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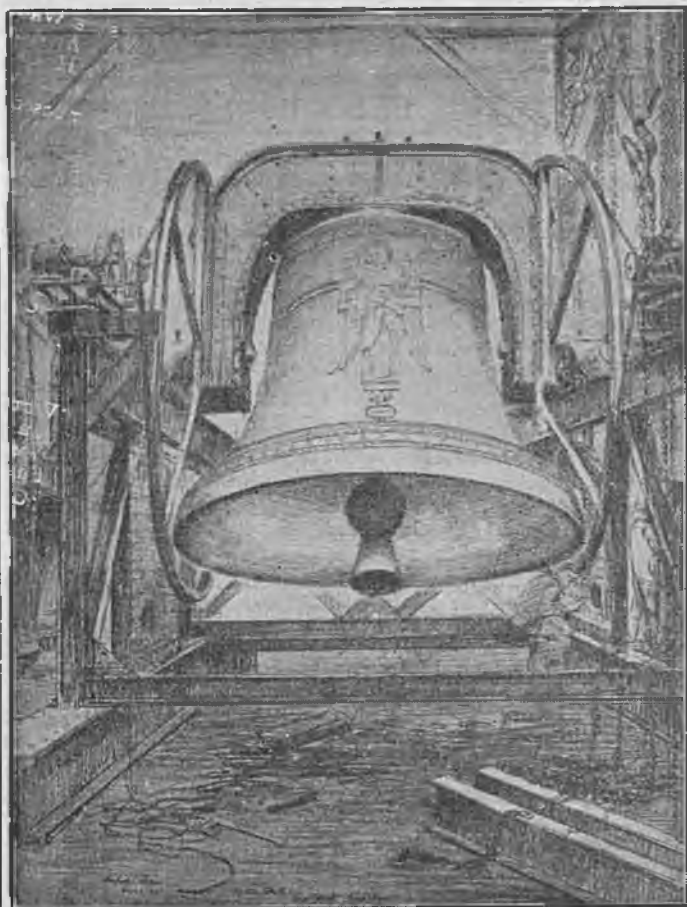
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AN ASTOUNDING PROPOSAL.

Nearly two centuries ago, in the year 1741, to be exact, two peals of Treble Bob Royal were rung at St. Sepulchre's Church, London, the first by the Eastern Scholars, the second by the College Youths. For each of these performances a board was erected, but on that which commemorated the College Youths' peal this couplet was added:—

'When merit's justly due, a little praise then serveth;

A good peal needs no frame, a bad one none deserveth.'

Whether the implication concerns a false peal, as was for long generally supposed, or a badly struck one, as some later historians have thought to be the case, is of no particular consequence, but this ancient rhyme is brought to mind by the astounding proposal that a tablet should be erected by public subscription at Painswick 'to commemorate the ringing of 17,687 changes of Grandsire Cinques in 11 hrs. 36 mins. on November 8th, 1930.' A faculty has been granted to two Painswick gentlemen in order that the tablet may be placed on the south wall of the Parish Church. Unless the tablet is to record the true facts of what happened, in order that future generations may commiserate with the band who performed this great but wasted feat of endurance, the proposal is surely a crowning folly to a fiasco which would be better buried in the limbo of the forgotten past. There was a point up to which the Exercise at large sympathised to the full with those who had taken part in this greatest of all false peals. The claim afterwards made that it still stood as the greatest number of changes rung on twelve bells caused some of that sympathy to evaporate, but the whole thing will be brought to ridicule if this suggestion, to commemorate it by a tablet in a conspicuous part of the church, is carried through.

Until the actual wording of the tablet is known, criticism must be restricted, because it may be the intention of the promoters to record the real facts, but no condemnation from ringers will be severe enough if an attempt is made to represent this false peal as a performance which has any merit in the history and records of the art. To commemorate it as such by 'public' subscription would be an imposition on the ignorance and generosity of the public which nothing could justify. The thing to do with a false peal is to expunge the record, not perpetuate it, and, whatever may be the actual form of the ultimate wording on the tablet, we doubt if a false peal, whatever its length, can justify a commemorative stone. The faculty has been granted to Mr. S. G. Goulding and Mr. H. J. Birt. If these gentle-

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men are ringers, they should know what the opinion of the Exercise would be; for our part we cannot imagine that the majority of those who took part in the 'peal' can have acquiesced in the proposal. Would it not be better to drop the idea at once, and leave the '17,687 Grandsire Cinques' as an unpleasant memory? If the people of Painswick are so intensely interested as to be desirous of providing a tablet for a false peal, they ought to be sufficiently keen to see a true one of the same or a longer length rung. There would then be something really worth commemorating, but unless the tablet concerning last year's peal is worded strictly in accordance with the facts, even the record of a wonderful feat of physical endurance would not justify it, for it would be misleading to future generations.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

ROBERT PICKERING	Treble	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ...	7
WILLIAM A. COOPER	2	JOHN C. ADAMS	8
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ...	9
CHARLES E. LAWSON	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	5	THOMAS J. ELTON	11
*GEORGE W. HUGHES	6	HARRY BOSWELL	Tenor

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † 50th peal. Arranged for Messrs. C. E. Lawson and L. W. G. Morris, of Leeds.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

ERNEST BISHOP	Treble	JOHN BERRY	6
*N. ALLNATT	2	CHARLES J. GARDINER ...	7
JOHN THOMAS	3	HENRY W. L. WELLS ...	8
LOUIS A. WILSON	4	JACK ROBERTS	9
HERBERT W. BISHOP	5	SIDNEY PALMER	Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*HARRY PRICE	Treble	HAROLD F. MARTIN	6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	7
*WILLIAM SHORT	3	*ROBERT MATTHEWS	8
FRANK LAWRENCE	4	CYRIL TANSELL	9
SIDNEY T. HOLT	5	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Double Norwich Royal. First peal of Double Norwich Royal on the bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY C. ALFORD	Treble	PERCY E. CLARKE	6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	2	REGINALD T. NEWMAN ...	7
THOMAS LANGDON	3	JAMES BULLOCK	8
HERBERT LANGDON	4	RICHARD F. DEAL	9
ALBERT A. HUGHES	5	ALFRED JOYCE	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble	*JOHN W. WARD 6
*GEORGE SPARROW 2	*ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	*T. REGINALD DENNIS 8
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 4	*FREDERICK DENCH 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung on Mr. Prior's 60th birthday.

KINGS NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR CHAMBERS Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY 7
HENRY H. FEARN 3	THOMAS F. KING 8
*H. JAMES TURNER 4	ALBERT WALKER 9
CHARLES WEBB 5	JOHN WITHERS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE

* First peal of Stedman. Arranged for Mr. J. T. Dyke, of Chilcompton, and Mr. T. F. King, of Bath.

