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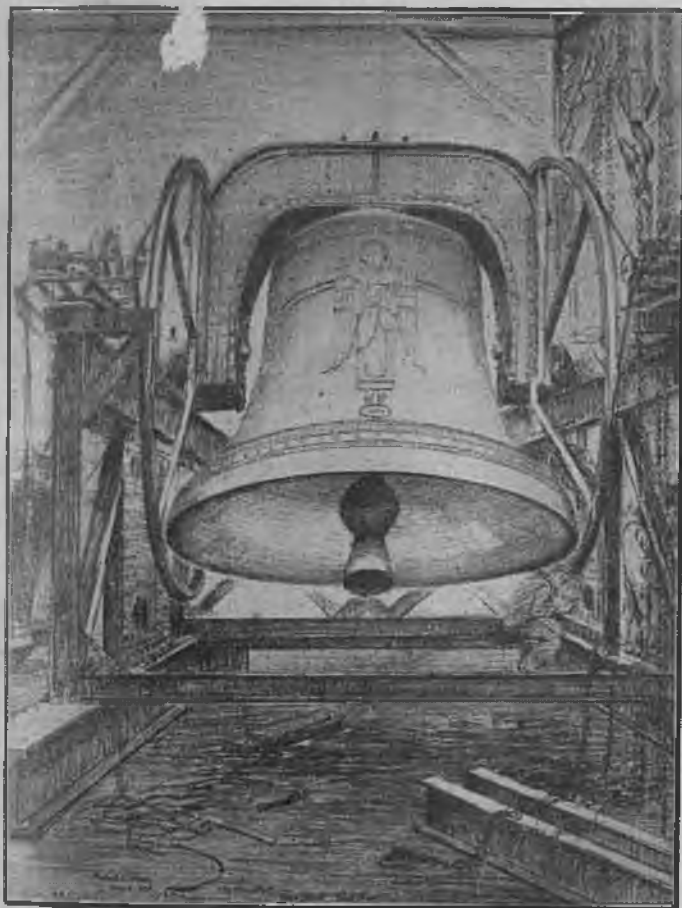
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A REGISTER OF COMPOSITIONS.

Sooner or later the Central Council will have to turn its attention to compiling a register of compositions, the need for which has long been apparent and is constantly being emphasised. Its uses would be many. Not only would it preserve for all time all original peals, but it would ensure for the men who have gone, as well as the composers of to-day and those to come, the recognition of their claims to the work which is rightly theirs. As things stand at present, a composer working perfectly independently and with the most honest intentions is often unable to ascertain whether a peal which he has constructed has been produced before; while another, less scrupulous, can give out figures as his own composition the originality of which it is very difficult to check. A register, such as we have more than once suggested, would also settle definitely disputed claims to authorship, and often save much friction and heartburning. Moreover, questions such as that raised in the present dispute in Devon could be determined by reference to the register, because when once established there is no reason why registration of every composition should not be made compulsory before its claim can be admitted. With a properly devised system of filing it would be possible to check every new claim to an original peal.

We do not underrate the task that would be involved in setting up this register; it would mean an immense labour, but it ought to be tackled, even if the Council had to pay something for doing the work. Up to now, we believe, everything done in the name of the Council has been of a purely honorary nature, and the Council has been fortunate in finding men with the leisure and ability to undertake these tasks. If there are to be found men able and willing voluntarily to compile this register of compositions well and good, but if it can only be done by paid service our view still is that it should be undertaken. The longer it is delayed, the more difficult will be the task and the greater the danger of some of the old compositions being lost and of old composers losing that to which they are justly entitled.

The nucleus of this register already exists in the 'Collection of Peals,' compiled by the Central Council and large sections of which have been published; in the 'Collection of Plain Major Methods,' and in the Treble Bob peals, which is now in the Council's Library in bound typewritten form. The existing arrangement of the compositions is not, however, such as would lend itself to ready search for comparative purposes; and the figures need to be filed on some carefully thought out plan which will facilitate easy reference. When this has been done, con-

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ductors throughout the country who have in their possession hitherto unpublished compositions can be asked to send in the figures, and composers can be invited to submit any peals which they claim to be original. When all these have been carefully checked and filed, a really valuable register would be in existence and no one should afterwards be allowed to claim any composition as new until it has stood the test of an examination against this register.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM J. NODDS	Treble	RALPH COLES	7
CHARLES T. COLES	2	JAMES W. WILKINS	8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	9
FRED HAYES	4	EDWARD R. COLES	10
GEORGE R. PYE	5	WILLIAM PYE	11
FRANK BORSHAM	6	JAMES BENNETT	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*EDWARD H. SPICE	Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS	6
CHARLES T. COLES	2	*ERNEST E. HOLMAN	7
WILLIAM B. MANNING	3	ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.	8
WILLIAM PYE	4	FRED C. MAYNARD	9
JOHN H. WILKINS	5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN.	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Wilkins, R. Maynard, jun., and F. C. Maynard, also in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. E. E. Holman.

HERTFORD.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE	6
HERBERT LANGDON	2	GEORGE GRAY	7
REGINALD DORE	3	ERNEST BREIT	8
GEORGE N. PRICE	4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	9
JOHN T. KENTISH	5	JAMES BOLLOCK	Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT	Treble	MISS FREDA E. ORR	6
GEORGE MCKILBY	2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	7
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	8
RONALD H. BULLEN	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	9
GEORGE H. CROSS	5	REUBEN SANDERS	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pennington Bickford. First peal in the method by the society. The ringer of the 2nd was proposed a member previous to commencing the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

EDWARD C. MERRITT Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
JOHN DEARLOVE 2	WILLIAM HILLMAN 6
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER 3	FREDERICK CRIPPS 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by KEITH HART.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

* ERNEST C. RICHARDS Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 6
† JAMES BILBY 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Stedman. Messrs. E. C. Richards and N. V. Andrews were elected members of the association before starting.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. SMITH Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST 6
EDWARD W. BRAY 3	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7
ERNEST GOWER 4	* FREDERICK W. DALLAWAY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to George W. Stokes.

CHURCH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES PARR Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM 5
WILLIE AARON 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
JOSEPH WOODS 3	SYDNEY BROWN 7
ARTHUR BROWN 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and as conductor. First peal in the method for all but ringers of 3rd and tenor. All the above are service ringers at the above church. The conductor's 100th peal for the above association. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Ingham.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED HACKETT Treble	WILLIAM COLEY 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
VICTOR WHITE 4	WILLIAM BROWN Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Matthew Hackett and Mr. W. H. Webb, two of the local ringers. These bells have just been rehung with ball bearings by the local firm of W. Somers and Co., who have made a very creditable job of them.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 19 lb.

* MRS. C. HAZELDEN Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	DANIEL COOPER 6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
* FREDERICK G. WOODISS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS Treble	LAURENCE POULSON 5
FREDERICK A. POULSON 2	WILLIAM CHALK 6
THOMAS CHINERY 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7
WILLIAM DENT 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON Tenor

Composed by W. L. MASON. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Messrs. Chalk and Dent hail from Colchester, and Chinery from Long Melford.

MACHEN, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM PIKE Treble	GEORGE COOKE 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	JOHN PHILLIPS 6
PERCY JONES 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
* G. H. MARTIN 4	ALBAN E. SLATTER Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

* First peal of Bob Major with a bob bell.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

* RAYMOND JOHNSON Treble	HERBERT GREENHALGH 5
HAROLD JONES 2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 6
* FREDERICK J. STEELE 3	* HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH 7
SAMUEL GREENHALGH 4	PETER LAPLIN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINCOFF. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	CHARLES MASON 6
JOHN THORPE 3	JESSE J. MOSS 7
HAROLD KENT 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

FRANK BRADLEY Treble	* NORMAN HEMMINGHAM 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	ALFRED BARRATT 6
* SAM PINDER 3	JOHN E. HOBBS 7
W. H. JOHNSON 4	ALBERT ADAMSON Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BARRATT.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Quickest peal on the bells.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	ALFRED S. BAYLEY 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	† ALBERT WOODVINE 6
G. LEONARD HEWITT 3	WALTER LAGO 7
* ARTHUR PRITCHARD 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. B. Wood (towerkeeper) and Miss M. Wood. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Wood.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 25th peal. The band wish to thank Mr. C. Belsey for having everything ready for them.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	WILLIAM GREEN 5
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 2	HAROLD F. MARTIN 6
JOHN PRICE 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7
MISS AMY JOHNSON 4	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

