. He is 17½ years of age, and only started ringing last year, his longest touch having previously been 672.

As well as ringing the treble to London and Bristol, this promising lad rings inside in Superlative, Double Norwich and Stedman.

He is the youngest son of the late Mr. F. Palmer, of Irthlingborough, who lived at Harlow Common for a number of years, and, strange to say, he died 18 years ago the very day his son rang his first peal.

THE PEAL AT COMPTON GIFFORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. J. E. Lilley has been good enough to give an additional reason why the peal at Compton Gifford on August 4th, 1928, should not be recognised by the Devon Guild. Perhaps he will be willing to state who was responsible for sending you a falsely worded report originally.

As regards his other point, the regulation to which he appears to object has been in force since May 12th, 1913. If he cares to enquire from his father he will learn that it is a condition demanded by most of the larger associations before recognising a peal. Its importance is evidenced by the facts relating to the peal of Bob Major at Stonehouse, to which Mr. Lilley refers. Your readers will remember that in the 5,056 of J. E. Burton a single occurs halfway and end. In the peal at Stonehouse the composition was change for change the same, except that the singles were transferred to the first course-ends in each half-peal.—Yours faithfully,

T. LAVER,
Gen. Secretary, Devon Guild.

COMMITTEE'S UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Dear Sir,—Mr. J. E. Lilley writes in his letter that as one of the band that took part in the peal he wishes to state why the composition of the peal was refused, but he fails to make any explanation, and proceeds to ask questions.

In reply to his questions: (1) The peal rung at Stonehouse on March 16th, 1927, was reported correctly in the Guild Report, and the conductor of that peal knows it. (2) The rule of the General Committee of the Devon Guild is well known to Mr. C. R. Lilley, as he has been informed by letter on more than one occasion. The necessity for such a regulation is obvious from my reply to his first question. (3) If the election of the two non-resident members was not in order, why did Mr. C. R. Lilley send the peal to you for publication under the auspices of the Devonshire Guild?

Mr. C. R. Lilley was written to asking for the figures of the composition, and also whether the two non-resident members were elected members of the Guild. He was requested by letter for an answer on three subsequent occasions, but as no reply was received, and the figures of the composition had not been published in 'The Ringing World,' the committee of the South-West Branch by a unanimous vote instructed me to write to 'The Ringing World' refusing to recognise the peal.—Yours faithfully,

E. W. MARSH,
Hon. Secretary,
South-West District Branch, Devon Guild.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are now engaged in erecting the new bells at Worcester Cathedral, and it is expected that the reopening will take place shortly.

December 8th has been tentatively fixed for the opening of the new peal of twelve which Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are placing in St. Martin's Church, Birmingham.

A peal board is to be placed in St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, recording the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in the North of England. The arrangements for the unveiling ceremony are now being made.

Holt's ten-part was rung for the first time on October 12th, 1754, at Shoreditch Church.

A peal of 10,272 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Debenham on October 16th, 1880.

The old peal of six at Highclere, Hants, have been rehung in a new iron frame, with modern fittings, and two trebles added to complete the octave, by Messrs. Taylor and Co. They were dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester last Saturday.

The 'Old Brigade' were well to the fore on Saturday last at Leicester. In the band who rang the Stedman Caters no less than seven are over 60 years of age. It is to be hoped that the 'annual merchant' will get another chance. He did more than justify his inclusion in the band. Will the selection committee please note?

With reference to the footnote to the report of the peal at St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, in our last issue, to the effect that it was over 20 years since the last peal was rung on these bells, Mr. C. Woodstock, of Ipswich, writes that a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung there on June 15th, 1912, conducted by Mr. S. H. Synmonds, who also writes pointing out this fact.

Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Messrs. Taylor and Co., achieved something of a record last week-end, when he represented the firm at no fewer than three bell dedications within 24 hours, one in Hampshire and two in Essex.

'BELLS THROUGH THE AGES.'

Mr. J. R. Nichols' new book, 'Bells through the ages,' has received many commendatory press notices, but in the very quarter where we should have expected some recognition of the bellringer's work, viz., in the 'Church Times,' we find a review which misdirects the public attention to that side of ringing activity which, so far as the bells themselves are concerned, matters least. There can, of course, be no objection to saying that quite a large number of men enjoy change ringing and give their Saturday afternoons to it. That is perfectly true; but the reviewer totally ignores the fact that the motive behind ringing in these days is the service, voluntarily rendered, to the church on Sundays by thousands of men and women. Bells are used primarily as a call to worship, and it is to this end that the ringers of this country have entered the craft.