FULHAM.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ALL SAINTS', FULHAM, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. HOLIER Treble	CHARLES F. HUNT 6
FREDERICK G. BALDWIN 2	FRANK CORKE 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 3	HARRY MANCE 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 9
EDWARD R. MACKRILL 5	PERCIVAL W. NORTON Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.
Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. Frank C. Norris, a member of both societies, on the day of his marriage to Miss Grace Coombes. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Hunt.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5129 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAVE Treble	JAMES A. HART 6
HENRY STALHAM 2	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7
*ALFRED J. MORRIS 3	WALTER CHARMAN 8
FRANK BENNETT 4	ALFRED J. TURNER 9
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 5	*WILFRED BOOTH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a compliment to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and Mrs. Goldsmith on the 28th anniversary of their wedding, at the church where they were married.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. WHITE Treble	CUTHBERT G. WHITE 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 2	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 8
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect for Henry Bennett, a much esteemed member of the Appleton band, who died at the age of 66 years and was interred at Cumnor on Saturday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HAEBOURNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	HOWARD STANLEY 5
*HENRY H. FEARN 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor. Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 3.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
MAURICE SWINFIELD Treble	J. ALFRED BARRATT 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 2	JACK BAILEY 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	*W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

* 100th peal. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of the IMMANUEL, STRATHAM COMMON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	DANIEL COOPER 5
DAVID WRIGHT 2	DAVID VINCENT 6
*FRANK E. DARBY 3	AMOS W. CLARK 7
FRANK JENNINGS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* 75th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Jennings. Arranged with pleasure for Mr. Vincent, on a visit from Sunderland.

GRIMSBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MRS. J. BRAY Treble	CHARLES W. TAYLOR 5
JAMES B. BUDD 2	JACK BRAY 6
JOHN E. KENNINGTON 3	HERBERT I. MINGAY 7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD 4	P.C. ARTHUR PASHLEY Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Budd, who entertained the band after the peal. Ringing friends will join in wishing them many future years of happiness.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, September 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
ROBERT PICKERING Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 5
HARRY BOSWELL 2	JOHN T. DAVIES 6
THOMAS J. ELTON 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
FRANCIS BROTHERTON 4	ARTHUR E. READ Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. E. Harrison, M.A., M.C., Vicar of St. Giles', and Miss M. C. Mackintosh, of Hampstead, London, who were married at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on September 5th.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church on Thursday, August 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. Hatton 1, N. Allnott 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, J. Woodroff 4, J. Penney 5, G. Lawrence 6, J. Roberts (conductor) 7, C. J. Gardiner 8.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
KEITH HART 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

HARMSTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 12 cwt.
JOHN WALDEN Treble	HARRY CARTER 5
JACK BRAY 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES 6
*MRS. J. BRAY 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* 50th peal and first peal of Stedman. Arranged as a birthday compliment for the ringers of the tenor.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF ROUBLE NORWICH COUNT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT RAINBIRD Treble	PERCY GREEN 5
ALFRED PRIOR 2	HERBERT DEVENISH 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ERNEST J. BUTLER 7
FRANK G. RINGE 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... Treble	PERCY JERVIS 5
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL ... 2	*NORMAN C. LEWIS 6
JOHN P. TARTLTON 3	WILLIAM T. PALMER 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 234). Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS J. HULL Treble	JOHN MALYAN 5
WALTER H. L. BOCKINGHAM ... 2	CHARLES JEFFS 6
FRANK KIRK 3	HARRY D. HOLLOCK 7
BEN JARMAN 4	FRANCIS KIRK Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

First peal in the method as conductor.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... Treble	*CHARLES COOK 5
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 6
*JOHN W. WARD 3	*ALFRED L. SIMMONDS 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS 4	FREDERICK DENCH Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALFRED PITSTOW.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES
Tenor 23½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... 5
HARRY HOVERD 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

First peal in the method on the bells and as conductor, and rung to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. T. Groombridge, sen. The 150th peal together of Messrs. Groombridge, sen. and jun.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN R. MAIN Treble	ARTHUR BIGLEY 5
WALTER PERKINS 2	GEORGE BASFORD 6
*FRANCIS BALL 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
AMOS SMART 4	HARRY CHAMBERS Tenor

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal on eight bells. Harry Chambers has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

THATCHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Treble	CYRIL T. HIBBERT 5
MRS. FREDK. M. MITCHELL ... 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 6
*KINGSLEY BURT 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 7
MISS PAT HOLLOWAY 4	HARRY W. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First peal. Arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Gravesend, Kent. The 3rd and 5th men from Isley.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. Cartwright, of Harborne, Birmingham, was elected a member previous to starting.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

*WILLIAM J. WHITING ... Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Charles A. Read and Miss Florence Winchester, which took place at Crawley on this day. Both are members of the Dorking Parish Church band of ringers.

WESTON, BATH.—At All Saints' Church, on August 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) for evening service: Miss N. G. Williams (conductor) 1, Miss Daisy Ashman 2, Miss Enid Cross (first quarter-peal inside) 3, Sealy Woodburn 4, W. H. Crocker 5, G. Brewer 6.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JACK M. CRIPPS Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
KEITH HART 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	GEORGE KENWARD 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

A birthday peal for Mrs. C. H. Sone. This composition is now rung for the first time.

GORING-ON-THAMES.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

MRS. CYRIL PEARCE Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	GEORGE GILBERT 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 13, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN W. WARD Treble	THOMAS CHINERY 5
LEONARD E. PITSTOW 2	FREDERICK DENCE 6
ALFRED L. SIMMONDS 3	ALFRED E. PITSTOW 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS 4	HARRY S. RICHOLD Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED PITSTOW.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

The following six peals were rung as the result of six evenings' ringing arranged for P.C. Charles Davis, of the Metropolitan Police Guild, and Mr. George H. Daynes, of Deptford, who desire to thank all who assisted and rang with them.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*P.C. CHARLES DAVIS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
DONALD G. CLIFT 2	JOHN PHILLIPS 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
GEORGE POPNELL 4	†WILLIAM HALL Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

FREDERICK ATWELL Treble	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS 6
GEORGE POPNELL 2	FRANK CRABBE 7
JOHN W. JONES 3	KENNETH KNOWLES 8
CHARLES GREEDY 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES 9
*FREDERICK GREEDY 5	ALBERT THOMAS Tenor

Composed by HENRY G. MILES. Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES

* First peal of Caters. Rung on the 14th anniversary of the ringing of the 6th's wedding day, also the 18th anniversary of the ringing of the 7th.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*JOHN W. JONES Treble	PETER C. HEATH 6
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS 7
†CHARLES H. PERRY 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 8
DONALD G. CLIFT 4	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
GEORGE POPNELL 5	*SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* 50th peal together. † 100th peal. Rung on the 21st birthday of W. C. Perry, son of the ringer of the 3rd.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR HAWKINS Treble	JOHN W. JONES 5
EDWARD H. STRADLING 2	DONALD G. CLIFT 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS 7
GEORGE HAWKINS 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

A birthday compliment to George Went, one of the local ringers.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

HARRY PAGE Treble	JOSEPH LOVETT 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	TOM PAGE 7
*P.C. CHARLES DAVIS 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

* First peal of Kent Major. Rung on the occasion of the 19th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Jones, of Caradoc Street, Cwmearn, Monmouthshire, Mrs. Jones being a native of Pentre.