Quarterly peal for the Guild, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Sheppard, hon. secretary to the above Guild.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the association.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK CARDWELL Treble	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 5
* MISS MARJORIE HOLMES 2	OLIVER DIXON 6
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE 3	ARTHUR PASHLEY 7
ARTHUR S. ROBINSON 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal. Arranged for Miss Holmes, who is 15 years of age.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Thursday, October 11th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): W. R. J. Poulson 1, S. H. Symonds (composer and conductor) 2, F. A. Turner 3, L. Poulson 4, A. Symonds 5, T. A. King (Shipley, Yorks) 6, W. Faicrs 7, F. A. Poulson 8.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDGAR BAILEY Treble	ROBERT WARMAN 5
* ERNEST BAILEY 2	CHARLES BAILEY 6
EDWIN R. GOATE 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 7
† STANLEY COPLING 4	CHARLES F. SAYER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Oxford with an inside bell.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 8040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* WILLIAM H. POYSER Treble	HERBERT G. FRETWELL 3
† WILLIAM SMITH 2	JOHN W. ENGLAND 4

JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT G. FRETWELL.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and one extent of Double Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY GOLDING Treble	REV. B. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 4
JACK STOPP 2	* HERBERT GATES 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in four methods. First peal on the bells since augmentation.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

* CHARLES W. TUCKER Treble	† GEORGE PRESTON 4
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 2	† FRANK HOOD 5
† GEORGE PULLINGER 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER.

* First peal for 37 years. † First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells. Rung on the 43rd anniversary of Mr. C. W. Tucker's wedding. This was the quarterly peal for the Christchurch District.

WORDSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

* CHARLES RICHARDS Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 4
WILLIAM H. COOPER 2	WILLIAM A. BEDDARD 5
JOHN BASS 3	HENRY COOPER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. J. Bass has now rung Stedman on all numbers from Doubles to Cinques.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

ROWLAND SMITH Treble	WILLIAM BLAND 4
WALTER WHITLOCK 2	RICHARD SHIMNARS 5
HARRY SMITH 3	*GEORGE WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by H. SMITH.

* First peal, and was made a member previous to starting.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

GEORGE ADLEY Treble	HARRY BARBER 4
WILKINS MASSEY 2	JOHN GILL 5
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Conducted by W. T. BEESON.

First peal of Minor by all except the conductor.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Bob Minor.

Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb.

WILLIAM MUSK Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4
FRANK CLARKE 2	†ARTHUR LREDER 5
*ERIC BENNETT 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by WM. STEGGALL.

* First peal inside. † First peal of Minor.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	ALPHEDS J. BERRY 4
BERTIE CHILVERS 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
JAMES BETTS 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation two years ago.

WILBURTON, ISLE OF ELY.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 changes of Cambridge Surprise and 1,440 changes each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED SHURBON Treble	ARTHUR J. GINN 4
FRANK WARRINGTON 2	HENRY SHARP 5
BERRY WAYMAN 3	*GEORGE FEW Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. Mr. and Mrs. H. Sharp kindly entertained the band after the peal. Treble and 5th ringers are local, tenor from Sutton, 2nd from Long Stanton, 3rd and 4th from Over.

COWDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	JOSEPH WREN 4
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 2	ERNEST J. LADD 5
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells. The first bell was hung in 1392, and others added at various dates to comprise a peal of five in 1791. The sixth (now the treble) was added in 1911 to commemorate the reign of King Edward VII. First peal on six bells by Messrs. Wren, Ladd and Lambert. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. Camfield for having all in readiness.

THE CHART, LIMPSPFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RONALD H. DOVE Treble	JAMES KNIGHT, SEN. 4
†JAMES W. KNIGHT 2	CHARLES W. CLINCH 5
LEONARD A. TIDY 3	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal and first attempt.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District was held at North Stoneham on Saturday, October 13th. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, the Guild form of service being conducted by the Rector of Dibden (Rev. G. Triton), who also gave a short address. Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O., presided at the organ.

Tea and a short business meeting were held at the Parish Hall, the Rector of Dibden being in the chair, supported by the Rector of North Stoneham (Rev. T. Salmon), Rev. T. Jones, curate, and Mr. G. Williams (vice-president), the Rev. Thomas (curate of Romsey).—Miss D. Snell, Miss R. Cecil Williams, and Mr. F. Pitman (St. Mary's, Southampton), were elected members of the Guild.—It was decided to hold a combined practice at Netley on Saturday, November 3rd.

The towers represented were Dibden, Eling, Curdrige, Fareham, Hursley, Portsea, Netley, King's Somborne, Romsey, Shedfield and North Stoneham.

A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, Mrs. G. Williams taking part as 1-2, and was followed by a course of Stedman Triples.

Thanks were passed to the Rector of North Stoneham for the use of the bells, and the welcome he gave to the members.

Further ringing took place on the tower bells, which included rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich and London Surprise Major.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The autumn meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Selling on Saturday last. In spite of the inclement weather twenty members were present from Canterbury, Wingham, Littlebourne, Faversham, Ospringe, Wickham and Boughton. A service was conducted by the Vicar of Selling (the Rev. S. Williams), who later presided over the tea, which was held at the White Lion Inn.

After a delightfully humorous speech, in which he welcomed the ringers to Selling, the Vicar explained that he would be unable to take the chair at the meeting owing to another pressing engagement. He left the meeting amid a round of hearty applause.

Mr. F. Brett was voted to the chair, and it was decided to hold two further bye-meetings, one at Goodnestone (five bells), to be held in November, and the other at Teynham, to be held in January.

Half fares were paid to members who attended this meeting.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT ACTIVITY.**

At the meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at St. Peter's, Staines, by permission of the Rev. W. H. Flecker, D.L. (Vicar), over fifty attended, and a most enjoyable time was spent. Ringing before service as usual, the Vicar conducted the service, after which he and Mrs. Flecker entertained the company to tea in the Church Hall, served by Miss Riggs, one of the local band.

The Vicar, on behalf of himself and his wife, welcomed the association to St. Peter's, this being their first opportunity of meeting such a large gathering of ringers. He hoped they would again have the pleasure of welcoming the association in the near future.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded them for their kind hospitality, which was greatly appreciated, to the hostess, Mr. Walmsley, and Mr. Parker, and all those who so kindly assisted.

The sum of £1 11s. 6d. was sent to St. Mary's, Staines, Bell Fund as the result of an appeal by the hon. secretary.

It was unanimously agreed to hold a joint meeting with the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at St. John's, Hillingdon, in April, 1929, and at Beaconsfield in the summer.

At Heston on Saturday last, by permission of the Rev. George Craggs, another enjoyable meeting was held. Ringing started shortly after 2 p.m., and methods were rung to suit all comers from rounds to Cambridge Surprise. Here again the company numbered nearly fifty, and everyone had the satisfaction of having a happy time.

The Vicar was voted to the chair for the tea and the business meeting that followed. His election proved a great success. He was supported by Mrs. Craggs, the vice-president (Mr. C. S. Bird), the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. A. Trollope), the hon. secretary (Mr. W. R. Hollier), Messrs. F. Goodfellow, J. R. Mackman, and Tom Beadle. Others present included Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fardon, Messrs. J. H. Hunnisett, C. Edwards, F. Corke, H. C. Chandler, E. Gladman and other well-known members.

Much sympathy was expressed to Mrs. R. Holloway and family in their sad bereavement, and sympathetic mention was made of the loss sustained by the district by the sudden death of the late Ringing Master.—The company rose and remained for a short time in silence with bowed heads as a tribute of respect.

The hon. secretary, having previously sent a letter of condolence on behalf of the association to the widow and family, his action was confirmed.

Mr. F. Goodfellow was unanimously elected Ringing Master (pro tem.) for the remainder of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Belcher and family, assisted by Mr. A. Fulwell, rendered some fine selections on handbells, and were heartily applauded.

The company was reminded of the joint meeting with the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Egham on Saturday, November 3rd, with ringing at St. Peter's, Staines, in the evening. The secretary expressed the hope of meeting as many as were there that evening, to make it a success.

St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, was selected for the December meeting, probably on the 1st. Mr. Perceval Noston, an old member, who met with an accident in June, received a cordial welcome on again being able to attend a meeting.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and Mrs. Craggs, who remained to the close, and who both responded. They expressed the hope that the association would pay them a visit in the summer, so that they could have tea in the gardens.—The secretary, on behalf of the district, accepted the kind invitation.