After this, it is not surprising to read that 'the village chime can move us as, let us say, the "tubular bells" of the Imperial Institute certainly cannot' (the Imperial Institute has one of the heaviest rings of ten in the country), or that 'citizens of the United States have developed in late years a keen taste for bellringing.' We are glad to learn, however, that this writer agrees that Mr. Nichols has presented the public with a 'readable' book. All our readers who are able—either individually or collectively—to purchase a copy and peruse it will find it is this and more. Its information is authoritative, and the book covers a far wider field than anything given us before in one volume on the subject of bells.

In the correspondence columns of the 'Church Times' in the following issue, 'E.D.A.R.' has a timely letter 'on behalf of those men and—particularly since the war—women who give their services in ringing the bells of our churches.' He refers to the lack of consideration often shown to the ringers by the clergy, and quotes from a recent leading article which appeared on the subject in 'The Ringing World.'

Ringers should apply to the publishers for a prospectus of the book.

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT WHITING.

A FOUNDATION MEMBER OF THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Norfolk Guild, and of the Redenhall District in particular, have suffered a loss by the death of Mr. Robert Whiting, at Pulham St. Mary, who passed away on September 27th at the age of 78 years.

The funeral took place on October 1st, and four local ringers were the bearers. Five other parish ringers were also present, and Messrs. G. Archer, E. Poppy, E. Richards, and John Souter also attended.

Deceased was born in the ecclesiastical parish of Redenhall, where three of his ancestors had been peal ringers (the first in 1782), and there rang his first peal (Double Norwich) in 1876. He was an original member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and took part in its first peal, Superlative, rung at Redenhall, on November 6th, 1877. In all he had rung 89 peals. He was a good ringer, and his sayings and doings will be remembered by many.

A half-muffled peal was rung in the evening at Pulham Market.

ONE THOUSAND PEALS

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.

Mr. James George achieved on Saturday a distinction which has, up to now, been gained by few men. At Wolverhampton he rang his one-thousandth peal, and thus clinched his right to a place of fame in the ringing Exercise for all time. Not that his previous performances had not entitled him to such recognition, but to complete a thousand peals is to reach a dizzy eminence to which few indeed can even hope to attain. The achievement is the more remarkable when his years are taken into consideration, although age does not seem to count with Mr. George, and he will probably tell you, on the 27th of next month, that he is 'seventy-five years young.'

It has taken Mr. George nearly forty years to reach this epoch-making point in his ringing career, but, after all, that is fairly good going. Just think for a moment what a thousand peals means. It means on an average a successful peal attempt almost once a fort-



MR. JAMES GEORGE,
WHO COMPLETED HIS ONE-THOUSANDTH PEAL ON
SATURDAY.

night—for forty years! Most people would imagine they had done tolerably well if they had averaged a peal a fortnight for one year, but Mr. George has kept it up for a couple of score of years. Through his early ringing history, indeed, he kept his pace with remarkable consistency, except for one burst between 1906 and 1908. But since 1921 he has accelerated his speed, and in these last seven years has rung exactly three hundred peals. Some people may be inclined to say that 'the older he gets the worse he gets.' We would prefer to put it that years only bring added enthusiasm.

What the members of the Exercise have most admired in Mr. George's ringing career has been the manner in which he has 'taken on' all bells alike, and there is, we venture to say, nothing hung in a bell frame that a man could ring to a peal that Mr. George would not tackle with a light heart and tackle successfully. Whatever the bell, little or big, he takes it in his stride, so to speak, and only asks for more worlds to conquer. Some of his performances in this respect we will refer to later on.

Mr. George was born at Pinner, Middlesex, on November 27th, 1853, and he took to peal ringing comparatively late in the day. What he would have accomplished had he started young, goodness only knows. It was not, however, until the year 1888, when he was 35 years of age that he rang his first peal. This was for the St. James' Society at St. George's Church, Camberwell, and Mr. Frank Davey, of Exeter, is the only other survivor of that company. The peal was Holt's Original, and was conducted by that well-known old London ringer, Dick French. The ringers were: Henry W. Flower 1, Richard French 2, William Jones 3, Frank Davey 4, William Weatherstone 5, Joseph Barry 6, William H. George 7, James George 8. W. H. George was, of course, Mr. James George's brother, and Joseph Barry was his cousin, while it is interesting to note that his father, James George, sen., sat in the belfry throughout the peal.

SOME BIG JOBS.