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TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with six different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST G. HIBBINS Treble	HAROLD J. HAZELL 4
MISS KITTY WILLIERS... .. 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 5
CHARLES W. COOK 3	ARTHUR WILSON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

This peal was specially arranged and rung to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Fabian Stedman. Messrs. Hibbins and Dennis have now rung peals of Stedman Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques, and this was also their 50th peal together.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 10, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Lancaster, Stamford and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

ALBERT E. BALL Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 4
FRANCIS BALL 2	AMOS SMART 5
MISS EVELYN STEELE 3	WALTER PERKINS... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

WALTER THOMAS... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 4
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES MORGAN 5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST 3	*PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

* First peal of Minor.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Original, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Dunstan's, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JAINE Treble	FREDERICK A. JAINE 4
THOMAS C. JAINE 2	WILLIAM H. JAINE, SEN. 5
CHARLES JAINE 3	*GHR. WILLIAM H. JAINE, JUN., R.A. Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal. First 'family' peal for the Guild on tower bells. Three generations of the family took part. The oldest member is 59 years of age and the youngest 16. The combined age of the band is 194.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.

THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL (GLASGOW) SOCIETY.

On Sunday, September 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT 66, HILLHEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

HARRY F. SARGENT 1-2	STEPHEN H. WOOD 5-6
ALBERT F. SARGENT 3-4	*THOMAS C. WINDERAM 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN.

Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

* First peal.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal for Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): M. N. Haines 1, P. L. Miles 2, A. Outmore 3, E. E. Welham 4, H. Cook 5, W. E. Judd (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, E. R. Mackrill 8.

PEALS IN NORTH-WEST DEVON.

The following peals were rung for the newly-formed North-West Branch of the Devon Guild. They are the first by the branch and were made possible through the brothers T. G. and A. W. Myers, of Plymouth, who were spending a holiday in the neighbourhood. Messrs. Myers desire to congratulate those who scored their first peals and also to thank all who contributed to the success.

PYWORTHY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, August 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*JOHN W. SANGWIN Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS 4
*CHARLES SANGWIN 2	A. WILLIAM MYERS 5
*FREDERICK SANGWIN... .. 3	WILLIAM SHEARS... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

* First peal. This is the first peal rung for the branch. The first peal on the bells.

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 25, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE VINNICOMBE ... Treble	†JOHN W. SANGWIN 4
THOMAS G. MYERS 2	FREDERICK SANGWIN 5
WILLIAM SHEARS 3	*WILLIAM MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by F. SANGWIN.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor. The first peal on the bells.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, August 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE VINNICOMBE ... Treble	A. WILLIAM MYERS 5
*CHARLES SANGWIN 2	*JOHN W. SANGWIN 6
THOMAS G. MYERS 3	*FREDERICK SANGWIN... .. 7
WILLIAM SHEARS 4	†FREDERICK PROUD Tenor

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

THE NEW 'COLLECTION.'

CARTER'S PRINCIPLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Many years ago I pointed out in the 'Bell News' that Carter's Principle, when correctly given, has coursing order division heads. As lately as 24th August, 1928, I gave in 'The Ringing World' the first divisions of Carter's Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques, and the figures I gave agreed with the method given in the 1907 book as CARTER'S DOUBLES.

In the new book just issued the Reverse of 1907 is given as the method, and the method of 1907 is given as the Reverse. Why this alteration? Perhaps the committee will kindly enlighten us and also say why they give the one in its correct form and not the other.

Below I give the method and its reverse in the form that I have known it for very many years.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

Carter's Principle as in 1907 Collection, but given correctly:—

The Method.	Reverse.
12345	12345
21354	21354
12534	23145
15243	32415
51234	23451
15324	24315
51342	42351
15432	43215
51423	34251
54132	43521
45312	45312
54321	54321
53412	45231

N.B.—It should be obvious to everyone that Carter's Principle is REVERSE STEDMAN DOUBLES by altering head from 53412 to 45231, and the Reverse of Carter's Principle is Stedman Doubles by altering head from 45231 to 53412.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**MEMBERS ENTERTAINED AT TIPTON.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday, September 5th, at St. Martin's Church, Tipton (Staffs), the bells being at the disposal of the members from 3 o'clock. The Guild's beautiful form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Mortimore), who also gave a very interesting and helpful address. At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a bounteous tea was in readiness.

The usual business meeting followed, at which the chair was taken by the Vicar, who gave a right cordial welcome to the members on behalf of himself, the churchwardens and other church officials. Mr. Harry Mason wrote regretting his inability to be present. Several new members were added to the roll, including the Vicar as an honorary member.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Sedgley, subject to the usual permission being obtained. It was also decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Tipton, the date and arrangements being left in the hands of the ringing master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.).

At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. S. J. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Parley, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar of Tipton for his warm welcome, for his kindness in granting permission to hold this meeting at his church, for conducting the service and his eloquent address, for the use of the tower and bells, and the schoolroom in which to hold the tea and meeting. Thanks were also accorded to the organist for the musical part of the service, and special thanks were given to the donors of the tea and to the ladies who had kindly prepared and served the meal. Thanks were also extended to Mr. Geo. Hughes, the energetic secretary of the local band, for making the necessary arrangements, and to his willing band of helpers, also to everyone who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a happy and successful one.—The Vicar briefly replied on behalf of himself and all concerned.

Those present then joined in singing the National Anthem and the meeting closed with prayer. Afterwards the members kept the bells merrily going until nearly 9 o'clock.

FIRST QUARTER OF STEDMAN AT 74.

Mr. W. Pittman, of Weston-super-Mare, has rung his first quarter-peal of Stedman at the age of 74 years, and he is to be congratulated on such a performance. The quarter-peal was rung at St. John's Church, Weston, on September 10th, by A. E. Parsons (Old Hill) 1, H. G. Bird (Worcester) 2, J. Preston (Erdington) 3, A. Wilkerson 4, E. B. Crouder (St. John's, Deptford) 5, E. Parker (conductor) 6, W. Pittman 7, J. R. Jones 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

No doubt the inclement weather had an effect on the attendance at the meeting of the South-Western Division at North Weald on Saturday, only 14 stalwarts from Bentley, Barking, Romford, Leytonstone and Sible Hedingham braving the elements. However, those who did attend made the best of it and it enabled several to enjoy their first touches of various Minor methods, the bells being kept going till the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an inspiring address. Tea followed in a well-known cottage near by, thus bringing back to several present the memory of many pleasant hours spent therein on previous visits.

At the meeting three new members were elected and Romford chosen for the next meeting (the district annual), to be held, if possible, on Saturday, November 21st next.

The proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. O. Gosney) for kindly granting use of tower and bells and for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, Miss Brown for kindly playing the organ, Mrs. and Miss Gridley for arranging the tea, and last, but not least, to the local secretary, Mr. S. Blatch, for having everything in readiness.

The Vicar, in replying, said how pleased they all were to welcome the association to North Weald again, and, despite the miserable weather, he hoped that it would not damp their spirits, but that they should arrange to pay another visit as soon as possible, when, perhaps, the weather would be a trifle kinder.

After the meeting the bells were made use of till 8 p.m., when those of the stalwarts who had arrived by train were given a hearty send off to cheer them on their mile and a half tramp across the fields to North Weald Station, which was accomplished with a few minutes to spare.

MUFFLED BELLS.