Thanks were accorded to the hostess, Mrs. Packman, and assistants, to Mr. C. S. Bird, and especially to Mr. W. Lewis, who so kindly undertook the arrangements of the meeting, to Mr. and Mrs. Belcher and family, and Mr. A. Fulwell, whose presence was greatly appreciated, also to the handbell ringers, who rang several touches of Grandsire Caters and several other methods.

MAIDENHEAD RINGERS' WEDDING.

On Saturday, October 20th, at All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, a very pretty wedding took place, when Mr. Eric George Hobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Hobbs (and grandson of the late Mr. George Hobbs, a well-known Berkshire farmer), was married to Miss Edith Clara Martin, daughter of Mr. T. Martin (builder), and niece of the well-known ringers, Messrs. Arthur and George Martin. To give the happy couple a good send-off, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by A. Martin 1, E. Eldridge 2, W. E. Taylor 3, C. Smith 4, J. Eldridge 5, John T. Fowler (first quarter in the method) 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, H. Baldwin 8.

FOUR RINGING BROTHERS.

At Higham-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, on Wednesday, October 17th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: R. D. Rowley (first 720) 1, L. Woodburn 2, W. Martin 3, F. H. Rowley 4, H. V. Rowley (first 720 as conductor) 5, A. E. Rowley 6. The ringers of 1st, 4th, 5th and 6th are brothers.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Halstead on October 20th, when about twenty ringers were present, representing eleven parishes. The bells were set going at three o'clock, touches in various methods ranging from Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise being rung. The Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Curling) conducted the service, and gave an excellent address. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) read the lesson. Tea was afterwards partaken of in St. Andrew's Hall, and at the meeting which followed, Mr. A. A. Saunders (District Master) presided.

Ten new members, all of Bocking, were elected as probationers, and it was decided to hold the next meeting, which will be the annual district meeting, at Sible Hedingham on November 24th.

Mr. C. H. Howard thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and his excellent address, and hoped that this meeting would help to create more enthusiasm on the part of the Halstead ringers.—The Vicar suitably replied.

Handbells were then produced, and several touches were rung. During the evening most of the visitors proceeded to Colne Engaine. Here the peal of six, which have just been rehung by Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich, and have a splendid 'go,' were kept going in various methods until 9 p.m.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern District was held at Royston on Saturday, September 29th, and was well attended. Members were present from Baldock, Barley, Barkway, Bishop's Stortford, Fulbourn, Letchworth, Melbourn, Offley, Royston and Sawton. The bells were raised about 3.15 p.m. and kept going in most of the standard methods until five o'clock, when a short and interesting service was conducted by the Rev. F. F. Grieg (Vicar of Royston), who showed great interest in the ringers' visit, and took the chair at the business meeting which followed tea.

Votes of thanks were moved to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and to Mr. R. G. King for making preparations in the tower, etc.

An interesting feature of the ringing was the performance of Master Howard, of Barley, aged 10½ years, who succeeded in taking the treble through two courses of Grandsire Triples.

Hitchin was chosen for the next meeting, and all are looking forward to meeting Hitchin's ringing Vicar.

MEMORIAL TO THE REV. C. E. MATTHEWS.

The new bells erected by the members of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild at Milford-on-Sea, Hants, in memory of their vice-president (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) are to be dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on Tuesday.

The ring has been augmented to eight, and two of them are the gift of ringers, who desire to place on record their acknowledgment of the services rendered over a long period of years by the late vice-president. It is hoped to make the contribution of the Guild up to £100, and intending subscribers should send their contributions at once to Mr. G. Pullinger, hon. secretary, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

The following subscriptions have been received: Wickham band 11s. 6d., Bournemouth band (St. Peter's) 12s., Oakley band 5s. 6d., Milford band 25s., Havant band 15s., Guildford band (Cathedral) 5s., Portsmouth band 12s. 6d., Hursley band 25s. 6d., Sopley band 15s., Swanmore band 24s. 6d., Fareham band 16s., Newport band 10s., Blackmoor band 9s., Farham band 10s., Sherfield band 9s., Bramley band 5s., Christchurch band 33s. 6d., Lyndhurst band 5s., Bishop's Waltham band 6s. 6d., Carisbrooke band 10s., Portsmouth band 12s., Ryde band 11s., Brockenhurst band 54s., Yateley band 23s., Basingstoke band 35s., Stockbridge band 10s., Mr. Burling 5s., Mr. Gridley 6s., Mr. T. W. Fairey 5s., Col. Farquar 5s., Rev. Taylor 5s., Mr. Barton 2s. 6d., Mr. Fussell 2s. 6d., Mr. Bull 2s. 6d., Mr. Knapp 2s. 6d., Mr. G. Smith 5s., Rev. F. L. Edwards 2s. 6d., Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., 10s. 6d., Rev. Stokes 2s. 6d., Rev. Sir J. Herschel 5s., Mr. F. E. Collins 3s. 6d., Fawley band 8s. 6d., Alverstoke band 11s. 6d., Aldershot band 5s., Dibden band 38s., Chertsey band 6s., Winchester band 47s., N. Stoneham band 4s. 6d., Guildford band (S. Nicolas') 10s. 6d., Romsey band 7s. 6d., Bagshot band 5s., Rev. R. Medlicott £1, Canon Braithwaite £1 1s., Canon Coleridge £1 1s., Mr. E. A. Young £1, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin 10s., Bishop of Winchester £1, Bishop of Portsmouth £1 1s., Bishop of Southampton £1 1s., Rev. C. D. P. Davies 10s., Mr. G. Pullinger £1, Miss Walton £1 12s. 6d., Mr. R. Brown 1s. 6d., Major F. H. B. Hesse £1 1s., Dr. Beale £2 12s., Rev. Phillips £1, Mr. J. H. Shepherd 10s., Mr. J. J. Jones 5s., Miss Fisher 2s., Overton band 8s. 6d., Woolton Hill band 10s., Cranleigh band 5s., Southampton band (St. Mary's) 10s. 6d., Ringwood band 10s., Bishop's Sutton band 2s. 6d., Winchester Guild £33 19s. 2d. Total £23 16s. 8d.

A FAMILY COMPLIMENT.

At St. Mary's Church, Mistley, Essex, on October 18th, 120 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Honeywood 1, A. Honeywood 2, F. Honeywood 3, C. Honeywood 4, W. Honeywood (conductor) 5. Ring as a family compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S MEETING AT BEDDINGTON.

A successful meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, October 13th, at Beddington. It was a typical autumn afternoon, and, there being an abundance of trees in the neighbourhood, the scene around, with the varying tints of the foliage, backed by the mellow red brick of the orphanage and the grey stone and red tiles of the old church, made a very pleasing picture. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and up to service time the bells were kept going in various methods, including Cambridge Surprise Royal. By five o'clock a good company had assembled, and descended to the church below, where a short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. V. Bond), who gave an address. The hymns were well rendered, and were accompanied on the small organ by Mr. J. Charman, whose family is not unknown in the Warnham neighbourhood.

Tea had been arranged at the Harvest Home, at which 34 members and friends sat down under the District Master (Mr. H. Mance). Business afterwards did not take very long, and was mostly of a routine nature. The notification was made of the death of a respected member (Mr. Robert Holloway, of Acton), the company standing in silent sympathy. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of condolence to the deceased's family.

A letter was also ordered to be written to Mr. James George, congratulating him upon having rung 1,000 peals.

During the meeting a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to Mr. C. H. Kippin for making all arrangements for the comfort and entertainment of the visitors, also to Mr. J. Charman for his organ accompaniment.

Further ringing was then indulged in, finishing with a course of Yorkshire Surprise, by 'the poshest band ever.' A return was made to the Harvest Home, where the remainder of the evening was given over to harmony and fellowship. Handbells were rung to Stedman Caters, Cambridge Major and Grandsire Cinques by the experts. Mr. C. H. Kippin obliged with selections from the classics on his parlour carillon, and was vociferously applauded by an appreciative audience. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Frank Darby, Messrs. W. Smith and J. Herbert, and pianoforte selections by Mr. J. Charman. Mr. Frank Darby very ably accompanied the vocal items. There comes an end to every 'do,' so home the visitors had to go round the corner to the station, 'some corner,' which took half an hour to get round apparently, but all were satisfied that it had been a great meeting.