In those days Mr. George lived at Coventry, but later he removed to Rugby, with which place his name was intimately associated in the minds of all ringers for many years, until, in fact, he retired from the service of the old London and North Western Railway Company in 1914, and settled down in Birmingham. So extensive, however, have been his travels in pursuit of his favourite hobby that no city can now lay exclusive claim to him, and he is familiarly known to-day as 'James George, of England.' It is probable that no other ringer has travelled as many miles for ringing as Mr. George has done. He minds not how many days or nights he spends in the railway train as long as the ultimate reward is a peal. His activities north, west, east and south have only been bounded by the Atlantic Ocean, the North Sea, and the English Channel. He has rung peals in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, in which countries he belongs to almost every ringing association. He has sought out the smallest bells and rung them to peals, as, for instance, the treble at Lye, in Worcestershire, which weighs 60lb., and which he rang to Stedman Triples; and the treble at Loughborough Bell Foundry, weighing 80lb., which he has rung to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Bells like these are a job for Ringers (with a capital R), but it is at the other end of the scale where the spectacular feats are performed, and it is at the heavy and that Mr. George is in his element. The heavier the bell the more he revels in it. Bow tenor (53 cwt.) to Cinques and Maximus; Southwark (50 cwt.) once to Cinques, and twice to Maximus; Norwich old tenor (43 cwt.) to Royal and Maximus; Cornhill (41 cwt.) to Cinques; Sheffield (40 cwt.) to Caters, Cinques and Maximus; Shrewsbury (40 cwt.); Waltham Abbey (39 cwt.); Birmingham (36 cwt.); and Cripplegate (36 cwt.) to Cinques, are a few of them. Then there have been the somewhat smaller fry, such as Chester tenor (33 cwt.) to Major; Wolverhampton (33 cwt.) to Cinques; Ipswich (32 cwt.) to Maximus; and lots of others. It is not always on the tenor, however, that all the work is to be found. Sometimes the man on the eleventh has an equally big share, and Mr. George has 'done his bit' in this department. He has rung Southwark 11th five times, Bow 11th three times, Cripplegate twice, Birmingham twice, Ipswich twice, and the 11th once each at Norwich, Dublin, Cornhill, Worcester, Waltham Abbey, Chelmsford, Newcastle, Winchester and Liverpool. Then he has rung the ninth in ten-bell peals at St. Sepulchre's, London, Stepney, Loughborough, Nottingham and Wells; and the seventh in eight-bell peals at Sherborne Minster, Croydon Parish Church, Lymm, and St. Luke's, Derby, at all of which churches the tenor weighs more than 30 cwt. Quite a respectable record for one man, most people will agree. The places to which reference has been made are also a reminder that Mr. George has rung peals in 29 different twelve-bell towers, and in this respect he leads the field. Mr. George has rung nine peals exceeding the conventional five thousand, and the greatest of these was the record peal of 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne in 8 hrs. 39 mins. on April 17th, 1911, to which peal he rang the tenor.

In a thousand peals there have, of course, been many of special interest and many for special occasions. It is impossible to refer to all these, but on May 2nd, 1914, Mr. George took part in a veterans' peal of Caters at Aston. The ages of the company aggregated 653 years 10 months, and the youngest of the party was Mr. John Carter, then just 60. Mr. George was next youngest at 60 years 5 months, and the oldest was Mr. Samuel Spittall, who was 77 years 4 months. Mr. George is the only survivor of that company.

The way in which Mr. George's peals at first crept up and latterly have leapt up, since that first peal of his on February 16th, 1888, may be seen from the following: 100th peal, November 20th, 1894; 200th, December 31st, 1899; 300th, January 13th, 1906; 400th, September 22nd, 1908; 500th, October 19th, 1912; 600th, August 18th, 1917; 700th, October 8th, 1921; 800th, August 9th, 1924; 900th, July 3rd, 1925; 1,000th, October 6th, 1928.

The honour of having rung one thousand peals, Mr. George shares with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. W. Pye, the late Mr. E. Pye, the late Mr. I. G. Shade, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. F. Bennett and Mr. G. R. Pye; but he shares another distinction with one other ringer only (Mr. W. Pye) in having rung a peal on every date in the year.

THE ONE THOUSANDTH.

With regard to the peal itself, Mr. George's only regret was that he could not include in it all the friends whom he would have liked to take part. But there were only twelve ropes, and those who did

stand in felt honoured. There were a number of ringers present at the start to wish Mr. George 'the best of luck,' and Ald. J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, under whose auspices the peal was rung, specially made the journey from Birmingham and climbed the 70 odd steps to the belfry to extend official and personal wishes for the success of the attempt. There is little to be said about the peal. The ringing was good from beginning to end, and the only 'thrill' the ringers got was when the treble man sneezed twice. With the band which Mr. George had round him it was, perhaps, only to be expected that the peal should be rung at the first attempt, for the twelve men have, in the aggregate, taken part in over 6,000 peals, while they have between them rung 966 peals of Stedman Cinques! Had there been a failure, therefore, it could hardly have been attributed to inexperience.