With the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. E. Murgatroyd, late a member of the local company, touches were rung at the Parish Church, Shipley, on Sunday, August 30th, as follows: 504 Stedman Triples: H. Foster 1, J. Briggs 2, E. H. Simpson 3, E. Jenkins 4, H. Stott 5, F. Seager 6, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 7, A. Trotter 8. 672 Double Norwich Major: H. Foster 1, T. King 2, H. Haigh 3, T. B. Kendall 4, H. Stott 5, F. Seager 6, E. Jenkins 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On Sunday, August 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. White 1, C. W. A. Brown 2, F. J. Lambert 3, F. Bennett 4, W. Button 5, T. E. Sone 6, C. W. Player (conductor) 7, F. Parker (first quarter-peal) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Irish tour finished last Saturday in Dublin. Six counties were visited and a peal rung in each, there being in all nine successful attempts out of twelve.

In the report of the peal at Great Addington in our last issue, an asterisk, denoting the first peal of Surprise Minor, was placed against the ringer of the treble instead of the 2nd (Mr. A. E. Bull).

The meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford on September 26th is at Ponkridge, not Pembridge, as stated in the notice last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Budd, of Grimsby, have just celebrated their silver wedding, and their ringing friends will join in wishing them many future years of happiness. A peal in honour of the event was rung at St. James' Church, Grimsby, on Thursday week, and the ringers were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Budd.

The many friends of Mr. G. R. Fardon, of London, will regret to learn that he is in hospital, with two fractured ribs, as the result of a fall from a step-ladder.

The dedication of two new treble bells at Husbome Crawley, Beds, is to take place on Sunday, October 4th, at 3 p.m. They will raise the existing ring (tenor 18½ cwt.) to an octave. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the dedication will be performed by the Assistant Bishop, the Right Rev. G. H. Lander.

The peal at Willey, Salop, recorded last week, was not the first on five bells in the county. A peal on the ring of five at Leaton was rung on July 1st, 1922.

Ten Nottingham and three Newark men opened the new peal of ten bells at Grantham on September 19th, 1925. It took all 13 of them to get the bells through a peal of Grandsire Caters, there being two men on the 9th and three on the tenor. What would be said of bellhangers in these days if a new ring of bells took that amount of handling?

The first peal of Double Norwich Caters was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on September 22nd, 1894.

CLAIMS SURRENDERED.

Of the three peals of Grandsire Triples by Mr. G. Lindoff, published in our issue of August 21st, Nos. 1 and 2 had been previously obtained by Mr. J. Pigott, of Birmingham, and Mr. Lindoff renounces his claim to them, retaining No. 3 as his composition.

Mr. J. W. Moorhouse writes that he is informed by Mr. W. Willson, of Leicester, that the four-part peal of Bob Royal published in our issue of September 4th was published by Mr. Willson on September 17th, 1898. Mr. Moorhouse, therefore, surrenders his claim to this composition, but in fairness to himself he wishes to add that he carefully looked through the Collection of Peals before publishing.

PROPOSED TABLET FOR FALSE PEAL.

Under the heading of 'Painswick Record Peal: Memorial Tablet in Parish Church', the following paragraph appeared in the 'Gloucester Citizen':—

'A faculty has been granted to Mr. S. G. Goulding, of Butt Green, Painswick, and Mr. H. J. Birt, of Tibiwell Gardens, Painswick, for the erection on the south wall of the Parish Church of a Painswick stone tablet, to commemorate the ringing of 17,687 changes of Grandsire Cinques in 11 hours 36 minutes on November 8th, 1930. The cost, £25 12s., will be defrayed by public subscription.'

The proposal is dealt with in our leading article.

A FOUNDER OF THE NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

The 70th birthday of Mr. George Walker, of Norton-le-Moors, Staffs, a native of the village, was celebrated on Saturday, September 12th. Mr. Walker was one of the founders of the North Staffordshire Association in the year 1883, and he is one of the old school of ringers who were attached to the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew. Apart from his ringing, Mr. Walker faithfully served his beloved church in other capacities, both in service and in kind. A very substantial sum was received from him towards the recent recasting of Norton bells.

The new school of ringers to honour Mr. Walker's birthday rang for divine service in the evening on Sunday, September 13th, a 720 of Biddulph Double Surprise Minor: O. Williams 1, J. W. Walker 2, F. Triner (a former ringer at Norton and who was on a visit) 3, J. E. Wheelodon (conductor) 4, W. C. Lawrence 5, J. Walley 6. A message was afterwards conveyed to Mr. Walker from the ringers expressing the hope that he may yet enjoy many more happy returns of his birthday.

A HALF PEAL.

On Friday evening, September 11th, the Claines ringers rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes) in 1 hour 37 minutes. The bells were rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Whinfield, who was interred on this date. The deceased was the widow of the late Mr. A. H. Whinfield, who was organist at Claines Church from 1898 to 1917. The ringers were: E. Wilson 1, G. Checketts (conductor) 2, L. Dowdeswell 3, A. Barton 4, R. Sayers 5, W. Lawrence 6, R. Woodyatt 7, F. Yates 8. This was the longest length of Triples by W. Lawrence, also the first half-peal on the bells.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

ST. BENE'T'S BELLS TO BE REOPENED ON
DECEMBER 5th.

The dismantling of the bells at St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, will be completed in a few days, and the bells and frame removed to the Loughborough Foundry for refitting. While these are in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co. the builders will be busy in constructing the reinforced concrete corbel course, which is to carry the frame when it is re-erected in the tower, and every effort is being made to get the work completed as expeditiously as possible.

The date of the reopening is tentatively fixed for Saturday, December 5th. Several factors make it necessary to carry the date as far forward as this, chief among them being that the contractors shall have ample time to complete their work, and that the great gathering of ringers which will assemble for the commemoration of Stedman's Tercentenary will not find the facilities for ringing in Cambridge hampered by any restrictions necessitated by the University term.

It is hoped that the delay which has been forced upon the committee will not greatly affect the attendance at the ceremony. In these days of comfortable travel by train or coach, to say nothing of the unquenchable enthusiasm of ringers, the gathering is likely to lose little of its size or representative nature by the postponement, and the plans which were being made for the end of September can be adapted to the beginning of December.

Ringers and those responsible for ringing arrangements are asked to reserve the date, and details of the programme will be announced as soon as possible.

Contributions to the fund which have been promised but not yet forwarded should be sent without delay to
The Editor,

'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey,

or to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading. It is not too late for any who have not yet subscribed, and who would like to be identified with the scheme, to contribute to the fund.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEMBERS DEFY THE RAIN.**

A meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday at Limpsfield Chart. The ringers who put in an appearance rather surprised those responsible for the arrangements, some presenting themselves after one and a half miles' walk from the bus across the common in pouring rain and wet through. Even the downpour did not damp the spirits of those 28 ringers who journeyed from Buckland, St. John's, Croydon, Deal, East Grinstead, Godstone, Horley, Hartfield, Reigate, Redhill, Turners Hill and Westerham, and the bells were rung in the standard methods. At the service the Rev. Melville Williams (curate-in-charge at Limpsfield Chart) welcomed the association to Limpsfield.