NEW BELLS AT HIGHER WALTON.

ANOTHER OCTAVE IN LANCASHIRE.

The Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association has had another welcome addition to its eight-bell towers by the increase to a full octave of the peal of six at All Saints' Church, Higher Walton. The old six were cast in 1872. These have been retuned and rehung, with two new trebles, by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The new bells have been presented in memory of F. A., A. A., and V. H. Gatty, directors of Bannister Hall Works, Higher Walton.

The bells were dedicated on October 4th by the Lord Bishop of Blackburn, and were formally opened prior to the morning services on October 14th by the local ringers. In the afternoon a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by ringers from Blackburn, Chorley, Hoghton, and Higher Walton, while ringers from Preston rang them after evening service. Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing the bell founders, was also present during the day.

All present were well pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells; in fact, the local men could hardly believe that bells could be made to go so easily. The whole of the work has been done in the efficient manner generally associated with the Loughborough firm.

A READER WONDERS!

To the Editor.

Sir,—One wonders what Mr. Drake is driving at in his article, 'Simplification.' He says, 'There is a great deal too much mystery made of the scientific part of change ringing, and it was for more simplification that I was asking, etc.' In the same paragraph he says, '... but a plea for more scientific classification, etc.' Does he wish to add to that mystery of which he says there is too much?

One also wonders if Guilds have the rule that one should be elected a member before ringing a peal for any association. Surely that makes small odds as long as the subscription is paid. How many peal ringers are there who are in arrears with their subscriptions, and really out of an association, who get peals under the heading of their association? Doubtless there are many.

Another point one hears is that if a ringer who is a member of an association for five years moves out of the county or district of the association he becomes by virtue of his having paid five yearly subscriptions a life member of the association, but if, after a period of time, he returns and resides in the county or district of that association he again becomes an ordinary ringing member and pays his subscription again every year. Is that correct?—Yours truly,

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The article, 'Great carillons at Loughborough,' which appeared in our issue dated June 29th, has now been reproduced in brochure form, and Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be pleased to send a copy, post free, to anyone who will send their name and address to them.

We are very pleased to be able to say Miss H. F. Mills, hon. secretary of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, who met with a serious motor accident in Ireland, is now out of hospital and staying with her brother in Londonderry. She is hoping to be able to undertake the journey to her home in London by December. She would like to acknowledge the many letters received, but they have been too numerous, and so wishes to thank all for their letters and kind enquiries.

A quarterly meeting of the Shropshire Association will be held tomorrow at Oswestry. Earlier intimation was not given in our columns because the notice miscarried.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at All Saints', Wakefield, on October 26th, 1822. It was rung by nine Wakefield ringers, with Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds, and is recorded as being 'the first peal ever attempted in the above difficult method by any set of men in the kingdom, which will be a standing laurel for the society for ages to come.'

The composer and conductor was William Woodhead, and the figures of the composition are preserved, which makes the record all the more valuable.

Thomas Tolladay conducted a peal of 7,325 Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on December 26th, 1837.

This was two days before the celebrated composer, Henry Dains, was born at Tibenham, Norfolk.

Henry Hubbard, a leading authority on ringing in his day, rang his first peal on October 28th, 1827. It was a peal of 6,680 Oxford Treble Bob Major, at Alburgh, conducted by Samuel Thurston, of Norwich fame.

The first double-handed handbell peal was rung at Sheffield on October 30th, 1811—a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

Fifty years ago next Thursday, namely, on November 1st, 1878, the noble ring of twelve bells at St. Paul's Cathedral was opened. In our next issue, Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was present and who knew the ringers, will retell the story.

The first peal of Stedman Triples by a local band at Kidderminster was rung on October 30th, 1889. One of the band, Mr. Tom Saller, still rings for the Sunday services.

CHEW MAGNA BELLS AUGMENTED.

TWO TREBLES ADDED TO A SOMERSET RING.

The bells of Chew Magna, Somerset, have been augmented from six to eight, and last Sunday were heard for the first time after a lapse of five years. The old bells, which had a tenor of 23½ cwt., were cast by Bilbie, of Chew Stoke, and the octave has been made possible by the generosity of General Ommamney, patron of the living, whose father was Vicar for 37 years. A restoration of the tower has also been necessary, and about a thousand pounds have been spent altogether, while more is required to complete the scheme. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, have carried out the contract for the new bells, and have very successfully completed the work.

The dedication took place on Sunday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Bath and Wells. The Rev. Keer Thompson, R.D., acted as chaplain to the Bishop, and other clergy present were the Rev. C. Browne, Vicar; the Rev. C. Grant Lone, curate assistant; the Rev. H. Treen, of Bishop Sutton and Stowey; and the Rev. F. Tracey. The churchwardens, Mr. J. Thatcher and Mr. H. J. Babb (who has been closely connected with the work) took part in the ceremony, and General and Mrs. Ommamney and other members of the family attended the service.

In the course of his address the Bishop spoke of the value of corporate worship and of the part bells played as remembrancers in individual, church and national life.

The opening touch was rung by Messrs. G. Yeo and P. Yeo (Long Ashton), T. Wyatt (Clapton), H. Knight (Clifton), J. Nesbitt and R. Williams (Portishead), and J. Bishop and H. Windsor (Wrexall). Others present included Mr. J. T. Dyke, secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association; Mr. W. A. Cave and Mr. U. W. Braven (Bristol); and Mr. H. Gregory, Clifton Parish Church. Among the bands represented were Winford, Chew Stoke, Ubley, and Compton Dando.

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL RINGERS & THEIR BISHOP.

Coincident with the Bishop of Wakefield performing his last public act at Lupset the bellringers of the Cathedral rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Ward 1, A. Scott 2, W. Penker 3, W. Preston 4, G. Hinsley 5, J. Moorhouse (conductor) 6, F. Cockell 7, W. Hammond 8.

Throughout his 31 years as head of the diocese the Bishop has always been keenly interested in the achievements and accomplishments of church bellringers. The members of the band expressed the wish that the Bishop would speedily recover from his indisposition and lead a most happy and richly-earned retirement.

THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.

THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S DECISION.

MR. TROLLOPE EXPLAINS WHY NO FURTHER ALTERATIONS WILL BE MADE.

The committee have decided to deal with the Plain Minor methods in the same way as the Plain eight-bell methods are dealt with in the Major Collection. That is to say, they will be given and numbered as one group, the sub-titles 'Bob' and 'Court' being added to the names where appropriate. Imperial as a sub-title has proved to be of no value, and will be dropped. A full explanation of the meaning of these terms will be given.

Mr. Burton wants us to change some of the names. He suggests that we have no power to do so, but might call in the Standing Committee of the Council. I do not think the Standing Committee have anything to do with the matter. They have large and undefined powers to act for the Council in any emergency, but this, surely, is not included. The whole question was before the Council at Hereford, and the Council could have acted for itself if it had thought necessary. We have ample powers to alter these names if we think it needful, but we do not intend to do so. I will explain why.

There are two ways in which these six-bell methods could have been named. We could have begun at the beginning and named the lot according to a general plan. That is what I believe Mr. Burton wants. We had the opportunity when we first issued the book, but we decided not to do so but to adopt the other plan, which was to leave the naming to the six-bell ringers themselves. As a result the great majority were named by the bands which first rang them. There is a lot to be said for both plans. We adopted one for the Minor methods and the other for the Major methods. I am not prepared to maintain that either is absolutely the best, but I do think that on the whole we adopted the best plan for each case. The result was that the names of the Minor methods reflect the opinions and tastes of a great many different people in many different places and of many times. There is much diversity and some inequality. But on the whole the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. Let me insist that these names are not the names of any committee; they are the names given by the Exercise, or, at any rate, by that part of the Exercise which matters—the six-bell ringers. When we asked for and got powers of revision, it was not to alter names in accordance with our ideas, but for editorial purposes. If any name was obviously unsuitable we should not have hesitated to replace it. We did so in the case of 'Immanuel,' which was condemned by the general feeling of the Council, although no formal vote was passed.

'Bogedone' was the name given to the method by the band which rang it. Was there any reason why we should overrule them and give it another? What objection is there to the name? I know of one only. It is not easy to see how to pronounce it from the spelling. That is an objection; but it is shared by other names in the list—Belvoir, for instance, and Alnwick, and even Norwich. Mr. Burton says it is awkward and ugly, but that is, apparently, because he did not know how it is pronounced. I don't blame him, for I was in the same case myself, but it does take away the point of his objection.