The man of the moment was himself on the tenor box, and, needless to say, he acquitted himself in a manner which befitted the occasion. Wolverhampton tenor is not everybody's job; it has got a nasty knack of 'playing up' the ringer in the last hour of a peal, and far younger men than Mr. George have found it their master, but 'He, of England,' handled it in true Georgian style, and at the end received the hearty congratulations of the band. Downstairs a large number of ringers and many ladies waited to add their felicitations, and a cheer was raised as the hero of the hour emerged from the belfry door.

As will be seen from the report of the peal, the band included two ringers who had already passed the one thousand mark, viz., Mr. William Pye, whose 1,596th peal this was, and Mr. G. R. Pye, who brought his total up to 1,106. Mr. William Pye and Mr. George have rung nearly 250 peals together, and the former has called 155 of them.

Among those who assembled to hear the start were a band who went on to St. Luke's Church, Blakenhall, and rang a peal of Stedman Triples, afterwards returning in time to hear the finish of the Cinques. That is a thing that is not often possible. This peal of Triples and a peal of Caters at Liverpool were rung in Mr. George's honour.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

Afterwards, at the Molineux Hotel, Mr. George kindly entertained the band and a large number of friends to a meat tea. Ringers, many of them with their wives, were present from London, Wolverhampton, Birmingham, King's Norton, Derby, Coventry, Little Wenlock, Erdington, Willenhall, Coalbrookdale, Coseley, Bloxwich, Stourbridge, Hagley, Kidderminster, Tipton, Brewood, Woking, etc. Later, the proceedings developed into a homely gathering, over which Mr. Harry Mason, of Hagley, presided, and several complimentary speeches were made. The Chairman spoke of an association with Mr. George of more than 40 years. During that period, he said, they had spent many happy times together, but he looked upon that day's proceedings as the consummation of all he had enjoyed in Mr. George's fellowship. There were very few men who had a ringing record equal to that of Mr. George, and Mr. George had a great deal to be thankful for that he had been given health and strength to accomplish so much. On behalf of all present he thanked Mr. George for his hospitality, and tendered congratulations to him, both upon having been spared to do so much and upon the performance which he had been able to complete.

Mr. Albert Walker, the conductor of the peal, Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (who could claim to have rung a peal with Mr. George before any other of that day's band), Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. Herbert Knight all added a tribute to Mr. George's achievement. The last-named mentioned as a coincidence that Mr. George rang the tenor at Wolverhampton to the one thousandth peal rung by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

On behalf of the ladies, Mrs. Hughes presented Mr. George with a large box of chocolates.

SOLE SURVIVOR.

Mr. George gracefully acknowledged the gift, and replied to the complimentary speeches. He referred to some of the peals in which he had rung in the past, including one at Aston in 1908 by a band all over 55, and another in 1914, in which the ringers were all over 60. He was, he said, the only survivor of those two companies. He thanked Mr. Knight for all he had done in making the arrangements for his one thousandth peal, Mr. Walker for conducting it, and the band who had assisted him to ring it.

He handed his photograph to Mr. Walker, and this was autographed by all the band, as was also another copy which Mr. George was asked to retain.

Mr. George's health was drunk with musical honours, and a very pleasant evening was completed with handbell ringing.

In the absence of the bells at St. Martin's, the members of the peal band were conveyed by cars to Warwick to ring for service on Sunday. They inspected with great interest, under the guidance of Mr. Adams, leader of the local ringers, the fine old church of St. Mary, that crowns the hill around which Warwick clusters. The Norman crypt, the glorious Beauchamp chapel, with its tombs of many of the Earls of Warwick, the war shrine, and the other features for which this church is noted, were all admired, and then the ringers mounted the lofty tower, where they enjoyed ringing on the very fine peal of ten bells, thanks to the kindness of Mr. Adams and the local men. Afterwards, a pleasant hour was spent in a charming old-world

garden nearby, where they were the guests of a lady who loves the sound of the bells and who was charmed with the handbell ringing that was done.

In the evening King's Norton, with its Taylor ten, was visited, and here the happy and successful proceedings of the week-end were brought to a close.

MR. GEORGE'S PEAL LIST.