After the service the party adjourned to the Village Hall for tea. The business followed, the Master of the Southern District (Mr. R. Thorpe) occupying the chair.

The ratification of Mr. J. Edwards and Mr. E. Everest as members was confirmed, they having been proposed previous to a peal at Limpsfield Chart.

The next meeting is to be held at Redhill in November.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Melville Williams for the use of the bells and for his address at the service. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded Mrs. Leonard Tidy for undertaking the catering, and to the ladies for waiting at the tea table.

The ringers returned to the tower once again in the rain and kept the bells going till about 8 o'clock. The five that were left indulged in some handbell ringing, and after some Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor had been brought round, they also departed for home.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S HISTORY.**AN INTERESTING JUBILEE VOLUME.**

Cambridge University Guild has given many distinguished ringers to the Exercise, and the art owes a great deal in many ways to men who received their initiation into ringing or had their interest stimulated by joining its ranks during their sojourn at the University. Two years ago the Guild celebrated its jubilee, and there has now been published a most interesting history of this first 50 years of the Guild's existence. The work of collecting the material and writing the book was undertaken by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, M.A., Rector of Watlington, Norfolk, and now general secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, and he completed his task with an obvious keenness and enthusiasm. And what is more, he is not only author, but printer as well, and those who peruse this little volume of 85 octavo pages will do so not only with delight, but with a ready indulgence of any shortcomings on the technical side of the production.

Bound in a cover of Cambridge blue, the history is divided into periods, each recording the ups and downs inseparable from a society carried on under such conditions, and the first of these is by no means the least interesting. In it we learn how Mr. W. C. Pearson, of Clare College (now Vicar of Henley, near Ipswich), having begun to ring at home, attempted to form a ringing society, and succeeded, with the aid of A. C. Holthouse (Clare), in making a start. At a meeting in Clare College with five present on February 4th, 1879, it was resolved 'to form a society for the purpose of practising change ringing.' Originally the title was 'The Clare Association of Ringers,' but within a week it was changed to 'The University Guild of Change Ringers.' The rules made it open only to members of the university, but a little later its scope was extended to embrace as life members all who were active members at the time of going down.

The history takes up step by step through the good years and the 'lean' years, reminding us sometimes of peals, sometimes of touches which marked advances in the activities of the Guild, and shows also that the members often set a lead to the Exercise, as, for instance, when they rang in 1891 the first peal of Double Norwich Major on handbells. And through all this long period of 50 years the devoted enthusiasm and guiding and encouraging spirit of the Rev. A. H. Boughey is noticeable. He has been the mainstay; indeed, one might almost say the bedrock on which the Guild has been built up until, in influence, it occupies an almost unexampled position in the Exercise.

The Guild's annual tours naturally receive much attention, and many amusing experiences are recounted, such, for instance, as that at Dunstable, during one of these tours, when the curate endeavoured to push on the trap door to enter the ringing room, and the 7th man jumped off his box on to the rising trap; and again at Middlewich, when the ringing is reported to have called out the fire brigade. At one period, when much handbell ringing was being done in term time, there was a conveniently undated authority in use, for display on the doorway, permitting 'music,' in order to prevent interruptions by college authorities. In the graver side of the history we learn that 118 members of the Guild served in the war; of these, six were killed in action and nine more died of wounds.

The volume, published at 5s. and obtainable only from the author, will interest ringers generally as well as members of the Guild, and is a valuable contribution to the modern history of ringing. Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake tells us in the preface that the work was undertaken because it was generally felt that an attempt ought to be made to put on record the 50 years' history of the Guild whilst the founder and other original members are still with us. It would be well if other ringing organisations, with their roots half a century deep in the soil of ringing, would follow the example of the Cambridge University Guild, and particularly would we commend this to the Oxford University Society, about whose early history Canon Coleridge whetted our appetites at the Oxford Guild jubilee gathering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.**

The quarterly meeting for the Archdeaconry of Ely was held at Ickleton on Saturday, when members were present from Cambridge, Chrishall, Elmdon, Fulbourne, Melbourn, Over, Sawston, Stapleford, Trumpington and the local band. A service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very helpful address on perseverance. Mr. H. J. Hazel, A.L.C.M., was at the organ.

Mr. A. E. Austin, district ringing master, presided over the business. It was decided to visit Sawston in October if possible. Regret was expressed that a peal attempt clashed with this meeting, thus rendering the attendance somewhat small.

Messrs. R. C. Sharpe and L. Warner, of Newmarket, and S. Brown, of Exning, were elected non-resident life members.

The district secretary was asked to send a letter of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. E. Izzard, a member of the Bourn band, who was killed while motor-cycling, and the company stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The bells were kept going until 8.40 p.m., the methods being Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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XIV. THE END OF THE ANCIENT SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 28th, 1787, the old Society rang the first peal of Stedman Caters ever accomplished. This was at St. John's, Horsleydown, a new church in the borough of Southwark, where four years before William Mears, of Whitechapel, had put up a ring of ten. These bells have been unringable now for many years, and there are very few living ringers who have heard them.

A peal of Stedman Caters is no great thing nowadays; but we must remember that the first performance is always much more difficult than any other. We find it so in our own peal ringing, and what is true of us individually is true of the Exercise as a whole; the more peals are rung in any method the easier they become.

The board which records this peal is the first which calls the society the ancient Society of College Youths. The adjective is not merely decorative or honorific. It means that the peal was rung by the old, original society and not by the other one which was using the same title.

John Reeves composed the peal and called it from the treble. The other bells were rung by Anderson, Jenkins, Inville, Heap, Williamson, Grant, Christopher Wells, Loundes and Webb. Blakemore did not ring. Although still a member of the old society, he was philandering with the junior company. Later on in the year he called some peals for them.

Having rung Caters, the next thing to be done was Stedman Cinques, and this was the rock on which the Society split. For some time members of the junior society had been coming to the practices at St. Martin's. Some of the band were glad to see them, some were not, and Jones and Reeves had not forgotten or forgiven the Birmingham incident. Disputes followed, and over all was the rivalry between Jones and Blakemore for the conductorship. The dispute took the usual course and ended in a row and secession. Curiously enough Blakemore was the first to go. He joined the Cumberlands on June 25th, 1787, and called a peal of Grandsire Caters for them at Spitalfields. They, too, were practising Stedman, and so long as he could call the peal, it was all the same to him which company it was with. His departure was the signal for a general scuttle. On July 14th Reeves went over to the Cumberlands and his old society received him with open arms. He had only been a member for a month when John Frazier, the Warner, resigned so that he could take office, and in a year's time he called their first peals of Stedman Caters and Norwich Court Bob Major.

Blakemore had left the College Youths because there was not room enough for him and Reeves, and now the latter had followed him to the Cumberlands. That by no means suited Blakemore's views, and so he speedily forsook his new companions and went back to the junior College Youths, where he was made welcome. Seeing that both Cumberlands and College Youths had already experienced conductors among them, it seems rather strange that these two men could walk into a new society and at once take over the calling. The truth was that there were no peals of Stedman for the others to call. Reeves and Blakemore were the only men who knew anything about Stedman composition, and the recent experience of Treble Bob had taught men to be wary of

making experiments in methods they did not fully understand.