But we are told again that I gave a pledge at Hereford that these names should be changed. I can only repeat that I have no recollection of anything of the sort. I have asked my colleagues, and they agree with me that nothing like it was said. The thing ought to be settled easily. There were more than fifty people present, including a reporter. I should be very much interested if anybody can say definitely that he heard me give any pledge about changing these names or even express any opinion about them. I can only suggest that Mr. Drake's memory has played him a trick, and I am confirmed in this by several curious things he says in his article. For instance he says that it was 'because of this pledge that we (presumably the Council) passed the report and ordered it to be printed.' There was no report presented, no report passed and nothing ordered to be printed. Mr. Drake did keep talking about a report, and I imagine he thought, and still thinks, that we are going in some way or other to print the list of names published in this paper a short time ago. I suppose that is why he keeps criticising the way it was arranged, and so on. But, of course, that list was published for a particular reason, and it has served its ends. I need not refer to what Mr. Drake says about the private conversation he had with me, beyond denying emphatically that I ever thought any of the names given by the various six-bell ringers were not 'sensible'; or that I had any intention of asking anyone to change Bogedone or Cuneastre; or that I gave him any sort of pledge. To have done so would not have been fair either to my colleagues, or to the Council, or to myself. I respect Mr. Drake's energy in teaching beginners, but what it has got to do with all this I fail to see. He drags in again my use of the term 'shunt.' That is a technical word which is only used in the more abstruse part of the science of method construction. What on earth has that, or the proper pronunciation of Bogedone or Cuneastre, or a list of names published for the temporary convenience of members of the Central Council, got to do with teaching beginners?

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE POSITION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Apropos of Mr. Burton's letter in your last issue on the subject of names of Minor methods, I should be glad if you would kindly allow me to say a word—not about the names in question, which I leave to others who know more about them, but as to a remark which he makes to the effect that certain points in the question might be remitted to the Standing Committee. It is not—at least it certainly was not when I was hon. sec. of the Central Council—any part of the duty of the Standing Committee to express any official opinion, still less to overhaul or amend in any way the findings of the other committees. Its duties lie in another direction, and are related to the work of the Council as a whole, and not to any of its committees. Personally, I should be sorry to see its status altered, and should extremely regret if it were ever brought into the whirl of controversy. And, certainly, I should strongly dislike its interference in or alteration of any work of another committee on which I had been engaged.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

KENT ASSOCIATION'S SIX-BELL MEETINGS.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT SECRETARY REPLIES TO CRITICS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Relfe's letter in last week's 'Ringing World,' I should like to state that it was impossible for various reasons to give a longer notice, but if it was sufficient for members outside the county, it ought to have been so for members of the district, if they intended to attend. The report was applicable not only to this meeting but to other six-bell tower meetings that have been held, when longer notice has been given with the same results.

With regard to the letter from your correspondent signed 'Minorite,' although I do not care to reply to correspondents who make statements but have not the courage to sign their name, I feel I must refute those statements. I have never heard a word from anyone against the meeting being held at Cowden. If I had it would not have made any difference. I should have arranged the meeting in accordance with the decision of the members at the annual district meeting held at Sevenoaks last February.

His statement that six-bell members do not get much attention in the district is absolutely false. Six-bell members are as much appreciated as any others, but if they deliberately absent themselves from meetings, whether held at six or eight-bell towers, what more can be done?

I should like to add that I am all in favour of one meeting each year being held at a six-bell tower, although most of those that have been held have been very disappointing in the numbers attending.—Yours faithfully,

W. LATTER,

Hon. District Secretary.

11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

NAVENBY CHURCH BELLS.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN BOARD'S DISCLAIMER.

Wide publicity was recently given through the Press to a statement that the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Finance had refused a grant towards the restoration of Navenby Church bells on the ground that church bells were a 'luxury.' We commented in a leading article upon this attitude, but it now appears that the report circulated in the press, and which originated with 'The Lincolnshire Echo,' was inaccurate, and the following disclaimer has been sent by the Board to 'The Lincolnshire Echo,' under date of October 19th:—

Dear Sir,—On the 19th ultimo, in an article headed 'Are church bells a luxury?' and again in your issue of last night, you commented on a reply supposed to have been given by the Diocesan Board of Finance to an application for a grant from the Navenby Parochial Church Council towards the restoration of the bells of Navenby Church. I have to inform you that no such application has been made to the Diocesan Board of Finance, and, therefore, no such reply referred to has been given. Further, had the Diocesan Board had occasion to answer such an application, the term 'luxury' would certainly not have been used with reference to church bells.

What actually happened was that in 1925 the Diocesan Building Committee replied as follows to an application from Navenby:—

'This committee does not make grants towards repair of bells, but it would consider a grant towards repair of your tower, if the fabric needs it. I enclose a form which should be returned to me by October 20th; it needs signing by your Vicar and also your Rural Dean.'

This letter was misconstrued by the Navenby Council, and the form in question has not been returned to the Committee. The incumbent and the officials of the Council have now expressed their regret that the Diocesan Board should have been accused unjustly in the matter.

As your article has been given wide publicity in the 'Times,' 'Observer,' and other papers, I trust you will kindly publish this disclaimer.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) A. G. CROLL,

Organising Secretary.

A SUSSEX PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING.

THE 'STRUGGLES' OF 50 YEARS AGO.

Recently we recorded the death of an old Sussex ringer, Mr. James Searle, who died at Eastbourne, and was buried at Steyning, where over half a century ago he began his ringing career. Mr. Charles Tyler, of Henfield, one of the oldest surviving members of the Sussex County Association, contributes the following notes on the late Mr. Searle's connection with ringing, which was begun at a time when change ringing was little practised in the county:—

James Searle was one of the band of ringers at Steyning, Sussex, who a little over fifty years ago were anxious to bring about a reform in the belfry, and also to get to know something of change ringing.

It was about that time that Mr. George Gatland came to Steyning, from Chailley, where he had learnt a little ringing, and proved to be a great help in the matter of reform. Some of the parishioners also became interested, so much so that Mr. Henry Burstow, of Horsham, was engaged to give as much information and instruction as it was possible for him to give, and it was not long before the company could manage Grandsire Doubles, and also Mr. Burstow's favourite method, Oxford Bob.

Jim Searle's employment as joinery machinist then made it necessary for him to move to Brighton, where he soon got busy at S. Nicholas' Church, and with Mr. John Jay, who had come from Streatham, with a little knowledge of conducting touches of Grandsire Triples, they got things going. The present Dean of Chichester, who was then Vicar of S. Nicholas', to encourage the band to ring the bells for the Sunday morning service, used to make them a present of ten guineas at Christmas.

Jim soon began to want an opportunity to ring a peal, but could not get enough members to see the method of change ringing for this purpose, so he ventured to invite a little help from outside. Several well-known ringers used to visit Brighton. I well remember Messrs. H. Haley, J. Nash, J. Pettit, G. Shade, with his sons Harry and 'Ike' (who always seemed to have got four handbells each about them, and to hear their tune playing was a treat), Murray Hayes, and others.

I was just 'fixed up' in Brighton then, and Jim sort of 'fathered' me a bit, and helped me further into the art. He was very anxious to get me elected a member of S. Nicholas' tower (to become a member you could only be elected at certain meetings, and you were expected to be able to ring the treble to a 500, or a working bell to a plain course). So, with three of the visitors to help, they got me through my first 500 on the treble on February 1st, 1881, but I did not feel very confident about it. I have an idea I should have made a mess of it if Mr. Haley, who rang the 2nd, hadn't prompted me a bit. However, they considered it good enough for me to be elected a member that night.

Jim now turned his attention to a peal attempt, and got in touch with Mr. Shade, and this enabled him and two others to ring their first peal at Hurstpierpoint on July 23rd, 1881, as a Waterloo Society (London) peal. He then set to work to help a few of us to gain this peal-ringing instinct, and on the peal of eight being placed in St. Peter's Church, and a band of ringers formed, several of them used to come to S. Nicholas' for practice, but only Mr. George Aitree, who afterwards founded the Sussex County Association, seemed to be able to see the method of change ringing. I am afraid we used to try Jim's patience sometimes, but he always looked upon our failings in a kindly way, and never seemed to despair. Mr. Jay could call the 'bobs,' and knew Holt's 10-part from A to Z, but did not seem able to give the necessary information to help others to do so, and it seemed to me that it was owing to Jim's efforts that we made the progress we did.