The following is the detailed list of Mr. George's 1,000 peals, which have been rung in 44 counties and 340 towers in the British Isles:—

		Tower.	Bells.	Handbells.
		Rung.	Conducted.	Rung.
DOUBLES:				
Grandsire	...	2	—	—
MINOR:				
In one method (including two of Cambridge)	...	7	—	—
In three methods	...	2	—	—
TRIPLES:				
Grandsire	...	68	14	7
Stedman	...	225	4	4
Union	...	—	—	1
Plain Bob	...	1	—	—
Darlaston Bob	...	2	—	—
MAJOR:				
Grandsire	...	2	—	—
Plain Bob	...	35 (a)	1	—
Oxford Treble Bob	...	3	—	—
Kent Treble Bob	...	54 (b)	—	—
Double, Norwich Court Bob	...	49 (c)	—	—
Canterbury Pleasure	...	1	—	—
Superlative Surprise	...	77	—	—
Cambridge Surprise	...	29	—	—
London Surprise	...	10	—	—
Bristol Surprise (with treble)	...	5	—	—
CATERS:				
Grandsire	...	33 (d)	—	1
Stedman	...	138	—	14
ROYAL:				
Grandsire	...	1	—	—
Aston	...	1	—	—
Oxford Treble Bob	...	1	—	—
Kent Treble Bob	...	43 (e)	—	—
Plain Bob	...	10	—	—
Little Bob	...	1	—	—
Forward	...	1	—	—
Cambridge Surprise	...	4	—	—
CINQUES:				
Grandsire	...	5	—	—
Stedman	...	127	—	17
MAXIMUS:				
Grandsire	...	1	—	—
Plain Bob	...	1	—	—
Kent Treble Bob	...	16 (f)	—	—
Forward	...	1	—	—
		958	19	44

(a) Including 6,000, (b) including 6,336 (both rung in one day), (c) including 6,720, (d) including 6,011 and 8,009, (e) including 6,080 and 7,280, (f) including 6,000 and 12,240 (record).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAILURE OF A TONBRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING.

The autumn meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Cowden on Saturday, September 29th, but as far as the attendance of the members of the district was concerned was a complete failure. It is remarkable, writes a correspondent, that those members who are always so anxious that meetings should be held at six-bell towers should, when these meetings are arranged, be conspicuous by their absence. One would think that if they were so interested in the six-bell towers they would at least show it in a practical way by attending the meetings. As it was, less than a dozen members, including the district secretary, and the two representatives on the Central Committee attended, and had it not been for members outside the county from East Grinstead, Limpsfield Chart, and Godstone, the meeting would have been a complete fiasco.

Service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. J. W. Harold Brown), and his wife presided at the organ, the lesson being read by the district secretary (Mr. W. Latter). The Rector gave an excellent address.

Tea was partaken of at the Crown Inn, and was followed by the business meeting, the Rector presiding.

One new non-resident life member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next by-meeting at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 20th.

The Rector, in replying to votes of thanks for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, etc., and to Mrs. Brown for presiding at the organ, expressed the great pleasure it had given both of them to meet the members. He said it was the first time that a meeting had been held at Cowden, but he hoped it would not be the last. It is quite probable that the local band will be reorganised and will rejoin the association in the new year.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S LOSS.**SUDDEN DEATH OF SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT MASTER.**

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Robert Holloway, of Acton, one of the best-known ringers of West Middlesex. On Wednesday, October 3rd, the deceased gentleman, apparently in the best of health, attended a meeting connected with church affairs. He left the Rectory in the best of spirits, and on his return home went upstairs to see his young son. He was taken suddenly ill, and before he could be removed to hospital was dead.

The funeral service was held at St. Mary's, the Parish Church of Acton, on Saturday. It was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Percival Gough, was choral, and was attended by a large number of people.

Mr. Holloway had for many years identified himself with church life at St. Mary's, Acton. He held at times many of the offices connected with the parochial organisation, and especially had interested himself in the social life of the parish, of which he was the leader and chief organiser.

Some years before the war, when ringing matters at Acton were at a very low ebb, a new band was started under the tuition of Mr. J. R. Mackman. Mr. Holloway was made captain, and under his leadership the bells have been rung continually for Sunday services ever since. For some years he was Master of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, and he represented that association on the Central Council. Although his tastes did not run very much towards peal ringing, he scored a good many peals in the standard methods.

The sad news of his death came to Mr. Hollier, the association secretary, on Friday. He at once set about getting a band to represent the association, and as soon as possible after the funeral service a peal of Bob Major was rung with the bells half-muffled.

