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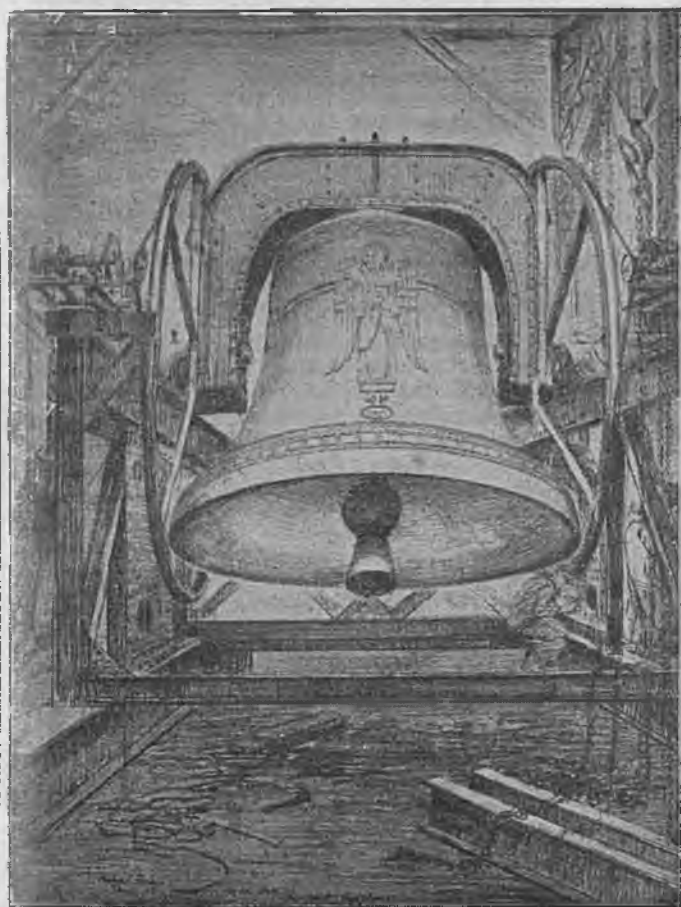
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### BATS, BIRDS AND CATS.

Probably one of the strangest texts from which a sermon to ringers has ever been preached was that upon which the honorary secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild addressed the members on Saturday, but, unusual as it was, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella drew from it some very pointed lessons applicable to ringers. It was the basis of a sermon in striking contrast to the sort of thing to which ringers are so often compelled to listen when they attend a ringers' service—a sermon which those who have striven to keep a company, and particularly a Sunday service band, together will applaud. The 'bats,' the 'birds' and the 'cats' of the belfry are types which are frequently met with—the ringer who is half-hearted and neither one thing nor the other; the ringer who flits from tower to tower if he thinks he may gain some personal advantage; the ringer who, by his lack of tact or by objectionable manners drives others away. It is not often that these are so frankly described as they were by Mr. Trehwella, and if any there be who feel a pricking of conscience when they think over the preacher's application of his text, let them take to heart the lessons and resolve in future to think more of the ringing and its main object; more of their fellow ringers and less of self; more of the feelings and susceptibilities of others and less of their own importance.

Only a preacher closely acquainted with the difficulties of the belfry could have delivered this sermon, and coming from such a one it will have a great deal more weight and influence than the platitudes which frequently fall from the pulpit wherever ringers are gathered for a service. Incidentally, it would be well if preachers would realise that the subject of churchgoing among ringers has been flogged to death; that ringers have grown somewhat tired of hearing a rehash of the history of the church bell, as outlined in the 'Encyclopædia Britannica' and similar works—but that by the way. When they attend their association services ringers appreciate something off this well beaten track and real home truths, however unpleasantly they may strike some people, come as a welcome and refreshing breeze to those whose work has been constantly hampered by the 'bats,' the 'birds' and the 'cats.' Ringing without team work is almost, if not quite, impossible; and team work is out of the question where men cannot be depended on in attendance, in effort, or in demeanour. The Secretary of the Truro Guild's apt application of his text is one which ought to be taken to heart by ringers everywhere, and if it leads to a greater appreciation, among the classes to which he referred, of the duties which they owe to the church and to the other members of their particular towers, his sermon will certainly not have been preached in vain.

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## TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble	C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 6
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... .. 2	EPHRAIM W. RANDS ... 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 8
MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 4	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5	PERCY HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER,

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, June 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

*AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 34½ cwt.

ERNEST KETIELL ... .. Treble	CHARLES WRIGHT ... .. 6
JOHN THORPE ... .. 2	RALPH LONG ... .. 7
EZEKIAH THORPE ... .. 3	ALBERT NASH ... .. 8
MRS. C. RYDER ... .. 4	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 9
MISS N. CAWTHORNE ... .. 5	COLIN RYDER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by SIDNEY BRIGGS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, also as a 21st  
birthday compliment to Ernest A. Thorpe.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, June 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,*

*AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 2	F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... 7
WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 3	COLIN HARRISON ... .. 8
LOUIS E. ALLEN ... .. 4	FRED H. DEXTER ... .. 9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5	JOE GRANT ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. HARRISON.

The quickest peal on ten tower bells. First peal of Caters as con-  
ductor. The peal was specially arranged for Mr. R. F. Deal.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, June 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD HAYES ... .. Treble	* WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 3	JOHN H. B. HEFSE ... .. 8
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 4	† RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 9
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 5	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

*On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

* MRS. K. PATTENDEN ... .. Treble	ALBERT RELFE ... .. 6
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 7
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 3	CYRIL W. A. BROWN ... 8
KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4	WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. 9
HARRY BAKER ... .. 5	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

\* First peal of Royal and first attempt. First peal of Bob Royal  
by all except ringers of 2 and 7. First touch of Royal as conductor.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*W. G. W. WARREN (Oriol) Treble	*R. EMLYN HAVARD (Keble) 5
*WILFRED THOMAS (Lincoln) 2	*Rbv. J. F. RUSSELL (Pem.) 6
JOHN B. HOWES (Keble) ... 3	H. MILES (St. Catherine's) 7
SYDNEY TAYLOR (Merion) 4	†C. ELLIOT WIGG (Keble) Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. All the above are at the present time active members of the Oxford University Society. In this tower, on February 2nd, 1882, was rung the first University peal by the Oxford University Society.

KINVER, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*THOMAS FIELD ... Treble	†HARRY BOSWELL ... 5
*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ... 2	ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 6
HERBERT E. BOOTH ... 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 7
JOSEPH F. SIMPSON ... 4	JAMES SHAW ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ Seventy-fifth peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE MAYERS ... Treble	GEORGE BAILEY ... 5
CHARLES H. MOORE ... 2	†HENRY TOOKE ... 6
*F. W. CECIL CURTIS ... 3	GEORGE H. MOORE ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	WALTER R. FARROW ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First 'inside.' † First in method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5264 CHANGES**

Tenor 15 cwt.

DONALD FINDLAY ... Treble	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 5
HERBERT MARKWELL ... 2	*ALBERT RELFE ... 6
WILLIAM LATTER ... 3	THOMAS E. SONE ... 7
ALEX RICHARDSON ... 4	†CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* 50th peal of Major. † 250th peal. Mr. Richardson has now completed the 'circle.' A birthday peal for Mrs. Richardson. This composition (No. 37) has the 6th 23 times wrong and 24 times right, and is now rung for the first time.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	JAMES POWELL ... 5
*ARCHIE STEVENSON ... 2	HAROLD WANT ... 6
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7
*ALBERT E. BEANEY ... 4	FRANK CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

\* Birthday peal. Ringer of 4th is aged 21. The treble man is 75.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD POSTON ... Treble	WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 5
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	GEORGE POPNELL ... 6
JOHN CLARK ... 3	ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 7
DONALD G. CLIFT ... 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD ... Treble	ALFRED W. FROST ... 5
ERNEST GARSIDE ... 2	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 6
JACK TIPPER ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
THOMAS JONES ... 4	ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

First peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major by all the band and on the bells. Rung as a quarterly peal for the Stockport and Bowden Branch.

CHADDESLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSION,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... Treble	JOSEPH H. COX ... 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... 2	WALTER FARLEY ... 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 3	JOHN BASS ... 7
*SYDNEY G. THOMPSON ... 4	WILLIAM J. CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY, N.,

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

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE H. GRAINGER ... Treble	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 6
ERNEST J. KING ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 4	†HAROLD W. W. GANE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

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

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MAURICE N. HAINE ... Treble	FRANCIS A. SMITH ... 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 3	REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 4	*LEONARD A. HARPER ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

\* First peal. The ringer of the treble was proposed a life member of the association. Rung on the eve of the 92nd birthday of Lord Halifax, wishing him 'God-speed' in his pious work for the reunion of Christendom, 'that they may be one.'

ROCK FERRY, BIRKENHEAD.—A 720 of Kent and Oxford Spliced Treble Bob Minor was rung on Thursday, April 30th: G. Battle 1, Miss D. I. Leatham 2, W. Battle 3, F. Banton 4, W. Dean 5, I. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Kent and Oxford Spliced by the ringer of the third, and rung at the first attempt.



## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. Treble	CECIL NICE ... .. 5
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 2	ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

## HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	SYDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 2	*CYRIL TANSELL ... .. 6
HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 3	JOHN LLOYD ... .. 7
SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of London Surprise Major. First peal of London on the bells.

## ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 8, 1931, in Three Hours.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 20 cwt.

F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... .. Treble	RICHARD LONGDEN ... .. 5
NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 6
JOHN POTTER ... .. 3	CHRIS GUDGEON ... .. 7
JOSEPH SLATER ... .. 4	WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRIS GUDGEON.

## UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;  
Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... .. Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5
KEITH HART ... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

## LONDON.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, LEE, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	JACK DAFTERS ... .. 7
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 4	HAROLD BRASHER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal by the ringer of the tenor, who was re-elected a member of the above association prior to commencement.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

HERBERT FULCHER ... .. Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... .. 5
*CYRIL BARBER ... .. 2	CHARLES LOOME ... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

\* First peal in the method.

## BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, LONGTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 16 cwt.

PHILIP KELSALL ... .. Treble	FREDERICK CRAWLEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM P. DEANE ... .. 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 6
ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 3	THOMAS HURD ... .. 7
HENRY CARNWELL ... .. 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by T. HORD.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Wade and also in honour of his having recently completed forty years' service as ringer at the above church. It is also Mr. Page's 80th peal and Mr. Hurd's first peal of Major as conductor.

## EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14½ cwt. in C.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK RIDGEWELL ... 5
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 6
WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 3	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ridgewell, of Earls Colne, who kindly entertained the band to tea at the conclusion of the peal. It was also a birthday compliment to Frank Claydon.

## STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;  
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	HAROLD F. MARTIN ... .. 5
*A. OLIVER LEWIS ... .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... .. 3	CYRIL TANSELL ... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.' W. Short's 800th peal and S. T. Holt's 250th.

## ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 16 cwt.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	
*WILLIAM J. CROSS ... .. Treble	HARRY PAGE ... .. 5
†JOSEPH LOVETT ... .. 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 6
*E. GEORGE PALMER ... .. 3	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 7
WALTER J. NURTON ... .. 4	GEORGE WINES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung after meeting short for Erin Triples owing to one of the band being ill. Mr. W. J. Nulton kindly took the spare rope at the last minute. Ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5 and tenor are from Pentre, the rest local.

## WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;  
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... .. 2	†WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 6
*FRANK BUCKLAND ... .. 3	THOMAS J. FOWLER ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	†HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal of Major away from the treble. † First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 2	GEORGE WILSON ... .. 6
*MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.  
\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to J. G. Rumsey. J. G. Rumsey and J. M. Bailey have now completed the circle in this tower.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	CECIL NICE ... .. 6
KRITH HART ... .. 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 7
ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 5
ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 3	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 4	FRED WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

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

Seven extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL THOMPSON ... .. Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 4
*SYDNEY G. THOMPSON ... .. 2	HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal in a Surprise method. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Bass.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Being 42 complete six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... Treble	GEORGE HOLICK ... .. 3
*FRANK JOHNSON ... .. 2	*EDWARD BOSWELL ... .. 4

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

\* First peal. Rung for the birthday of H.M. King George V.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

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

In ten callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR LARGE ... .. Treble	CLARENCE R. STEED ... .. 4
WALTER LARGE ... .. 2	HORACE LL. TERRY ... .. 5
PHILIP G. TERRY ... .. 3	FREDERICK KINCHIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE LL. TERRY.

Rung to celebrate the 72nd anniversary of the birth of Mr. Walter Large, who has been a ringer for nearly sixty years.

POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
CYRIL TANSSELL ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM LEWIS.

Rung as the quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

ARLESEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

Being 42 six-scores in ten callings.

*KENNETH F. A. JORDAN ... Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. 5
†JOHN TAYLOR ... .. 3	*HERBERT V. STREET ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

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

Twenty-one of A. J. Pitman's 240's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 gr. 8 lb.

*ALFRED JOHN ... .. Treble	WALTER J. NURTON ... .. 4
†CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5
MISS LUCY THOMAS ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal and first attempt, and proposed a member before the peal. † First of Doubles.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

HARRY HOWARD ... .. Treble	ROBERT HOWARD ... .. 4
WALTER MANSFIELD ... .. 2	SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 5
WILLIAM TACK ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

OXFORD.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thursday, June 11, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

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

*SYDNEY TAYLOR (Merton) Treble	*W. G. W. WARREN (Oriol) 4
†FREDK. DICKINSON (Merton) 2	*C. ELLIOT WIGG (Kemble) 5
*WILFRED THOMAS (Lincoln) 3	JOHN B. HOWES (Kemble) ... Tenor

Conducted by J. B. HOWES.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal as conductor. The first peal rung by junior members of the University.

BOTUS FLEMING, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Being forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 gr. in G.

*H. J. JEFFERY CLARKE ... Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 4
*HOWARD MILES-BROWN ... 2	†SYDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 5
†ALLEN WEATHERLY ... .. 3	*W. FRANCIS OATWAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. H. J. J. Clarke was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

**TIBBSHLEF, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*  
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN ROSE ... .. Treble	*C. BERT CHESTER ... .. 4
*WALTER TOMLINSON ... .. 2	*WILLIAM BETTLES ... .. 5
ROBERT H. HORST ... .. 3	HERBERT LOWMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LOWMAN.

\* First peal in six methods. First peal in six methods as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers at St. Peter-at-Gowls' Church, Lincoln, the ringer of the 2nd being an ex-Tibbshef member.

**LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.**  
**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**  
 (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ERNEST H. EVEREST ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. CLINCH ... .. 4
†GEORGE EDWARDS ... .. 2	JAMES W. KNIGHT ... .. 5
JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 3	LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

\* First peal of Minor and rung at first attempt. † First peal of Minor 'inside' and first attempt. E. H. Everest and G. Edwards were elected members before the peal.

**STANDISH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**  
*On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours,*  
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

STANLEY JOYNER ... .. Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 4
HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 2	TOM PRICE ... .. 5
FRANK COLE ... .. 3	*EPHRAIM HARRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

\* First peal.

**DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
 (WESTERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*VICTOR NEAL ... .. Treble	JOHN NEAL ... .. 4
*DENNIS A. RAXTER ... .. 2	WALTER H. RAXTER ... .. 5
†MICHAEL A. MATTHEWS ... .. 3	HUBERT SPARKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. All the above ringers are members of the St. Mary de Wyche Ringers' Guild, Wychebold. It is the first peal on record by a band consisting entirely of members of that Guild.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

**GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.**  
**THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
 (NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

*On Tuesday, June 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*  
 AT NO. 1, SALTER'S ROAD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5043 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 1-2	WM. J. DAVIDSON ... .. 5-6
WM. H. BARBER ... .. 3-4	ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... .. 7-8
ADAM DRAS ... .. 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by all the band except the conductor.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**THE BATS, BIRDS AND CATS OF THE BELFREY.**

A splendidly attended meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Manaccan on Saturday, in connection with the Penzance District. There were present Dr. J. Symons (president), Major C. F. Jerram (Master), Rev. W. H. R. Trowhella (secretary), and ringers from St. Keverne, Zennor, Illogan, Ludgvan, Gulval, Helston, Phillack and Truro Cathedral, as well as the local ringers of Manaccan and St. Anthony, the total number present being about ninety. The livings of these two parishes are held jointly by the Rev. E. Ormerod, M.A., and each church contains six bells cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The six at Manaccan (tenor 8 cwt.) were cast in 1902, and were at first only hung for chiming, but in 1912 the present Vicar had them hung for ringing, when they were tuned on the Simpson five-tone principle. Incidentally, these were the first ringing peal that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston tuned on this system. St. Anthony's Church, about 1½ miles distant, is situated on the edge of Gillan Creek. The tenor of the six bells is 12 cwt., and they are a beautiful ring, which were hung in 1924. Needless to say, during the afternoon and evening there was plenty of ringing, and the bells were made full use of. It is through the enthusiasm of the present Vicar that these two rings were provided.