Anderson and Allen Grant joined the Cumberlands; Christopher Wells and the rank and file of the old Society threw in their lot with the junior society. With them went the practice at St. Martin's. So that in a month or two the band which William Jones had got together, and for long kept together, was shattered to bits.

Soon after this the junior society received an invitation to pay a visit to Yorkshire and assist at the opening of the new ring of bells at Halifax. They made up a band and asked some of their new recruits to go with them. The party included, among others, Donkin, Monk, Lyford, Holdsworth, Inville, Muggeridge and Blakemore. On the way they were joined by William Doubleday Crofts, the Nottingham attorney. Two years before Crofts had been up in town and rung a peal of Grandsire Caters at Horsleydown. The following is from the peal book:—

'Hallifax in Yorkshire. October 10, 1787.

The succeeding day of opening the new Bells, was rung by the College Youths, a complete peal of 5088. Treble Bob in 15 Courses with the 6th at home nine times wrong and 12 times right, the bobs all call'd while the Tenors were above 4th place and was the first peal ever rung in that county. Time 3 hrs. and 15 mts. (Clavis, p. 128). Robert Pye Donkin 1. Thomas Blakemore 2. John Inville 3. Joseph Monk 4. William Lyford 5. George Webb 6. Joseph Holdsworth 7. Samuel Muggeridge Tenor. Composed and Call'd by Mr. Thomas Blakemore.' (Note 20.)

From Halifax they went on to York, where, on the 12th, they rang 5,185 Grandsire Caters. Blakemore called this, too, from the second. Three men were required to ring the tenor, Crofts being one. Muggeridge rang the ninth.

The ringing attracted a lot of attention in the city, and the news soon got spread about that an extraordinary performance had been done on the Minster bells by the celebrated College Youths of London. The Archbishop heard of it and sent them a couple of guineas. 'They very kindly thanked his Lordship for this mark of esteem, but refused to accept his money, which was directly returned to his Lordship, at the same time giving him to understand in a very polite manner that they were not of that class of ringers who practised ringing for the sake of what they could get by it.' (Note 21.)

The old Society was now in a desperate condition. The leaders had forsaken it, the rank and file had gone, the tower was lost. Early in 1788, when the weekly meetings at The Barn came round, only two or three members turned up. What was to be done? The scene is rather dramatic. Two or three obscure and disappointed men had to decide the fate of the oldest and proudest society in the Exercise. There were two things they could have done. They could have gone over to the junior society and formally joined with them. Or they could have done as their predecessors of 1756 did—sit still and wait for better times, hoping that the Society's prestige and its outside members would in time save it. They did neither. Personal feeling was far too strong for the first, and they were not big enough men for the other. After all, it was a pretty hopeless task to

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SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING AT FIVE-BELL TOWER.

A meeting of the Southern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at Burryport, a five-bell tower, on Saturday, September 5th, when members attended from Aberavon, Llangelfolach, Gorseinon, Llanelly, Llanstephen and the local band. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. J. Morgan), assisted by the curate (the Rev. D. J. Evans). A very hearty welcome was extended to the Guild on their first visit to the parish by the Vicar, who also gave a very helpful address. Tea, at Howo's Cafe, had been very kindly provided by the church members, and their hospitality was very much appreciated and enjoyed.

The Vicar took the chair at the short business meeting, when Neath was chosen for the next meeting in December.

The bells of Burryport are in much need of the bellhanger and an extra bell or three bells to make a peal of six or eight. Little hope for this, however, was given by the Vicar, who said that funds were low and that a new organ was before the bells.

Five new members were made from Burryport, including the Vicar and curate, and it was hoped that the other three ringers who were not at the meeting would join as well.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service, taking the chair at the meeting and for his kind welcome to members of the Guild, to the curate for his part in the service and his presence, and to the church members for the tea.—The Vicar, in reply, said he was very pleased to have the Guild there and to make their visit a pleasant one, and he would convey the ringers' thanks to the church members for the tea. He would be pleased to extend a welcome to them again at any time they cared to come, but he would not promise that another bell would be there on the next visit.

Some of the ringers went on to Pembley to have a ring on the three bells there.

FATHER AND SON'S RECORD.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PEALS TOGETHER.

A peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung at Westerham, Kent, on Saturday, was the 150th in which Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., and his son, Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., have rung together. It is a record which has seldom been equalled. Of the total, 43 peals have been conducted by the father and 44 by the son, and the list is as follows:—

On tower bells: Grandsire Triples 15, Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Triples *31, Stedman Caters 1, Stedman Cinques 14, Plain Bob Major 6, Plain Bob Maximus 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Treble Bob Minor 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 9, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Hereward Major 1, Double Oxford Major 1, Double Norwich Major *16, Duffield Royal 1, New Cumberland Surprise Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major *4, London Surprise Major 6, Bristol Surprise Major 6, Cambridge Surprise Minor 1, Cambridge Surprise Major *20, Cambridge Surprise Royal 2, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 7.

On handbells: Grandsire Triples 2, Plain Bob Major 5, Plain Bob Royal 3, Granta Treble Bob Major 1; total 150.

* Includes one non-conducted peal in each case. † Includes the 'father and son' peal at Shoreditch in February, 1928.

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try and run a ringing society with about three members and no tower. The fate of all London societies was, sooner or later, to expire. The London Scholars were gone, and the Union Scholars, and the British Scholars, and the Eastern Scholars, and only just recently the London Youths. It was now the turn of the College Youths.

The Master that year was William Irons. Of him little or nothing is known, for he did not ring peals and his name appears in no records. The Society owed a few small debts, and Irons offered to pay them if he could have the property. The offer was accepted and the Society wound up.

The property consisted of a set of handbells, a small peal book recording performances from 1776, a name book, and the records of the Eastern Scholars. To mark his ownership Irons wrote his name on the front page of each of these books. The Eastern Scholars' book is the only one of them which has survived intact, and in it you may still read 'Mr. William Irons, Hiss Book.' (Note 22).

NOTE 20. There is a peal board at Sheffield, dated March 8th, 1785, recording a peal of 5,120 Union Treble Bob.

NOTE 21. The A.S.C.Y. official book, 1928, says 'they were entertained by the Archbishop of York.' The 1894 edition says 'they were received and entertained with marked distinction by the Archbishop of York.'

NOTE 22. This book is now in the British Museum.

NORTH NOTTS RINGING CONTEST.

ORDSALL AGAIN WINNERS.

A large number of ringers visited East Markham on Saturday week to ring in and witness the fourth contest for the Crawford Silver Cup. This cup was presented to the North Notts Association in 1928, to be competed for each year by the affiliated towers. The donor of this trophy, Mr. A. Crawford, of Rampton, gave the cup in memory of his father, Mr. C. Crawford, of East Markham, who was one of the most enthusiastic men in North Nottinghamshire in the advancement of the art of change ringing, and was well known throughout the bounds of the society.

Ringers were present from Anston, Bolsover, Collingham, Edwinstowe, Gamston, Ordsall, Sutton-on-Trent, Shireoaks, Worksop, Wheatley and Treeton, with a full band of local ringers. Mr. J. R. Brearly again officiated as judge.