A picked band of College Youths had been engaged for the ringing at the dedication of St. Peter's bells, which included an attempt for a peal, but this came to grief a little over half-way. The same band was expected to make another attempt at a later date, but Mr. Aitree, then being in control of St. Peter's, gave us further encouragement, by deciding that the first peal should be rung by a Brighton band, and after a few failures the S. Nicholas' ringers, with Mr. Aitree, were successful on December 2nd, 1882, and this was the first peal rung in Brighton since 1833.

The next peal attempt took us to Southover, Lewes, which proved a success, after which we looked in where ringers sometimes do after a peal, and our visit there was the means of giving Jim a chance to show that it was possible for a ringer to ring and conduct Holt's Original as his first peal as conductor. The conversation turned to a peal of Grandsire that had been rung at Southover in 1869, and recorded on a peal board as 'Holt's Original.' Mr. John Goldsmith (father of the editor of 'The Ringing World'), who was present, considered it was the 'Original' that had been rung, but Mr. Jay, to put it mildly, got very angry, and said he was sure it was impossible for the conductor of the peal to manage the Original. But Jim would not agree with him, and fixed his mind on making it his first peal to conduct. He had not, however, got the figures of the peal. We knew Mr. Jay had got an old ringing book with the peal in, but he was so angry on the matter he would not allow Jim, or anyone else, to have a look at it, and I understood that Searle eventually got the

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13th, the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held their fourth meeting at Bentley, which is over the Hampshire border. Although the attendance was poor, this nice ring of six was kept going with very little loss of time from three o'clock until 4.30 p.m., when the Rector (the Rt. Rev. Bishop Chandler) conducted the Guild's service, and welcomed the Guild to Bentley. He expressed the hope that the visit would do some good to his ringers.

Owing to other engagements, the Rector was unable to stay to tea, but was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, on the proposition of the district secretary (Mr. B. Clark).

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Ringing Master, Mr. T. Upshall presided at the very short business meeting, which did not last more than ten minutes. Afterwards, the ringers returned to the tower, where ringing of a high quality was kept up.

The local band were present, and with a little help some were able to struggle through Grandsire Doubles, and all expressed a desire to take up method ringing in place of 'stony,' and also to join the Guild.

Twenty-four ringers attended from Farnham, Aldershot, S. Nicolas', Guildford, and the local band, and ringing went on until 8.30, when a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

THE PEAL AT COMPTON GIFFORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A prolonged correspondence re the peal at Emmanuel Church (Compton Gifford), Plymouth, on August 4th, is unnecessary. The question raised is that Mr. C. R. Lilley claims that the peal was his composition, but he refuses to give publicity to the figures for the benefit of the Exercise.

We will leave it there and accept the judgment of the Exercise generally as to whether they agree that such an action is considered honourable from one who claims to have rung over 600 peals.—Yours faithfully,

E. W. MARSH.

13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

AN UNWRITTEN RULE.

Dear Sir,—I know nothing of the origin of the dispute between Mr. C. R. Lilley and the Devon Guild apart from what has appeared in your columns, but I certainly do consider that common courtesy demands that, when conductors are written to on the subject of peal performances by the officials of the association for which the peal was rung, they should reply promptly and truthfully. It is not Tom, Dick, or Harry writing: it is the hon. secretary (or some other official) of the association writing in his official capacity, and we, the ordinary members, should do what we can to lighten their labours, and not make them heavier and more disagreeable.

It is well known to all the older members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association that it was founded upon the same rules and principles as the older Devon Guild of Ringers.

Right from the very start of its existence it has published every composition as rung, or (in a very few cases) given a reference to its source. When the composition is subsequently used it is referred to as 'Composition No. —.' Thus the composition of every peal rung by our association can be definitely traced. Yet (and this is the point I wish to draw my friend Lilley's attention to) there is no rule to the effect that conductors must supply the figures.—Yours, etc.

W. A. CAVE.

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peal from old Mr. Shade. Making the 2nd the observation, he succeeded in conducting it on December 4th, 1883, and this was the first peal rung by S. Nicholas' ringers since 1833. But Jim's effort never seemed to convince Mr. Jay that it was the Original that was rung at Southover.

We continued to grind out Grandsire, and Jim thought it was time to try something else, but he could only get a few of the S. Nicholas' band to practise other than this method. Some of the St. Peter's band, however, began to be interested, as a few of us used to help them, and Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman were taken up. But it was not until October, 1887, that we were successful in scoring a peal of Kent, and this was the first in Brighton. Stedman seemed to give us a good bit of trouble, but Jim said if enough would make an effort and stick to it he would try and master the conducting, and eventually succeeded in getting us through 'Thurstans' on December 24th, 1887, which was the first in the county.

In 1889 he moved to Burgess Hill, and for reasons not necessary to mention now became an independent member of the association, and took part in several peals down to 1895. He ceased to be a member in 1920, and only took part in a few touches after this.

Besides being a member of the Waterloo Society and the Sussex County Association, he was made a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths in 1884. The peals which he rang were as follows: Seven Minor methods, 3; Grandsire Triples, 34, conducted 6; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 13, conducted 6; Stedman Caters, 2; Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 6; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; total, 69, conducted 12.

HELMINGHAM BELLS REDEDICATED.

On Sunday, October 14th, the bells of St. Mary's, Helmingham, were rededicated by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, after being rehung in new bearings, and 7th and tenor quarter turned. A new headstock has been provided for the treble, and a set of new ropes installed. The work has been carried out by Messrs. A. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich.

Before the evening service, the local ringers and all the church workers, at the invitation of the Rev. J. R. Garrett, met the Bishop in the Parish Room at tea. The rededication took place after the second lesson, and as the clergy and churchwardens left the ringing chamber a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band, following which the Bishop preached a most inspiring sermon.

After the service the bells were kept going until nine o'clock. With the help of a few friends, touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, Bob Major, and Grandsire were rung. Everyone present expressed satisfaction at the excellent 'go' of the bells.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Penistone on Saturday, October 20th, when members were present from Ecclesfield, Rotherham, Rawmarsh, Arksey, Barnsley, Felkirk, Sheffield Cathedral, Darfield, Wath and Huddersfield. In the course of two hours' ringing in the afternoon the younger generation got a good grounding in different methods. Tea was provided in the schools and much enjoyed. The ringers were joined by the Vicar (Rev. E. B. Carleton), who at the business meeting which followed was voted to the chair. He gave the association a very hearty welcome to Penistone, and hoped that it would not be long before they paid another visit. The Vicar is an honorary member of the association, and was surprised that there was no subscription due from him. He was so pleased with the 'let off' that he paid the whole cost of the tea.

Three new members were elected—Messrs. H. Chant and A. Cole, of Felkirk, and F. Broadbent, of Ecclesfield.—An invitation to hold the next meeting at Rawmarsh was accepted, the date being fixed for December 15th.

It was decided to fill the vacant place on the committee at the annual meeting in March.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind welcome and generosity was carried and acknowledged, and this brought the meeting to a close.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting was held at Kirk Ella, near Hull, on Saturday, October 13th, by courtesy of the Rev. Canon Foord, M.A. The ring of six (tenor 19 cwt.) have recently been rehung and fitted with ball bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Various touches were rung by the visitors, and the 'go' of the bells was pronounced excellent.

A full choral service was held, with a short but instructive address delivered by the Rev. R. P. Paiton, M.A., which was much appreciated.

An excellent repast was afterwards served in the Wheatsheaf Hotel to twenty-two members, representing towers at Beverley, Cottingham, Goole, Hull, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby and Sutton.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. R. P. Paiton presiding in the absence of the vice-president, Mr. F. Cryer (Selby), through illness.—Two new members were elected, Messrs. C. Brown and W. R. Tate, of All Saints', Pontefract. It was resolved that the next meeting be held at Thorne in December.

On the motion of Mr. A. Sellars (Beverley) a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and service, to the Rev. R. P. Paiton for the address and for presiding at the meeting, to the choir for their attendance, and to Mr. A. H. Fox, in his dual capacity as organist and head ringer, for the very competent arrangements.

The absence of the genial Rector, who has been indisposed for some considerable time, was a keen disappointment, and hopes were entertained for his speedy recovery.