The usual service was held and was conducted by the diocesan secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trowhella, who based his address on Baruch vi. 22, 'Upon their bodies and heads sit bats, swallows and birds, and the cats also.' The preacher said his text was no doubt strange, and was taken from one of the books of the Apocrypha. It referred to the things which came and sat upon the idols. He compared some ringers with bats, swallows, birds and cats. The bats—of the belfry—were neither one thing nor the other, and were half-hearted, the bat being neither mouse nor bird. The swallows were birds which were with us for a season and soon departed. There were ringers who often depleted a band, for instance, during the summer, through the call of a motor-bike, tennis, bathing and even through courting. Then the birds—those ringers who were never satisfied. As birds move from place to place, so some ringers go from tower to tower. But when the cats come and sit on the idols, everything else flies away. Was it not true that when certain bells were silent one would ask, 'Why are the bells not ringing?' and the answer was, 'Because so-and-so has come; they don't get on.' All these things were true.

It was a splendid address, and very much to the point.

A bountiful tea was provided, and on the proposition of Dr. J. Symons, seconded by Major Jerram, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and lady helpers.

A business meeting followed, and Mr. W. Wood was elected district secretary and Mr. A. Hitchens (Ludgvan) chairman for the ensuing year. Ludgvan was selected for the next meeting on September 26th, with Gulval (eight bells) tower also open.

After the branch meeting, a general meeting was held, when it was decided to forward £5 5s. to the Stedman Perpetual Fund.

As two vacancies for vice-presidents had occurred, Major Jerram proposed that the Rev. R. Hocking (Pillaton) and Mr. W. H. Southard (Truro) be elected to fill the vacancies, and this was carried.

Mr. W. Wood, the smiling secretary of the branch, is to be heartily congratulated on the splendid gathering.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at All Saints' Church, West Lavington, on Saturday, June 6th. The weather was fine, and there was a very good gathering when ringing commenced at 3 p.m. This was the first branch meeting to be held at West Lavington since the repairs to the tower and the rehanging of the bells have been completed. The ringers were delighted with the 'go' of the peal, which are a musical ring of six with a tenor about 13 cwt. The Vicar, the Rev. P. Sexty, conducted the Guild service at 4.40, and gave a short address of welcome to the branch. Tea, in the school, was followed by the usual business meeting, the chair being taken by Mr. E. F. White, vice-chairman (as Mr. Heginbotham was away on holiday). The Rev. P. Sexty was elected an associate member of the Guild.

It was announced that arrangements had been made with Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Trowbridge, for the 'second' of the branch 'lectures' on ringing to be given at the half-yearly meeting at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 4th. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and the ladies who had so kindly prepared the tea, brought the meeting to a close.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Bradford-on-Avon, Holt, Bishops Cannings, Market Lavington, Potterne, Rowde, Trowbridge, Melksham and Warminster.

The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and, on the return journey, ringers from Devizes and Melksham visited Urchfont tower and rang a touch of 480 Grandsire Triples.

**DEATH OF VETERAN M.C.A. RINGER.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Thomas A. Meredith, of Barton-under-Needwood, at the age of 72. He died after only a few days' illness from heart failure following bronchitis. He was for about thirty years a postman at Barton, and in the earlier part of his life he used to walk to Alrewas every day carrying the mail. He retired about seven years ago.

The deceased was also a well-known change ringer in the district, and was captain of the local band. He was highly respected in the village, and will be greatly missed. He leaves a widow, son and daughter.

Mr. Meredith's membership certificate to the M.C.A. dates back to 1884. He had rung 26 peals for the M.C.A., the last being on the occasion of the reopening of the bells at Barton-under-Needwood after being rehung on May 21st, 1930.

He was buried in Greenhill Churchyard, Lichfield, amongst the bells he used to ring as a boy of eight or nine, the funeral service being conducted by the Vicar of Barton-under-Needwood (Rev. W. Quibell).

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association was held at Rudgwick on Saturday, May 30th. Although a difficult place to get at, and only a six-bell tower, quite a good number were present, the following towers being represented: Heene, Horsham, Kirdford, Billingshurst, Itchingfield, Slinfold, Pulborough, Warnham, Wisborough Green, Woking, and members of the local band.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Wynn).

Tea was partaken of at the local inn, where between 20 and 30 put in an appearance, although only about a dozen had notified their intention of being present.

A short business meeting followed, with the Vicar presiding, the following new members being elected: J. Tansom (Heene), W. Holden (Billingshurst), Norman Hedger (Rudgwick), C. Stevenson (Itchingfield), and Norman Harding as a non-resident member. The question of the Fabian Stedman Tercentenary was discussed, and it was unanimously agreed to support the fund.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, for his address and for presiding at the meeting, and the members wish to thank Mr. S. D. Secretan (churchwarden) for contributing towards the cost of the tea. The belfry was again visited and the bells kept going to rounds and plain courses for the young members, and Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor for others.

**YORKSHIRE RINGERS' JOINT MEETING.**

The annual joint meeting of the societies in the area of the Southern Division of the Yorks Association was held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, when members were present from Sheffield Cathedral, Ranmoor, Ecclesfield, Wortley, Conisborough, Arksey, Rotherham, Eastwood, Handsworth and Killamarsh.

Tea was served in the Village Institute, and the business meeting of the Southern District was held in the same place, Mr. G. Lewis, vice-president, being in the chair. An apology for non-attendance from Mr. Halksworth (Ringing Master) was received. Owing to illness, the Rector was prevented from joining the ringers, and a vote of sympathy with him was passed, and hopes entertained for his speedy recovery.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bolsterstone in September, if the necessary permission can be obtained.

Eight new members were elected, viz., Mr. E. C. Kettell, of Rotherham, and Messrs. A. G. Measures, J. Harvey, E. Williams, L. Parkin, G. Lee, J. Coad and A. Coad, of St. Stephen's, Eastwood.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens and to the local company for the excellent arrangements made were heartily carried, and a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding concluded the meeting.

**WESTERN DIVISION AT EAST ARDSLEY.**

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at East Ardsley on Saturday last, when members from the following towers were present: Birstall, Leeds, Pudsey, Armley, Queensbury, Keighley, Ripon, Bradford, Holbeck, Headingley, Far Headingley, Batley, Rothwell, Earlsheaton, Shipley, Drighlington, Denholme and the local company. During the afternoon the bells of St. Michael's were rung to Plain Bob. Treble Bob and Stedman. Tea was served in the schools, and at the business meeting which followed, Mr. J. Broadley (Ringing Master) was in the chair. Seven new members were elected: W. L. Toogood, A. Teale, W. Burgess, R. Clark, W. Draper (Holbeck), G. Bromley (Birstall), W. Jackson (St. Chad's). The place of the next meeting was discussed, and it was decided to endeavour to arrange a joint meeting with the Northern District at Knaresborough. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. H. Lofthouse.—Canon Young in responding said he had been waiting two and a half years for the association to hold a meeting there, and he would be very grateful for any help that could be given to the band at East Ardsley.—A vote of thanks to the local company for the excellent tea provided was also passed.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The pilgrimage to Menin Gate is maturing well. Twenty-four ringers are pledged to go to Belgium on Saturday, August 1st. They will leave Victoria, London, by the Dover boat train at 11.30 a.m., and should be 'over there' by 6 p.m. The burgomaster of Ypres has given permission for the handbell service at Menin Gate on Monday, August 3rd, and Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., M.C., will be chaplain.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who is as skilful with a rifle as he is with a bell rope, has just won the Donegal badge at Bisley which qualifies him to compete for the famous Donegal Cup at the forthcoming rifle meeting at Bisley.