Two of the ringers were from Acton, three from Christ Church, Ealing, and two from St. Mary's, Ealing, the secretary and the treasurer representing the officers of the association. Mr. Goodfellow, of Hillingdon, and other Acton ringers, also took part in a short touch before the peal.

Both in church life in Acton and in ringing matters in Acton and West Middlesex generally, Mr. Holloway leaves a gap which will be hard to fill.

*** RINGING CONTEST AT CROFTON.****LIVERSEDGE WIN CLOSE COMPETITION.**

The Halifax and District Association held their quarterly meeting and a six-bell contest at All Saints' Church, Crofton, near Wakefield, on September 29th. Eight teams had entered for the contest, for which 600 changes, any method, had to be rung. The draw was as follows: 1 Meltham (No. 2), 2 Shelley, 3 Holmforth, 4 Sandal, 5 Liversedge, 6 Meltham (No. 1), 7 Batley, 8 Thornhill. Batley rang Kent Treble Bob, all the rest Oxford Treble Bob. Batley and Thornhill were drawn 1st and 2nd respectively, but owing to their members not having turned up to time they had to ring 7th and 8th, and each had a penalty of 30 faults put on.

An excellent tea was provided in the schoolroom, to which about one hundred sat down. Ringing ceased about 8.30, and the meeting followed.

Mr. Rayner (Sandal) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. Brownrigg) and churchwardens, also to the ladies for providing the tea. He said that the ringers always received every encouragement from the Vicar, when they wanted the use of the bells, which were in very good condition.—Mr. Waterhouse (Meltham) seconded.

The Vicar, in reply, said he was pleased to welcome the Halifax and District Association to Crofton, and hoped that their own ringers would soon be entering the contests.

Mr. E. Stead also spoke in acknowledgment of the vote, and said that he thought that the meeting could not close without sending thanks to the new Sharlston Colliery Company for the kindness they had shown in allowing the judges the use of Crofton Hall.

The judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. W. Idle (Earlsheaton) then gave their decision as follows: No. 1, rung out; No. 2, 117 faults; No. 3, 186 faults, 20 penalty, total 206; No. 4, 125 faults; No. 5, 94 faults; No. 6, 206 faults, 10 penalty, total 216; No. 7, 129 faults, 30 penalty, total 159; No. 8 rung out. No. 5, Liversedge, were therefore declared winners of the cup.

Mr. Brownrigg congratulated the conductor of Liversedge, Mr. Hodgson, on their ringing, and remarked how close the contest had been.

It may be stated that the average age of the winning team was 21 years.

A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed a very enjoyable meeting.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.—At the Church of St. John, on September 25th, 1,008 Bob Major in 41 mins.: T. Barker 1, J. Charnock 2, H. Nelson 3, Adam Blogg 4, E. Lawson 5, A. Hartley 6, F. G. Bradley 7, Alfred Blogg (longest length of Bob Major as conductor) 8. Longest length for ringers of treble and 2nd.

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ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT FOR ESSEX.**GREAT BARDFIELD BELLS OPENED.**

The dedication of two trebles presented to the Church of the Holy Trinity, Great Bardfield, by Miss Chapman, in commemoration of her voluntary services as organist for forty years, was a long-looked-for event in the parish, and attracted a crowded congregation at 3 p.m. on Sunday last. The service commenced with the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' sung in procession by the choir headed by the cross bearer. The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford was present, robed in cope and mitre, the Rev. H. Jordan, Vicar of Finchingfield, acting as his chaplain. The service was taken by the Rev. K. E. Cartwright, Vicar. After the dedication, the bells were rung in rounds, and an excellent sermon was delivered by the Bishop. Unfortunately, Miss Chapman was indisposed, and could not attend the service.

Immediately after the service a well-struck touch of three courses of Double Norwich Court Bob was rung: E. Townsend 1, Miss E. Pettitt 2, H. E. Hammond 3, Chas. H. Howard (conductor) 4, H. C. Reason 5, A. Wiffen 6, J. Jennings 7, L. W. Wiffen 8.

The old ring of six have been rehung in the old framework, and all the bells are fitted with ball bearings. The 'go' is perfection. The hangers and founders, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who cast the treble to the old ring of five in 1887, have added to their laurels in carrying out this work of completing the octave. The timber for the additional framework has been provided locally by Miss Chapman's brother.

Two members who rang in the first touch on the eight bells, Messrs. H. E. Hammond and C. H. Howard, were present in 1887, when the treble to the old ring of five was dedicated, and rang in the first 720 on the bells.