DUNSTABLE.—At the Priory Church, on Thursday, Sept. 27th, for festal evensong, a quarter-peat of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: *E. Chappell 1, B. Calcott 2, C. Rollings 3, G. W. Harris 4, G. Heley 5, G. H. Sentance 6, A. G. Matthews 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8. * Longest length in any method.—On Sunday, September 30th, for continuation services for matins, touches of Cambridge, Superlative and Stedman; for evensong a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: A. E. Sharman (conductor) 1, G. Sentance 2, C. Rollings 4, C. E. King 5, G. Heley 6, A. Matthews 7, C. T. King 8.

CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, on Saturday, September 22nd, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 52 mins.: W. Gammon 1, D. Wright (conductor) 2, C. H. Kippin 3, R. H. Dove (first quarter of Caters) 4, F. Larby 5, W. Bulpitt 6, A. W. Clark 7, E. Deulham 8, W. Groves 9, D. Cooper 10.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
PROPOSED CHANGE OF NAME.**

The 60th quarterly meeting was held at Warwick on Saturday, October 20th. The attendance was small, only 20 members turning up. The ten fine bells of St. Mary's Church were open for ringing, and some good practice was put in. Tea at the Dale Hotel was followed by the general meeting, at which, in the absence of the president, Mr. James George took the chair.

One item in the minutes raised a discussion, viz., the proposal to change the name of the Guild, and Mr. F. W. Perrens proposed that the matter be put on the agenda for the annual meeting.

Bulkington was selected for the December meeting and Chilvers Coton for January.—Five new members were made, these having been proposed at peal attempts previously.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. G. Baker, of Exhall, who passed away suddenly.

Ringing during the day included touches in most of the standard methods, and also an attempt for Cambridge Royal.

The secretary was asked to convey a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and a pleasant meeting was brought to an end at train time.

LONDONERS AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

On Sunday, October 14th, eleven ringers connected with St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, took advantage of the cheap half-day excursion to Loughborough, leaving St. Pancras at 11.20 and arriving at Loughborough at 1.40. Motor-cars were awaiting their arrival, and took the party quickly to the Church of All Saints, where the beautiful peal of ten were soon going to Cambridge Royal, an excellent course being rung, followed by a touch of Stedman Caters for the afternoon service. From there, the visitors went on to the foundry, which seemed full of bells of various sizes up to ten tons. Special permission having been granted for a short trial on the light peal of ten, Stedman Caters was the order on this musical little peal. Tea was generously provided by Messrs. Taylor and Co., which, needless to say, the ringers were quite prepared for. After tea, a little handbell ringing took place, and then the party went by bus on to Leicester, where St. Margaret's Church was visited, and, with the assistance of Mr. Dexter, a course of Cambridge Maximus brought round, followed by a touch of Stedman Cinques for the evening service. London was reached again at 10.30 p.m., everyone having had a most enjoyable time. Opportunity is taken of thanking all who helped to make arrangements for the visit, and to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for their kind hospitality.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

CRAWLEY.—On Sunday, October 21st, for the 11 a.m. harvest festival service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: C. Hudson 1, Miss F. Wyman 2, G. Olliver 3, O. Sippetts 4, B. Wells 5, C. Nice 6, N. Elliott (conductor) 7, G. Brown (first quarter-peal) 8.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Sunday evening, October 21st, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss K. Taylor 1, Miss M. Stephenson 2, Miss D. Bulman 3, E. Thompson 4, Miss A. Bulman 5, W. Swallow 6, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 7, T. Tindale 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 14th, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, City, for the evening service at the fish harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Hales 1, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. Richards 3, S. C. Moye 4, F. Allday 5, W. Rogers 6, J. R. Gammon 7, W. Grainger 8.

LONDON.—At St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, on Sunday, October 14th, for harvest festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: R. E. Geare 1, *A. Howkins 2, H. Ellis 3, W. J. Ellis 4, W. Dickinson 5, *H. Howe 6, A. W. Coles (conductor) 7, E. Davies 8. * First quarter-peal inside.

MAIDS MORETON.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Sunday, October 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: C. Jones 1, C. Everett 2, H. Jones, sen., 3, W. Jones 4, J. Stopp (conductor) 5, F. Hazel 6.

BLUNSDEN, WILTS.—On Sunday, October 14th, for harvest festival, 720 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ockwell 1, W. Trueman 2, A. Aubrey (first in the method) 3, J. Vincent 4, Theo. Portlock 5, E. Portlock 6.

WICKEN.—On Sunday, October 14th, for the harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Birdsey 1, T. Read 2, F. Case 3, R. Foddy 4, L. Smith 5, T. Read 6, J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Green 8.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Saturday, October 13th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Bennett 1, G. Davies 2, K. Salter 3, J. Lawrence 4, T. J. Salter (conductor) 5, J. Woodberry 6, J. Smith 7, A. Wright 8. Rung on the eve of harvest festival.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Sunday, October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 42 mins.: S. Cockell 1, G. H. Arebark 2, W. S. Burbridge 3, R. H. Legg 4, A. J. West 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. C. West (conductor) 7, W. G. Waters 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 7th, for harvest festival matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, W. G. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, G. J. Winter 5, J. Hope 6, J. Smith 7, E. Gardener 8. —For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Law 1, G. J. Winter 2, W. C. Cuss 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, A. King 5, H. R. Aeock 6, J. Smith 7, E. F. Cooper 8.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, October 7th, at the Church of St. Mary, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): J. H. Pulford (longest length in any method) 1, G. E. Woosman 2, J. H. Dodd 3, F. Woosman 4, D. Hughes 5, J. Breese 6, T. Winstanley 7, J. C. E. Simpson (conductor) 8. This is the longest length in any method on an inside bell for ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

BRANTREE.—On Sunday, October 7th, for harvest thanksgiving evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 42 mins.: S. Warne 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, H. E. Hammond 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, G. Lindridge 5, A. Wiffen 6, F. Ely 7, L. W. Wiffen 8.

FOURTH END.—On Sunday, October 7th, at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: P. Almond 1, H. T. Pye 2, W. J. Nevard 3, W. Arnold 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5, A. Saunders 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. T. Pye 1, W. J. Nevard 2, H. Warne 3, A. Saunders 4, W. Arnold 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. Rung for the harvest festival service at 11 a.m. by invitation of the Rector.

At Aldermaston, Berks, on Sunday, September 30th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: A. Nash 1, S. Quintin 2, W. Clark 3, J. Frankum 4, R. Frankum 5, H. Smith 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, L. C. Ford 8. Ringers of 2nd and 7th are from Newbury, 6th from Thatcham, remainder are local ringers. First quarter-peal for ringer of tenor.

On Sunday, September 30th, for evening service at the pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, for harvest festival, and in honour of W. Mason's silver wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): A. Griffith 1, F. Rowsell 2, *D. G. Cift 3, J. Hullen 4, F. Greedy 5, K. Knowles 6, C. Greedy (conductor) 7, F. Crabb 8, W. Phippells 9, W. Mason 10. * First quarter of Caters, and hails from Usk.

At St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on September 30th, 1,115 Grandsire Caters: S. S. Radford (longest length) 1, S. Radford, sen., 2, E. Raddon 3, E. Etheridge 4, Mrs. Hazelden 5, W. W. Thorne 6, G. Tompsett 7, G. Gibbs 8, C. Hazelden (conductor) 9, R. Radford 10. Longest length by the treble ringer.

On Thursday, September 27th, at All Saints', Leicester, for harvest festival, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles in 39 mins.: E. Cattell 1, C. Cattell 2, Ernest Morris (conductor) 3, E. R. Whitehead 4, A. Cattell 5.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LINSLADE.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on Sunday, October 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,315 changes): H. Grey 1, F. Dedman 2, F. Vickers 3, F. Buttrum 4, J. Arnold (conductor) 5, T. Dixon 6, R. Oliver 7, W. Insley 8. Rung for the dedication festival service. W. J. Jeffs stood out to allow the quarter-peal to be rung.

BALCOMBE.—For evening service, on Sunday, October 21st, at St. Mary's Church, Balcombe, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob: R. Wood 1, A. Coote 2, A. Steele 3, E. T. Exeter 4, A. C. V. Gasson 5, A. E. T. Gasson (conductor) 6. Rung on the 41st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Holman.