Mr. William Short, one of the best known ringers in the Midlands, rang his 800th peal on Saturday. For some years he has been living in Worcestershire, and his activities have been largely confined to that county. His 800 peals have, however, been spread over 22 counties in England, Ireland and Wales, and one was rung on the sea. The peals have been rung in 197 towers, and 389 of them have been rung in 50 towers in Worcestershire, where he has conducted 135 in 36 towers. Altogether he has conducted 319 peals in 132 towers.

The Rev. Noel E. Hope, of Hastings, has been ordained priest.

The death watch beetle has been discovered in Saffron Walden Church and has attacked one of the main supporting beams of the bell frame. It has been thought advisable to put in steel girders to take the weight from this beam, and Saffron Walden's annual 'Great Ringing Day' is postponed until the work is completed.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are restoring the bells at Stratton St. Margaret, near Swindon, and adding two trebles to complete the octave. They are also rehanging and augmenting to five the three bells at Lytchett Matravers, Dorset.

Last Saturday, two treble bells, added to the existing ring of eight by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were dedicated at Isleworth, Middlesex, by the Bishop of Kensington. They make an excellent ring of ten. A report of the opening will appear in our next issue.

It is interesting to find a peal recorded by the Oxford University Society, who on May 30th rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Draxton, where in 1882 the society scored the first University peal, also Stedman Triples.

## ASSOCIATIONS' FUNDS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the enquiry in last week's 'Ringing World,' may I present a few figures to your correspondent. If an association has, say, £200 invested at 5 per cent., thus bringing in £10 per annum, it can, in the course of thirty years, spend £300, and still have the £200 invested. This is surely more prudent than spending the £200 capital in a short period.

Take, for instance, the Sussex County Benevolent Fund for 1929. The income to this fund was £3 5s. 9d., but as interest on War stock was £2 12s. 7d., grants totalling £6 6s. were made, and the balance on hand reduced by 7s. 8d. only. In 1930, the Middlesex County Association (North-East District) balance sheet shows a donation to the Isleworth bell fund of £5, but here, again, interest on War stock brings in £3 13s. 8d., and on treasurer's account 6s. 5d., so with satisfactory subscriptions the balance remaining is increased by 13s. 9d., but had there been no capital from which interest could accrue, it would have decreased by £3 6s. 4d., or the grant not made at all. Now refer to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild treasurer's balance sheet, 1929. With no special items of expenditure and no interest on capital, the balance decreases by 3s. 7d. There is a special purposes fund of £23 16s., but as this is probably earmarked already for a Guild certificate, there appears to be little funds to raid here for bell restoration work and propaganda as suggested.

Apart from being good finance, however, I think a good bank balance commands respect for any kind of society, and this is particularly necessary to ringing associations, who must have the moral support of Church authorities when any criticism of ringing activities comes from the public.

I write this, not as an experienced official, but merely as one of the many who, although holding no office whatever, either in tower or association, take an appreciative interest in the work done by our honorary officers.—Yours faithfully,

Shoreham-by-Sea.

JACK M. CRIPPS.

## EAST HERTS MEETING AT BENINGTON.

The spring meeting on June 6th, at Benington, was again well attended, and much enjoyed by all. The old-world village was at its best in the lovely spring sunshine, with the historical church amidst the leafy elm trees that have cast their shadows around for many a year, whilst the old bells have sent out their music for generations. London Surprise was rung here for service 60 years ago.

The Rector kindly provided tea and extended a warm welcome to the ringers, with an invitation for another year. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his generosity.



## THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

### WITHIN SIGHT OF THE GOAL.

The third list of subscriptions to the fund for commemorating the tricentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, by restoring the bells at St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, where Stedman learned to ring and first introduced method ringing as we know it to-day, is published below. The total has now reached £335, so that the goal at which we aimed is now within sight. It has to be remembered, however, that £350 was only a tentative figure and it may be that more will be wanted. In any case, apart from the actual restoration of the bells, a commemorative tablet, worthy of the event, and incidental expenses, such as faculty fees, have to be provided. There is therefore still room for all who desire to be associated with this national memorial, whether as individuals or as bands, to have their share in the scheme, and contributions should be sent at once to

The Editor,

'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey.

All subscriptions will be acknowledged in these columns. The Hon. Treasurer of the fund is the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

### THIRD LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	274	18	6
Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Northern Branch	10	10	0
Truro Diocesan Guild	5	5	0
Oxford Diocesan Guild, North Bucks Branch	3	3	0
Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Southern Branch	3	3	0
Dudley and District Guild	2	2	0
Romney Marsh and District Guild	2	2	0
Surrey Association, North-Western Branch	1	11	6
Society of Sherwood Youths, Nottingham	1	1	0
Halifax and District Association	1	1	0
Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Peterborough Branch	1	1	0
East Grinstead and District Guild	1	1	0
St. Cuthbert's Parish Church Society, Edinburgh	2	2	0
Ringers of Farnham, Surrey	1	15	0
Ringers of St. Peter's, Henfield, Sussex	1	5	0
St. Laurence's tower, Reading	1	1	0
Dunmow Parish Church ringers	1	1	0
Ringers of Ottershaw, Surrey	12	0	0
Ringers of St. Giles', Willenhall, Staffs	10	0	0
Tring Parish Church ringers	5	0	0
Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Loughborough	5	5	0
Mr. F. White, Cranbrook, Kent	2	2	0
Mr. G. Warren Sturgis and his two sons, Groton, U.S.A.	2	0	0
Mr. C. Slingsby's 94th birthday party	2	0	0
Mr. E. Bishop, Swindon (second donation, making £2 2s. in all)	1	1	0
Rev. W. C. Pearson, Henley, Suffolk	1	1	0
Capt. and Mrs. Linter, C.A., Bath	1	1	0
Mr. S. H. Wood, Glasgow	1	0	0
Mr. G. W. Cartmel, St. Albans	10	6	0
Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, Folkingham, Lincs.	10	6	0
Mr. W. Knight, Bristol	10	6	0
Mr. W. Pole Routh, Reading	10	0	0
Mr. F. C. Turner, Newmarket, Suffolk	10	0	0
Mr. F. Horace E. Stubbs, Loughborough	5	0	0
Mr. E. P. Duffield, Lexden, Essex	5	0	0
Mrs. P. Humphrey, Folkingham, Lincs.	5	0	0
Miss F. Humphrey, Folkingham, Lincs.	5	0	0
Mr. W. Lincoln, Chelmsford	5	0	0
Mr. C. T. Coles, Highams Park, E.4	5	0	0
Mr. B. W. Pettitt, Sible Hedingham, Essex	2	6	0
Mr. J. S. Hutchby, Loughborough	2	6	0
Mr. G. W. Steere, Sutton, Surrey	2	6	0
Mr. W. G. Oakey, Badgeworth, near Cheltenham	2	6	0
Mr. C. E. Smith, Godalming, Surrey	2	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. G. Allen, Frindsbury, Kent	2	0	0
Total	£335	15	6

## FABIAN STEDMAN'S CAREER.

### To the Editor.

Sir,—It is long since I trespassed on the attention of the Exercise, but if you are kindly disposed to allow me the privilege, I should like to offer some observations on Stedman's career as it seems to me. I still think, as I did when a contribution of mine appeared in 'The Bell News' of November 7th, 1903, that Fabian Stedman, the ringer, was the same person as Fabian Stedman who made his will on October 17th, 1713, and was shortly afterwards buried at St. Andrew Undershaff, in the City of London. The will appears to be that of an old man, of a kindly nature and in comfortable circumstances, who held an appointment in the office of the auditor of Excise.

Of course, I accept Stedman's connection with Cambridge, and Mr. Morris' discovery of the accounts of the visits to Leicester carries on that connection till 1669.

I have not said that Stedman was a civil servant. As the institution we now know as the Civil Service is not yet a hundred years old, no man in the seventeenth century could be a member of it or subject to its regulations and restrictions.

But to indicate the standing of a man who held an appointment in a Government office in Stedman's day, I said, 'He was what we should now call a civil servant.' The nature of his service to the State was the same as that now rendered by those whom we now call civil servants.