The bells were rung for evensong by the local company. On Saturday, October 13th, the bells are to be formally opened, as advertised in the notice columns.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**PLEASANT MEETING AT ALREWAS.**

Delightful weather, in an old-time village, with timbered houses and thatched roofs, a bright and handy ring of eight bells to play with, and a parson of especial friendliness, how could it be other-wise than pleasant? Such were the conditions at Alrewas, when the above society held its autumn meeting on a recent Saturday.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. E. Burford (Vicar), who also delivered an admirable address. Tea was served at Reville's Restaurant to a company of nearly 50, the Vicar presiding.

It was agreed to subscribe the sum of one guinea each to Pattingham and Lapley restoration schemes, the John Briant Memorial appeal to be held over until the next meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. E. Burford (who, by the way, expressed a wish to become an honorary member) for his address, use of the bells, etc., and to the lady organist for her services, was carried with acclamation.

It was resolved to send an expression of sympathy to the Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary and treasurer, who was unable to attend the meeting owing to illness.

The next meeting is fixed to take place at Penn (or Wombourn) in January, as the new ring of twelve at Walsall—the place that was originally arranged—will not be ready at that date.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Ely Association was held at Ickleton on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Barley, Cambridge, Long Stanton, Melbourn, Sawston, Trumpington and the local band. The Vicar (the Rev. P. H. Cooke) gave an interesting address, adding that he was pleased to say ringers were now being looked upon as churchworkers.

The business meeting was held after tea, at the Duke of Wellington, the Vicar being in the chair. One life member and five resident members were elected.

The Secretary stated that it was now fifteen months since a visit was paid to the Fen Country, and, on the proposition of Mr. E. G. Hibbins, seconded by Mr. T. R. Dennis, Fordham was chosen as the place of next meeting.

Methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A bye-meeting of the Suffolk Guild (Lavenham District) was held at Preston on Saturday, September 29th. Owing to the unsettled state of the weather and to a ringer's wedding in the district, the gathering was a small one. During the afternoon only Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. The Rev. J. B. Hall (Rector) gave the ringers a welcome in the tower. Tea was provided at the Rectory by the Rev. J. B. and Mrs. Hall. Handbell ringing followed, also Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor on the tower bells.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and Mrs. Hall for their hospitality and for the use of the bells.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Acton.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.

The president of the Central Council sailed in the s.s. 'Alaundra' for Tenerife on Saturday, to recuperate after his recent severe operations. Several Liverpool ringers visited him just before he left to wish him a pleasant voyage and a speedy and complete restoration to health.

A peal was commenced at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, about the time Canon Coleridge sailed down the Mersey.

HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday morning, October 7th, for harvest festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, C. J. Tricker 2, H. Dyas 3, W. Bradley 4, W. F. Ellingham 5, E. A. Passam 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sunday, October 7th, for harvest festival evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: T. R. Flint 1, F. Keech 2, J. Hack (conductor) 3, O. Gilbey 4, H. Brown 5, J. Brown 6. First of London Minor on the bells for Sunday service. Also 288 Cambridge Surprise.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, October 7th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Standen 1, F. Morgan 2, G. King 3, G. Mills 4, F. White 5, C. Creasey (conductor) 6, T. Booth 7, J. Goodsell 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, W. Hoad 3, F. White 4, C. Creasey 5, G. Mills (conductor) 6, E. Mills 7, G. King 8.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Margaret's Church, on October 4th, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. H. Lucas 1, E. Hancock 2, E. G. Swift 3, F. Corko (conductor) 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, C. Nicholls 6, R. Carter 7, G. H. Bray (first quarter-peal) 8.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Thursday, October 4th, for harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: H. G. Snaith 1, F. H. Crawley 2, A. Thomas 3, C. V. Sandlands 4, J. Bayley 5, A. Crawley (conductor) 6.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Thursday, October 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: E. F. Mitchell 1, H. Hood 2, G. Warner 3, A. E. Winterton 4, F. R. Blewitt 5, J. W. Perry 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, A. G. Hunt 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 7th, before matins, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob. Before evensong, 720 Double Oxford and 720 Double Court: L. Camp, F. Wright, H. Wright, E. Stich, C. Harrington, G. Camp, A. Bradley (conductor).