ISLEWORTH.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on October 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: E. Webb 1, Mrs. R. Fardon 2, H. W. Lidbetter 3, W. Bradley 4, W. Biggs 5, E. A. Passam 6, R. Fardon (conductor) 7, H. Theard 8.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 43 mins.: *H. F. Dale 1, *E. Aylett 2, J. J. Allen 3, P. Parslow 4, W. G. Whitehead 5, W. Seeley 6, M. F. R. Hibbert 7, F. A. Smith (conductor) 8. All members of local band. * First quarter-peal of Major.

ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Sunday, October 14th, for evening service and on the occasion of the treble man attaining his majority, 576 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Hibbert 1, E. Warwick 2, R. Warwick 3, W. Hibbert, jun. (conductor) 4, W. Hibbert, sen., 5, E. T. Sneller 6, R. T. Hibbert 7, H. Brown 8. Everyone was very proud of this performance, and 'Old Tom' is delighted at the progress his nephew is making.

CADOXTON.—On Sunday, October 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 40 mins.: J. L. Bloxham (first quarter) 1, J. E. Bloxham 2, D. J. Lewis 3, C. Lake 4, G. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, A. Pyner 6.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, 1,008 of Bob Major: K. Brown (longest length) 1, S. Barrett 2, W. Dixon 3, A. Hardwick 4, A. Smith 5, A. C. Walsh 6, L. Waite 7, F. W. Dixon (conductor) 8.

PAIGNTON.—On September 30th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: C. R. Walker (conductor) 1, T. S. Collings 2, F. T. Gover 3, G. L. Hewitt 4, C. F. Austin 5, F. E. Parnoll 6, H. J. Hole 7, C. Boyce 8. Arranged for Mr. Hewitt, who hails from Coalbrookdale, Salop.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, September 23rd, at St. John-the-Baptist's, for evensong, 1,299 Stedman Caters in 48 mins.: A. Twinn 1, F. Baldwin (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 2, Miss P. M. Moss 3, R. Warrnett 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, C. C. Mayne 6, J. J. Pratt 7, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 8, H. A. Folkard 9, W. Honor 10.

CHURCH, LANCS.—On Sunday evening, September 16th, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): J. Parr 1, W. Aaron 2, J. Woods 3, A. Brown 4, A. Ingham 5, J. Ingham 6, S. Brown 7, L. J. Williams (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method on the bells, and by the local band.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, September 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, F. J. Cook 2, B. Warman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, C. W. Cook 6, A. J. Ginn 7, G. E. Crisp 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, September 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Dobson 1, J. Gill 2, J. Loveridge 3, H. Batty 4, A. Woodrow 5, A. R. Pink 6, W. T. Besson (conductor) 7, W. Mills 8. Also 168, and for morning service 504 in the same method by the same band.

LATE NOTICES.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holmer on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Vicarage Room 5.45 p.m., free. Please notify me not later than October 31st.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The meeting arranged for Weedon, on Saturday, November 3rd, is unavoidably cancelled. Next meeting, Daventry, Dec. 15th.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunsdon Road, Daventry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at at Woodchurch, on Nov. 3rd, Tower open 3 o'clock. All six bell ringers specially invited.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6 Scurges Road, Ashford.

NOTICES.

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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, before Wednesday, the 7th, from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Roughton, Rushton, Rowbotham, A. Walker, Winney, Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn (8 bells), St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street (10 bells), Southwark Cathedral (12 bells). Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. F. L. Edwards.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Methods for practice: Superlative and Bob Major.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

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.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

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. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at the Manchester Cathedral. Bells ready 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., The Poplars, Beaufort Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shedfield on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m., also Wickham (6). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, in the Church Room. All will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Fordham (near Ely) on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Next monthly meeting at Spondon on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Invitation from Sir H. Fowler. Tea at the Hall. Please don't neglect. All welcome.—Charles Draper.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 51st annual festival will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Committee meeting at 11.45 a.m. in the Cathedral vestry. Service in the cathedral at 1 o'clock, with an address by the Rev. H. H. Barff, Vicar of Wylam. Dinner at 2 p.m. in the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, Newcastle; 2/6 to members, 3/- to non-members. The bells of the Cathedral (12), St. John and St. George, Newcastle, and St. Mary, Gateshead, are available. Please meet at the Cathedral to make up bands for the different towers.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at King's Lynn on Saturday, Oct. 27th. By kind permission of the Vicar of King's Lynn, the ring of 10 at St. Margaret's will be available at 11.30 a.m. to 12.45, and the ring of 8 at St. Nicholas' in the afternoon. The general business meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' at 2.30 p.m. The announcement for further ringing at St. Margaret's will be made after the meeting. All ringers are kindly invited to this meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Southleigh on Saturday, October 27th.—W. Evetts, jun., Branch Hon. Secretary, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Wraysbury (8 bells) on Saturday, October 27th at 6.30.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. — A. Knights, Dis. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oswestry on October 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at Castle Cafe. Meeting after.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—Next Sunday, October 28th, being the anniversary of the dedication of the new bell frame, a special commemoration will be held at evensong, 6 p.m. Ringing from 5 o'clock. Visitors welcomed.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The new peal of bells at the church of All Saints, Milford-on-Sea, which has been augmented from five to eight in memory of the late Rev. C. E. Matthews, late vice-president of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, are to be dedicated at 3 p.m. on

Tuesday, October 30th. Also a special meeting will be held there on the following Saturday, November 3rd, to give ringers interested an opportunity to ring. Bells available from 2 p.m. All those intending to be present and will require tea, kindly let me know not later than first post Thursday, November 1st. Buses passing the church leave Brockenhurst at 1, 2.10, and 3.10 p.m.; Lymington, 1.45, 2, 3 and 3.45 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3 Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on October 30th (nomination night), Southwark Cathedral on November 1st and 29th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 11th, at 5.30 for evensong, and on the 13th (election night), St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.—The new ring of eight bells (late Rev. C. E. Matthews' Memorial) will be dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on Tuesday, Oct. 30th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Milford House Hotel. All welcome. An early reply is requested from those intending to be present to Mr. C. E. S. Hardman, Edgeworth, Milford-on-Sea.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, November 3rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1/6). Important: those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Charlbury on Saturday, November 3rd.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Presteigne on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (8), 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. All requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, October 30th.—Jabez Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild will be held at Egham on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. Tea at the Church Room, 1s. each, 5.30. Bells of St. Peter's Church, Staines, will also be open from 7 to 8.15 p.m. All members of both associations are cordially invited to come and help make this meeting a success. Advise the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, October 30th, in order that adequate arrangements may be made for tea.—H. J. Chaffey, Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey; W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Burnley Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Killamarsh on November 3rd. All requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Greaves, 7, Church Lane, Killamarsh. It is hoped a good number will be present.—R. Harrison, Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Magnus', London Bridge, on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3.30 to 8.30. Service and meeting (special business on hand) at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells available from 4 p.m. As this is the first association meeting to be held at Croft, it is hoped a good number of members and friends will be present.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Sandiacre on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged at the meeting. All ringers invited. F. W. Bailey, Hon. Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (8), ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Burslem on November 3rd. Tea 5.30 p.m. Will all who require tea please inform Mr. E. Gater, 26, Durham Street, Hanley, before October 31st?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sandhurst, Saturday, November 3rd, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec. and Treas.

ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, LIVERPOOL.—Two peal boards, on which are recorded six peals, including a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, will be unveiled on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 3.30 p.m. Archdeacon Houson, the Rector of Liverpool, and Canon Elsee hope to take part in the service which follows. A cordial invitation is extended to all ringers. The bells will be available from 2.30. Kindly notify me if you intend to be present by Tuesday, Oct. 30th.—G. R. Newton, 3, Langham Avenue, Liverpool S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leyton (8 bells) on Saturday, November 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall, Church Road, 5.15. As it is essential the exact number requiring tea should be known, will those intending to be present notify the undersigned by Monday, November 5th, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, November 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 5.30, and 6.30 to 9. Tea, at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head, will be provided to all those who send in their names to Mr. E. H. Simpson, 18, Wainman Street, Shipley.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD'S BIRTHDAY.—Final arrangements are being made with regard to the celebration of the above. A meat tea will be provided for all members and friends at the Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry, on November 24th, at 6 p.m., to be followed by a social evening. A good programme is being arranged, and it is hoped that members will turn up with their wives in goodly numbers. Tickets, at 2s. 9d. each, can be had not later than November 20th from Mr. F. W. Perrens, 45, Engleton Road, Radford, Coventry, or the Sec. J. A. Fenton, 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

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