In Stedman's day each Government office worked independently. All appointments were made by patronage; that is, by nomination by the head of the office or some other highly placed personage, who nominated whom he would. There was no age limit for appointment, and men were nominated at any age. So Stedman could have obtained an appointment at any time after 1669.

There is no reason why, under these conditions, Stedman should not have obtained an appointment as well as any other man. Indeed, judging by the characteristics he displayed at Leicester, he would seem specially qualified to secure friends and backers and good introductions.

There was no age limit for retirement. The appointments were usually held for life. If, then, Stedman obtained one, we need feel no surprise that he should still be holding it at an advanced age.

The pay of these appointments was satisfactory. They were considered desirable positions to obtain, and active efforts were made to secure them. The diary of Samuel Pepys survives to show us, among other things, that in Stedman's day a conscientious and hard-working Government official could give himself a very good time and enjoy to the full his intellectual and social interests.

As the desire to settle in London was common enough among able and energetic men in the last forty years of the seventeenth century, it does not seem worth while to speculate about Stedman's probable motives. But if the chance of a comfortable Government appointment opened before him, which would free him from all financial anxiety for the rest of his life, he may well have welcomed it, especially as it would settle him at the headquarters of change ringing.

Now as to identity. It must be remembered that the identification of Fabian Stedman, the ringer, with 'Fabian Stedman of the parish of St. Andrew Undershaff, London, Gent,' who made his will in 1713, was no haphazard guess of mine or of any member of the Exercise. This identification was made by Mr. Owden Stedman, as a result of his genealogical researches. As such it is entitled to our attentive consideration, and if we are to reject it we should have some sufficient reason for doing so. What reason have we? I do not see any.

We cannot say that it was impossible for Fabian Stedman, the ringer, to live to a ripe old age. We cannot say that it was impossible, or, indeed, unlikely, that he should, after 1669, obtain an appointment in the office of the auditor of Excise, and hold it till his death. We cannot contradict Mr. Owden Stedman by such a device as the invention of a second Fabian Stedman, for whose existence we have no evidence. How long after 1669 did Fabian Stedman continue a printer at Cambridge? We don't know. If he was not in his later life connected with the office of the auditor of Excise, what was he doing? We don't know. If he was not the Fabian Stedman, who, on November 16th, 1713, was buried at St. Andrew Undershaff, in the City of London, when did he die and where was he buried? We don't know.

If we reject Mr. Owden Stedman's identification, we know nothing about Fabian Stedman after 1669 except the publication of 'Campanologia' and the Mastership of the College Youths.

If we accept Mr. Owden Stedman's identification, we have a satisfactory outline of the full career of Fabian Stedman, consistent with the customs of his time, which conflicts with nothing, so far as I am aware, that we otherwise know about him.

R. A. DANIELL.

### A SUGGESTION.

Dear Sir,—As the bells of St. Benedict's, Cambridge, will, in all probability, soon be removed from the tower, may I suggest that when they are at the foundry and have been cleaned, sandblasted and refitted, some close up photographs may be taken of them, so

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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### PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL AND MAXIMUS.

Only a brief report was presented on behalf of the Peal Collection Committee. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said he reported last year that they had dealt with the peals of Major with the tenors purged. The reason why these had not yet been typed and placed in the library was that they were waiting for the peals of Royal and Maximus to be included, and this he hoped would be done soon.

The report was accepted on the motion of the president.

### LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

The report of the Literature and Press Committee was presented by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards as follows:—

The outstanding literary event of the period under review is naturally the appearance of Mr. E. Morris' great book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing.' This treatise, the result of 25 years' labour and research, is in truth a monumental work. Nothing approaching such a complete history of our art has ever been attempted before. While on the one hand the mass of technical information brought together in such compendious form renders it an invaluable work of reference for ringers, on the other hand it abounds in such a wealth of interesting facts with reference to bells and bellringing in all parts of the world, that it cannot fail to make a wide appeal to the general public. The book has been extensively reviewed in a large number of journals. In the 'Church Times' it occupied the place of honour on 'The Editor's Table'; the 'Morning Post' and several other newspapers allocated to it a considerable amount of space. It is admirably illustrated and most attractively produced by Messrs. Chapman and Hall, and should find a place in every public library.

Both Mr. Morris and Mr. J. R. Nicholls have also contributed numerous articles, both to the religious and the secular press, including even trade journals. Special interest attaches to two valuable articles in the 'Musical Standard,' one on 'The Music Bell of Oxford,' published on August 23rd, 1930, and another on 'Musical Aspects of Changeringing,' which appeared on September 6th.

Another book of considerable value to ringers is a volume produced by Mr. H. C. Andrews, of the East Herts Archaeological Society, on John Briant, the celebrated Hertfordshire bell founder. This work is published by Messrs. Cartmel and Sons, of St. Albans, and brings to light many facts of great interest with reference to the life and work of this master craftsman.

A report of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, issued last autumn, is of more doubtful value, so far as ringers are concerned. It recommends that 'in all cases where alterations to bells, bell frames or their supports are concerned... the advice of an architect skilled in work of this kind be sought in the first instance, before any bell founder is asked to visit the church.' On the face of it this is a perfectly sound recommendation, but experience scarcely warrants the assumption that the supply of architects 'skilled in work of this kind' would be equal to the demand.

The broadcast of a harvest thanksgiving service from a Somerset church occupied a whole column in the Bristol 'Evening World,' in which prominence was given to the delight of an invalid parishioner on hearing the eight fine bells by wireless.

The 'Southport Visitor' had a full report last December of a lecture on 'Bells and Carillons' given by the well-known Liverpool musician, Mr. W. A. Roberts, to the Southport Organists' Association. Referring to the English practice of change ringing, the lecturer said: 'Bellringing is certainly a healthy exercise and gives pleasure to a great number of worthy ringers.' He added that he would desire it to be encouraged, though he regarded the music of a carillon as on a higher plane.

Just recently there has been evidence in more than one quarter of journalists looking upon the subject of bellringing as one likely to afford 'good copy.' In 'John Bull,' on April 25th, a full-page article appeared under the imposing headline, 'Fifty Thousand Rope-pullers'—quite an illuminating article, written with accuracy and intelligent appreciation. It was probably due to a typographical error rather than to poetic fancy that the name of a familiar method assumed the romantic form of 'Cambridge Sunrise.'

In regard to that aspect of their duties, which concerns the defence of ringers' interests, the committee have not been inactive. Some months ago an agitation was raised in a Surrey village for the discontinuance of the bell customarily tolled on the death of a parishioner. The agitators seemed to have the incumbent's sympathy. The church possesses a peal of eight bells, and a well-known change ringer, sensing the thin end of the proverbial wedge, took the wise course of applying to this committee for advice. Fortified with due information and references to ecclesiastical authority, he was able to prove, much to the surprise of the Church Council and, apparently, of the parish priest, that the suppression of this ancient use of the bell would be a direct violation of the canon law. At the same time, useful suggestions were made with a view to mitigating the cause of the complaint. A satisfactory conclusion was reached, and a dangerous movement thus nipped in the bud.

During last summer the correspondence column of the 'Daily Mirror' was the scene of one of those periodic complaints against church bells. A member of the committee took a hand in the corre-

spondence, but the editor gave the advantage of the last word to the author of the original complaint, whose concluding argument was to the effect that it is unchristian to do anything that causes annoyance to any person. This argument would tend to prove rather too much. It would, at any rate, put the Chancellor of the Exchequer, permanently out of action.

Last Christmas it was observed that, while the programmes of very many foreign stations included broadcasts of bells, the B.B.C. had no mention of bells whatever. Several members of the committee wrote to Savoy Hill calling attention to this anomaly, and a favourable reply was received.

### A LIBRARY LIST.

The President proposed that the report be accepted with thanks. It was, he said, an excellent report showing what was going on. He would like to make one suggestion to the Literature Committee which had been put up to him by a Cheshire ringer. It was this, in view of the fact that tower libraries were catching on, it would be very desirable if the Central Council would take steps to publish a short bibliography of ringing books in such a form that any tower who thought they would like to start a library could see from the list which books it would be most desirable to spend their first £1 on, and the second £1, and so on. He thought it was rather a good suggestion, and perhaps the Literature Committee would undertake the work of preparing such a list.