A short service was held at 5.20 p.m., the Rev. R. E. Rogerson, Vicar of East Markham, officiating.

Tea was taken in the Parish Hall and was followed by a business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Mrs. C. Crawford, Mrs. A. E. Rowsell, Miss M. Rowsell, Mr. C. J. Hemsall and Mr. G. Booth (churchwardens), the judge, Mr. J. R. Brearly, Mr. M. Haigh (hon. treasurer) and Mr. R. W. Stockdale (hon. secretary), with all the hands who had competed and visitors.

The result of the contest was announced as follows, the bands being given in the order in which they rang: 1 Ordsall (102 faults, 10 penalties, a total of 112); 2 Gamston (185, 10, 205); 3 East Markham (174, 10, 184); 4 Sutton-on-Trent (101, 20, 121); 5 Anston (114, 20, 134); 6 Shireoaks (123, nil, 123); therefore, Ordsall, the holders, were again declared the winners.

Miss M. Rowsell, in presenting the cup, said that the contest seemed to be improving, for never before had six teams competed, and she welcomed Gamston into the competition. She hoped that in another year's time the number of bands taking part would be much larger.

Mr. R. W. Stockdale received the cup for Ordsall and suitably replied.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, in a short speech, said that he thought this cup should keep moving year by year from one tower to another, and he thought it would then give more encouragement.

The Judge (Mr. J. R. Brearly) then made his comments on the ringing. His general opinion was that there was still room for improvement, but, on the whole, the ringing had been of a much higher standard than in previous years, and he hoped to see twice the number of entries next year.

South Anston was selected for the next meeting on October 10th. Mr. H. Haigh asked the secretary if any more had been done regarding the joint meeting with the Nottingham Sherwood Youths' Society at Newark, but the reply was that the permission for the use of the bells had not yet been obtained, and both associations were awaiting a reply from the Vicar of Newark through the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson.

The Rev. R. E. Rogerson thanked the caterers, Miss M. Rowsell for presenting the cup, and the judge.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson thanked the Rev. R. E. Rogerson and all who had taken a helping hand for giving the association the welcome year after year to their pretty village with its beautiful church and splendid bells.

Mr. R. Daniels, of Wheatley, thanked the hon. secretary for carrying out his duties so well, and for the general arrangements of the day. The tower was again visited and some good ringing was done on the eight bells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

A meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Brightwalton on Saturday, September 5th, when members were present from Bucklebury, Compton, East Isley, Newbury, Overton, Peasmore, Thatcham and Brightwalton. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. F. Howard), Miss N. Howard presiding at the organ. Tea, served in the Village Hall, was kindly given by the honorary members of Brightwalton, and 30 sat down to an excellent meal, the company including the Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Howard, Miss N. Howard, the Rev. H. J. Puxley, the Rev. Gage Hall, the Rev. A. H. Caldicott, Miss Caldicott, Dr. Abraham, etc.

The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. H. Howard presided in the absence of the Rev. H. Bonsey (chairman of the branch), and was supported by the branch secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis).

The annual meeting was fixed for Newbury on Saturday, November 14th. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. H. Howard, to Miss N. Howard for presiding at the organ, and to the honorary members for kindly giving the tea, on the proposition of Mr. W. Matthews, seconded by Miss S. Davis, and carried with applause.

The tower was again visited and the following methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**THE BAD CONDITION OF COWBRIDGE BELLS.**

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held on Saturday last in the old world borough of Cowbridge, situated in the agricultural portion of Glamorganshire. The tower contains a ring of eight bells by Evans, of Chepstow, cast about 1726, with a tenor approximately 18 cwt. It is a very musical ring and worthy of better conditions. The bells go, as all of Evans' bells were hung, left handed, and are hanging to-day in the same frame and fittings as when placed there. For many years suggestions have been made to rehang the bells, but other things which in the opinion of the local church authorities were needed first have precluded any action being taken. The roof of the nave has been entirely renewed; at the present time the aisle requires entire renewing, and until this is done there is little hope of the bells being rehung. Call changes are rung by the local ringers, who appear to have no ambition to remedy things. The bells were raised about 3 o'clock, and it was found almost impossible to get change ringing even by those who have had a life experience. A few plain courses of Stedman were rung or rather struggled through.

Service was held in the church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. C. W. Buckley, assistant curate, in the absence of the Vicar. On behalf of the Vicar and churchwardens, Mr. Buckley welcomed the association to Cowbridge, and hoped, after the remarks made in regard to the bells, that when the association next visited Cowbridge the bells would go easier.

Following the service the business meeting took place, presided over by the Rev. C. W. Buckley. Various items in regard to proposed restorations were discussed and instructors' reports were presented. Several new members were elected, and after a further expression of opinion in regard to the bells, it was unanimously resolved that the association, through the hon. secretary, should send a report to the Vicar pointing out the difficulty and danger of ringing the bells, and suggesting that every effort should be made to restore such a fine old ring of eight.

After the usual votes of thanks, the meeting closed, and a move was then made to Llanblethian Church, about a mile distant, which is also under the same Vicar. This tower contains a ring of six, restored in a new iron frame some 20 years ago. No ringing is done here, and when Llanblethian was suggested to be available a week or two ago, it was discovered there were no ropes and that only chiming was done. The Pentre band were good enough to offer six discarded ropes, and these were actually taken there by one of the Pentre band the day before the meeting, with the result that after a few minor repairs and adjustments the bells were rung in various methods. It is hoped this will stimulate the Cowbridge ringers to get practice at Llanblethian.

The meeting was well attended by members from both Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire. Fortunately, Cowbridge is about the only ring of eight which is not pealable in both counties.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT ROWDE.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Rowde on Saturday, September 5th. This tower contains a handy ring of six bells, with tenor of 11½ cwt., which were rehung by Taylor and Co. in 1928. Some good ringing in various methods was carried out during the afternoon, and the Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Opperman). The singing was bright, thanks to the choir, who attended in nearly full strength under Miss E. T. Wright, the organist.

At the close of the service a peal board was dedicated in the ringing chamber. This tablet records a peal of Grandsire Doubles (the first peal on the bells) rung in 1929, and in which the local captain, Mr. E. A. Perrett, rang his first peal.

Tea followed in the Institute, to which 43 sat down. The Rector, addressing the meeting, extended a hearty welcome to the branch and said they felt honoured that the Guild had chosen Rowde for their meeting.

The business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. It was decided to hold a practice meeting at Melksham on Monday, September 21st, at 7 p.m., when Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Trowbridge, will give the 'third' of his lectures on 'Ringing.'

Mr. William J. Whiting, of Leatherhead, was elected a life ringing member of the Guild.

The next meeting (quarterly) will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on October 3rd, when it is hoped both Holy Trinity (8) and Christ Church (8) bells will be available for ringing. The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

Ringing was continued at Rowde till about 7.30, and after tea a good number also visited Bromham tower, where ringing finished soon after 8 p.m.