MERTHYR TYDFIL.—At St. Tydfil's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: H. Davies 1, J. Gooding (first quarter-peal) 2, F. Sharpe 3, L. Stirk 4, W. Fisher 5, E. Lush 6, J. Coles (conductor) 7, F. Stirk 8. Arranged for E. Lush.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, September 30th, at St. Michael and All Angels', for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Jos. Evans 1, J. Kimber 2, R. Biggs 3, H. Stratford 4, A. G. Janes 5, F. D. Boreham (conductor) 6, John Evans 7, F. West 8.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The postponed September meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing (10 bells) from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and social evening. Southern Railway from Victoria, Clapham Junction, etc. Ask for cheap day tickets to Hackbridge. Buses 87 and 89 over Hackbridge Station. A good attendance requested. Names for tea to J. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Tottenham, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirk Ella, near Hull, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., in the Wheat-sheaf Hotel, at 1s. 6d. per head. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The first M.C.A. meeting since the augmentation of the bells will be held at Alrewas on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m., tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. W. Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Victoria Street, Burton, beforehand. A good attendance particularly requested.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Tower open 2.30. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea 1s. per head. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Oct. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—B. H. Clark, 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Beckington on Oct. 13th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business after. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 9th?—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., High Street, Timsbury, near Bath.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.—Dedication of peal (8 bells) by the Lord Bishop of Derby, Oct. 13th, at 3.15 p.m. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea please notify W. Piggin, Town End, Crich, Matlock, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th?

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Templecombe on Saturday, October 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Reading Room 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sibsey on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business meeting immediately after tea.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Expecting a good muster of members.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Folkingham on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at Greyhound Hotel, followed by business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale, St. Mary's, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Great Bardfield, Saturday, Oct. 13th, formal opening of the two trebles. Ringing commences 2 p.m. Ringers' office 4.30. Free tea, 5 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—W. Arnold, Holt Street, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, October 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Clark, 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District will be held at North Stoneham on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Important.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Aspley Guise on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. — A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Ringing at Holy Trinity, limited to one hour, from 3 to 4 p.m. Service at All Saints' (Parish Church) 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, and ringing after meeting till 8.30 at All Saints'. Those coming to tea are particularly requested to advise Mr. J. W. Chapman, 43, Wingford Road, Brixton Hill, S.W.2, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 17th. A good attendance is requested, as Holy Trinity bells are only available on rare occasions. —A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The next meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, in St. Andrew's Hall (1s. 3d. per head), to all who notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 16th. Colne Engaine bells (6), recently rehung, will be available during the afternoon and evening.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbrick Road, Blackpool.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, at the White Lion Inn, Selling, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 17th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Social, etc. Ringing from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Buses pass church from Central Station. DON'T forget the joint meeting with the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Egham on Nov. 3rd. A hearty welcome to both meetings awaits you.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Penistone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available early. Tea will be provided at 1s. each to those who notify Mr. F. Barraclough, Church Hill, Penistone, near Sheffield, by Friday, the 19th. Will members oblige by paying outstanding subscriptions at this meeting?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. James', Poolstock, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested at this meeting. Business important.—James Wm. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (12) at liberty 3.15. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672). — A meeting of the above will be held at Wilford on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open 6 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. The annual whist drive and dance will be held in St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Whist starts 6.45 p.m. Tickets, 1s. each, from the hon. sec., F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at King's Langley (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea by 18th.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next bye-meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open at 4 o'clock.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hinton Waldrist on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Service at 3.30. Tower open 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify the secretary by Wednesday, Oct. 17th. — G. A. Webley, Union Street, Faringdon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will take place on Oct. 20th at Warwick. The peal of ten at St. Mary's will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, at Dale's Temperance Hotel, near church.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley, Hastings, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 16th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, kindly supplied by the local ringers, and business meeting to follow. It is imperative that those requiring tea should notify me before first post on Wednesday, Oct. 24th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Claines on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Election of officers. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous. — J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 27th. Cathedral bells (10) available from 3 to 4 and after the meeting until 9 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4; address by the Ven. R. T. Talbot, D.D., Dean of Rochester. Tea in the Carlton Cafe at 5. Business meeting to follow. The Dean, who was inducted last month, has expressed a wish to welcome the ringers in the belfry, so it is hoped all who intend being present will attend before 4; also notify me before the 24th inst., so that arrangements can be made for tea, which is provided for members by the association. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting with the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild will be held at Egham on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Further details later.—H. J. Chaffey, Hon. Sec., Chertsey District.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 291st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Rough-ton, Rushton, Rowbotham, A. Walker, Winney, Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. —A gathering of old members, present members and friends will take place at Coventry on Saturday, Nov. 24th, to celebrate the coming-of-age of the Guild, which was formed on Nov. 23rd, 1907. The Craven Arms has been booked for dinner, to be followed by a social evening, for which an excellent programme is being arranged. It is hoped that all members will keep this date open. Details will be published in these columns later.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

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