Alderman Pritchett, in seconding the acceptance of the report, suggested that the bibliography should relate purely to ringing books, and should not include books on bells, apart from the use that could be made of them for the purpose of ringing.

The report was accepted and the suggestion adopted.

### THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

Mrs. Fletcher moved the adoption of the report of the Analysis Committee, which has already appeared, with the analysis tables, in 'The Ringing World.' She pointed out that there were two slight corrections to the published tables. In the peals rung by the Middlesex Association, the figure 7 was omitted by a printer's error under the heading of Cambridge Surprise Major, and in the footnote relating to the eleven-method spliced Surprise peal, Lincolnshire Surprise Major was omitted from the details of the methods rung.—Mr. C. T. Coles seconded.

Mr. J. Hunt referred to the decline in peals of the ringing of such arrangements of Doubles as Morris' 240's of Grandsire. He thought it showed plainly that the views of that Council had some influence among ringers. After their discussion on the subject, there was only about one society that had rung peals in which this type of calling had been used. Another thing to which he would like to draw attention was to the so-called spliced peals, in which, say, half a peal of Bob Royal and half a peal of Grandsire Caters were rung. His view and that of hundreds of ringers in his part of the country was that that was not spliced ringing at all. He was pleased to see that these things were dropping out, and that ringers were not taking part in such performances.

Mr. Trollope said Morris' arrangement of Doubles was not discouraged by the Council, and he hoped it would not go out that it was. The figures would be included in the collection that was shortly to be published without any expression of opinion as to whether they should or should not be rung as part of a peal. When the matter was discussed at least half the Council was not in favour of discouraging them.

### THE ISHAM PEAL.

Mr. A. H. Pulling asked if the Analysis Committee had included in the analysis the peal rung at Isham, in which seven Plain Minor methods were rung in 360's, repeated after a single, and brought round at the end by another single.

Mrs. Fletcher said the analysis included every peal the report of which had been published, except those which were afterwards reported false.

Mr. Pulling said had he known that before he should have brought forward a motion to exclude all peals which did not conform to the rules of the Council. This peal did not, in his opinion, conform to the rules, and he was surprised that a member of the Council should have conducted a peal of this kind. The rule definitely stated that a peal of Minor should be rung in complete 720's, and the peal at Isham was a direct challenge to the Council. It was time the Council recognised in the analysis only those peals which conformed to its rules, and next year he would give notice of a motion to this effect.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher (a member of the committee) said he thought they could say the committee endeavoured to carry out the rules of the Council. He was not aware of any rule which debarred the Isham peal from the analysis. There were certain decisions of the Council with regard to peals, but they were only decisions, and he did not think they could take them as rules.

The Rev. H. Law James said that peal came within the rules absolutely as seven 720's. Years ago, when he used to ring peals of Minor, he invariably tried to reduce the number of singles to the smallest possible, and he never called more than two in a 720. He must admit that it never occurred to him to be content with two in the whole peal; he only wished he had (laughter). What was there to be said against it? There was this: Great-grandfather never did such a thing, therefore I mustn't. What was to be said in favour

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### DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT KINGSWINFORD.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday, June 6th, at St. Mary's Church, Kingswinford. There was a very good muster, and the peal of eight bells were placed at the disposal of the members from three o'clock. The Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar of Kingswinford (the Rev. A. H. Messiter), who also gave an interesting address, and extended a cordial welcome to the members of the Guild to his church and parish. After the service, a bountiful tea was served in St. Mary's Parish Hall, and, later, the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Ringing Master, Mr. John Goodman, jun., and Mr. S. J. Hughes, hon. treasurer. After the routine business had been disposed of, Mr. S. J. Hughes, representative to the Central Council, gave his report on the business transacted, and was heartily thanked.

It was arranged to hold the next quarterly meeting at Tipton, subject to the usual permission being obtained, and to attempt the quarterly peal at Kingswinford, the Ringing Master, Mr. John Goodman, jun., being asked to make the necessary arrangements.

On the proposition of Mr. Colclough, seconded by Mr. Holloway, the secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence and sympathy from the members of the Guild to the family of the late Mr. Fred Evans, of Sedgley, one of the auditors.

Mr. Hughes brought forward the circular from the editor of 'The Ringing World' regarding the tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, and after a pleasant discussion it was unanimously decided to send a donation of two guineas to the fund.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, for his kindness shown in many ways, to those who had provided and served the tea, to the assistant organist (Mr. Frank Dodd), and all who had helped to make that meeting a success.

The Vicar briefly replied, and closed the meeting with prayer. Further ringing then took place and closed a very enjoyable gathering.

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of it? A great deal. In every plain method on six bells, when they called a single, four of the six stand still, and that was a hideous blot, and anything that was going to remove that was a move up and not down.

At this stage the Council adjourned for lunch, at which they were the guests of the Lancashire Association.

On resuming, the President said, whether or not peals of the kind referred to should be actively discouraged, there was nothing definitely to rule them out so far as the Analysis Committee was concerned.

Mr. P. J. Johnson asked whether the peal in question was or was not rung in complete 720's.

The President said as far as he could make out it was rung in twelve 560's, one 719 and one 1 (laughter).

Mr. Johnson said there were mathematicians who told them in regard to Doubles they could get 240 changes where they knew there were only 120, and he believed it was in the rules, or in their decisions, that a peal must consist of complete 720's, and the Council ought not to be asked to accept that report containing a peal of the description referred to. He would suggest they accept the report with the omission of that peal.

Mr. E. M. Atkins (who was the conductor of the peal in question) said it was true, in a way, to say that this peal was rung as a challenge to the Council. The reason it was rung was because it came within the terms of the Council's decision which said that a peal must contain seven true and complete 720's. The 720's might not have been continuous; nevertheless they were seven true and complete 720's. The 720's were each cut into two halves, and the two halves of each 720 were rung in the two halves of the peal.

The President said he did not think there was any rule which would bar the Analysis Committee from accepting this particular 5,040.

The report, on being put, was adopted with several dissentients.

#### RIGHTS TO METHOD NAMES.

Mr. E. Barnett raised the question of the title of 'Double Little Bob,' under which a peal had been included in the analysis. This method had been named Erith Little Bob. He said the committee had no right to alter the name of a method. It had always been a rule that the people who rang the first peal in a new method should have the privilege of naming it. That had been so with the Minor methods. If other people were to be allowed to alter the names, he did not know where they would stop—some people would be wanting to alter the names of the standard methods if they allowed this kind of thing to go on.

The Rev. H. Law James said the method referred to could not be Double Little Bob.

Mr. G. Cross said he published in 'The Ringing World' a letter in which he stated that the method had been properly named 'Erith Little Bob.' There had been no reply, and he thought the Analysis Committee would have put the matter right.

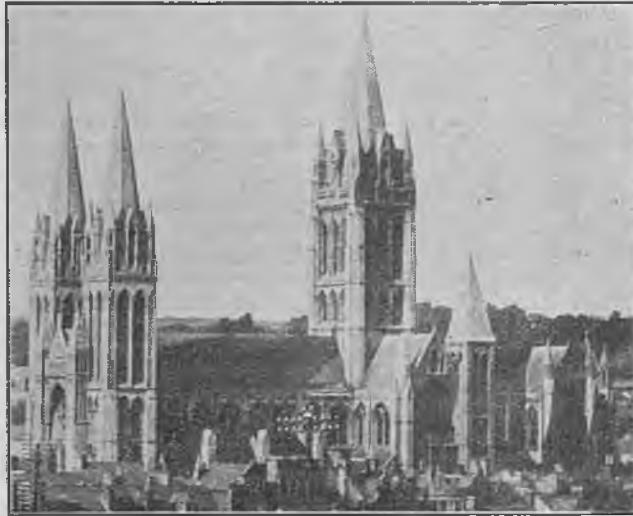
Mr. P. J. Johnson said they had the same difficulty in the Yorkshire Association in deciding whether a method had been properly named.

The President said these were doubtful points, which would probably right themselves, but he did not think they could discuss them that day. (To be continued.)