The towers represented were Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James'), Southbroom, Westbury, Bratton, Bishops Cannings, Bromham, Rowde, Urchfont Holt, North Bradley, Melksham and Trowbridge, and 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.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—For evensong at the Church of the Holy Cross on Sunday, September 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): P. Abbott 1, P. Browning 2, B. Robinson 3, A. Betterill 4, W. Moore 5, A. Moore 6, W. Stote (conductor) 7, W. Townsend 8. First quarter-peal on eight bells by the ringers of the 1st, 5th and 8th.

ECERTON, KENT.—On Sunday, September 13th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 46 mins.: Miss M. Pack 1, D. Homewood 2, J. Pack (aged 13) 3, A. Waddington (conductor) 4, A. Missing 5, W. Missing 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of Treble and 3rd. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sunday, September 13th, for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Osborne 1, L. Davis 2, W. R. Cartwright 3, C. Forth 4, S. E. Andrews 5, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 6, A. V. Dent 7, C. Chandler 8. Kindly arranged for Mr. Biffin, who hails from Exeter.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 13th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 St. Clement's Bob Minor: W. Butler 1, W. Mellin 2, V. Glass 3, A. Evers 4, W. S. Butler (conductor) 5, E. Bright 6. For evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. Glass 1, W. Mellin 2, W. Butler 3, E. Bright 4, A. Evers 5, W. S. Butler (conductor) 6.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, September 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: W. Folley 1, C. Strawbridge 2, P. Bulley 3, L. Mason 4, F. Date 5, H. Arscott 6, J. Pugsley (conductor) 7, W. Male 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Stacey, the local hon. secretary of the association, the ringers wishing him 'many happy returns of the day.'

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday, September 6th, at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Whithy 1, G. Dent 2, S. Clark 3, L. Cordell 4, W. Wheeler 5, T. Cavill (conductor) 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Rochester (first in the method) 8.—On September 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes): W. Rochester (first in the method) 1, F. Whithy 2, S. Clark 3, L. Cavill 4, W. Morris 5, H. Smale (conductor) 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8.

BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Sunday, August 30th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. J. Boyce 1, W. T. Merritt (first quarter inside) 2, V. Swift 3, G. Winter 4, W. Swift 5, S. Hillier (conductor) 6, F. Green 7, F. Edwards 8.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 24th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Foxearth on Saturday, September 19th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Memorial tablet and silver chalice subscribed for by members to the memory of the late Ald. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., will be dedicated at Littleover Church, near Derby, on Saturday, September 19th, at 3.30. It is hoped that all members possible will attend to revere the memory of a noble President and a fine English gentleman. Meat tea (2s.) at 5.45 p.m., King's Cafe, Derby. Bells of St. Andrew's (10) open for ringing 7 to 9 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Goole on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) at liberty from noon. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Further details on circulars. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay to the respective district secretaries.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 306, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Allesley, near Coventry, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. — D. E. Beamish, Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuncaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready 6 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM.—A practice has been arranged at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Thursdays, 7.30 till 9 p.m., commencing September 17th. All ringers welcome.—J. Dafters.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Star Inn (1/3 per head). Business meeting to follow. Half rail fare to members (maximum 1/6).—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Divisional Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch, Hants. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Fordingbridge on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The September meeting will be held at Kirby Wiske, near Thirsk, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6, tenor 10 cwts.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting, this being the association's attempt for a ringing competition.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD AND HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting of the above guilds will be held at Rye on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, and A. E. Amies, 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Haddenham on September 19th for the unveiling of peal board. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise D. Chapman, Church Square, Haddenham, Thame, Oxon?

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 19th, at All Saints', Poplar (10). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea nearby.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.—Two trebles added by Taylor's to complete the octave. Dedication 3 p.m., Saturday, September 19th, by the Archdeacon of Aston.

ABBOT'S LANGLEY.—Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Cheap fares from all stations to King's Langley or Watford. Buses direct to church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Taxal (Whaley Bridge) on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec., 36, Dowson Road, Hyde.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chedworth on Thursday, September 24th. Bells open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Will those who intend being present please let me know by 21st?—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—Dedication by the Bishop of Peterborough at 7.30 p.m., on Thursday, September 24th, of the restored ring of six bells by Taylors, Loughborough. Ringers' festival, Saturday, October 3rd.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hill Farrance (6 bells) on Saturday, September 26th. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Will those who want tea please notify, by next Tuesday, P. Merson, Bishop's Hull?

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Clipstone on September 26th. Bells (5) at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Thurlaston on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea provided. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at South Normanton on Saturday, September 26th. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by a presentation to the Rev. J. H. Lewis. Please send numbers for tea to J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Winchcombe on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me by September 22nd.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.45. Tea (rs.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution. Please send word by Tuesday, 22nd inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hartlebury on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Monday, September 21st, and oblige?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Manchester on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 5. Meeting at 6. Further particulars later.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Heckfield, on Saturday, September 26th. Service 4 p.m. Visitors welcomed. Those requiring tea (4.30) please notify, by September 23rd, D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Otley on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Tea will be provided at a charge of 2s. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. H. Dean, 11, Craven Street, Otley, not later than Thursday, September 24th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pinhoe on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers by Sept. 21st to Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Idle, near Bradford, on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, September 26th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary by Tuesday, 22nd inst. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, SEPTEMBER 26th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Village Hall. Notifications for tea by Wednesday, the 23rd. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Abbotsleigh on Saturday, September 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Kindly let me know if you are coming by the 22nd.—H. Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsterstone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a reasonable charge only to those who notify Mr. J. A. Brearley, Woodbine Villas, Deepcar, near Sheffield, by Thursday, the 24th. Good bus service every twenty minutes from Sheffield to Deepcar on Stockbridge. As the financial year of the association ends September 30th, will members pay outstanding subscriptions at this meeting?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Neston (8 bells) on Saturday, September 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 6 o'clock.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Stratton St. Margaret (Swindon) on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service in church about 4.30 and tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Wednesday, September 23rd, at 1s. per head. A good attendance is hoped for, as these bells have been rehung in a new frame and augmented from six to eight, and will be dedicated on Sunday evening, September 20th.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (10) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. J. J. Antrobus). All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Penn on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than September 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wool on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (also Bere Regis, Puddletown and West Lulworth) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at West Hendred, on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify me by the 23rd.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) ready early. Own arrangements for tea; cafe opposite church. All ringers welcome.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Burlescombe on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Sept. 28th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A ringing meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. St. John's, Hillingdon, October 31st.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, October 3rd. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, September 30th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at West Houghton on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. —The autumn meeting will be held at Mortimer on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. at both churches, St. Mary's and St. John's. Tea will be served at St. John's Hall at 5 p.m. (kindly given by Col. Nash). Ringers' service at St. John's to follow. Ringers and friends heartily invited. Please make an effort to come and make a record meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, September 30th.—F. W. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere Parish Church, Erdington, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 3rd. 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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bicester on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me early.—F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their quarterly meeting and a six-bell contest at Sowerby, near Halifax, on Saturday, October 3rd. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided to those who send word not later than Monday, September 28th, 1s. 6d. each, to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christow on October 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea

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HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—Dedication by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lander of the two new trebles by Taylors to complete the octave, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 4th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Half rail or bus fares to members (maximum 2s.). Please notify me early (as usual).—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

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