### TRURO CATHEDRAL. COMING-OF-AGE OF THE BELLS.

Sunday, June 21st, is the 'coming-of-age' of Truro Cathedral bells—that is, the ringing peal of ten. The jubilee of the Cathedral was celebrated last year, the foundation stone having been laid on May 20th, 1880. The choir and transepts were consecrated on November 3rd, 1887, the nave on July 15th, 1903, the central tower and spire on January 22nd, 1904, and the two western towers and spires in 1910. The ring of ten bells, tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C sharp, were dedicated on June 21st, 1910, and are in the north-west tower. They were an entirely new ring, cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and were given by various donors. The legend from a canticle is inscribed on the first band of each bell, the name of the saint to which it is dedicated on the second, the date, A.D. MCMIX., and donor's name on the 'waist.' In three cases there is a special motto added.

The bells were opened by a life members' band from Plymouth and a representative band of Cornish ringers. Some of the noteworthy ringers present were the Revs. J. F. Hastings and E. V.



TRURO CATHEDRAL.

Cox, Messrs. J. R. Newman, C. H. Hattersley, B. Prewett and R. Stavert. The methods rung on that occasion were Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Bob Royal.

The small tower on the south side of the Cathedral contains the clock, with Westminster chimes, and six bells. The hour bell, cast in 1770 by Pack and Chapman, is a good bell weighing 17 cwt., and is hung for ringing. The four-chime bells were cast in 1904 by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The other, cast in 1771 by Pack and Chapman, is unused.

The peals to date at Truro are as follows:—

- Boxing Day, 1910. Grandsire Caters, 3 hrs. 45 mins.
- Sept. 17th, 1926. Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3 hrs. 31 mins.
- April 27th, 1927. Grandsire Triples, 3 hrs. 19 mins.
- November 11th, 1927. Grandsire Triples, 3 hrs. 26 mins.
- May 3rd, 1929. Grandsire Caters, 3 hrs. 22 mins.
- May 29th, 1931. Grandsire Caters, 3 hrs. 22 mins.

The present Cathedral company is very keen, and is setting a lead to other bands in the county of Cornwall in change ringing. They are backed up by a Dean and Chapter ever willing to assist and encourage the furtherance of the art.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, June 13th, when 27 members and friends attended during the afternoon and evening from Braintree, Broomfield, Great Baddow, Galleywood, Great Totham, Maldon (All Saints'), Springfield, Rettendon and the local band.

A peal board in the tower was dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. D. L. Williams), who also conducted a service and gave a most helpful address. The lesson was read by the Master of the association (Mr. C. H. Howard).

An enjoyable tea was served at the Railway Hotel, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Master and District Master.

At the business meeting which followed it was arranged to hold the next meeting at Great Waltham on Saturday, August 15th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address and for presiding at the tea. Votes of thanks were also accorded the organist for her services, and to the local band for their assistance in arranging for the meeting and tea.

The ringers afterward returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going till nine o'clock.



## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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### VI. PEAL RINGING.

If the new company were formed for the purpose of ringing peals, it was not long before they accomplished their intention.

'S. Saviour's, Southwark, April 19th, 1757. This Society of College Youths rang their first peal, which was 5,280 Changes of Bob Maximus, in 4 hrs. and 21 minutes, and was call'd by Mr. Geo. Meakins.

William Griffiths	1	Williams Lovell	7
James Coxon	2	Stephon Pickhaver	8
Edward Powell	3	Robert Mortimer	9
Geo. Meakins	4	Robert Bly	10
James Darquitt	5	John Lokis	11
Thomas Bennett	6	Joseph Monk	Tenor.

What strikes us at once is the preponderance of Eastern Scholars in this band. Meakins, Darquitt, Lovell, Bly, Lokis, and Monk were all ringing peals with that society only a short time before, and it is difficult to see how they could have become legally College Youths. Bennett, after belonging to both societies in turn, had joined the Cumberlands and rang peals with them in 1757, both before and after this peal of Maximus. Coxon (1752), Powell (1751) and Pickhaver (1749) were College Youths, and had rung in John Holt's two peals in 1752. Griffin (1749) and Mortimer (1750) were also College Youths. Coxon had been an Eastern Scholar and Pickhaver and Mortimer Union Scholars.

A month later the company rang a peal of Treble Bob at Ealing on the present ring of bells, but in the old tower. Bennett called this. During 1757 they rang six peals mostly Treble Bob Major. They began the next year with 5,280 Double Bob Maximus at Southwark, and in March of the same year they rang the first peal of Treble Twelve ever accomplished. Ten of this band had been Eastern Scholars.

Up to 1771 seventy-six peals were scored, the majority of which were conducted by George Meakins. They included, besides common methods, Plain, Double, and Reverse Bob Maximus, Reverse and Double Bob Royal, Grandsire Cinques, Double Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques; Morning Exercise Major; and College Exercise Major. There are several six thousands and one ten thousand. Bennett called a few of these peals; Monk and Roberts and John Underwood each one or two. All the while William Underwood seems to have been watching for the opportunity to supersede Meakins. Once he got his chance. In 1764-6 he called nine peals straight off (all the society rang), nearly all of them Grandsire Caters.

In 1759 we come across a peal of Grandsire Caters at Fulham, called by George Partrick with Samuel Muggeridge on the tenor. 'What the devil are they doing in this galley?' Partrick was the virtual founder of the Cumberland Society, the first master, and for many years the conductor and leading member. Samuel Muggeridge was not the afterwards famous College Youths' tenor ringer, but his father. He had belonged to the Union Scholars, and afterwards was a leading member of the Cumberlands.

Was this a friendly visit to the rival company, or does it mean that there had been trouble and dissensions among the Cumberlands? It looks like the latter. Partrick had dominated the society and called almost every peal from the start until 1757. Then his name disappears from the peal book, and we do not find it again till 1761. It was Annable's case over again.

## EASTERN SCHOLARS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the last paragraph of the fourth of his most interesting articles, Mr. Armiger Trollope makes reference to 'a Society of Eastern Scholars who rang at Greenwich and neighbouring towers.' Through the kindness of the friend of a former 'set change' ringer at Greenwich Parish Church, who died many years ago, there has recently come into my possession, bearing evidence of time's ravages, but intact, the original

'Minutes of the several peals of changes rang by the Society of Eastern Scholars of Greenwich.'

I append a list of the 29 performances, which are neatly recorded, some in colour by T. Smythers, who took part in several of them. In due course I shall have pleasure in asking the Central Council's acceptance of same for preservation in the Council's library.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK W. THORNTON.

Greenwich, October 11th, 1800. Maidstone Bob Major Royal, 5,760 changes.  
Greenwich, January 18th, 1801. Grandsire Caters, 5,111 changes.  
Greenwich, February 17th, 1801. Maidstone Royal Ten-in, 6,900 changes.  
Deptford, February 1st, 1802. Oxford Treble Bob, 5,440 changes.  
Greenwich, May 2nd, 1802. London Court Bob, 5,040 changes.  
Hertford, June 7th, 1802. Maidstone Royal Ten-in, 5,500 changes.  
Greenwich, June 22nd, 1802. Grandsire Caters, 5,039 changes.  
Beckenham, March 29th, 1803. Court Bob, 720 changes.  
Deptford, October 28th, 1803. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.  
Greenwich, November 20th, 1804. Bob Major, 5,568 changes.  
Greenwich, November 14th, 1810. Grandsire Caters, 5,039 changes.  
Greenwich, December 4th, 1810. Bob Major, 5,376 changes.  
Greenwich, May 15th, 1811. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.  
Greenwich, November 1st, 1812. Grandsire Caters, 5,219 changes.  
Lewisham, December 13th, 1812. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.  
Shoreditch, January 9th, 1813. Grandsire Caters, 5,039 changes.  
Greenwich, January 24th, 1813. Bob Major Royal, 5,040 changes.  
Greenwich, November 21st, 1813. Grandsire Caters, 5,003 changes.  
Greenwich, October 8th, 1815. Grandsire Caters, 5,219 changes.  
Woolwich, November 13th, 1821. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.  
(First peal on 'the new bells'.)  
Greenwich, December 11th, 1821. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.  
Camberwell, October 13th, 1823. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.  
(The 'new church'.)  
Greenwich, October 21st, 1823. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.  
Greenwich, November 12th, 1823. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.  
Lewisham, February 5th, 1824. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.  
Greenwich, February 18th, 1824. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.  
Lewisham, October 13th, 1825. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.  
Lewisham, January 26th, 1826. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.  
Woolwich, November 13th, 1826. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.  
The various conductors were G. Gross, E. Taylor, J. Marllon, F. Male, S. Wade, W. Herbert, G. Cole, J. Ladley, H. Symondson and C. Atkins.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—For evening service, on Sunday, June 14th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins., in honour of the visit of the Rev. N. E. Hope: W. J. Ladd 1, H. D. Whyte 2, G. Lanibot 3, G. F. Tizzard 4, Rev. N. E. Hope 5, J. Wren 6, E. G. Ladd 7, R. Stredwick (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by H. D. Whyte, G. F. Tizzard and W. J. Ladd.

ALGAKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, June 14th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 28 mins.: W. E. Clarke (conductor) 1, J. Carratt 2, J. Leeson 3, C. Burrell 4, H. Barsley 5. Longest length by all the band except the conductor. The ringers of 2, 3, 4 and tenor have only just started change ringing, and are making good progress.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On June 14th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, J. Williams 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence 6. For evening service, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, J. Williams 2, S. Head 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, A. Phillips 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Carter 1, H. Harris 2, J. Gibbons (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, J. E. Moreton 4, H. Wright 5, A. Haswell 6, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 7, G. Veasey (first quarter-peal) 8. Arranged for H. Wright (Oswestry), who is on a visit to his 'native' tower.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, June 14th, for evening service, 720 London Surprise Minor: C. Robinson 1, M. Ginn 2, F. C. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. After service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Ginn 1, T. Chinery 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, T. R. Dennis 6. Will intending visitors note service commences at 6 p.m.; ringing, morning 9.50 a.m., evening 5.20 p.m. Kindly drop a card when coming, if possible, to A. J. Ginn, captain, or F. Warrington, vice-captain, Over, Cambs.



## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on June 30th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; both at 7.30. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Old Glossop, Glossop, Derbyshire, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready any time after 2 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Bus leaves front of Woolworth's, Piccadilly, every half-hour. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sowton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. By kind permission of the Rector, the Rectory garden will be open to ringers during the afternoon. —Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will take place at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea and general meeting, Lloyd's Café, at 5.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Wroughton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 3.30. Tea (in vicinity) 5. Business and ringing after. A good attendance requested.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Yelvertoft on Saturday, June 20th. Those requiring tea please notify me.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 20th. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting at the Six Bells. Will those requiring tea please let me know as early as possible?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Hathersage on Saturday, June 20th (Church of St. Michael). Six bells (tenor 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea free to those only who notify Mr. H. Newbury, Cannonfields, Hathersage, not later than June 19th. Visitors welcome. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The June meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea on the lawn at 5 p.m., at 1s. each. All ringers welcome. — S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon, Wilts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Shore, Littleborough, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**A JOINT MEETING** of the Chesterfield District of the M.C.A. and the East Derbyshire and Notts Association will be held at Morton on Saturday, June 20th. Will members please note that subscriptions are now due?—J. P. Tarlton.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Lydd on June 20th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. The hon. secretary hopes that members will make a special effort to attend this meeting, and a card for tea would help.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Swinderby (5), Saturday, June 20th. Bells available 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Hon. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Melling on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea 1/- per head.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6), recently rehung, available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, to follow. A really good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Henbury and Westbury on Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service, 4.30, at Henbury Church. Tea and meeting to follow. Westbury bells available in the evening. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify for tea by the 23rd.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Hughenden (8 bells) on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 5.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained in High Wycombe. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the Tea Room at 6.30. Nomination of committee man. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea only to all who notify Mr. J. Ramsbottom, 336, Hornby Road, Bury, not later than Wednesday, June 24th.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held by kind invitation of Rev. S. K. Lockyear at Brabourne on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45. I trust this meeting will be attended as it was last year. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — The Summer Festival will be held at Woburn on Saturday, June 27th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Woburn is an ideal spot to spend the afternoon, so we hope to see a good attendance.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The third meeting of the year will be held at Barlborough, near Chesterfield, on Saturday, June 27th. The bells will be open from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. P. Morris, Sycamore Lane, Barlborough, Chesterfield, before June 25th. Please note there is special business at this meeting. Good attendance requested. Good bus services from all directions.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Horsell (6 bells) on Saturday, June 27th, in conjunction with the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea must notify me by Tuesday next, June 23rd.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Horsell (instead of Worplesdon) on Saturday, June 27th, in conjunction with the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. See other notice for times. Members requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 23rd.—H. F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham, Surrey.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) available early. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. All welcome. For tea kindly notify me by June 24th.—L. N. Cawthorne, Dis. Hon. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Northampton Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Kingsthorpe on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 23rd?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Budsworth (8 bells) on Saturday, June 27th. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, at a small charge. Will those who intend to be present kindly let me know before June 25th?—H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, near Northwich, Cheshire.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.** — Great Ringing Day, June 27th. Owing to church repairs this year's meeting is postponed until a later date. — Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Coleshill, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m., tea at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 4th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, 1s. each. Please advise me, certain, by July 1st. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be held on the Vicarage lawn (weather permitting) and the business meeting will follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, June 30th? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — The Summer Festival will be held at Farnham on Saturday, July 4th. Farnham bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m.; Aldershot (8), Frensham (6) and Bentley (6) from 3 p.m. Frequent bus services between these towers. The grounds of Farnham Castle will, by special permission, be open to ringers and their friends. Service in Farnham Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute 5.30 p.m., at 1s. each. All ringers welcome. It is essential that numbers for tea should reach Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, by first post Wednesday, July 1st.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Half fares (maximum 1s. 6d.)—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — Next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8). For tea, please notify Mr. F. Mortimer, 84, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

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The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available: Abbey (10), 3-3.45 p.m., 6-7.30 p.m.; Twerton (8), St. Mary's, Bathwick (8), Weston (6), these bells from 2.30 p.m. Service, 4 p.m., at St. Mary's. Business meeting St. Mary's Church House. Members, please make their own arrangements for tea. — J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division. —

A meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Neuth Hall, by invitation of W. E. Neuth, Esq. All wishing to be present at tea please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, July 1st.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District. —

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eserick, near York, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea on the Vicarage lawn, weather permitting, at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mr. J. W. Steel, Eserick, York, by Thursday, July 2nd, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will

hold their annual meeting and a 6-bell contest at Elland on July 4th. Draw 2.45 p.m., Parochial Hall. Will those who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, send word not later than Monday, June 29th, to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly

meeting, Syston, July 4th. Bells (8, recently rehung) open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.30. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by general meeting; each in Church Hall. Those requiring tea (moderate charge) must advise Mr. E. F. Payne, 18, High Street, Syston, not later than July 2nd, to avoid disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will

be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, July 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, July 1st? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will

be held at St. John the Divine, Leicester, on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting, at the Turkey Café, Granby Street. All ringers welcome. Will those desiring tea kindly advise Mr. W. Willson, 3, Winchester Avenue, Leicester, before Wednesday, July 1st?—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. —

The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh Parish Church on Saturday, July 11th. The bells, which have recently been in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co. at Loughborough, will be available from 3 p.m. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

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**OLD RINGER'S DEATH.**

The Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association have recently lost their oldest ringing member in the person of Mr. Richard Rigbye, of Eccleston.

Mr. Rigbye, who passed away on June 4th, at the ripe age of 83, was one of the oldest, if not the oldest, members in the association. He began to ring at Eccleston when he was seventeen years of age, and had rung there ever since, except for the last twelve months or so.

The funeral took place at Eccleston on June 8th, when Mr. Rigbye's brother ringers bore him to his last resting place. Amongst those present were ringers from Leyland St. James and Chorley.

Amongst the floral tributes was one from the ringers in the form of a bell.

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that the quaint inscriptions, etc. (particularly on the 3rd and tenor) may be read by those who are interested in such things? I well remember some years back trying to decipher them in a bad light, and, incidentally, getting in a terribly dirty state as a consequence, but I quite enjoyed it all the same. I also hope the actual weights of the bells will be noted. I was told the tenor was about 18 cwt., but this may be exaggerated, although I found it wanted some pulling when raising it. I have much pleasure in enclosing my humble mite towards this excellent restoration.—Yours faithfully,

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